

# New C'zozo Police Officer Introduced To Town Council

by Jeff Hammond

Carrizozo Police Chief Angelo Vega introduced the newly hired police officer Gilbert Barela Jr. at the December 11 Carrizozo town council meeting. Vega stated that Barela has completed radar training, and firearm training. Vega informed all attending that Barela outscored him

shooting on the range. Barela thanked the trustees for hiring him, promising to give 110 percent, and said he looks forward to serving our community. Barela said he had worked at the Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) in Carrizozo as a corrections officer for approximately three years, and was looking to take a step up.

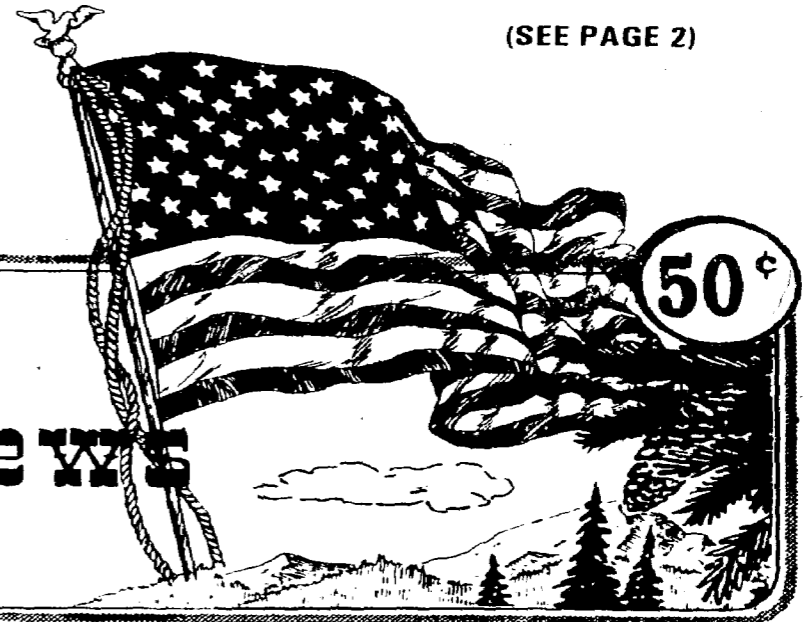
Vega stated that the sidewalk from in front of the police station down past the senior center needs immediate attention. Vega also informed the trustees of his efforts in acquiring help from LCDC prisoners in the upcoming luminarias preparation December 15 at the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department. Six prisoners

will be released to assist with the preparations on the 15th, placing the luminarias on Christmas Eve, and picking up the luminarias on Christmas Day. Trustee Eileen Lovelace spoke up saying that the Carrizozo Fire Department is asking for volunteers in folding bags, pouring sand and placing candles in the

bags. Lovelace stated that this is the fifth year Carrizozo has placed luminarias, and that volunteer help is needed or this

will be the last year for the luminaria display. Volunteers are needed to place the bags on Christmas Eve day, and then to light the

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### Santa Arrives In Carrizozo On The Fire Engine Dec. 22

Santa Claus will arrive by fire truck at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 22 at Spencer Park in Carrizozo.

Santa will ride into the park on a Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department fire truck, and will use the truck as his "sleigh" from which he will give out goodies, and take those special Christmas wishes from everyone.

Carrizozo Volunteer Firefighters will be special Santa's Helpers to give out goodies.

### Volunteers Needed To Help With Luminaria Display In Carrizozo

Volunteers are desperately needed to help with the Carrizozo Fire Department annual Christmas Eve luminaria display which may be the last year for the display unless more people help out.

At 9 a.m. Saturday, December 15, volunteers are asked to come to the Carrizozo main fire station to help prepare the luminaria sacks with sand and candles. Coffee and donuts will be provided to all volunteers.

Volunteers will also be needed to help place luminarias on the town streets beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, December 24 and to light the candles beginning in late afternoon.

To volunteer to help with lighting the candles, call Eileen Lovelace who will provide lighters and coordinate the lighting on December 24.

Lovelace suggests residents put out and light luminarias on their residential block, and business owners put out and light luminarias in front of their businesses.

"If we don't get more people to volunteer to help this may be the last year for the luminarias," Lovelace told THE NEWS.



**REDISTRICTS?** Lincoln County Commissioners will consider these proposed commission districts at a special public hearing at 6:00 p.m. tonight, Thursday, Dec. 13, in the Ruidoso Convention Center in Ruidoso. The proposed districts must have about 4,000 people and must follow census lines. In all proposed districts, Capitan would be split, with some proposals having Districts 1 and 5 and Districts 1 and 4 come together in Capitan. All proposed maps will be available for viewing at the public hearing tonight.

## Amended C'zozo Resolution Includes Mayor Position

by Jeff Hammond

Another special meeting of the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees was held on December 7. This time Lovelace suggested residents put out and light luminarias in front of their businesses.

meeting on November 30, had not included the information that the mayor position was also coming up for reelection.

The mayor stated "I can't be the mayor forever."

The amended resolution includes the position of mayor as well as the two trustee positions that will be on the ballot March 5, 2002. Each of the trustee

## Carrizozo Merchants Host Special Christmas Shopping Day Dec. 21st

On Friday, December 21, Carrizozo merchants invite everyone to join them for their first Special Christmas Shopping Day in Carrizozo.

Community Church Children's Church will go caroling on the streets throughout the day.

Santa Claus will take wishes from children at 6 to 8 p.m. at Carrizozo Joe's.

Participating merchants will have 10 hours of shopping from opening at 10 a.m. to close at 8 p.m. Merchants will have gift ideas for last minute shoppers, unique gifts, decorations, antiques, crafts, art, fresh flowers and plants. Holiday discounts on some items.

Visit the following participating merchants during their "Christmas Shopping Day In Carrizozo" December 21:

Richmond Tire, Farm and Ranch Supply at the corner of Highways 380 and 54.

Carrizozo Joe's, 113 Central; coffee house, holiday baskets, crafts and arts, baked goods.

Temptations Gift Store,

112 Central; homemade Christmas gifts and decorations.

The Bargain House, 410 Central; a little of everything.

Trading Post Antiques, 1114 Central; antiques, furniture, old Mexican doors.

Roy's Gift Gallery & Flowers, Central and E Ave.; fresh plants and flowers, cards and gifts, ice cream fountain.

Sierra Blanca Brewing Company, 503 12th, tours available, beer and soft drinks.

Antique Liquidators, 415 12th; antiques, glassware, furniture.

Gary Eklund Studio/Gallery, 408 12th; illustrator, artist.

James Mack Studio/Gallery, 408 12th; contemporary paintings.

Carrizozo Candle Co. & ETC. Shop, 412 12th, handmade candles and soaps, specialty gifts, local crafts, antiques.

Carrizozo Hardware, 401 12th, gifts for the handyman (and woman), local crafts, cards.

### Gas Company Hearing Canceled Because of Weather Conditions

A hearing to give information on the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG) scheduled for Wednesday night was canceled.

Capitan Mayor Norman Renfro told THE NEWS on Wednesday, that the mayor of Carrizozo called Kay Strickland, office manager at the CCNG office in Capitan, early Wednesday

morning and said he wanted to cancel the hearing that night because it was snowing in Carrizozo and he was concerned many people would not want to get out in the bad weather.

Renfro also said Capitan School called him with concerns because the school was closed for the day because of the snowy

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## Carrizozo Christmas Lighting Contest Judging December 22

Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Christmas Lighting Contest with judging on the evening of Saturday, December 22.

Judging begins at 6:30 p.m. Carrizozo Police Department will get volunteer judges from guests at the local motels, so the judging will be unbiased.

First, second and third place residential winners will respectively receive \$75, \$50 and \$25 gift certificates redeemable at Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce businesses.

The traveling trophy will go to the best commercial lighting display.

Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce meets at 12

noon, the second Tuesday of the month at the Carrizozo Recreation Center.

Letters will be sent to all town restaurants inviting them to host the chamber meetings, with those

attending the chamber meeting ordering from the menu.

ary 8, 2002, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with the municipal clerk at the Carrizozo Town Hall. All residents are urged to register to vote with the Lincoln County Clerks office located at 300 Central Avenue in the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Cathie Eisen, Carrizozo water treatment technician, received an increase

of salary due to certification as Waste Water Treatment Technician I. Eisen is continually upgrading her certifications for both Waste Water Treatment Technician and Water Technician II.

Trustees also approved purchasing 17 new jackets for the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department.

# Gas Company Hearing

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weather.

"At 10 this morning it looked like it was going to snow all day," Renfro said Wednesday.

"We canceled the hearing because of the weather," Renfro concluded. "We will try to set up the hearing again, soon."

The CCNG board of directors meets for a regular session at 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 19, at Wells Fargo Bank community room in Carrizozo. The public is invited to attend. Meeting agendas are available from the CCNG office by Tuesday, December 18.



**SNOW DAY PLAY.** John Cody Ventura and Stetson Lee Gonzales take advantage of the snow day out of school on Wednesday for a bit of winter time fun. The boys live in Capitan.



A winter storm clobbered Lincoln County Tuesday and Wednesday, with a mid-day blizzard closing Highway 54 north out of Carrizozo on Tuesday due to weather related accidents. The snow storm lasted through Wednesday, closing Capitan schools and Carrizozo schools and making for delayed start times for Corona and Ruidoso schools that morning.

Another low pressure zone was in Arizona on Wednesday, bringing possibility of more snow showers to Lincoln County by Saturday.

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, December 13:

Partly cloudy to mostly sunny. High of 42 in Carrizozo. No chance for precipitation today. Tonight clear to partly cloudy with low of 22 in Carrizozo.

Friday, December 14:

Partly cloudy with high of 54. Lows in the lower 20s.

Saturday, December 15:

Partly to mostly cloudy and windy. A chance for snow showers. Highs to 48, lows to 27.

Sunday, December 16:

Partly cloudy with highs to 51. Lows to 22.

Monday, December 17:

Clear to partly cloudy and warmer. Highs to 58, lows to 26.

Tuesday, December 18:

Clear to partly cloudy with highs to 58, lows to 30.

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

Today, Thursday, December 13:

Partly cloudy with northwest winds 10 to 20 miles per hour. Highs 36 to 42 with 40 in Ruidoso. No chance for precipitation. Tonight clear to partly cloudy with low of 10 in Ruidoso.

Friday, December 14:

Partly cloudy and windy during the day. Highs of 42 to 52.

Saturday, December 15:

Mostly cloudy and windy with a slight chance of snow showers. Highs 38 to upper 40s, lows 18 to 28.

Sunday, December 16:

Clear to partly cloudy with highs 40 to 50, lows 10 to 24.

Monday, December 17:

Clear to partly cloudy with highs 46 to mid 50s. Lows 12 to upper 20s.

Tuesday, December 18:

Clear to partly cloudy with highs of 49 to upper 50s. Lows 20s to low 30s.

## OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Dec. 15  
thru Friday, Dec. 21  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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During Christmas Shopping Day in Carrizozo

113 Central Ave Carrizozo 648-1015

## New Carrizozo Police

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luminarias starting at 3:00pm, continuing until the task is completed. Volunteers are urged to participate by showing up at the fire department any time after 9:00am on the Saturday, Dec. 15, Dec. 24 or Christmas Day, and any and all assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Lovelace has organized the celebration for the last five years. Carrizozo is noted as having the most luminarias placed out for Christmas celebration for a town this size.

Town maintenance foreman Jim Payne spoke about the need for the trustees to start thinking about doing some much needed repairs to the Carrizozo swimming pool. Payne said that the pool

surface needs to be redone, as children complained of the rough surface last summer. Payne also said that the pump problems also need to be addressed. Last summer one of the pumps was replaced, but there are still problems with the system.

Town water technician Cathie Eisen offered to compile a list of the needed repairs and research how best to fix the problems.

Payne went on to say that the dump is doing good business, but that some people in town are dumping trash into alleyways, expecting the town to pick it up and haul it off. Payne suggested the council consider an ordinance to charge individuals guilty of dumping. Since it was not an agenda item no action could be taken.

John Vega of Carrizozo spoke to the trustees about the flooding of his property, an ongoing problem.

The mayor responded to Vega saying he had turned it over to the town attorney for consideration since Vega had suggested maybe the town attorney should look it over in his letter to the town.

During the discussion that followed, it was pointed out that the work done by Carrizozo town attorney David Stevens, was of good quality, but quite often needs were not addressed in a timely fashion.

When it was asked when the attorney's contract was coming up for reconsideration, town clerk Leann Weibrecht informed the trustees that the contract was coming up for renewal in March, the same time as the municipal elections.

It was suggested that the town consider advertising with a request for proposal (RFP) for a town attorney. Once again, since it was not an agenda item no action could be taken.

Jeff Hammond speaking up during audience participation asked the Carrizozo mayor why Carrizozo was not included in the public hearing to be held in Capitan December 12, at the Cummins Gym (old gym) in Capitan concerning Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas decision to consider selling CCNG to David Hamilton of Zia Gas.

The mayor replied saying that mayor Norm Renfro of Capitan called the meeting, and that it was a public meeting.

Trustee Wes Lindsay interjected saying that everyone was invited to attend.

Hammond stated that in his opinion any consideration in selling CCNG should be set off until after

the upcoming election. Hammond continued saying that this action should be considered at that time by the mayor, whoever the mayor is after elections.

Gary Stout was approved as web-site manager for the Carrizozo web-site, pending business registration and acquiring a tax I.D. number. Stout is a volunteer fireman, certified emergency medical technician (EMT).

Two signs were approved to be ordered and placed on Highway 380 informing travelers of the services available in Carrizozo.

These signs would inform travelers that there are businesses other than those immediately accessible on Highway 380. No design has yet been approved.

A new business registration was approved, Southeastern New Mexico Appraisal, a real estate appraisal company. Johnny Eastwood is a Carrizozo resident.

The 2002 holiday schedule for the town was approved, with the holidays matching those approved by Lincoln County.

During the discussion concerning the driveway request by Paul's Coffee Shop it was pointed out that in the past all driveways were the financial responsibility of those placing them. The town clerk was directed to draft a letter to inform Paul's Coffee Shop of the decision.

As a final note, the approval to set a date for the town maintenance department and the police department surplus auction has been placed on hold.

Vega said that he has been too busy to attend to all of the things that needed to be done about completing setting up the project.

# December 21st

## Special

### Christmas Shopping Day

In Carrizozo

10 Hours of Shopping / 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

SANTA will be at Carrizozo Joes -- 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.  
CAROLING by Community Church Children's Church

- \* Bright Gift Ideas for Last Minute Shoppers \*
- \* Unique Gifts, Decorations, Antiques \*
- \* Crafts, Art, Fresh Flowers & Plants \*
- \* Holiday Discounts On Some Items \*\*

#### PARTICIPANTS:

Richmond Tire, Farm & Ranch Supply  
Corner Hwy. 380 & 54  
Saddles, Tack, Southwestern Gifts, Indian Jewelry, bicycles,  
Small Kitchen Appliances

Carrizozo Joes -- 113 Central  
Coffee House, Holiday Baskets, Local Crafts and Art, Espresso and Baked Goods

Temptations Gift Store -- 112 Central  
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The Bargain House -- 410 Central

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Trading Post Antiques -- 1114 Central

Antiques, Furniture, Very Old Mexican Doors

Roy's Gift Gallery & Flowers -- Central & E Ave.

Fresh Plants & Flowers, Cards and Gifts, Ice Cream Fountain

Sierra Blanca Brewing Co. -- 503 Twelfth St.

Tours Available - Beer and Soft Drinks

Antique Liquidators -- 415 Twelfth St.

Antiques, Glassware, Furniture

Gary Eklund Studio /Gallery -- 408 Twelfth St.

Illustrator - Artist

James Mack Studio / Gallery -- 408 Twelfth St.

Contemporary Painting

Carrizozo Candle Co. & ETC Shop -- 412 Twelfth St.

Handmade Candles & Soaps, Specialty Gifts, Local Crafts, Antiques

Carrizozo Hardware -- 401 Twelfth St.

Gifts for the Handy Man, Local Crafts, Cards

## Card of Thanks

Thank you Otero County Electric Cooperative -- the tradition continues!!!

The Christmas lights and decorations are up and gleaming. It's so nice to live in a small town where people take care of each other. A special thank you to Buckley Zumwalt for scheduling and coordinating the employees from Carrizozo and Alto to accomplish this time-consuming task.

Thank you Kenneth Trapp and Nikko Chavez from the Carrizozo office and Mark Martin and Chris Ruten from the Alto office. Everything looks wonderful!!!

The Citizens of Carrizozo



# County Commission Meets December 20

Lincoln County Commissioners meet at 8 a.m. Thursday, December 20 in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Items on the tentative agenda, which is subject to change until 24 hours prior to the meeting, are as follows. Items, except for the 9 a.m. public hearings, can be "floated" to be discussed and action taken at any time at commissioners requests.

Items on the tentative agenda are:

- Consent agenda with action on finance; treasurer's report; manager's submittal of sole community provider and indigent health care claims; lease agreement with New Horizons Development Center, Inc.; intergovernmental service agreement with the U.S. Marshals Service and the Lincoln County Detention Center.

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

- Presentation of retirement plaque to Ronald J. Beltran, from the Lincoln County Assessor's Office.

- Certificate of appreciation for Ms. Susan Lockhart.

- Proclamation for Joan Zagone for her years of service with the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

- Manager's project report.

- Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) and clinics operations report from LCMC administrator Jim Gibson.

- 9 a.m. public hearings; to consider the application of Brewer Oil Co., D/B/A Eagle Creek, to transfer location of existing dispenser license number LL#4062/A-5167 to Highway 48 at Highway 532 (Ski Run Road) in Lincoln County; and to consider revisions to Ordinance No. 2001-13 which regulates road cuts, requiring persons to give notice prior to excavation in county rights of way, providing for emergency excavation, requiring the installation of culverts in county rights of way access, setting fees and providing penalties for violations.

- Lincoln County Detention Center operations status report with discussion of potential employee transition plan.

- Resolution 2001-22 in support of Re-evaluation of Prayer in Schools-Ruidoso Public Schools.

- Update on flooding on Janet Drive in Pines of Gavilan Subdivision.

- Requested change of scope for the CAP and school bus route cooperative highway project for Gavilan Canyon.

- Decision on county commission redistricting.

- Update on Highway 70 construction and public hearing results, with presentation from New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department.

- Comments about the Humane Society of Lincoln County.

- 1 p.m. time for comment from visitors who did not request to be on the agenda.

- Information presentation on Ruidoso Care Center.

- Water/forest health dis-

cussions including water rights transfers, resolution 2001-23 regarding the Ag and Livestock industry, update on BLM road for public access.

- Request for easement to prevent land locking of Tittsworth property.

- Summary review plat approval for Section 15, Township 10 south, Range 13 east, SW/4SE/4, Tipps Subdivision, Type 3, Wyatt Sparks, Eagle Land Surveying.

- Purchase of equipment and fire trucks for Glencoe-Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department.

- Legislative priorities discussion.

- Unsolicited warranty deed to the county and its employees.

- Resolution 2001-21 requesting Gov. Gary Johnson, Lt. Gov. William Bradley, and the members of the New Mexico 45th state legislature, second session, to support the development of the Fort Stanton facility.

- Qualification based selection RFPs for federal funds and hospital.

- Mid-year budget preparation progress report.

- Extension of annual leave accrual.

- Approved of Lincoln County Lodgers Tax recommendations for \$2,000 for advertising White Oaks Miners Day; \$560 for second payment on wagon for Miners Day; \$500 for Cowboy Christmas at Capitan Library.

- Authorization to schedule public hearings to consider other outdated ordinances.

- Board and committee appointments to; Ag and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, Carrizozo Health Center Advisory Board, Enhanced 911 Committee, Extraterritorial Zoning Commission with Village of Ruidoso, Extraterritorial Zoning Commission with Village of Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln Historic Preservation Board, Road Review Committee, Senior Citizens Olympic Committee, Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority.

- New and other business from commissioners.

- Executive session to discuss threatened and/or pending litigation in the cases involving Moody, Walker, Mochel, Bearvias, Cearley, Muir, Navar, Scott and Burman.

## Christmas Tree Permits Are Still Available

Permits to cut Christmas trees on the national forests are still available, and can be obtained by mail.

According to Lincoln National Forest, Smokey Bear Ranger District Ranger Jerry Hawkes, Christmas tree permits can be purchased for \$10 at the ranger station located on Mecham Drive in Ruidoso. Or the permits can be purchased through the mail.

For more information about permits and locations for firewood cutting and/or Christmas tree cutting call the Smokey Bear Ranger Station at 257-4095.

**FIRST MONDAYS**  
-Republican Party of Lincoln County. Call 354-4230 for time and locations.

**SECOND MONDAYS**  
-Kairos Outside and Embrams Community meeting, 6:30 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Parsonage on E. Ave. 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, DECEMBER 13**  
-Blood drive 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Gateway Church of Christ on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. Call 258-4113 for appointment or more information.  
-Delivery of food commodities for general low income public, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Carrizozo Recreation Center.  
-Billy the Kid Scenic Byways Committee meets at 12:30 p.m. at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs.  
-Capitan Board of Education 6 p.m. administration building.  
-Carrizozo Schools Christmas Program 8:30 p.m. old gym.  
-Capitan Chamber of Commerce lighting contest judging continues through December 14.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
-Preparation of luminarias for Carrizozo Luminaria display, 9 a.m. Carrizozo Fire Station!  
-Capitan Merchants Open House all day; refreshments.  
-Christmas at the Park with Santa and Smokey Bear, 5:30-7 p.m. Smokey Bear Historical Park in Capitan.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
-Special Christmas Service 8 p.m. Claunch Community Church.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
-Ruidoso-Lincoln County ETZ Commission, 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso village hall.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18**  
-Ruidoso P&Z commission, village hall.  
-Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, 2 p.m. LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs.  
-Carrizozo Board of Education 7 p.m. school library.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19**  
-Ruidoso Business Task Force, 12 noon village hall.  
-Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Commission, 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso village hall.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20**  
-Lincoln County Commission 8 a.m. their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.  
-Christmas dinner at Zia Senior Citizens Centers county wide.

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**HARRY POTTER (PG)**  
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**SPY GAME (R)**  
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**THOUGHTS**  
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

*Want to be a candidate!*

By Ruth Hammond

Centuries ago people didn't have a choice about their leadership because it was decided for them. Today things are different. You do have a choice, and you also have the option of being a candidate. Municipal elections will be held March 5, 2002, less than three months from now. And if you want to be a candidate for any of the positions that are on the municipal ballots, you must file your declaration of candidacy on January 8, 2002, which is just three and a half weeks from now. If you plan to be a candidate you must file the proper papers on filing day, January 8, 2002.

And you could very well be elected to the position of your choice. If you do plan to be a candidate, remember that municipal elected officials have duties to perform to the best of their abilities. Making decisions that will be in the best interest of the residents of the municipalities is the first and most important duty of municipal elected officials.

Newly elected officials will have to learn the rules that must, or should, be followed. There are many state rules and regulations as to how municipal business should be conducted, and as we know, not following state rules can lead to mistrust. The state rules and regulations are there for a reason, and any time elected officials do not follow the state rules and regulations, people wonder why not.

Different opinions as to what is or what is not important in a municipality should be discussed openly at municipal meetings, not decided privately. The majority of the people living in a municipality want their elected officials to make decisions that will improve living conditions in their area. Some people choose to live in small rural communities such as we have here in Lincoln County and they want the best representation possible from their elected officials.

If an elected official makes a decision that will benefit a relative or good friend instead of the general public, it will harm everyone because of the mistrust. And what is needed, most are candidates people will trust, candidates people believe will work to improve, not destroy their areas. If you believe you can make unbiased decisions and work to help improve your community, please consider being a candidate. The satisfaction of doing the right thing will benefit not only you but all your neighbors and friends.

Don't say you aren't interested, because you do have an interest. If you didn't have an interest you wouldn't be complaining about the wrong decisions being made now. If you didn't have an interest you wouldn't care. And you do.

And if you are elected, you will have the opportunity to do some of the things you have been talking about that should be done. You can update the infrastructure, if that is your goal, or you can help clean unsightly areas. You can bring friendliness back to local government. That's good.

There are many other things you could do, that really need to be done, and only you know how to accomplish the important things you want to see done in your community.

Evidently you should be a candidate and you need to start your campaign by preparing for filing date on January 8 and then you need to begin campaigning. Good luck!

*Candidate filing date*

**Court Calendar**

**12th JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DIVISION III**

Thursday, December 13:

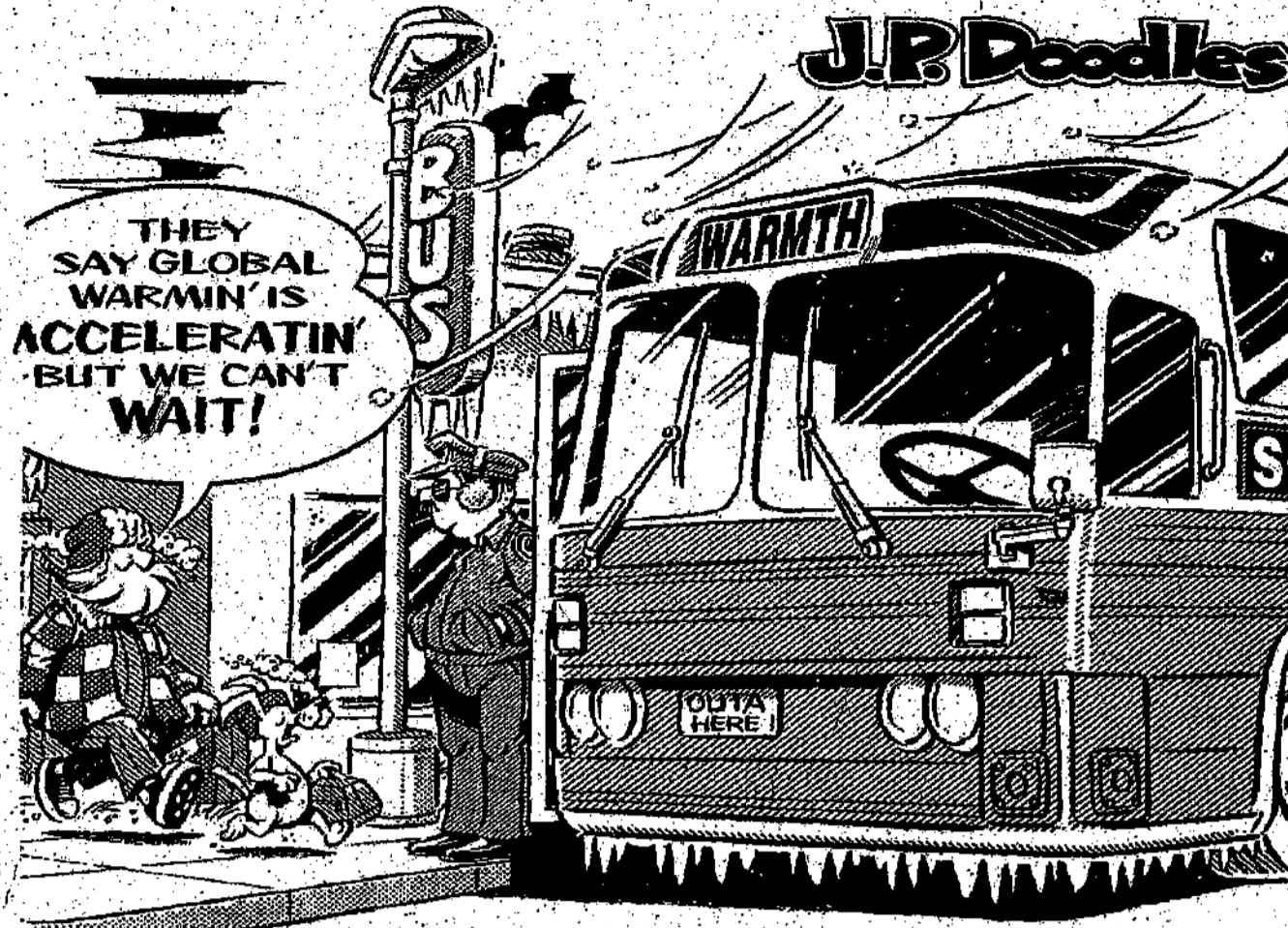
8 a.m. teleconference, Chaney v. Meadow Valley; CV-2001-153 (Rafkin/Lafin) (schedule conference)  
9 a.m. Jury Trial, SNM v. Jerry Joe Gonzales; CR-2001-60 (Thompson/Mitchell)

Friday, December 14:

8:30 a.m. Large Courtroom/ Judge Parsons  
Brandon Belin; CR-2001-86 (plea)  
William Mendez; CR-2001-159 (bond hearing)  
Brenda Hill; CR-2001-159 (bond hearing)  
Ritchie Hosetosavit; CR-2001-50 (plea)  
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11:30 a.m.  
Welch v. Griewahn; DM-2001-152 (Lay)(TRO)  
1:30 p.m.

Capitan/Carrizozo Natural Gas v. Zia Natural Gas; CV-00-218 (Beauvais/Fernandez-Wells) (motions)  
1:30 p.m. Plea Conferences

April Johnson; CR-2001-120  
Justin Phillips; CR-2001-131  
Miguel Ramirez; CR-2001-121  
Charles Reynolds; CR-00-13  
Dale Mullen; CR-2001-132  
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Armando Munoz; CR-2001-131



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

SANTA FE - New Mexico has the tools to expand its economy, but can't figure out how to make those tools work.

That is the conclusion of a national survey conducted annually by the Milken Institute. The study is designed to measure how well states convert economic potential into actual products and jobs in technology-related industries. New Mexico fell from 10th to 21st in this year's survey, the largest drop of any state.

We're talking about the so-called New Economy, one that emphasizes technology, globalization and intellectual property over traditional industrial manufacturing. It's the type of economy for which New Mexico is best equipped with its large number of Ph.D. scientists and a considerable amount of research money that flows into the state for national labs and universities.

While Bill Richardson was secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy, new contracts were negotiated for management of New Mexico's two national laboratories. Both those contracts required the successful bidder to establish programs to transfer lab technologies into the private sector.

Sens. Pete Domenici and Jeff Bingaman also deserve tremendous credit for their efforts over many years to promote the concept and practice of technology transfer. Nevertheless New Mexico ranks only 33rd in business startups per 100,000 population.

What's wrong here? Well, despite the management of Sandia National Laboratory being required to provide millions in ven-

ture capital funds for a technology transfer corporation, New Mexico ranks 45th in the nation in venture capital dollars as a percent of gross state product.

The Legislature also has tried to help by earmarking part of its permanent funds for New Mexico venture capital projects. But the state Investment Office says it lacks the expertise for deciding what projects to fund and the state Economic Development Department says it needs additional funding to provide that advice.

Economic Development Secretary John Garcia says not to look at government to be the catalyst for creating change. That's the job of private industry. There is much truth in that statement although most governments tout themselves as being valuable for such things and some actually are.

In Santa Fe, a group of private business people and retired corporation executives have formed a group called Santa Fe Economic Development, Inc. that has been successful in helping startup companies grow. Sometimes that involves finding suitable facilities, sometimes it is acquiring needed services and often it is coordination and communication among businesses in similar fields to cooperate in identifying and solving their problems.

In the past two years, the group has looked to private and governmental sources in Colorado and Arizona for new ideas. Colorado moved up to third in this year's Milken survey. Arizona, along with Texas, were the two most improved states from the previous year.

The Santa Fe approach has been successful because it recognizes that New Mexico for numerous reasons hasn't ever been successful at attracting industry, so it concentrates on nurturing startup companies that already have chosen to be here.

New Mexico is unlikely to ever be successful in attracting the manufacturing businesses emphasized by the old-style economy. That requires incentives that subtract from our already meager tax base.

The New Economy emphasizes a well-educated work force. We've been successful at attracting scientists and engineers from out of state for technology companies. What we need now is a better-educated home-grown workforce to fill the bulk of the jobs in the private sector.

We could use something else. The Small Business Survival Committee ranks New Mexico 45th in the nation in fewest government-imposed costs for small businesses. Most of the low cost states are in the West. New Mexico is conspicuous for its poor ranking among its neighbors - except for California, which is 44th.

But California offsets that disadvantage by ranking second in the Milken survey for converting economic potential into reality.

**Ruidoso Police Investigate Death**

Ruidoso Police are investigating the death of George F. Lore of Ruidoso.

According to a press release from Ruidoso Police, at about 7 p.m. Monday, December 10, police responded to a request for assistance at 313 McBride Drive. Upon arrival, police discovered the body of Lore in the residence. According to some reports Lore's wife found his body and contacted police.

The cause of death remains under investigation. Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox was unavailable for comment.

Anyone with information about the death can call the Ruidoso-Lincoln County CrimeStoppers at 257-4455 or Ruidoso Police Dept. at 257-2365.

**PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM**



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**Sagittarius:** (Nov 22 - Dec 21) "Stop" Are you sure you know what you're doing? Even if you do, take in account what will happen in the long run! Is this worth changing your Future?!

**Capricorn:** (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Take it Slow & Easy! Think before you say something that might come back on you, even if you're trying to help someone out! Think it over first!

**Aquarius:** (Jan 20 - Feb 18) A New Life?! Sort out your old People, Places & Things! Don't keep anything or anyone that you don't need to better your New Life! Go Have Fun!

**Pisces:** (Feb 19 - March 20) It's time to get away! Make plans to take a trip, even if it's only for one day. You need to find out what your life's Goal! Don't ask others ask yourself!

**Aries:** (Mar 21 - April 19) Where do you want to be in One Year? In one Month? In one Week? In one Day? Where do you want to be right now? What are you waiting for?

**Taurus:** (Apr 20 - May 20) Don't even think of slowing down! You may go down another road of life, but away you will go! You are the only one, who can stop the madness!

**Gemini:** (May 21 - June 20) A person close to your ears to talk! Don't close your eyes, you just might learn something about them & yourself! Keep an open mind & Heart!

**Cancer:** (June 21-July 22) Money & Love are pulling you apart! You're in control so take back your life! Loving Someone and Buying them Something is Two different things!

**Leo:** (July 23 - Aug 22) Make the Holidays different this year! Enjoy it! Don't look at it as extra money going out, think of it as extra LOVE coming in, and Love is Free!

**Virgo:** (Aug 23 - Sept 22) You're really getting it together! Now if you could enjoy it! It's time to seek out new and exciting people & places! Open your heart, enjoy Love!

**Libra:** (Sept 22 - Oct 22) You better take a good look in the mirror and see if you really like the person who is looking back at you! Feelings are not facts, but can hurt just the same!

**Scorpio:** (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Pick up the Phone & Call a New Friend! This is the time to help your Friends! Give that Someone a Hug & a Kiss! You'll feel good just knowing you did!

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# Montes Resigns From Gas Board

by Doris Cherry

regular meeting Tuesday, December 11, held in the Capitan Chamber of Commerce building because the new meeting room in the village hall expansion project is not yet completed. Mayor Norman Renfro said hopefully the January meeting will be held in the new village hall

Capitan Village Trustees accepted the resignation of village trustee Alfred Leroy Montes from the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG) board of directors.

Trustees accepted the resignation during their

meeting room.

"It has been an honor to serve as a CCNG director," Montes said. "But after 10 years it is time to step down and let someone else get their feet wet."

Trustees accepted the resignation, with fellow CCNG board member John Whitaker saying he "reluctantly" voted to accept.

But when Renfro recommended village resident Wayne Mason be appointed to fill the vacancy on the CCNG board, some residents objected, saying the appointee should be a trustee.

Montes said by the CCNG bylaws one trustee is mandatory. "The rest can be anybody from the village," Montes added.

Capitan has three members on the CCNG board.

Renfro said in 1996 the CCNG board decided to require trustees to be appointed. "Because of some problems in May 1996 we asked then-CCNG members Dr. David Rouleau and L.C. Cozzens to resign and we replaced them with trustees," Renfro said.

Village attorney Don Dutton said CCNG made a policy decision to appoint trustees, because the joint powers agreement establishing CCNG does not restrict or limit who can be a member of the CCNG board. "It was a policy decision to appoint trustees and it is not binding," Dutton added. He referred to Carrizozo appointee Angelo Vega who is not a trustee.

Dutton then said he thought it would be a good idea for someone from the community to serve on the CCNG board, "instead of just trustees."

"If someone from the community is on the board, it is a better form of government," Dutton said.

Renfro said in the past the village had trouble getting people from the community to serve on any boards or commissions.

With that trustee Debra Ingle made the motion to appoint Wayne Mason to the CCNG board, seconded by Whitaker and all trustees voted yes.

Then came another resignation, Debra Ingle as the village representative on the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) board. Trustees unanimously accepted the resignation, which Ingle submitted because she was recently hired by the LCSWA board to be supervisor of operations. Ingle also abstained from voting on an appointee to fill the vacancy on LCSWA because that person would become "her boss."

Again Renfro made recommendation, to appoint Whitaker to the LCSWA board. But that prompted resident Harold Dickerson to ask why Whitaker because he already serves on the CCNG board.

"It's a privilege I have as mayor, I'm appointing," Renfro said. "I don't need a reason. I believe John is the best person for the job. Now we have no trustee on the LCSWA board."

When asked why trustee Benny Coker was not considered for the appointment, Renfro said Coker had told him he only wanted to serve on water related boards.

Dickerson commented that the mayor was getting angry.

"I am not getting angry," Renfro added.

Then Dickerson said, "Yes you are."

Renfro said at one time Ingle served on three boards—Eagle Creek Water, LCSWA and Rural water. "I see nothing wrong with John serving on the solid waste board," Renfro added.

Resident Anna Gail Grassie said it was the first village she had been to that had trustees sit on boards. "It looks like cobwebs," Grassie said. "And no open minds to what is going on that the citizens might want." She then said she wanted to serve on a committee to become more a part of the community.

Renfro said it has just been "that way" with trustees serving on boards, mostly because of the difficulty in the past of getting residents to volunteer.

"I didn't just run over and say gee I want this job," Whitaker said. "We're not overloaded with civic minded people," he added, waving his hand at the audience of about a dozen

residents who regularly attend the meetings.

Grassie said the village should try to get more people involved.

Coker said he asked Renfro to let him serve on the LCSWA board. "But Norm said he didn't think it was a good idea," Coker said. "I did offer to serve."

Renfro said he also asked Coker to serve on the

CCNG board, but Coker said he wouldn't serve on that board. "I told Benny I was putting John on the solid waste board," Renfro said. "Then two days later Benny came to me and wanted to be on the solid waste board."

Montes said Coker has been against CCNG. "I

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## Grizzly WEEKLY

By Carrizozo High School Journalism Class  
Sarah Ball, Instructor

### Grizzlies Gain Tournament Experience

The Carrizozo Grizzly basketball, boys and girls, traveled to Hagerman on November 30 - December 1 in a tournament to face Hagerman Bobcats in the first round.

The Lady Grizzlies had trouble containing the Lady Bobcats' inside shooting and also had trouble scoring, missing a lot of the easy shots. Zozo had a rough start only scoring 7 points in the first half, lead by Stephanie Brewer with 3 points. Opening up the second half was a field goal by Whitney Whittaker who ended up with 6 points in the game. The team also had trouble with turnovers and free throws. The team only made 15 of the 33 free throws. The final score was 23-65 with an easy win over the Grizzlies.

Following that game the Grizzly boys played the Hagerman boys in the first round of the tourney. The Grizzlies also had trouble with turnovers but made most of their free throws shooting 16 out of 25. But the strong shooting team of the Bobcats was outstanding making most of their shots. The high scorer of the boys game was Branden Langley with 19 points. The Bobcats also had an easy win.

The next night the Lady Grizzlies played the Lady Falcons from Loving. They played their hearts out showing the Falcons that they were for real. Zozo played tough defense and shot very well from field goal range. The first half-leading scorer was Ariel Vallejos with 6 points, most of which were steals that turned into lay-ups. The score was better than last night with the ending score of 49-66 with the Lady Falcons taking a hard-earned win. The leading scorer for Zozo was Ariel Vallejos with 16, followed by Bianca Baca with 10.

The Grizzly boys also faced off against the Falcons and also gave them a run for their money. The Grizzlies were in foul trouble all game, Patrick Hightower with 3 in the opening minutes of the game. Josh Calvert also had 3 fouls in the first half along with Branden Langley who had 2. Zozo shot well at the free throw line shooting 23 out of 38. Branden had 21 of those free throws making 16 of them. He was also high scorer of the game with 34. Lane Dixon had 12 points, missing most of his free throws. He shot 12, only making 6. All the team said was, "If we could have made all our free throws it would have been a close game." The Grizzlies final score was 51-64 with the Falcons on top.

The last and final day of the tournament, the Lady Grizzlies faced off against the Captain Lady Tigers. It wasn't a high scoring game for the Lady Grizzlies, but it was for the Tigers. The score at half was 8 to 23, the Tigers with a commanding lead. The opening of the second half Stephanie Brewer made a 3 pointer to make the crowd get in this game. But the shooting of the Tigers was unstoppable. The Grizzlies also had problems with turnovers and making their free throws. Zozo shot 15 and only made 5. The ending score of the game was 24 to 49 with Tigers on top. Zozo's high point scorers were Stephanie Brewer with 8 and Ariel Vallejos with 7.

The following game was between the Grizzly boys and the Tatum Coyotes. The Grizzlies got off on a bad start with turnovers and missed free throws. The boys shot 9 free throws, only making 3 giving them 23 points at the end of the half. This game the boys stayed out of foul trouble with only 8 fouls between the whole team. The half time score was 23 to 40 with the Coyotes over the Grizzlies. The second half started off with 9 points by Branden Langley to help Zozo get back in the game, but the well shooting Coyotes were too far ahead. The final score was 45-64, in favor of the Coyotes. The high scorer for the boys was Branden with 25 followed by Josh Calvert and Patrick Hightower with 6 points.

By John Serna

## Temptations Gift Store

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Open Thursday & Friday 10:00 to 5:30  
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## 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.

**Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:**  
SCOTT KING, Pastor / 648-2024  
Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.

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

**First Baptist Church**

HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor  
314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM  
648-2988 (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/B)**

JOHNNIE L. JOHNSON, Pastor  
Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth, 648-2186  
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 ..... 8:30 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  
Aya. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:15 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  
1-505-267-2366  
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, 648-2893 / 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 ..... 8:15 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 ..... 8:30 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 / 338-4827  
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

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Stearns Insurance Agency

# Sheriff's Report

A fund has been established at City Bank New Mexico in the Lincoln Towers in Ruidoso to take donations to help Lori Carpenter-Franks and Paul Franks who lost their home to fire on December 10.

The fund is set up under "Lori and Paul Franks." Lori is a dispatcher for Ruidoso Downs Police Department.

According to reports, the couple's cat woke them up when the house, located in the Nazarene Campground, filled with smoke. Even though Bonito Fire Department responded quickly with 12 volunteer fire fighters, the small house was fully involved and was lost. There were no injuries at the fire as the couple, and their cat, were able to get out of the house.

The local chapter of the American Red Cross also responded to provide assistance. A dispatcher for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office said Steve Olsen, local Red Cross coordinator, is doing an "awesome" job in providing assistance for local emergencies and disasters.

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

## December 4:

11:16 a.m. request for ambulance on Aspen Road in Alto. Med I ambulance responded but the patient refused transport to the hospital.

2:08 p.m. Ruidoso police request assistance at location on Tower Terrace Drive. Lincoln County animal control officer (ACO) responded.

3:24 p.m. subject feeling ill at location on Airport

Road. Carrizozo ambulance transported the patient to meet with Med 1 for final transport to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

3:50 p.m. smoke in the area of Highways 37 and 48. Deputy responded.

5:44 p.m. child abuse at a business in the Alto area. Deputy responded.

## December 5:

10:09 a.m. fire at the intersection of Highways 380 and 70 in Hondo. Trees caught fire during a controlled burn. Hondo Fire Department responded.

1:53 p.m. request for deputy to do peacekeeping at location in Lincoln.

1:58 p.m. accident on Gavilan Canyon Road. Deputy and state police responded.

6:31 p.m. ill woman on Aspen Road in Alto. Med I responded.

## December 6:

2:44 p.m. dog complaint on Sun Mountain Loop. ACO and deputy assigned.

## December 7:

10:17 a.m. alley fire on Aspen Street. Carrizozo fire department and ACO responded.

5:28 p.m. dog napping on Sierra Drive.

9:02 p.m. Ruidoso police advise of a domestic at an RV park. Two deputies responded.

## December 8:

6:38 a.m. vehicle accident with possible injuries five miles north of Corona on Highway 54. The car was upside down in the ditch beside the road. Corona EMS responded and advised it was a car hauler vehicle and no one was around.

9:36 a.m. sick cat in Agua Fria. Deputy assigned.

12:32 p.m. request for ambulance at location on Aspen Road in Alto. RALS transported to LCMC.

4:52 p.m. stolen soft top Jeep from location in Little Valley. While still on the phone with dispatch, the caller advised the vehicle was found.

4:52 p.m. fire in the area of Big Bear. Bonito Fire Department responded.

7:07 p.m. Ruidoso Police requested assistance at LCMC and a trailer park east of Ruidoso Downs. Deputy responded.

8:13 p.m. washer fire at a residential center. Carrizozo fire department responded.

8:22 p.m. request for ambulance for smoke inhalation at the center. Carrizozo ambulance responded but the patient refused transport to the hospital.

11:30 p.m. car off roadway at mile marker 271 on Highway 70. Glencoe Fire Department, two state police officers and RALS responded.

## December 9:

5:49 a.m. residential fire alarm on Big Bear. Bonito Fire Department responded but advised no sign of smoke or flame.

11:47 a.m. domestic between father and son at location on Airport Road.

Assigned deputy advised he had a flat tire, so another deputy responded and later advised he had arrested a juvenile.

2:45 p.m. deputy advised of an accident without injuries at mile marker 8 on Highway 48.

4:09 p.m. suspicious vehicle on the road to Red Cloud Campground near Corona. Deputy assigned. December 10:

7:55 a.m. cows in the road at Fox Cave on Highway 70.

2:10 p.m. request for ambulance at location in Lincoln. Capitan ambulance responded.

7:54 p.m. request for deputy for harassment at trailer park east of Ruidoso Downs.

## December 11:

12:04 a.m. two alarm structure fire at residence in Nazarene Camp in Angus. The caller was hysterical but quickly calmed to give directions for better response to the house. All occupants were out of the house, the propane tank was turned off at the tank and the house was ventilated and fully involved. Bonito Fire Department responded with 12 volunteers. The electric company and Red Cross also responded.

**In Remembrance of Tristan**

The Lord sent us an angel. His name was Tristan Antonio Luna. We loved him so very much, and he poured out his love to us.

One day the Lord took him to be with Him. This was the worst day of our lives and our hearts are broken. There is a big hole in our hearts that can never be filled. We all know that the Lord has good reason for all that he does, we ask him to forgive us for asking our question, Why Lord, why?

Now we ask you Lord to give us strength to go on without our precious Tristan. We thank you for the time we had with him and the opportunity to get to know him, even for such a short time.

We know Lord that you understand that it will be a long, long time before we stop hurting, crying, and missing Tristan. We will never forget our precious baby and we trust you Lord to watch over him for us until the day we see him again.

*Great Grandma Virgie*

## Montes Resigns

(Continued From Page 5)

asked Benny to serve on the CCNG board so he could know all the work that has been done in the system for the citizens," Montes said. "I feel Benny would have been best for the CCNG board, and I also feel John is the best for the solid waste board."

"I have known Benny for 30 years," Montes continued. "And if we put him on the solid waste board he would be Debbie's (Ingle) supervisor and in the past it has always been Benny and Debra."

"I was raised in Capitan," Montes continued. "And I see everything as fair. I don't want to be protected if I do something wrong."

"This is the way I feel," Montes concluded.

Grassie said as a citizen she sees "a lot of conflict" among the trustees.

Renfro acknowledged the conflict, and Whitaker said there was a lot of "mis-trusting" among the trustees.

Montes said he was in his fourth term with two years left. "I don't always vote with John or Norman," Montes said. "I vote my own way as I feel what is best for the people of Capitan."

"The last four years have been rough," Montes added. "I have two more years to go, hopefully I can survive."

"I do not believe anyone serves on the CCNG board for prestige," Montes said.

Montes said in the last year or so people want to know how much money he gets for serving on the CCNG board. "The money I get paid (from CCNG) would not compensate even 10 percent of the time and my own money I have spent to be on that board," Montes said.

Coker responded that he did not always vote with Ingle, and if he does it is for the best interest of the village. "I feel I have more time than John, especially since the solid waste board has 2 p.m. meetings."

Renfro said Mason had asked him more than a year ago to be appointed to the CCNG board. Mason attends all trustee meetings.

Dutton then suggested that after the municipal election the mayor announce what appointments need to be made to committees and boards, and invite the residents to volunteer. "I've been around here since 1973 and I can remember days when no one attended these meetings," Dutton said.

Dickerson then apologized to the mayor personally for his outburst.

With that Montes made the motion to appoint Whitaker to the LCSWA board, which Whitaker seconded. When the vote was taken, Ingle abstained, Whitaker and Montes voted yes and Coker voted no.

## LEGALS

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Election Resolution Village of Capitan Resolution 2001-14

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

- A. A regular municipal election for the election of municipal officers shall be held on March 5, 2002. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.
- B. At the regular municipal election, persons shall be elected to fill the following elective offices:
- a. One Mayor for a four-year term.
  - b. ONE Trustee for a four-year term.
  - c. ONE Trustee for a four-year term.
  - c. One Municipal Judge for a four-year term.

C. Precinct Three (3) is for the regular municipal election.

D. The following location is designated as the polling place to conduct the regular municipal election:

- 1. Voters in Precinct three (3) shall vote at Lincoln County Fair Building, 101 West Fifth Street.

E. Absentee Voting: Any qualified elector of the Village of Capitan shall obtain only his or her application for an application ballot, only from the office of the Municipal Clerk. All applications for an absentee ballot must be completed and accepted by the Municipal Clerk prior to 5:00 p.m., February 28, 2002. After 5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2002, all unused absentee ballots will be publicly destroyed by the Municipal Clerk. The Municipal Clerk will accept completed absentee ballots delivered by mail, or in person by the voter casting the absentee ballot, until 7:00 p.m., on March 5, 2002.

F. Early Voting: Early voting will be conducted in the office of the Municipal Clerk, during the regular hours and days of business, Monday through Friday. Early voting will begin on Wednesday, February 13, 2002 and will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2002.

G. Persons desiring to register to vote at the regular municipal election, must register with the County Clerk of Lincoln County not later than Tuesday, February 5, 2002 at 5:00 p.m., the date on which the County Clerk will close registration books.

H. All Declarations of Candidacy shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk on Tuesday, January 8, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

I. The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors shall be recorded on Voting Machines.

J. The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors who are voting early shall be recorded on Voting machines.

K. The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors who are voting by absentee ballot will be recorded on paper ballots.

Adopted and approved this 11th day of December, 2001.

**NORMAN RENFRO,**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**  
**KATHRYN GRIFFIN**  
Village Clerk  
cc: County Clerk  
State of Secretary

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### RESOLUCION DE ELECCION Pueblo De Capitan RESOLUCION NUM. 2001-14

Sea Resuelto por el cuerpo gobernante del Pueblo de

#### Capitan que:

A. Una eleccion municipal regular para la eleccion de oficiales municipales se llevara a cabo el 5 de Marzo de 2002. Lugares de votacion estaran abiertas al publico entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m.

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

- 1. Un Alcalde por un termino de cuatro anos.
- 2. Un Fiduciario por un termino de cuatro anos.
- 3. Un Fiduciario por un termino de cuatro anos.
- 4. Un Juez Municipal por un termino de cuatro anos.

C. E precinto tres (3) para la eleccion municipal regular.

D. El siguientes localidad son como locales para votar para llevar a cabo la eleccion municipal regular:

- 1. Los votantes en el Precinto tres (3) votaran en Lincoln County Fair Building, 101 West Fifth Street, en Capitan, New Mexico.

E. Votacion en ausencia: Todo votante calificado de el Pueblo de Capitan obtendra unicamente su solicitud para obtener una boleta para votar en ausencia, unicamente de la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad. La Escribana de la Municipalidad debe llevar y aceptar todas las solicitudes para obtener una boletas para votar en ausencia antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 28 de febrero de 2002. A partir de las 5:00 p.m. el 28 de febrero de 2002, la Escribana de la Municipalidad publicamente destruira todas las boletas no utilizados. La Escribana de la Municipalidad aceptara las boletas completadas por el votante que emita su boleta con el fin de votar en ausencia que se le entreguen por correo o en persona, hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 5 de Marzo de 2002.

F. Votacion por Anticipado: La votacion por anticipado se llevara a cabo en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad, durante las horas y dias habiles de lunes a viernes. La votacion por anticipado empezara el miercoles, 13 de Febrero de 2002 y terminara a las 5:00 p.m. el viernes, 1 de Marzo de 2002.

G. La personas que deseen registrarse para votar en la eleccion municipal regular tienen que registrarse con la Escribana del condado de Lincoln no mas tarde que el martes, 5 de Febrero de 2002 a las 5:00 p.m., la fecha en que la Escribana de Condado cerrara los libros del registro.

H. Se archivara todas Declaraciones de Candidatura con la Escribana Municipal el martes, 8 de enero de 2002 entre las horas de las 8:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.

I. Se hara un record de los electores municipales calificados en maquinas para votar.

J. Se inscribiran los votos emitidos por los votantes calificados de la municipalidad que votan por anticipado en maquinas para votar.

K. Se inscribiran los votos emitidos por los votantes calificados de la municipalidad que votan por anticipado en balotas de papel.

Adoptada y aprobada este dia 11 de Diciembre de 2001.

**NORMAN RENFRO,**  
Alcalde

**Da fe:**  
**KATHRYN GRIFFIN,**  
Escribana Municipal  
(SELLO)

cc: County Clerk  
Secretary of State  
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**LEGALES**

**American Farm Bureau Annual Meeting In Reno**

American Farm Bureau Federation will hold its 2002 Convention and Annual meeting on January 6-8 in Reno, NV.

Highlights of this year's meeting include conferences with experts on top issues on farm policy, conservation, commodity outlooks, energy policy and political outlook; ag exhibits; young farmers and ranchers meeting and entertainment.

Call Gail Prsybek at 847-685-8850 for registration and other information.

**Commencement December 15 At ENMU In Portales**

Eastern New Mexico University in Portales will hold its 101st Commencement Convocation at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 15 in the Greyhound Arena. There are 196 candidates for graduation.

An Academic Honors Convocation will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, December 14 at the University Theater Center. Also on Friday, a commencement reception honoring new graduates will be held from 4-5 p.m. in the ballroom of the Campus Union Building.

Families and friends of the graduates are invited to attend the reception sponsored by the ENMU Alumni Association.

All activities are open to the public.

**Marine News**

Marine Corps Pvt. Fred L. Gerth III, son of Judy A. and Fred L. Gerth of Ruidoso, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Gerth is a 2001 graduate of Ruidoso High School.



**Letters To Santa Will Be Published In News December 20**

Lincoln County News will publish letters to Santa in its December 20 issue.

Any child who wishes to have his or her letter to Santa published in THE NEWS is invited to bring or mail the letter to Lincoln County News, PO Drawer 459, Carrizozo, NM 88301, or drop letters to Santa Claus by at 309 Central in Carrizozo. Letters must be received by December 17 to be included in the Santa Letters in the December 20 issue of THE NEWS.

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**CHAVES SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**RESOLUTION #1 - 2002**  
**OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, section 10-15-1(B) of the Open Meetings Act (Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978) states that, except as may be otherwise provided in the Constitution or the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, commission or other policy-making body of any state agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of such board, commission or other policy-making body, declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, Any meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution, rule regulation or formal action occurs shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District on this 5th day of December, 2001, that:

1. Regular meetings of the Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District shall ordinarily be held each month at 1:30 P.M. on the first Wednesday of each month at 1011 S. Atkinson. A proposed agenda will be available from Joy Wagner whose office is located 1011 S. Atkinson, Roswell, New Mexico. Notice of regular meetings will be given seven (7) days before the meeting to parties who request it in writing.

a.) Notice of regular meetings will be released seven (7) days before each regular meeting to the Roswell Daily Record.

2. Special meeting of the Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon seven (7) days notice. Parties who have requested notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone.

a) The Roswell Daily Record will be notified by telephone.

3.) Emergency meetings of the Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District are meetings called under circumstances which demand immediate action by the Board of Supervisors. Although the Board of Supervisors would avoid emergency meetings whenever possible, such circumstances may occasionally arise. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon four (4) hours notice. Parties who have requested a notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone.

4. Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (B) NMSA 1978, the Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District may close a meeting to the public if the subject matter of such discussion or action is included in Subsection E or the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978. If any Board of Supervisors meeting is closed pursuant to Section 10-15-1(E) NMSA, such closure:

- (1) if made in an open meeting, shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Supervisors and authority for the closure shall be stated in the motion calling for the vote on a closed meeting shall be taken in an open meeting and the vote of each individual member is to be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects announced or voted upon prior to closure by the Board of Supervisors may be discussed in a closed meeting; and
- (2) if called for when the Board of Supervisors is not in an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting is given to the member and the general public.

**ANTHONY TREAT**  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District

December 5, 2001  
This resolution passed upon motion by LeRoy Lang and seconded by Bill Bonham, vote as follows:

Anthony Treat	yea
Doug Whitney	absent
LeRoy Lang	yea
W.E. (Bill) Bonham	yea
Leon Ham	absent
John Sisk	yea
Aubrey Dunn Jr.	absent

**ATTEST:**  
**JOY WAGNER,**  
District Clerk

Date: December 5, 2001

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de la Aldea de Corona obtendra unicamente su solicitud para obtener una balota para votar en ausencia, unicamente de la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad. La Escribana de la Municipalidad debe llevar y aceptar todas las solicitudes para obtener una balota para votar en ausencia antes de las 5:00 P.M. el 28 de febrero de 2002. A partir de las 5:00 p.m. el 28 de febrero de 2002, la Escribana de la Municipalidad publicamente destruirá todas las balotas no utilizadas. La Escribana de la Municipalidad aceptara las boletas completadas por el votante que emita su boleta con el fin de votar en ausencia que se le entreguen por correo o en persona hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 5 de marzo de 2002.

E. Votacion por Anticipado. La votacion por anticipado se llevara a cabo en la oficina de las Escribana de la Municipalidad, durante las horas y dias habiles de lunes a jueves. La votacion por anticipado empezara el miercoles, 13 de febrero de 2002 y terminara a las 5:00 p.m. el viernes, 1 de marzo de 2002.

F. Las personas que deseen registrarse para votar en la eleccion municipal regular, tienen que registrarse con la Escribana de condado del Lincoln condado a las 5:00 P.M., la fecha en que la Escribana del Condado cerrara las libros del registro.

G. Se archivara todas las Declaraciones de Candidatura con la Escribana Municipal el martes, 8 de enero de 2002 entre las horas de las 8:00 A.M. y las 5:00 P.M.

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

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

Adoptada y aprobado este dia 15th de noviembre de 2001.

**GILBERT STEWART,**  
Alcalde

Da fe:  
**CATHY PEREZ,**  
Escribana Municipal  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT**  
**LINCOLN COUNTY**  
No. 1899

**IN THE MATER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH VERNON PETTY, 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: P.O. Box 338, Carrizozo, NM 88301.

Dated: 12-04-2001

**JOSEPH V. PETTY, JR.**  
1520 S. 182 Cir.  
Omaha, NE 68130  
(402) 334-0674

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

A Public Hearing shall be held at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, December 20, 2001 by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers), 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the application of Brewer Oil Co., D/B/A Eagle Creek, P.O. Box 1347, Artesia, New Mexico 88301, to transfer location of existing License Number LL#4062/A-5167, to Highway 48 at Highway 532, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

**MARTHA GUEVARA,**  
Assistant County Manager

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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., to be held at the Community Church in Lincoln, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the December 18, 2001, meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

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

**MARTHA GUEVARA,**  
Assistant County Manager

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**  
**COUNTY OF LINCOLN**  
**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
CV-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:

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 pends 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

By: **Melina Serna**  
Deputy

Seal of the Court

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
**COUNTY OF LINCOLN**  
**TWELFTH JUDICIAL**  
**DISTRICT COURT**  
CV-01-032

**AMRESO RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY,**  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
**GENE C. TURNER, RUBY TURNER,**  
AND **DC, LIMITED LIABILITY CO,**  
**D/B/A DATA CHEK, RON STOREY,**  
AND **LISA STOREY**  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE OF FORECLOSURE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known as 702 Center Street, Ruidoso, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 30, BLOCK 3, WOODLAND HILLS, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, MARCH 27, 1967;

The sale is to begin at 10:00 a.m. on January 15, 2002, outside the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment in AMRESO Residential Mortgage Company.

AMRESO Residential Mortgage Company was awarded a Judgment on November 20, 2001 in the principal sum \$115,038.65, plus outstanding interest due thereon through June 5, 2001, totaling \$7,757.80, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 9.930% per annum or \$31.73 per diem, plus late charges in the amount of \$356.44, plus attorneys fees of \$1,255.00, plus additional fees as awarded by the Court, and costs in the sum of \$677.17, with interest on the late charges, attorney's fees and costs from date of Judgment until paid at the rate of 9.930% per annum.

The sale is subject to one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendant as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

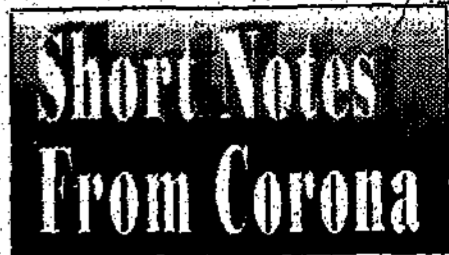
**NICK YEGA,**  
Special Master  
P.O. Box 383  
Carrizozo, NM 88301  
(505) 648-2217

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**HISTORICAL QUIZ** "What tune did Nero play while Rome burned?"

Answer: It's going to be a hot time in the old town tonight!



**LEALS**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 2, 2000, Rio Hondo Land and Cattle Co. and Ford Secure Trust, P.O. Box 2, Picacho, NM 88343, filed application No. 02628 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change partial point of diversion of 100.1 acre-feet per annum of surface waters of the Serrano Ditch which diverts via the Pas Torres and J.P. Analla Ditches in the NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 12, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M., by commencing the use of existing shallow well H-1298 located in the NE1/4NW1/4 of Section 13, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M., for the irrigation of 28.6 acres of land located in the W1/2SW1/4 of Section 7, Township 11 South, Range 18 East, N.M.P.M.

Well H-1298 is supplemental to existing surface water rights. The points of diversion are located approximately 1/2 mile south of Timmie, New Mexico.

Any 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 objections or protests shall be in writing and shall set forth specific reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If no valid objection or protest is filed, the state engineer will evaluate the applications for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state, and conservation of water within the state.

cc: Santa Fe

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 13, 2001, Richard David G. Sanchez, P.O. Box 1544, Ruidoso, NM 88345, filed application No. 0774 & 0777 into H-1795 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change point of diversion and place and/or purpose of use from surface to groundwater by ceasing the diversion of 5.44 acre-feet per annum of surface waters of the Rio Ruidoso via the Lower Chosas Ditch South which diverts at a point located in the NW1/4SE1/4NE1/4 of Section 28, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., and ceasing the irrigation of 1.7 acres of land located in part of the NE1/4NW1/4SE1/4 of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant proposes to commence the use of existing shallow well H-1795 located in the S1/2NE1/4SW1/4 of Section 24, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., for the diversion of up to 5.44 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater from the irrigation of up to 1.7 acres of land located in part of the SW1/4 of Section 24, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M.

The move-from well and acreage is located approximately 1/2 mile west of San Patricio on Hwy. 70, Lincoln County, New Mexico, N.M.P.M. The move-to well and acreage is located approximately 2 1/2 miles northeast of Alto, Lincoln County, New Mexico, N.M.P.M. This is near the subdivision of Rancho Ruidoso and north of Little Creek.

Any 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.

file objections or protests. The objections or protests shall be in writing and shall set forth specific reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If no valid objection or 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.

cc: Santa Fe

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 13, 2001, Gloria Castillo, 1406 West 4th Ave., Tularosa, NM 88352, filed application No. 0736 into H-1795 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change point of diversion and place and/or purpose of use from surface to groundwater by ceasing the diversion of 2.336 acre-feet per annum of surface waters of the Rio Ruidoso via a river pump located in the NW1/4SE1/4NE1/4 of Section 5, Township 11 South, Range 15 East, N.M.P.M., and ceasing the irrigation of 0.73 acre of land located in part of the W1/2E1/2NE1/4 of Section 5, Township 11 South, Range 15 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant proposes to commence the use of existing shallow well H-1795 located in the S1/2NE1/4SW1/4 of Section 24, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., for the diversion of up to 2.336 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for the irrigation of up to 0.73 acre of land located in part of the SW1/4 of Section 24, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M.

The move-from well and acreage is located approximately two miles west of Glencoe on Hwy. 70, Lincoln County, New Mexico, N.M.P.M. The move-to well and acreage is located approximately 2 1/2 miles northeast of Alto, Lincoln County, New Mexico, N.M.P.M. This is near the subdivision of Rancho Ruidoso and north of Little Creek.

Any 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 objections or protests shall be in writing and shall set forth specific reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If no valid objection or 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.

cc: Santa Fe

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**NOTICE**

The Capitán Municipal Schools is accepting food bids for the Cafeteria, for January 1, 2002 to May 31, 2002. For a bid sheet please contact Wynell Kenemore at (505) 354-2239 ext. 24, Mon. thru Thurs., 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bids will close December 21, 2001, at 10:30 a.m.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Carrizozo Municipal Schools Special Education Confidential Folders with dates prior to 1996 will be destroyed on January 14, 2002. If you have a valid interest in reviewing these records, please contact: Laura Hemphill, Special Education Coordinator at 648-2346.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that on July 25, 2001, J. Robert Beauvais, P.O. Box 14, Lincoln, NM 88338, filed application No. 01400, 01401 & H-209 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change point of diversion and place of use of 6.5 acre-feet per annum of surface waters of the Rio Bonito via the Los Chosas Ditch, which diverts at a point located in the SW1/4SW1/4SE1/4 of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., by ceasing the irrigation of 2.0 acres of land described as follows:

SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	ACRES
Pt. E1/2	13	10S	16E	2.0
Pt. SW1/4SW1/4	8	10S	17E	
Pt. NW1/4	15	10S	17E	

Applicant proposes to commence the use of the Rio Bonito via the South Laws Ditch which diverts at a point located in the NE1/4SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., for the diversion of 6.5 acre-feet per annum of surface water for the irrigation of 2.0 acres of land located in the NE1/4SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 28, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M.

Applicant proposes to commence the use of existing shallow well H-701 located in the SW1/4SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 28, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., as a supplemental well to the water rights under OSE File No. 01400, 01401 & H-209-Comb., and cease the use of well H-209 as a supplemental well to these water rights.

The move-from points of diversion are located approximately four miles southeast of Lincoln, New Mexico. The move-to points of diversion are located approximately 1/2 mile north of Lincoln, New Mexico.

Any 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 objections or protests shall be in writing and shall set forth specific reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If no valid objection or 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.

cc: Santa Fe

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS  
CAUSE NUMBER 98-P00372

IN RE:  
THE ESTATE OF  
JESUS MENDIOLA,  
Deceased

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS  
HAVING INFORMATION ABOUT  
THE DESCENDANTS OF  
JESUS MENDIOLA

Notice is hereby given that anyone having knowledge or information regarding the identity or whereabouts of the children of Ramona Mendiola, Juan Mendiola or Isidrio Mendiola is requested to report such information to:

JOSEPH F. STRELITZ  
Attorney for the Estate of Jesus Mendiola  
501 Executive Center Boulevard, Suite #100  
El Paso, Texas 79902  
915-533-2739  
email: wsdclaw@aol.com

Date: December 10th, 2001.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 2, 2000, Rio Hondo Land and Cattle Co. and Ford Secure Trust, P.O. Box 2, Picacho, NM 88343, filed application No. 02624 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change partial point of diversion of 99.75 acre-feet per annum of surface waters of the Pas Torres Ditch which diverts via the J.P. Analla Ditch in the NE1/4NNE1/4SW1/4 of Section 11, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M., by commencing the use of existing shallow well H-1298 located in the NE1/4-NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 13, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M., for the irrigation of 28.5 acres of land located in part of the S1/2S1/2 of Section 12, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M.

Well H-1298 is supplemental to existing surface water rights. The points of diversion are located approximately 1/2 mile south of Timmie, New Mexico.

Any 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 objections or protests shall be in writing and shall set forth specific reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If no valid objection or protest is filed, the state engineer will evaluate the applications for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state, and conservation of water within the state.

cc: Santa Fe

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CV-01-250  
Division III

IN THE MATTER OF A PETITION  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF  
ANGELA C. FORBES

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME

TAKE NOTICE that accordance with the provisions of Sec. 40-8-1 through Sec. 40-8-3 NMSA 1978, the Petitioner Angela C. Forbes will apply to the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge for the Twelfth Judicial District at the Ruidoso Judicial Complex at Ruidoso, New Mexico at 8:15 a.m. on the 18th day of December for an ORDER FOR CHANGE OF NAME from Angela C. Forbes to Angie Forbes Wolf.

JAN PERRY,  
Court Administrator

By: Darla Goar  
Deputy Court Clerk

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20, County of Lincoln, New Mexico, on the 10th day of December, 2001 adopted a resolution authorizing and directing the issuance of \$165,000 general obligation school building bonds of said District.

The Resolution awards the sale of the bonds to the best bidder therefore; provides for the form of the bonds, fixes the maturities, of, and interest rates on the bonds; provides for the levy of taxes to pay the principal of, and interest on, the bonds; makes certain covenants to the bond purchasers; and provides other details concerning the bonds. Complete copies of the Resolution are available for public inspection during normal and regular business hours at the Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20, Administration Building, Highway 70/380 East, Hondo, New Mexico. This notice constitutes compliance with Section 6-14-6 NMSA 1978.

DATED this 10th day of December, 2001.

/s/ LUIS JIMENEZ  
Secretary, Board of Education

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Tuesday was cold with snow off and on all day with a total of about two inches.

The eighth annual Christmas Tea of Corona del Rey Aglow International was Saturday, December 8, in the Zia Senior Center. This year the theme was Hispanic in food and decorations.

The Corona Ecumenical Choir sang several selections. Sandra Alford and Lucy Luéras shared personal experiences and Nancie Mahoney, Roswell, was the main speaker. She was accompanied by Anne Dunn, president of Roswell Aglow.

Those attending enjoyed lunch of tamales, posole, a variety of cookies and punch.

Mrs. A. J. Gibbs attended the State School Board Meeting in Albuquerque Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kane spent last week with their daughter Danell in Glendora, CA.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Yancey visited Mrs. Lorene Adams and family in Wichita Falls, TX last week and saw the living Christmas tree for the fourth time. They took Mrs. Bernice McCord to Moriarty to stay with Mr. and Mrs. Rusty McCord and picked her up on their return Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrelson returned Monday after five weeks in Minneola, TX, where they were helping a daughter and her family get settled in a new home.

Brandon Wheelock, Los Alamos is visiting his grandparents, the Harrelsons. He has just returned from Johnson Island where he worked in the clinic. He is a paramedic.

Lane Widner has been named officially as the new State FFA Executive Officer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Marness and Mrs. and Mrs. Ron Merritt and children attended the State Cattle-grower's Convention in Albuquerque.

Dal Frost was presented with a buckle for the Champion Showmanship Award at the New Mexico State Fair.

Mrs. Eppers presented Frank DuBois with the first ever Bud Eppers Contract Award, a bronze of two clasped hands. It was an emotional moment for both Alice and Frank.

A much larger bronze will be on display at the Joe Skeen Building at New Mexico State University. A name may be added each year.

Marilee Bryan and Delia Gonzalez attended the ball games with Lake Arthur Saturday and returned to New Mexico State University the same day.

Mrs. Carmen Romero is taking life easy with her broken right wrist received in a fall Thanksgiving Day.

MacKenzie Perkins stayed overnight Monday of last week after getting out of the hospital. She has a broken left femur, is in a

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## Special Christmas Service In Claunch Sunday, December 16

Everyone is invited to a special Christmas Service at 6 p.m. Sunday, December 16, at the Claunch Community Church in Claunch on Highway 55.

Service will be held by lay minister Tony Scaccia who will tell the story of the prophecies relating to the coming of Christ. In addition to the sermon, Ann Ferguson will play piano and lead the group in singing Christmas carols and songs.

A party is planned after the service in the church basement. Everyone who attends is asked to bring finger foods or anything they wish. Coffee and punch will be provided.

Area ministers at their Sunday morning worship services are asked to announce the special 6 p.m. Christmas service in Claunch.

For more information call Tony Scaccia at 505-849-1402.

## Corona News

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family, Hagerman, (Mr. Miles had back surgery in Albuquerque Tuesday) the John Justus family, Meade, KS, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gillis, Vernon, TX, Sharon Hefker, Melody and Kylie Gaines, Carrizozo, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Allcorn, Olton, TX, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Allen, Portales, Mr. and Mrs. Gid Allen, Portales, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bob Allen, Melrose.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Perkins returned Monday after a week in Cancun.

full body cast and is not a happy camper.

Family and friends seen here for the Johnston-Perkins wedding included Paul Holmes, Dallas, Fara and Dick Green, Joe and Jeannie Preston, El Paso, Dave Hillger, Kimberly and Shawna, Mesa, AZ, Mr. and Mrs. Frank DuBois, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Austin DuBois, Jayce and Jenna, Las Cruces, Wanda DuBois and John DuBois, Albuquerque, the Jim Bob Miles

# FAST ACTION

*Lincoln County News*

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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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**

**CAPITAN MERCHANTS OPEN HOUSE**  
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**1tp-Dec. 6, 13, 20**

**NOTICE TO LINCOLN COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS DELINQUENT DATE**

LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER reminds Lincoln County property owners that they must pay their second half property taxes by December 10, 2001 to avoid penalties and interest.

**ACCORDING TO N.M. STATE STATUTE 7-38-83, TIMELINESS-B. ALL ACTS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED TO BE DONE BY MAIL ARE TO BE POSTMARKED ON THE REQUIRED DATE.**

The Lincoln County Treasurer's Office does honor the postmark, but your payments **MUST BE POSTMARKED December 10, 2001.**

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

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

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

Thank You.

Joan E. Park  
Lincoln County Treasurer  
P.O. Box 970  
Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301  
648-2397 or 648-2525

## Card of Thanks

During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us. Your many expressions of sympathy and support will always be remembered. It is indeed gratifying to be reminded of the high esteem in which Kennan Fuller was regarded by so many. Our grateful appreciation goes to all of you.

Sincerely,  
KENNAN FULLER'S FAMILY



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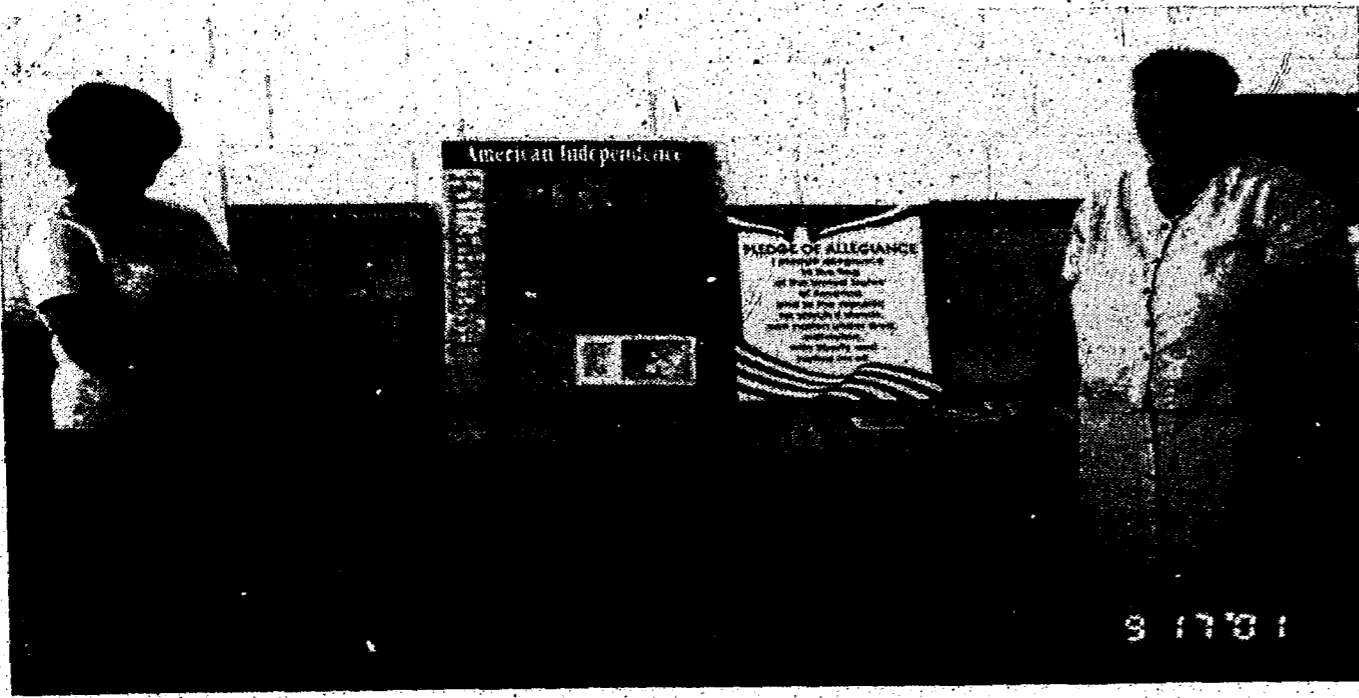
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**HONORING THE CONSTITUTION.** Wanda Duke (Left) presents posters for Constitution week to Corona School Librarian Linda Greer for use at Corona School.

# Smokey Bear Museum Property Snafu Settled

by Doris Cherry

With the filing of a plat in the Lincoln County Courthouse, the property under the log cabin Smokey Bear Museum will finally belong to the Village of Capitan. Capitan trustees at their meeting Tuesday, December 11, approved a plat and transfer of the property, from the state to the village, under the village owned log cabin Smokey Bear museum and gift shop. Village attorney Don Dutton said the plat of the

property, prepared by surveyor Tim Collins of Ruidoso, had been signed off by State Land Commissioner Ray Powell Jr. in Santa Fe on October 5. "We've discussed the transfer but it never came to the council," Dutton said. "So if you approve the plat now, it can be filed and the land transferred to the Village of Capitan." Mayor Norman Renfro said the village has been working on the transfer for years. The village had assumed it owned the prop-

erty under the museum until the New Mexico Energy Minerals and Natural Resources, State Forestry Division, had the Smokey Bear Historical Park property surveyed and discovered the land under the museum also belonged to the state. The log cabin museum was constructed with volunteer help and materials in a project coordinated by the Capitan Women's Club in the 1950s. Trustees also approved the Election 2002 resolutions in both English and

Spanish that announce the municipal election to be held March 5, 2002. Elective offices open in Capitan are one mayor for a four-year term; two trustees each with four year terms; one municipal judge for a four year term.

Registered voters who reside within the Village of Capitan may vote between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. March 5 at the Lincoln County Fair building at 101 West Fifth Street. Applications for absentee voting ballots can be obtained from the village clerk anytime during regular business hours prior to 5 p.m. February 28. Completed absentee ballots will be received until 7 p.m. March 5.

Early voting begins February 13 and will be conducted in the office of the municipal clerk during regular business hours until 5 p.m. Friday, March 1.

Voter registration books for the municipal election will be open until February 5.

All declarations of candidacy must be filed with the village clerk between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday, January 8.

Election resolutions will be published in *THE NEWS* in English and Spanish.

Trustees also approved the 2002 holiday calendar for village employees. In 2002, village hall will be closed on December 24 for Martin Luther King Day; November 29 for Lincoln's Birthday; February 18 for Washington's Birthday; March 29 for Good Friday; May 27 for Memorial Day; July 4 for Independence

Day; September 2 for Labor Day; October 14 for Columbus Day; November 11 for Veterans Day; November 28 for Thanksgiving Day; December 25 for Christmas Day and January 1, 2003 for New Year's Day.

Village staff will each receive a "one-time merit pay" increase of \$200, thanks to trustees' unanimous approval.

Trustees also authorized the transfer of \$26,000 from the general obligation bond fund, to the general fund budget item for infrastructure. Renfro said the village auditor told him the money in the bond account was interest earned on money left over from an old water bond that was paid off in 1998.

"The auditor told me we could transfer the money to the general fund, then from there do whatever we needed with it," Renfro said. "Because gas tax revenues from the state are down considerably, the village is out of money in the infrastructure budget and we will still need to pay the lease payments on equipment and we need some money for gravel and other road repairs."

Trustees approved a \$250 appropriation to the Capitan Chamber of Commerce to help pay for printing and distribution of a Capitan Visitors Guide that lists all village area businesses and services, including public services.

Trustees tabled a request from the Capitan Federation of Christian Athletes (a student organization at Capitan School) to sponsor

a banner for Smokey Bear Museum at a one time cost of \$200 plus \$100 a year. The banner would be hung in the Capitan school gym.

Trustee John Whitaker asked if that would be legal, since it is a religious organization.

Dutton said there would be no problem if the request was made by Capitan athletes or an athletic booster club, but he too was concerned about donating public funds to a Christian group. "I am not against religious groups," Dutton said. "It is just that the U.S. Constitution prohibits us to support such religious groups."

Trustee Leroy Montes suggested postponing action until Dutton could find another group, such as the boosters, to make the donation to. Trustees voted unanimously to table the request until clarification is made.

At the end of the meeting, trustee Debra Ingle, who is the operational supervisor at Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA), announced that LCSWA is now picking up poly carts on Tuesday for poly cart customers on Lincoln Ave and Fifth Street to, and including Yard Road.

Ingle also announced the first Open House at the LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs will be held from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. Friday, December 14.

Renfro reminded everyone of the Village Hall Open House from 1-3 p.m. Friday, December 21.

## Of Bargains

- SHURFINE **Baking Cocoa** ..... 8 OZ. CAN **\$1.19**
- POWDERED, GOLDEN/DARK BROWN **C&H Sugar** ..... 2 LB. PKG. **\$1.19**
- SELECT GROUP **Hershey's Candies** ..... REG. SIZE **3\$1**
- LIPTON FAMILY SIZE REG. OR COLD BREW **Tea Bags** ..... 24 COUNT **\$1.69**
- SHURFINE **Mandarin Oranges** ..... 11 OZ. CANS **2\$1**
- PETER PAN ASSORTED **Peanut Butter** ..... 17.6-18 OZ. JAR **\$1.79**
- SHEL-RONI, RONI-MAC, LONG OR THIN SPAGHETTI **American Beauty** ..... 10 OZ. PKGS. **2\$1**

- Q & Q **Vermicelli** ..... 5 OZ. PKGS. **4\$1**
- ASSORTED VARIETIES PASTA OR SPAGHETTI **Ragu Sauce** ..... 16-26 OZ. JAR **\$1.59**
- SPARKLE DESIGNER **Napkins** ..... 120 COUNT **99¢**

ASSORTED VARIETIES **Fritos® or Chee-tos®** REG. 2.29 SIZE **2\$3**

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PREVIOUSLY FROZEN BONELESS SKINLESS **Chicken Breasts** **1.79** LB.

PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BEEF **Chuck Roast** **1.69** LB.

COOK'S CENTER CUT BONE IN **Ham Steak** **2.69** LB.

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BONELESS BEEF **Stew Meat** ..... LB. **2.39**

WASHINGTON EXTRA FANCY GRANNY SMITH, ROME OR FUJI **Apples** **79¢** LB.

FRESH **Tangelos** ..... **2\$1** LB.

GARDEN FRESH **Broccoli** ..... **2\$1** LB.

YELLOW OR ZUCCHINI **Squash** ..... **99¢** LB.

MEXICAN **Papaya** ..... **79¢** LB.

BORDEN'S SHELLS **Raw Peanuts** ..... 12 OZ. PKG. **1.29**

BULK **Pecans** ..... **1.99** LB.

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FRESH **Pistachios** 1 LB. BAG **2.99**

GARDEN FRESH CHEESEY **Tomatoes** ..... **1.49** 12 OZ. PKG.

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