

# Rising Gas Bills Worry Customers

by Doris Cherry

When Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG) customers received their gas bills for November, they couldn't believe the high amounts on their bills.

Then in their December billing was a note that included in the February billing, CCNG will pass along another cost—a gas transportation increase of

\$1.3535 per thousand cubic feet (mcf) of natural gas. "What was going on?" CCNG was asked.

What was going on was one of the coldest Novembers in recent times and the start of new higher gas rates, said Kay Strickland, office manager of CCNG which supplies natural gas to customers in Capitan, Carrizozo and Nogal.

Beginning November 1, CCNG entered into a year-long agreement to pay \$3.91 per thousand cubic feet (mcf) to supplier Mercado Gas Service, which has headquarters in Austin, TX. Natural gas for CCNG comes from the San Juan Basin near Farmington, and is transported on the El Paso Natural Gas major supply line that dissects Lincoln County south of Corona.

CCNG had been paying \$2.32 mcf under its previous annual price agreement. Natural gas prices soared nationwide in November and continued to rise through December and into January.

Along with the higher priced rates for gas, demand for gas went up in November after the major Election Day snow storm. "November was unusually

cold," Strickland said. "Our gas use that month was equivalent to December."

Strickland said CCNG acted to finalize an annual agreement with Mercado to set in the \$3.91 mcf rate when the CCNG board saw gas rates going up. "If CCNG hadn't set in the rates and had gone to spot market prices we would be paying a lot more now."

Strickland said in other places rates are as high as \$8 per mcf.

Just as customers were getting accustomed to a higher rate they learned CCNG will increase rates by \$1.3535 per mcf, this time to pay for "transportation costs." Strickland said the agreement for transporta-

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## C'zozo Girls Win Smokey Bear Tournament

by Doris Cherry

For the first time in the history of Carrizozo School girls basketball program the girls team won the championship of the Smokey Bear Tournament in Capitan on January 6.

The tournament win put the team in a 9 win, 1 loss standing so far this season as they go into district play with Corona at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in Grizzly Gym in Carrizozo.

"I was real pleased with the girls," said Grizzlies coach Mel Holland. "They started slow, but gained momentum and in the last game the younger ones really helped the older girls out when they got into foul trouble."

The Lady Grizzlies began the tournament against Tatum on Thursday, January 4 and defeated the Bobcats 47-37. Senior Brooke Holland was top scorer with 23 points including a three point shot in the third quarter. Crista Franck scored 13 points.

On Friday, January 5, the Carrizozo girls played the Dexter Lady Demons and defeated that powerhouse team 45-41. Franck was top scorer with 16 points. Holland scored 15 including three, three-point baskets.

For the championship on Saturday, the Carrizozo girls played the Capitan Lady Tigers and won 56-46. Franck was high scorer with 21 points. Bianca Baca scored 10 points and Ariel Vallejos scored eight points. Coach Holland also credited Ariel Burr for her defensive play during the tournament. "She did a great job of defense," he added.

Brooke Holland and Crista Franck were named as All Tournament players.

Starting players for the tournament were Brooke Holland, Franck, Stella Brewer, Bianca Baca and Ariel Vallejos.

The Lady Grizzlies basketball team received the Smokey Bear Tournament championship trophy which was put in the high school trophy case.

The Carrizozo boys did not do well, losing all games. The boys lost to Capitan in the first round of the tournament, then lost to the Alamogordo Sopho-

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**TOURNAMENT WINNERS!!** Carrizozo girls varsity basketball team won the Capitan High School Smokey Bear Tournament championship on January 6 by defeating the Capitan girls 56-46 in the championship game. It was the first time in the ever that the Carrizozo girls had won the tournament. Team members pictured are (back row) from left: Stephanie Brewer, Bianca Baca, Stella Brewer, Crista Franck, Brooke Holland and Ariel Vallejos. Front row (from left) are Madalyn Burr, Ashlie Samora, Ariel Burr, Jesse Ortiz, Adrienne Zamora and Lacey Burd. Holland and Franck were named as all tournament players. Carrizozo begins district play by hosting Corona's Lady Cardinals at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, January 13, in Grizzly Gym.

## Zia Natural Gas Requests Price Increase

Zia Natural Gas Company has requested permission from the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission to increase

its cost of gas charges in an attempt to recoup at least some of the actual gas costs it has paid for gas for December, and

what it expects to pay for January and the upcoming winter months. Zia's current cost of gas to its customers is \$0.433 per ccf (hundred cubic feet), but the Company has actually been paying between \$0.800 to \$1.00 per ccf on the open market. In order to minimize the impact on Zia's customers, Zia has proposed to the cost of gas and spread it out over a period of time, and charge only \$.6229, effective for all bills rendered January 8, 2001.

Zia has currently under-recovered approximately \$800,000 from its customers. Zia's previous gas cost was set based in a fixed price contract with a supplier who has since declared bankruptcy, forcing Zia into buying all its gas supplies on the open market. Zia does not make any profit on the gas it sells, and is only allowed to pass through the actual cost of gas it pays. If the company does not increase its gas costs now, then it will be allowed, under New Mexico Public Regulation Commission rules, to add a surcharge to next winter's bills that could have

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## Carrizozo Hires New Police Officer

by Jeff Hammond

Carrizozo Police Chief Angelo Vega addressed the Carrizozo town council during their regular meeting Tuesday, Jan. 9. He read resignation letters from police officer John Robinson Jr. effective December 18, 2000, and Sergeant James Steck who has moved to New Jersey to take a position in the electronics field, effective December 29, 2000. Trustees approved accepting the resignations.

Vega went on to request approval to hire two certified/non-certified police officers. Trustees approved that request also.

Vega then requested approval to hire William Reese as a non-certified police officer. "Reese has passed a complete background check, he has a clean record," Vega said, and Vega could find nothing to indicate "a negative on his law enforcement career". Reese has experience with the Air Force Police Patrol while serving

in the US Air Force, where he attended some law enforcement training. Reese chooses to make his career in law enforcement.

William Reese who prefers to be called "Will" stated he has lived in Tularosa all of his life except for the time he spent in the military, and he and his wife Claudia are in the process of moving to Carrizozo from Tularosa.

Vega stated that he had interviewed Reese twice, requesting Reese to return a third time, not expecting Reese to show. Reese arrived for the third interview, impressing Vega who decided to request trustees approve hiring Reese.

Vega introduced William Reese to the trustees who voted approval in hiring Reese for a probationary period of one year, with a six-month evaluation on Reese's performance. His salary will be \$17,680 a year.

## Capitan Audit Report Includes Three Findings

by Doris Cherry

The Village of Capitan will have to respond to three findings noted by Ronnie Hemphill who conducted the audit of the 1999-2000 fiscal year books.

"I don't think funds are missing," Hemphill said during the village trustees meeting on Tuesday, January 9. "But because there were inadequate (accounting) procedures you could have had theft and no one would have been able to tell."

"But I have no reason to believe there was any theft or embezzlement," Hemphill concluded.

In his audit of the village's 1999-2000 books, Hemphill found three violations, or findings. The first finding was inadequate accounting procedures in the 1999-2000 fiscal year (July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000). "I specified 18 different areas with problems on how you kept your books and records," Hemphill said. "There was no adequate internal control on procedures. You have to insure those are being followed to assure no theft can happen."

Hemphill said it was a tough year for the village, as clerk Kathryn Griffin had to take over suddenly the duties of former clerk Deborah Cummins and deal with a new city manager at the same time. "There were lots of challenges and reasons for having problems," he added. "But I will not say whether those reasons are valid."

"The books were remiss so we spent an inordinate amount of time conducting the audit," Hemphill continued. "That was not the case in the past."

The second finding was a violation of the Bateman Act that requires the village to issue a statement with a long term lease or payment plan for equipment that if the village has inadequate funding in the future to pay for any debt, then it will not pay the debt and the equipment will be returned. "This clause was not in the plan so it was a violation of state law," Hemphill said. The village purchased computers under the lease purchase plan that lacked the clause.

In Hemphill's third finding he found eight different funds with expenditures in excess of budget. "You

failed to do a clean up resolution after the end of the last fiscal year to adjust funds that were over-expended," he said. "This is easy to miss for a new clerk and accounting staff. But it is also a violation of state law so I have to make it a mandatory finding."

Responding to a question from resident Lonnie Lippmann, Hemphill said he did not think there was any money missing from village funds.

Mayor Norman Renfro said since the audit, the village has changed its computer accounting software which is easier to keep up with transactions. He said the previous software allowed some transactions to be put in the wrong accounts.

Software was a problem and a valid excuse, Hemphill said.

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## Carrizozo Chamber To Meet At Night

Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce will begin meeting at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

The January meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 18, at the Carrizozo Recreation Center.

The chamber formerly met at noon on the second Wednesday of each month.

## Capitan School Board To Meet Tonight, Jan. 11

Capitan Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. tonight (Thursday) January 11, in the school administration building.

Items on the agenda include the 1999/2000 fiscal year audit presented by Terry Cone, and Quality of Education questions.

Action items include the Capitan Municipal Schools Technology Plan presented by Franci Bergener and Darrel Stierwalt; change orders for the construction project which will be updated.

Action is set for personnel and a report will be given on the superintendent's search.

February 6 is the school board election.

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# Carrizozo Hires

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Jim Payne town maintenance supervisor reported that the first valve, a pulse indicator valve, in the connection to the new detention center was the wrong valve. Payne said he has been in contact with the supplier who will ship the correct replacement valve as soon as possible. Payne said, "As far as running line I'll be on hold until the replacement arrives," due to the valves having to be installed in a certain order. There was no definite delivery date specified. Payne said as soon as the replacement arrives, "I'll get right on it."

There was a discussion about the roll off dumpster supplied by Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) to the town. Payne stated that a 20 yard dumpster was delivered to the dump site, and that it was full by the first weekend in January. Payne reminded the board that LCSWA had agreed to supply a 40 yard dumpster free each month, charging for each full dumpster thereafter. Payne said he had been in contact with Rick Simpson of LCSWA and that Simpson told him

that LCSWA doesn't have 40 yard dumpsters. It was discussed that LCSWA should empty the full 20 yard dumpster, and the town should be allowed to fill it again without having to pay for it.

There was a discussion about the alley cleanup piles of dirt and trash not being removed because the town's dump truck is not running. Payne thought that it was something in the two speed gear box, maybe the shift had gotten stuck in the neutral position. Payne said he would try and fix it, but that he recommended not putting any more money into fixing the truck. The mayor suggested that Payne contact the Village of Capitan and see if Carrizozo could borrow their dump truck for a day or two to complete picking up the trash and piles of dirt.

Payne told trustees that a water technician had been hired on a temporary basis for the water treatment plant, and that he strongly suggested hiring Cathi Eisen full time. Eisen is a certified Water Tech II, which is what the

position calls for. The mayor said that he has known Eisen for about four years, having attended water school in Santa Fe with her. The mayor said he thought she is "very sharp" and was impressed by her willingness to help do whatever needed to be done, be it running the backhoe or throwing limbs in the dump truck. The mayor also recommended hiring her. The board approved hiring Eisen full time.

## Zia Natural Gas

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an even worse financial impact on its customers.

Natural gas prices have continued to rise due to abnormally frigid weather and predictions of continued arctic cold weather for the rest of the winter is putting a squeeze on the nation's gas supplies. According to the Oil and Gas Journal issue January 2, 2001, expectations are that natural gas prices are far from having found their ceiling yet.

High gas prices are not just affecting people in Ruidoso - it's a nationwide increase. Other fuel prices also continue to increase. One ccf of natural gas is comparable to one gallon of propane, making natural gas still more economical than propane.

Zia personnel continue to work hard to obtain the lowest cost and most reliable gas supplies available for this area. Zia Natural Gas Company and its employees have to pay the same price for service as do all its other customers.

The Company recom-

Planning and Zoning recommendations of variances for George Verdugo and Joe Vega were approved.

Town clerk Leann Weibrecht has requested that Carrizozo residents please contact city hall before doing any structural changes on property in town, such as fences; additions, putting a new trailer on the property, etc.

Gary Cozzens representing the Workforce Investments Act made a short presentation explaining that he was there asking the town council as the Chief Elected Officials (CEO) to join.

mends that customers take some conservation measures as a way of limiting the impact of the high gas cost. Customers should check their gas heaters and water heaters to make sure they are working efficiently and safely. Customers with aging natural gas furnaces and water heaters should consider replacing them with new units, which use fuel more efficiently. High efficiency units cost more to buy, but they save money over the long run. Some other tips are: Decrease your thermostat setting to the lowest comfortable temperature, and turn it down even lower when you're not home. Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows. Seal exterior walls around pipes and wires. Change filters in your heating system, and bleed trapped air from hot water heaters. Seal leaky ducts. Close drapes on north-facing windows to keep cold air out, and close drapes on south-facing windows at night to keep solar heat in. Add insulation to attic and walls and insulate your heating duct system.

To help its customers, Zia has energy assistance application forms in its office for the LIHEAP program, which can be filled out and taken to the New Mexico Human Services Department Income Support Division in Ruidoso.

## Senior Outpatient Program Outlined In LCMC Open House

Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso is having an open house from 3-5 p.m. Thursday, January 18, to inform the public about The Heritage Program for Senior Adults.

The Heritage Program for Senior Adults is a new outpatient program to help seniors with emotional needs. Studies have shown that many seniors in Lincoln County suffer from depression and other emotional problems.

Refreshments will be served and there will be door prizes.

The open house will be held at The Heritage Program for Senior Adults office located at 101 Raines Road in Ruidoso. Raines Road, the small side street that connects Sudderth Drive to El Paso Road, is one block west of the LCMC entrance.

For more information about the program, or directions to the office, call 505-257-0491.

## Carrizozo Schools Superintendent's Report

I spent several days in Missouri over the holidays, which included some sub-zero nights. It is nice to be back in New Mexico, however, I did enjoy spending time with family. Everyone back there is receiving record high natural gas bills. My mother's highest bill on record was \$198, her new bill for December is \$403, my father-in-law's bill was \$488 in December. Do you wonder how folks on a fixed income will deal with fuel costs? We (school district) will need to budget more dollars for 2001-02 for energy.

During our upcoming January 16 Board of Education meeting our board will be acting on gym floor bids scheduled to be opened in the superintendent's office at 4:00 p.m. the same day. Scott Stafford, Architect of Greer-Stafford Inc. will meet with staff at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 16 to review Design Plan Drawings for renovation of the elementary and Manire middle school during the summer of 2001. Our Board will approve Design Plan Drawings and a Construction Schedule during the regular meeting.

As most are aware, our Board of Education adopted a new board goal last summer. "Encourage continued improvement of test scores and the district's ranking in the state, specially by supporting goals of reading and writing proficiency". More specifically, every student in grades 1-3 shall read on/above grade level by the end of this school year. We have identified students, tutors, and materials and facilities that may be utilized in reaching this goal. We will soon identify students in need of help again! Please! Please! If you are the parent of one of these children help us work to improve their reading skills. We are planning to offer a summer reading program to help with this effort. Students not on/above grade levels will be invited to participate as well as any interested readers.

DAVID COOPER



Matthew & Stephanie MacVeigh

## MacVeigh-Kugle Marriage

Matthew J. MacVeigh and Stephanie Lynee Kugle were married on October 14, 2000 in an afternoon ceremony at Summer Grove United Methodist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Stephanie is the daughter of Mitch and Janis Kugle of Shreveport and the granddaughter of Doris Dufour of New Orleans. Matthew is the son of Bill and Dottie MacVeigh of Capitan. He is the grandson of William and Elizabeth MacVeigh of Alamogordo and Pat Smith of Los Alamos.

Sister of the bride Michelle Gross of Rockwall, TX served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Alexander of Houston, TX; Amanda Beck of Shreveport and Sarah Hunter of Kerrville, TX. Kaelyn Gross, niece of the bride, was flower girl.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and now resides in Waco.

Best man was George Page of Waco, TX. Grooms-

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## Card of Thanks!

To those who remembered me and my family; when my mother passed on. Your calls, cards, flowers, and prayers were of the greatest comfort. Please know that you are special to me.

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Dr. Cooper

January 9 and January 23

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**WEDNESDAYS**  
 --Moms In Touch prayer group, 2 p.m. 707 F. Ave. In Carrizozo.

**THURSDAYS**  
 --Story Hour, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Carrizozo School Library.  
 --Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 54-2835 or 258-3201 for information and location.

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

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

**TODAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 11**  
 --Lincoln County Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, 1 p.m. Lincoln County Commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.  
 --Ruidoso Arts Commission 4 p.m. Ruidoso village hall.  
 --Capitan Board of Education 6 p.m.  
 --Corona Village Trustees 6:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12**  
 --Regular meeting of the Regional Housing Authority Region VI Board of Directors, 10 a.m. Authority office in Roswell. Agenda available by calling 622-0881.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 15**  
 --Martin Luther King Jr. birthday, legal holiday. Banks and post offices closed. Carrizozo Schools, County of Lincoln offices and Carrizozo Town Hall also closed. Capitan Schools, Capitan village hall and Ruidoso Village Hall will be open as usual.  
 --Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zoning Commission 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16**  
 --New Mexico State Legislature begins in the state capitol building in Santa Fe.  
 --Lincoln County Enhanced 911 Committee special meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot of Capitan Shell station. The committee will proceed for visual inspection of county roads. The purpose of the meeting is to continue naming roads in the county. Copies of the agenda are available from the county manager's office 24 hours prior to the meeting.  
 --Carrizozo Action Team 10 a.m. NRCS office on Central Ave. in Carrizozo.  
 --Ruidoso P&Z 2 p.m. village hall.  
 --Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, 4 p.m. LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs.  
 --Carrizozo Board of Education 6 p.m. school administration building.  
 --Lincoln Historic Preservation Board, 7 p.m. Lincoln Community Church.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17**  
 --Ruidoso Parks and Rec Committee 5:30 p.m. village hall.  
 --Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas board 6 p.m. CCNG office in Capitan.  
 --Lincoln County Fair Association board, 7 p.m. fairgrounds office in Capitan.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18**  
 --Court hearing at 9 a.m. on petition for grand jury to examine actions of Lincoln County Commission and the lease of LCMC to Presbyterian Healthcare Services, in the district courtroom in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.  
 --Lincoln County Commission meets at 1 p.m. in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Reception for former county assessor Patsy Serna will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the manager's complex prior to the meeting.  
 --Open House for senior adult program, 3-5 p.m. at The Heritage Program for Senior Adults office located at 101 Raines Road in Ruidoso, one block west of LCMC.  
 --Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce 7 p.m. Rec Center. (Changed from previous noon meetings on second Wednesday.)

## Kay Lindsey is New Mexico CowBelle of the Year 2000

Kay Lindsey from Corona was recently honored by the New Mexico CowBelles as their CowBelle of the Year 2000. Kay served the organization as 2nd vice-president, 1st vice-president, president elect and their 1998 president. Kay's Chuckwagon CowBelle local nominated her for this honor. She has been a member of Chuckwagon 20 years and served as their vice-president, president, and is currently chair of the Education and Promotion Committee.



**Kay Lindsey**

The outstanding work Kay has done with school children emphasizing beef and beef by-products, is one of the many things she's recognized for state-wide and nationally. She served on the Ag-Education Committee for American National Cattle Women and won the National Education Award for the most (154) presentations given during a six month period.

Kay gave a workshop on "How to Give a Classroom Presentation" for ANCW and also produced and performed in a video taken on her family ranch. The video is shown in classrooms in cities across the nation where there aren't CattleWomen to present in classrooms. The "Wow That Cow" video gives students a chance to visually get off the pavement and learn what ranch life and beef production is all about.

Kay works closely with the New Mexico Beef Council and the Farm Bureau Ag-in-the-

Classroom and is a presenter for their programs and activities state-wide. In addition to Ag-Education and Promotion Kay is a leader in her surrounding area. She has served the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts as awards committee chair and presently serves as chair of the Claunch-Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District and as chair of the Bank of Belen advisory council. She is also pianist and organist for her local church.

Kay has grassroots knowledge and love for the rancher's way of life and offers much to the ag world. She and her husband, Wayne, are the third generation managing her family's ranch in the Claunch area. She is the daughter of Zelfa Atkinson who resides in Belen.

The Lindseys have two children and four granddaughters.

## Lincoln Sheriff's Posse 2001 Officers Elected

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse recently elected officers for 2001.

Elected were president Bob LaRue of Lincoln, vice-president Dave Scott of White Oaks, secretary Betty Joiner of Capitan, treasurer Tina D'Ambrosio of Capitan.

An updated brochure describing the posse's history, function, parade unit, Pony Express Trail Ride and Junior Posse is now available for the public. Free copies are available at Ruidoso and Carrizozo Chambers of Commerce and Capitan Village Hall, The Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs and other locations.

The Junior Posse extends a welcome hand to all Lincoln County youngsters. The posse participates in a number of activities and opportunities including ceremonies, parades, picnics and trail rides.

The Junior Posse encourages inquiries, comments and membership applications from all county residents. Out-of-state associate memberships are also available.

For more information call Bob LaRue at 653-4116 or Dave Scott at 648-4242, or write to President, Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse, POB 1290, Capitan, NM 88316.

## ENMU-Ruidoso Choirs Perform At NM All-State Music Festival

ENMU-Ruidoso Choirs performed at the New Mexico Music Educators Association Conference and Music Festival (All-State) in Albuquerque on Wednesday, the first time in the 57 year history of the event, that a choir from a two-year college has been so invited.

The performance is customarily reserved for choirs from four-year colleges, but was extended to the two ENMU-Ruidoso choirs—the 50 member community choir and a smaller 24 voice chorale.

"We were delighted that the ENMU-Ruidoso music program and its choral director Danny Flores received this recognition," said ENMU-Ruidoso director Dr. Jim Miller.

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## HOSPITAL'S NEWEST PROGRAM HOSTS OPEN HOUSE

Lincoln County Medical Center cordially invites you to an Open House celebrating **The Heritage Program for Senior Adults**, a new outpatient program meeting the emotional needs of seniors.

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**Modern (?) Technology**

By Ruth Hammond

Considering that this is a new year and a new century, we must expect some things to change, but sometimes it is difficult to accept change. Most people grudgingly change their clocks twice a year while complaining about daylight savings time not saving anything. Others complain that this new modern technology is confusing. Whether you agree or disagree, we are in the computer age, complete with all the conveniences (?) of automated answering machines and/or voice mail. Voice mail is supposed to be a help, but most of us agree that it is confusing, and very annoying. Having a machine answer your call can cause you to (a. comply with the instructions; or (b. hang up quickly. If you do have the patience to follow the instructions to press the designated numbers for the different extensions, you can expect to eventually hear the voice machine tell you that the person you are trying to reach is not in and at the tone you should leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible. The last few times we left a message it must have gotten garbled because we are still waiting for their "as soon as possible" to return our call.

Another thing that can, and usually does, happen is that while you are holding, waiting for someone to answer, you will hear music. That is if anyone calls it music. Most of it is unbearable to listen to but you don't dare not listen in the event the person you are trying to reach finally answers. It makes you wonder if they have any idea what their callers have to listen to while waiting for a person to answer their probably important call. Apparently they believe their music is better than silence, but at times that could be debatable.

Not having your calls returned is only one problem. One of the most annoying things about automated answering machines and/or voice mail is that sometimes you press the correct buttons, listen as the automated machine tells you what to do next, and finally the machine tells you that they are closed and to please call again during their regular hours. Why don't they have the machine tell you at first instead of waiting until after you have gone through a new list each time after you connect to a different extension?

Getting to talk to a real live person when you use the phone will soon be a rarity unless you are making a local call. Actually, living in a small community has advantages because even if you dial a wrong number you can talk to someone for 20 minutes and enjoy it. That only happens in small communities such as we have in Lincoln County.

Even though computerized phone answering voice mail is being used more and more, we do appreciate the county offices continuing to use actual people to answer phones. It is nice to get to talk to someone we know before our call is transferred to the person we were calling. Good service.

Several people have complained about voice mail but as far as we know there have been no petitions calling for a grand jury investigation into the problems with voice mail. It could happen, but we hope people will consider other ways to get answers first. If not, we could be barraged with petitions calling for many more grand jury investigations.

Try other solutions first



**EDITOR:** Veterans who served in the China, Burma, India Theater of Operations in World War II are invited to a National Reunion to be held August 27 - September 2, 2001, at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City, OK. This will be the 54th Annual Reunion of the China-Burma-India Veterans Association, which has over 6,000 national members.

If you are a CBI veteran, please send your name, address, and phone number to Melvin D. McMullen, 120 West 49th Street, San Bernardino, CA 92407-3202, so we can send information about the reunion. Please tell us also the name of your CBI unit and locations where you served overseas.

If you cannot attend the National Reunion, we would still like to hear from you so we can notify you of upcoming regional CBIVA events, including an "ALL-WEST" reunion in Albuquerque, NM, May 2-6, 2001, as well as activities of local CBIVA units in your area.

**MELVIN D. McMULLEN**  
National Provost Marshal  
China-Burma-India Veterans Association  
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Ph. (909) 886-1162

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**J.P. Doodles**



**INSIDE THE CAPITOL**

by JAY MILLER

**SANTA FE** - Gov. Gary Johnson was at his most passionate when he announced the legislation he will introduce as a result of the recommendations of his Drug Policy Advisory Group.

Johnson began his news conference by reciting the seven principles of good government that he composed upon taking office six years ago. The governor had to know that almost everyone sitting in the room had heard that list so many times we could have called them out ourselves. But he was unapologetic and ended his recitation by saying that his advisory group followed all seven of those principles.

For those of you not fortunate enough to hang with the governor, the following is a summary of those principles.

- \*Don't kid yourself.
- \*Always tell the truth.
- \*Always do what's right.
- \*Determine your goal and act immediately.
- \*Communicate.
- \*Don't hesitate to deliver bad news.

\*Be willing to do what it takes to get the job done.

Those who would like to see the maxims fleshed out a little, can go to the state's Web site at [www.state.nm.us](http://www.state.nm.us). You can even print them out and tape them to your refrigerator. Maybe that's what the drug advisory group did, considering Johnson's pride in its work product.

Considering the political climate that dictates candidates be "tough on crime," the members of this group were about as fearless as the governor who appointed them. Only two of the members are elected officials - Mayor Jim Baca and Sen. Cisco McSorley, both from Albuquerque. The chairman - retired District Judge Woody Smith of Albuquerque - also fits into the fearless politician category for his demeanor and opinions issued from the bench. He couldn't have served on the panel while on active status but he can let it all hang out now.

The other members include two physicians, foundation representatives and social service providers. If Johnson is correct about his drug views being political suicide, who knows how many of this panel may have ruined their political careers.

Johnson says the "balanced and strong report nails it on the head" and announced the immediate beginning of actions to implement the group's recommendations. One of those

actions involved the drafting of eight bills for presentation to the Legislature, which convenes next week. Without notes, Johnson ticked off the eight bills as quickly and smoothly as he did his seven principles of good government.

The governor says he has sponsors lined up for all the bills and can't see how people can vote against some of them. But he stopped short of saying he will do anything personally to convince lawmakers of their worth. When further pressed by this reporter, he said this issue is so important that he just might get involved in some legislative arm twisting for the first time.

Gov. Johnson also was on a high about a request by the New York Times that he write an editorial concerning President Bill Clinton's comments to Rolling Stone magazine supporting decriminalization of small amounts of

marijuana. In the interview, Clinton also questioned the use of mandatory sentences for nonviolent drug offenders and called for serious reconsideration of federal imprisonment policies that suit in hundreds of thousands of nonviolent drug offenders winding behind bars for years.

Johnson was very excited to have another elected official, specially the highest elected official in the country, join him in questioning the war on drugs. He called Clinton's remarks a welcome first step toward the start of a national debate and said he hoped they weren't simply the last words of a departing administration.

As it turned out, those weren't even Clinton's departing words. A few days later, Clinton made comments at a departure ceremony for his g czar, retired Gen. Barry McCaffrey, that sounded very supportive of the war on drugs.

**Citations Are Issued For Alcohol Related Crimes**

On Thursday, December 31 through January 1 agents from the Special Investigations Division of the New Mexico Department of Public Safety, assisted by troopers from the New Mexico Mounted Patrol, conducted investigations and operations targeting alcohol related crimes at Ski Apache Resort, and at several other licensed liquor establishments in the Ruidoso area.

As a result of the "Cops-in-shops" style operations conducted by agents and troopers, 73 misdemeanor criminal citations were issued. On December 28, at Ski Apache Resort officers issued citations for minor in possession or allow self to be served alcoholic beverage; removing open containers of alcohol from the licensed liquor establishment and careless driving eastbound in a westbound lane on Ski Run Road.

On December 29 officers did surveillance at 12 licensed liquor establishments. Five citations were issued for minor in possession or allowing self to be served, one citation was issued for minor in license liquor establishment prohibited to minors and six citations issued for open container of alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle.

On December 30 officers did surveillance at 10 licensed liquor establishments and issued citations.

Four citations were for minor in possession or allow self to be served; one for minor in license liquor establishment prohibited to minors; two for giving or selling alcoholic beverage to minors; one for presenting false evidence of age/identity to procure alcoholic beverage, seven for removing open containers of alcohol from licensed liquor establishments; two for public nuisance for urinating in public; nine for drinking in public or unlicensed establishment; two for resisting, evading or obstructing an officer; 15 for open container of alcoholic beverage in motor vehicle; one DWI arrest; two careless driving of eastbound in westbound lane of Ski Run Road; one reckless driving at the corner of Ski Run Road and Highway 48.

On Sunday, December 31 through Monday, January 1, in the Ruidoso area officers did surveillance of 14 liquor establishments. As a result, officers issued four citations for minor in possession or allowing self to be served; one for giving or selling alcohol to minors; one for public nuisance of urinating in public; one for possession of drug paraphernalia; one possession of marijuana under one ounce; three open containers in a motor vehicle; one request for assistance re-

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**PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM**



JUDITH L. CHRISTOPHER

You Can Receive A Personal Confidential Reading Call for Appointment 257-2996

Week of Jan 11-17, 2001

**Capricorn:** (Dec 22 - Jan 19) This could be a whirlwind for awhile. Don't fight it! Fly...be Free... enjoy yourself more. You're the only one who can pull it off.

**Aquarius:** (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Someone's feelings may be hurt. Give all the love you can. It's easy and simple. Love is free to give and receive.

**Pisces:** (Feb.19- March 20) Stop and rewind! You're losing valuable energy over nothingness. Don't let people, places, or things rob you of yourself. Regroup!

**Aries:** (Mar 21 - Apr 19) You're on a roll! Get lots of sleep. Eat, right and exercise. You'll be at the top sooner than you think. Go for it!

**Taurus:** (Apr 20 - May 20) You're good side could be festered. Count to 10 before saying or doing something you'll regret. Take care of yourself first.

**Gemini:** (May 21 - June 20) Get a head start on all the things you want to do this year. Do each thing you want to change every day a little at a time.

**Cancer:** (June 21 - July 22) Get out! Breathe fresh air, clean your mind of unwanted things. Don't let your thoughts make you crazy. Choose to be happy.

**Leo:** (July 23 - Aug 22) Make those phone calls that needed to be made last year. Clean out the old and bring in the new... you. ASAP.

**Virgo:** (Aug 23 - Sept 22) Just because others can't hear your voice inside your head doesn't mean others can't hear something is wrong. Talk to someone and let it out.

**Libra:** (Sept 23 - Oct 22) Brace yourself! Watch each step you take. Make sure you're on solid ground before running. It's best to take it slow for now.

**Scorpio:** (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Spring cleaning will make you happy because you do so much better when your life isn't cluttered. Who or what do you throw out first?

**Sagittarius:** (Nov 22- Dec 21) You are at a turning point in your life. Don't just sit and watch your life pass before your eyes. Make plans for a better future.

**Photo Exhibit At Ruidoso Library**

Ruidoso Public Library is hosting a photographic exhibit entitled "Sierra Blanca, Lincoln County and Beyond-Recent Photography by Pablo Bianchi".

The exhibit began January 2 and runs through February 27. Hours at the library 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

# Time To Sharpen Our Foresight

A Grounding In Hope and Fundamentals Ensures Success.

By Senator Pete Campos

As every new year begins, it is useful to pause and reflect on what we've accomplished and, more importantly, on what we still have left to do. This year, it is especially significant to do so as the New Mexico Legislature prepares to open its 2001 regular session with new members, fresh ideas and a bold commitment to the future of this state.

We face many great challenges in our state. It is no secret that our schools could do better, that too many of our families lack affordable health care, that our neighborhoods and towns could be safer and that we need and more and better-paying jobs. All is not lost, however. By continuing to work hard, cooperate across partisan lines and

surge toward our common goals, we can continue to improve these aspects of our lives, which will lead to a better quality of life.

The legislative session that begins January 16 is the perfect place to start. We must begin by refocusing our energies, vision, efforts and resources back on the fundamentals that make our state great and that will move New Mexico forward.

My "Six-Point Plan for Success" attempts to do exactly that. By concentrating on better state budget management, by working to create a first-rate educational system, by supporting the expansion of an accessible technology infrastructure, by compassionately funding comprehensive health care, by stimulating economic development and by adopting an

open-minded philosophy toward public safety, we can truly make New Mexico the "Land of Enchantment." It is these fundamentals that drive New Mexico's economy, helping to ensure that we can enjoy a high quality of life in a dynamic, thriving marketplace of goods, services and ideas.

**Better State Budget Management Performance-Based Budgeting**

Performance-based budgeting is nothing new and it isn't complicated. The bottom line is that all of us - policymakers, taxpayers and public employees - lock in on what we're getting out of the state budget as opposed to what we're putting in. Are the lines at the motor vehicle division shorter? Do state police officers respond faster to calls for help? Do more children have health coverage than a year ago? Are more businesses moving into or expanding in New Mexico? Is the water we drink cleaner and more readily available? Are students learning more than they did before? The answers to these questions are what matter.

By continuing to move into performance-based budgeting, an approach enacted into law by the legislature a year ago, we have shown our commitment to focusing on results. Agencies that provide services to taxpayers will have to demonstrate that they are in fact providing those services as best they can.

We also need to inject performance practices into our capital outlay process. We must swallow hard, work to bring about positive change and ensure that

we're maximizing every dollar available for capital outlay. We must judge proposed projects against structured criteria and fund those that are not only worthy of funding, but also ready to be planned, designed or built. For too long, a hefty portion of available funding has been committed to projects that are not ready, tying up New Mexico's ability to fund other projects.

It is estimated that we have up to \$14 billion worth of capital outlay needs throughout New Mexico. Addressing those needs and improving the capital outlay system will help lead to better public facilities and infrastructure that can provide the catalyst to healthier and more stimulating education, living, and work environments.

**An Improved Educational System**

We must work toward a broad education policy, one that encompasses the health and wellness of young children, so they are both mentally and physically prepared to learn. Early literacy programs, joint state-federal educational efforts and all-day kindergarten will be most effective if they can build upon the progress made in preschool programs and at home.

As we all know, a good education system is the key to vigorous economic development, a lower crime rate and more active, engaged citizens. Without good schools, first-rate teachers, active parents and well-prepared students, we will never reach our full potential in New Mexico.

The legislatively created Education Initiatives and Accountability Task Force is recommending a dramatic overhaul of our public school system. While many will focus on, and perhaps even protest, the mechanical changes in our system that are being recommended, we would all be well-advised to remember that the recommendations are designed to do one thing: help more children learn everything they possibly can. The real value of an education is learning to think for one's self. Ultimately, the legislative process will filter out the best of these ideas and reveal others that can benefit from more discussion.

**Widely Accessible Technology**

The advances in technology over the last decade have been both amazing and tremendous. The increasingly commonplace use of the internet has greatly improved our research capabilities, spawned new business opportunities and drawn us together as a global society. E-mail, desk-top publishing and superfast computing are all abilities at which we marveled just a few short years ago, but now we take for granted.

However, not everyone is benefitting from the advent of technology. Far too many schools, small businesses and residents in rural New Mexico still don't enjoy the advantages and opportunities that technology offers. In order to maximize technology's benefit, we must adopt a philosophy that embraces the potential of that technology and welcomes it into every aspect of our lives.



Marilyn Howell & Garrett Marshall

## Howell - Marshall Wedding Date Set

Marilyn Denise Howell and Garrett Brandon Marshall announce their approaching marriage on January 20, at Tankersley Gardens in Mt. Pleasant, TX.

Marilyn is a December 2000 graduate of the University of Texas and is the daughter of Cheryl and Dave Howell of Mt. Vernon, TX.

Garrett is a 1992 graduate

of Corona High School. He attended ENMU and UNM before moving to Austin where he played football for the International Professional Football League. Currently he is self-employed.

Garrett is the son of Brenda and John Marshall of Corona.

The couple will reside in DeSoto, TX.

## Property Owner Requests Alternative To Zoning

By Doris Cherry

Lincoln County needs to consider alternatives to zoning, which according to a private freeholder destructs private property rights and the conversion of those rights into privileges.

Jerry Carroll, a resident property owner in Oscura, asked Lincoln County Commissioners during their December 21 meeting held in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo to consider a "Private Property Bill of Rights" as an alternative to zoning. "There are elements in this county who want zoning," Carroll said. "In order to control the rest of the county,"

Certain aspects of zoning could be beneficial in high density areas, Carroll acknowledged. "But zoning destructs private property rights and the conversion of those rights into privileges," he said. Carroll quoted from a 1997 NM Stockman's magazine column that stated zoning was a "leftist tool to destroy constitutional rights."

One of his major concerns was zoning allows for unwarranted inspections and searches, and the use of force as is reasonably necessary. He said this goes against the state constitution which states the people shall be secure from unwarranted search.

Instead of zoning Carroll said the county can enforce the existing environmental and health ordinances and pass land use ordinances that have forbidden uses. "With zoning you have no rights without the approval of the zoning czar," Carroll continued. "Under zoning you have to pay a fee and get approval for the simplest of jobs."

No state or federal law requires zoning or land use ordinances, Carroll continued. He was also concerned that zoning might be used to designate forest and other environmentally threatened areas as world heritage sites under the control of UNESCO of the United Nations.

Carroll then presented his "Bill of Private Property Rights/ Lincoln County Comprehensive Land Use Plan" to the county commissioners. Carroll also presented the bill to the Lincoln County Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

Carroll's proposal: "Bill of Private Property Rights/ Lincoln County Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Article 1: We the people of Lincoln County hereby adopt and include by reference the "Bill of Rights" Article II Section 1 through 24 of the Constitution of the State of New Mexico.

Article 2: All Lincoln County private property owners reserve their rights "without prejudice" Uniform Commercial Code 1-201.

Article 3: All Lincoln County private property owners reserve their right to dispose of their property in any manner and to whoever they wish subject only to (a private contractual limitations agreed upon with previous owners, (b private contractual limitations agreed upon with others after the property was purchased by the seller, (c fraud on the part of the seller or buyer.

Article 4: All Lincoln County private property owners reserve their right to use their property in any manner they desire subject only to (a limitations on actions which physically

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## Capitan Audit Report

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hill said. "But you got to do it right," he added. "Get help or whatever it takes to maintain your records in an acceptable manner."

Renfro said since July 1, 2000, all village funds have been in balance. "It was a learning experience for our office staff who at the same time were having babies," Renfro added.

Acknowledging he could not have kept books under those conditions, Hemphill said, "I encourage you to keep your books in balance and if you have problems, get some help."

Hemphill conducted the audit and had the audit report completed and to the New Mexico State Auditor's Office by the deadline of December 1. However, due to a backlog in the state auditor's office, Capitan's audit report, and about 200 others, had not been approved by the state auditor and thus was not public record when Hemphill made his report to the trustees. As soon as the audit report is approved by the state auditor, it will be available for public viewing, Hemphill added.

### BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Corona Post Office 12:30 - 2:30  
Carrizozo/Otero Electric 4:00 - 6:30

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

Carrizozo/Otero Electric 7:30 - 8:30  
Nogal Post Office 8:45 - 9:30  
Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe 10:00 - 11:30  
Camp Sierra Blanca 11:45 - 2:00  
Lincoln Post Office 3:30 - 4:30  
Hondo Store 4:45 - 6:00

**VOTE**  
**JIM GRIDER**  
for School Board

## Church Directory



### Mountain Ministry Parish, Sierra Blanca Presbyterian

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.  
Adult Bible Study & Youth Fellowship Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

### Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle

ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor  
209 Lincoln Ave, Capitan, NM 354-2025  
Tuesday Bible Study 7:00 pm  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Sunday Evening 6:30 pm

### First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, pastor  
314 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM 648-2658 (church) or 648-2107  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Worship Service 10:55 am  
Sun. Evening Training at 6:15 pm  
Evening Worship 7:15 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

### Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)

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

### Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. DAVE BERGOS, pastor  
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853  
SATURDAY:  
Capitan Sacred Heart 5:00 pm  
Carrizozo Santa Rita 6:30 pm  
SUNDAY:  
Capitan Sacred Heart 9:00 am  
Carrizozo Santa Rita 10:30 am  
Corona St. Theresa 1:00 p.m.

### Church of Christ

Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM.  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Worship Service 11:00 am  
Evening Worship 4:15 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

### St. Matthias Episcopal Church

REV. CANON JOHN PENN, pastor  
Corner of E. Ave. & Sixth, Carrizozo, NM  
1-505-257-2258  
Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Sunday

### The Word of Life Church

REV. CHUCK FULTON, pastor / 648-2339  
714 E. Ave., Carrizozo, NM  
Affiliated w/ the Evangelistic Assembly Church  
Sunday 7:00 p.m.

### Tinnie Baptist Church

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

### United Methodist Churches

TOM WOODARD, pastor  
1000 D. Ave. 648-2893 / 648-2846  
Carrizozo, NM 88501  
Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 am  
Worship Service 11:10 am  
Choir Practice (Tuesday) 9:30 pm  
United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday 1:00 pm  
Fellowship Dinner 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 pm  
CAPITAN:  
Adult Sunday School 8:30 am  
Worship Service 9:15 am  
Children's Sunday School 9:30 am  
Fellowship Time 10:15 am  
Adult Sunday School 11:00 am  
Choir Practice (Tuesday) 7:00 pm  
Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday  
Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group) 1st and 3rd Tuesday 9:30 a.m.

### Christ Community Fellowship

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

### Capitan Church of Christ

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

### Trinity Southern Baptist Church

Phone 354-2044  
Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
AWANA Wednesday 6:00 pm

### First Baptist Church of Corona

CAL WEST, pastor / 649-7975  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Dinner First Sunday of Month

LoGrone Funeral Chapel

Jerry and Lanita Rasak

Bill Winkler

Stearns Insurance Agency

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

No. Cv-2000-225  
Division III

**ROBERT BROOKS,**  
Plaintiff,

vs.

**GROUP I**  
FRANCIS R. WHITESELL, a/k/a Francis Rose Whitesell; JOHNNY F. MOBLEY and NANCY S. MOBLEY, husband and wife; WILLIAM J. WHITESELL, deceased; and SHIRLEY A. MOBLEY; their heirs, devisees, and assigns;

**GROUP II**  
JOHN DOES, 1 through 100, and all of their lawful heirs, devisees or assigns;

**GROUP III**  
AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF;  
Defendants.

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF  
PENDENCY OF ACTION**

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE  
FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:

FRANCIS R. WHITESELL, JOHNNY F. MOBLEY and NANCY S. MOBLEY, husband and wife; WILLIAM J. WHITESELL, deceased, SHIRLEY A. MOBLEY, and those Defendants set forth in Groups II and III above.

**GREETINGS:** You are hereby notified that ROBERT BROOKS, Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-2000-225 (III), wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service upon you.

The general subject of said action is to quiet title to certain real estate which is the subject matter of the above-captioned and numbered cause of action and is described as follows:

Lots 11 and 13, Block 1, TALL PINES SUBDIVISION, Ruidoso, 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, September 10, 1968, in Tube No. 328.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before February 8, 2001, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiff in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff are as follows: Alan P. Morel, Alan P. Morel, P.A., Post Office Box 1030, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88355-1030.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this the 14th day of December, 2000.

**JAN PERRY**  
Court Administrator/  
District Court Clerk

(Seal)

By: Elizabeth Ysasi  
Deputy

Published in the Lincoln County News on December 28, 2000 and January 4, 11 and 18, 2001.

**COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Lincoln will hold a Public Hearing beginning at 2:00 PM on Thursday, January 18, 2001, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, Carrizozo, New Mexico. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public input and comment on the following subject:

Consideration of the adoption of an ordinance providing a low income tax rebate pursuant to the Income Tax Act on a County by County option basis.

**THOMAS STEWART**  
Lincoln County Manager

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
SIGNIFICANT CHANGE TO  
REGULAR COUNTY COMMISSION  
MEETING DAY  
JANUARY 18, 2001**

The public is hereby notified of a significant change to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Date of January 18, 2001. The Board of Commissioners activities will adhere to the following schedule.

- 9:00 AM - Commissioners will attend the Special Hearing of Judge Wilson - Lincoln County Courthouse.
- 12:30 PM - Reception in Commission Chambers Foyer for Retiring Assessor Patsy Serna recognizing 30 years of dedicated service to the County of Lincoln.
- 1:00 PM - Regularly scheduled commission meeting begins in commission chambers.
- 2:00 PM - Public Hearing on Low Income Taxes.

Questions may be directed to the County Manager at 648-2385.

**THOMAS F. STEWART**  
County Manager

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**CAPITAN-CARRIZOZO  
NATURAL GAS  
2001 MONTHLY MEETING DATES**

The Board of Directors of the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas meeting in regular session on December 20, 2000, did approve the following dates for the regularly scheduled monthly meetings of 2001.

The location of each meeting will alternate between Capitan and Carrizozo each month. The Capitan meetings and special meetings called will be held at the business office in Capitan. The Carrizozo meetings will be held at a publicly accessible location.

The time of each regular meeting and special meeting shall be 6:00 PM, unless changed by the Board of Directors.

The agenda for each meeting will be available through the business office at 217 Lincoln in Capitan, NM forty eight (48) hours prior to the meeting and will be posted in the City Halls of the Town of Carrizozo and the Village of Capitan.

The Board of Directors of the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas hereby adopted the following as the official meeting dates for 2001.

- January 17, 2001 - Capitan, NM
- February 21, 2001 - Carrizozo, NM
- March 21, 2001 - Capitan, NM
- April 18, 2001 - Carrizozo, NM
- May 16, 2001 - Capitan, NM
- June 20, 2001 - Carrizozo, NM
- July 18, 2001 - Capitan, NM
- August 15, 2001 - Carrizozo, NM
- September 19, 2001 - Capitan, NM
- October 17, 2001 - Carrizozo, NM
- November 21, 2001 - Capitan, NM
- December 19, 2001 - Carrizozo, NM

**Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas**  
Kay Strickland,  
Administrative Supervisor

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**CFC ACCEPTING  
APPLICATIONS**

The local Federal Coordinating Committee is now accepting applications for the Principal Combined Fund Organization (PCFO) for the 2001-2002 Southeast New Mexico Combined Federal Campaign. This campaign covers a five county area; Otero; Chaves; Lea, Eddy and Lincoln Counties. Applications can be mailed to United Way of Otero County (PCFO) P.O. Box 14, Alamogordo, NM 88311. Applications will be accepted January 22 - February 5, 2001 - open for 14 calendar days. Federations, charitable organizations or combinations thereof, meeting CFR 950 regulations may serve as the PCFO. For further information, please contact Patricia Borderick at 505-437-8400.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Lincoln County Enhanced 911 Committee will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2001. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot of the Capitan Shell station. The committee will then proceed for visual inspection of county roads.

The purpose of the meeting is to continue with the naming of roads in the county with no name or those with duplicate names for E-911 Rural Addressing purposes.

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

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

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

No. CV-2000-268  
Div. III

**JOSEPH D. GALLEGOS,**  
Plaintiff,

vs.

**GROUP I**  
JOSE M. GALLEGOS, a/k/a JOSE GALLEGOS, a/k/a JOE GALLEGOS, Deceased; CECILIA B. KRUM; CRESENIA A. GALLEGOS, Deceased; and BEULAH GOKEY SCHARF and SEABORN P. GRAY, Co-Trustees Under the Last Will and Testament of Sarah C. Gray, Deceased; their heirs, devisees and assigns;

**GROUP II**  
JOHN DOES, 1 through 100, and all of their lawful heirs, devisees or assigns;

**GROUP III**  
AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF;  
Defendants.

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF  
PENDENCY OF ACTION**

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE  
FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:

Jose M. Gallegos, Cecilia B. Krum, Cresenia A. Gallegos, Beulah Gokey Scharf, Seaborn P. Gray, John Does 1 through 100, and any and all unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to the Plaintiff.

**GREETINGS:** You are hereby notified that JOSEPH D. GALLEGOS, Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-2000-268(III), wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service upon you.

The general subject of said action is to quiet title to certain real estate which is the subject-matter of the above-captioned and numbered cause of action and is described as follows:

Lots 22 and 23, Block 84, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF CAPITAN, 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; March 3, 1900.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before February 22, 2001, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiff in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff are as follows: Alan P. Morel, Alan P. Morel, P.A., Post Office Box 1030, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88355-1030.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this the 27th day of December, 2000.

(SEAL)

**JAN PERRY**  
Court Administrator/District Court Clerk

By: Darla Doer  
Deputy

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**OBITUARIES**

**RUTH  
ARMSTRONG**

Visitation for Ruth Armstrong, 83, of Carrizozo will be Saturday, January 13 at First Baptist Church from 12:30 p.m. until service time of 1:30 p.m. Burial will follow at Cedarvale Cemetery in White Oaks with Rev. Hayden Smith officiating.

Mrs. Armstrong died Thursday, Jan. 4 in Albuquerque. She was born March 21, 1917 at Matador, TX and moved to Lincoln County 50 years ago from Plainview, TX. She was a retired real estate agent and a member of First Baptist Church in Carrizozo.

Survivors include her children: John Armstrong of Santa Fe, Dan Armstrong and his wife Glenda of Albuquerque, Gary Armstrong and his wife Julie of Albuquerque and Virginia "Ginger" Morrison of Albuquerque; sisters Ruby Goates of Odessa, Lorene Sands of Plainview, Dorothy Powell of Midland and Betty Martin of Lubbock and 10 grandchildren.

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

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**PAULINA  
MANRIQUEZ**

Mrs. Manriquez died January 3 at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. She was born June 23, 1921 in Lincoln, NM. She married Andres Manriquez in 1956 in Albuquerque, NM. She was preceded in death by her husband on July 1, 1998. She was a life long resident of Carrizozo and was a homemaker and a member of Santa Rita Catholic Church.

Funeral Mass was at Santa Rita Catholic Church on January 8. Burial followed at Our Lady of Guadalupe Cemetery in Carrizozo. Officiating was Fr. David Bergs.

She is survived by two sons: Dimas Apodaca and wife Bonny of Albuquerque, and Manuel Apodaca of Albuquerque; a daughter, Rafacla Nelson and her husband Randy of Albuquerque; 26 grandchildren including special granddaughters Debbie and Antonia; a sister, Maria Price of Silver City, NM.

Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel

of Ruidoso.

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**D.R. SALAS**

D.R. Salas died January 4 at his home in Ruidoso. He was born April 15, 1905 in Lincoln, NM. He was a retired stone mason and a member of St. Eleanor's Catholic Church.

Funeral Mass was at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church. Burial followed at the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso. Officiating was Rev. Al Galvan.

He is survived by a daughter, Covita Wittkopp of Sacramento, CA; granddaughter Lydia Rose of Ruidoso Downs; a great grandson, Richard Harris of Ruidoso; two great granddaughters, and 10 great grandchildren.

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

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**Student Teacher At  
Carrizozo School Gets  
Cattle Growers Scholarship**

Michelle Jones recently finished her student teaching at Carrizozo High School.

Jones, a senior in agricultural and extension education at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, recently received the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association Allied Industries Scholarship. Jones plans to continue her education with a masters degree in agricultural economics and agricultural business. After graduating she plans to work to educate the public about agriculture. She is the daughter of Bobby and Pat Jones of Dell City, TX.

**Carrizozo Rancher  
Elected To Cattle  
Growers Board**

Carrizozo area rancher Wally Ferguson was elected to the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association Board of Directors at the Joint Stockmen's Convention held in Albuquerque in December.

Ferguson will serve a three year term on the board of directors on which area ranchers Gordon Barham of Carrizozo, Neil Braid of Mesalero, Tommy Dinwiddie of Capitan, Sid Goodloe of Capitan, Jim Grider of Carrizozo, Bruce Klinekoe of Mesalero, Ron and Ronnie Merritt of Yeso, Stirling Spencer of Carrizozo and Harvey Tindell of Nogal serve with numerous other members from statewide areas.

# Time To Share

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We should join together to support the creation of an "Enchantnet" that would technologically link our schools, from kindergarten through college, while allowing businesses and residents to enjoy the use of the resulting infrastructure. Ensuring that our classrooms, research institutions, offices, governmental agencies and homes are linked together is as important today as ensuring that our towns and cities were linked by highways decades ago. And just as highway safety is an important part of a transportation system, maintaining the highest level of personal privacy is critical to a solid technological infrastructure.

## Health Care For Everyone Who Needs It. And Everyone Does Need It

It is simply unacceptable that even in a state as "poor" as New Mexico, some residents do not have affordable access to the health care they need, when they need it. It is simply inexcusable that as this millennium evolves, we have children, senior citizens and working men and women whose only access to health care is through the doors of the emergency room. It is a tragic and costly reminder of how much we have yet to do in this area.

Staying healthy is obviously the most effective, least expensive health care insurance anyone can have. But until we achieve that goal, we must work to help those who need it.

Our rural hospitals and clinics must be financially supported so that they can continue to provide care not only to residents of those areas of the state, but also to our many visitors. We must strengthen community guidance and counseling programs to help curtail domestic violence, substance abuse, gaming addictions, homelessness and job loss.

We can no longer ignore the deep toll a lack of health care is extracting from our ability to move forward economically and socially.

## Enhanced Economic Development

New Mexico is a state with vast and diverse natural and human beauty. We must regularly reinforce our efforts to promote those strengths, develop our workforce and support the infrastructure needed to improve the economic cli-

mate of our state. We have made great strides and a stronger economy is within our grasp, but we cannot afford to slip backward.

A vital component to New Mexico's economic sustenance and vitality is the quality and availability of water. We must continue our efforts to preserve our pristine aquifers and basins, be more vigorous in our efforts to develop and upgrade our acequia and lateral systems, our watersheds and our delivery and purification systems.

Our future depends on our ability to think of innovative solutions to our water use challenges. Residents, farmers and ranchers, business owners and outdoor enthusiasts all depend on New Mexico's water supply.

The key to our economic success is not complicated. It rests on the foundation created by focusing on other important fundamentals; a good educational system, safe streets and neighborhoods, and the physical and technological infrastructure necessary to support business. These should be our common goals.

## Safer Streets and Neighborhoods

New Mexico must continue to expand its public safety philosophy to include programs that invest in our youth and that work to rehabilitate those who have broken the law. Preparing youngsters and teenagers for a productive, fulfilling life is the best course we can pursue to reduce crime.

Inside our prisons, we must work to rehabilitate criminals. Simply locking people behind bars with limited educational, social or vocational programming only delays the inevitable: more crime when those offenders are eventually released. Successful reintegration of ex-offenders into society leads to a better workforce and safer neighborhoods. Our approach has been shortsighted, focused too much on short-term solutions while ignoring the larger picture.

The beginning of this millennium, the beginning of this 2001 legislative session, is the ideal time to usher in a philosophy of returning to the fundamentals. By focusing on common goals and values, by cooperating and working together, we can help ensure a brighter future for those who choose New Mexico as their home.

# Rep. Joe Skeen Appointed Chair Of House Interior Appropriations Committee

New Mexico Congressman Joe Skeen was appointed as the chairman of the U.S. House Appropriation Subcommittee on Interior.

Skeen, elected to his 11th term in the 107th Congress, had served as chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture for the past six years.

However, chairmen are limited to serving six years per committee.

Skeen, in a release, said he will work with the Bush

## Citations Are

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guarding a fight and one citation for a person impersonating a police officer.

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administration and members of the minority Democratic party to develop an agenda for the subcommittee.

"Public lands issues are important to New Mexico," Skeen said. "And I look forward to bringing individuals and groups from various interests to develop a balanced approach to address the needs of everyone who utilizes the public lands."

In addition, Skeen plans to support defense-related projects for New Mexico.

Skeen is also a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense and a senior member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture.

Skeen is New Mexico's longest serving member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

**FOR SALE 2B - 2BA** mobile home FURNISHED. Fenced - all utilities - Deep well - Pole Barn - Lots of Storage and EXTRAS!! Walking distance of school and new jail. 1001 "A" Ave., Carrizozo (end of 11th St., past "B" Ave.)  
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tfn-Nov. 2



Cold, cloudy weather is expected to continue through Sunday, with a chance of rain and snow showers Friday and early Saturday. Winds are expected to pick up on Saturday.

The following forecast information was taken from the national weather service internet site.

Forecast for Carrizozo, Lincoln Valley, Hondo Valley and lower elevations of Lincoln County through Tuesday, January 16:

Today, Thursday, January 11:  
Partly cloudy and warmer. Chance for precipitation very early Thursday was 20 percent. High temperature of 49 in Carrizozo. Tonight, increasing clouds with lows in the 20s.

Friday, January 12:  
Becoming cloudy and breezy with chance of rain and snow showers. Highs to 52.

Saturday, January 13:  
Cloudy with a chance of snow showers until midday. Variable cloudiness with brisk winds in the afternoon and colder. Highs in the 40s and lows in the 20s.

Sunday, January 14:  
Partly cloudy. Highs in the 40s, lows to 23.

Monday, January 15:  
Variable cloudiness with highs in the 40s and lows to 23.

Tuesday, January 16:  
Winds turning to the northeast and becoming brisk. Mostly cloudy with chance of rain and snow showers. Highs in the 40s and lows in the 20s.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan and other higher elevations of Lincoln County through Tuesday, January 16:

Today, Thursday, January 11:  
Partly cloudy with moderating temperatures. Southwest winds 10-15 miles per hour in the afternoon. High temperatures of 39 to 46, with 30 percent chance of

# FAST ACTION

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CDs on sale in Carrizozo at NAPA Auto Parts (Shivers Supply) and Carrizozo Hardware.  
2tp-Jan. 11 & 18

**FOR SALE:** Wood heater, load from side. 600 5th St., Carrizozo. \$250  
648-2360  
1tp-Jan. 11

**FOR SALE:** 1990 Dodge 1-ton PU 4x4, low miles, 360, AC, auto, power, 5th wheel hitch.  
648-3022  
2tp-Jan. 11 & 18

## SILENT AUCTION OF SURPLUS COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

Items may be viewed on January 22-26, 2001 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., excluding the lunch hour. Carrizozo Schools Warehouse - Administration Building - If you need further information call Mr. David Cooper at 648-2348  
2tc-Jan. 4 & 11

**RIVER FRONT PROPERTY FOR SALE:** 6.4 acres Lincoln, 65K, 10 acres Hondo area, 70K, 2-Mobile Home lots Capitan with utilities 22K each.  
354-7000 430-5557  
3tp-Jan. 11, 18 & 25

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## CARRIZOZO FREE RADIO

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## TRACTOR WORK

Mowing, Excavating, Roads Built, Gravel Hauled, Water, Electric, Sewer Lines and Septic Systems Installed. Turn Key Mobil Sites Built  
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Help Wanted. Earn up to \$375 weekly assembling MEDICAL ID CARDS at home. Immediate openings, your area. Call 1-520-505-4411 Ext. W4786  
1tp-Jan. 11

# Free Legal Workshop For Elderly On Feb. 7

The Lawyer Referral for the Elderly program is sponsoring a free legal workshop and legal clinic for senior citizens on February 7 at Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center, 501 Sudderth Drive.

The workshop begins at 9:30 a.m. and features staff attorneys who will conduct a one-hour presentation on various legal issues important to seniors. Issues include consumer protection, planning for long term care and estate planning. After the presentation attorneys will be available to meet privately for 30-minute consultations with individuals who have scheduled appointments.

Appointments must be scheduled by calling Sandee Jourden at Ruidoso Se-

nior Center at 257-4565. There are a limited number of private consultations appointments available.

New Mexico residents who are 55 or older are invited to attend, as well as interested family members and those who work with the elderly.

The workshop will also be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 8, at the Roswell JOY Center.

The Lawyer Referral for the Elderly Program, funded by the State Bar of New Mexico and the State Agency on Aging, was established in 1983 as a part of the State Bar of New Mexico Special Projects, Inc. For more information on the program's services, call toll free 1-800-876-6657.

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# County Commission Meets At 1 P.M. Jan. 18

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners will hold their regular January meeting at 1 p.m. Thursday, January 18, in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Normally the county commission meeting begins at 9 a.m. however, commissioners will be attending the court hearing before District Judge Frank Wilson who will determine if there is enough evidence to warrant a grand jury as called for in a petition submitted to the court in December.

Also, county commissioners will have a farewell party for outgoing county assessor Patsy Serna, at 12:30 p.m. in the manager's complex in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

County commissioners will hold a public hearing at 2 p.m. to consider a proposed ordinance that would provide a property tax rebate to property owners with low incomes.

Other items on the tentative agenda for the meeting (that begins at 1 p.m.) are as follows. Items are listed in order as shown on the tentative agenda, however, commissioners often "float" items.

Selection of a new chair and vice-chair are at the top of the agenda, followed by discussion of board decorum and approval of minutes.

Consent agenda includes: finance-payroll, accounts payable, budget, quarterly

report and expenditures; treasurer's report for December; manager's Indigent Health Care Claims report; manager's E-911 Rural Addressing quarterly report; amendment to Zia Senior Citizens Contract for cash in lieu of commodities and notification of grant award in order to revise the number of meals and increase the dollar amount.

Regular items are:  
 --Board of Finance (which is the county commission) quarterly meeting with Lincoln County Treasurer Joan Park.  
 --Farewell presentation for Patsy Serna.

--Manager's project report.  
 --Visitors who did not request to be on the agenda, for discussion only.  
 --Senior Citizens activity report by Bart Young, and request for liability insurance.

--Request for Extraterritorial Zoning from the Village of Ruidoso Downs.  
 --2 p.m. public hearing to consider proposed ordinance for property tax rebate for low income taxpayers.

--Semi-annual inspection of present detention center. (Break).  
 --Discussion only by county commissioner Ray Nunley about water conservation through landscaping and tax incentives.

--Certified Local Government grant discussions; Capitan Rail Station and revisions of the ordinance.  
 --Approval to release request for proposals for the

operation of the health clinics.

--Update on the Gavilan Canyon Road speed limits.  
 --Update on the U.S. Postal operations.

--Approval to sell road equipment and ambulance.

--Proposed changes in the Lincoln County Purchasing Policy Resolution No. 1996-19.

--Emergency action for cost estimates for electrical re-wiring of court house.

--Bids/rfps awards for: Fire sprinkler system at New Horizons Developmental Center (rebid); architect/engineer's services; bunker gear for the Glencoe-Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department; resurfacing of roads in Palo Verde Subdivision; inmate telephones for new detention center.

--Appointments to: Enhanced 911 Committee and Road Review Committee.

--Resolution for New Mexico Litter Control and Beautification Program.

--Resolution designating applicant agent for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance from the state of New Mexico.

--Resolution for mid-year budget adjustments for fiscal year 2000-01.

--Legislative priorities review and discussion.

The official final agenda will be available from the office of the county manager in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

# Rising Gas Bills

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tion costs between CCNG and its natural gas transport supplier Zia Natural Gas (Zia) expired on December 31. "We tried to negotiate a rate with Zia, but Zia said they would go with the rate increase they filed with the (New Mexico Public Regulatory Commission) PRC," Strickland said.

CCNG has tried for nearly a year to get a hearing with

the PRC to determine whether CCNG is required to pay the transportation costs, Strickland said. In mid-December the PRC finally issued CCNG a case number and designated a hearing examiner. No date has been set for a hearing before the PRC, Strickland added.

If the PRC rules in CCNG's favor, that it does

not have to pay the transportation costs, CCNG will refund the transportation costs back to CCNG customers, Strickland added.

As an example of the cost of the increase, Strickland said the average winter time use for a household is 10,000 cubic feet of gas a month. With that much usage the cost of just the gas is \$39.10. Add to that the new transportation cost of \$13.54 (based on a 10,000 cubic feet use).

# Property Owner

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affect the property and physical quality of life of others in the community, in most cases these limitations must be adjudicated on a case-by-case basis (b private contractual limitations agreed upon with previous owners, c private contractual limitations agreed upon with others after the property was acquired.

The following represents an incomplete list of restrictions that all Lincoln County private property owners shall no be subjected to: (a limitations on physical appearance and construction that do not physically affect the property or physical quality of life of others in the community (b limitations on actions that affect non-human life or non-life forms on the property of the owners, c limitations of actions by the private property owner because of the presence of archeological, scientific, etc. reasons must be of only sufficient duration to document the find and the property owner retains title to such material.

Article 5: In those cases of article 3a where the property owner is mandated by law to take certain actions such as very limited examples of building codes, inspection and investigations of violations of these laws is to be done only be obtaining and presenting a warrant.

Article 6: Takings shall be done only for the purpose of such reasons as road building, rights of way, etc. The owner shall be compensated by at least 1.5 times the fair market value of the property.

Article 7: The enumerations of certain rights in this private property bill of rights shall not be construed to deny, impair or disparage others retained by the people."

County commission chair Rex Wilson thanked Carroll and said he appreciated Carroll's homework. No action was taken by county commissioners.

Strickland said CCNG got a lot of calls about the higher rates for November, with many people questioning the amount of gas they used as much as questioning the increased rates. She also said if customers have questions about their bills with the added transportation costs they can call the CCNG office at 354-2260 and she will try to answer their questions. CCNG also has information available on how to winterize your home and improve heater efficiency.

CCNG Board meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, January 17, in the CCNG office in Capitan. The meeting is open to the public.

Meanwhile, snowflakes begin to fall on Lincoln County again and many people may think twice about turning up the thermostat.



# New Year, New Prices



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NEW CROP CHILEAN Nectarines	LB.	1 39
NEW CROP CHILEAN Peaches	LB.	1 39
NEW CROP CHILEAN Plums	LB.	1 39
DOLE CLASSIC ROMAINE OR GREENE SELECT Salad Mix	10-12 OZ.	1 49
JALAPENO Peppers	LB.	89¢
SUPER SELECT Cucumbers	3 FOR	89¢
ZUCCHINI Squash	LB.	89¢

**FRESH BOSTON BUTT Pork Shoulder Roast**  
**1 19**  
LB.

**FRESH Pork Steak** 1 39 LB.  
**PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BEEF Arm Roast** 1 89 LB.  
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**BONELESS BEEF Stew Meat** LB. 2 19  
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ASSORTED Ultra Slim Fast	6 PK.	5 49
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