

County Election Results

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County had a high turnout with 50.12 percent of registered voters casting ballots in the general election held Tuesday. Unofficial tallies are that 6,396 votes were cast. There are 12,762 registered voters in Lincoln County.

The Lincoln County Clerk's office reported

there were no glitches. The longest wait was for the more than 3,000 votes in the absentee/early vote precinct to be tallied. Nearly 100 of those votes had to be counted by hand. Lines at the polls were at a minimum. Many voters had studied the ballot in advance and were prepared for the long ballot which included nine constitu-

tional amendment questions and five bond issue questions.

Results will not be official until the votes are canvassed by the county commissioners during their meeting Friday, Nov. 8.

Lincoln County results:
US Senator
Republican, Pete V. Domenici 4,848; Democrat, Gloria Tristani 1,270

US Representative
District 2
Republican, Steve Pearce 4,342; Democrat, John Arthur Smith 1,657;

Republican Declared Write-In, Padraig M. Lynch 1; Green Declared Write-In, George L. Dewey 1

Governor / Lt. Governor
Republican, John A. Sanchez / Rod Adair 3,297; Democrat, Bill

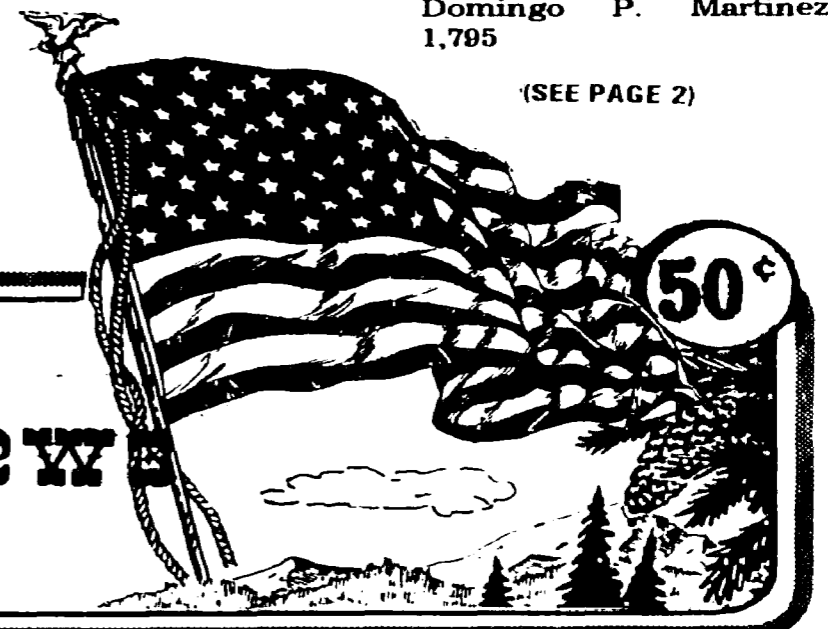
Richardson / Diane D. Denish 2,575; Green, David E. Bacon / Kathleen M. Sanchez 257

Secretary of State
Republican, Sharon

Clahchischilliage 3,356; Democrat, Rebecca D. Vigil-Giron 2,474

State Auditor
Republican, Tom Benavides 3,901; Democrat, Domingo P. Martinez 1,795

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County to Ask for Fort Stanton Commission

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners are putting Fort Stanton at the top of their legislative priorities list.

During the Lincoln County Commission meeting on October 17 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, county commissioners reviewed the county manager Tom Stewart recommended state legislative and appropriation requests. The priorities will be presented to state legislators at a special meeting in December.

Stewart said that the top legislative request is the future of Fort Stanton.

Other county requests for legislative action (does not include specific funding for specific projects) are: a request to update the formula that provides assistance funding to small counties; request for the state to reimburse the county for expenses to house state agencies; request for statewide water conservation and regulation; request for more money for rural fire departments in general; amend the state fireworks act to allow county commissions to restrict use of fireworks; legislation that would hold computer programmers liable for their work; increase reimbursements for road review committee members.

In his discussion about Fort Stanton, Stewart told about the recent forfeiture of the \$44,000 federal Economic Development Administration grant that was intended to continue

the Fort Stanton use study. "We forfeited the grant because the various state agencies were over-worked with other projects," Stewart said. "I'm being kind there," he added.

"One of the recommendations from the Kells and Craig study (to develop a use plan for the facility) was to designate a lead agency in state government to take the role of developing and implementing potential uses and programs at Fort Stanton," Stewart said. "There is a precedent in State Statute for the estab-

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NEW MEXICO STATE FORESTER Toby Martinez (top photo) served as master of ceremonies at the BioMass Demonstration at the Glencoe Center on October 29. The Bio-Mass unit converts wood chips to electricity by gasification. SBS Wood Shavings, owned by Sherry and Glen Barrow, was one of seven sites selected in the county to demonstrate the BioMass project. Glen and Sherry Barrow (bottom photo) receive a plaque from Susan LeVan, Richard Bains, Robb Watt and Tim Maher, for their work done with alternative energy. The Barrows company takes small diameter logs, basically trash from forest thinning projects, and make wood shavings for animal bedding. They will use some of the chips to operate the BioMass unit that creates enough electricity from one filling of chips to power the operation lights for 12 hours.

Ruidoso Swears In New Manager

by Doris Cherry

Lorri McKnight, who had been the finance officer for the Village of Ruidoso, is now the village manager.

At the Ruidoso Village Council meeting on Tuesday, October 29, councilors unanimously approved mayor Leon Eggleston's appointment of McKnight as village manager. McKnight was one of more than 70 applicants for the position.

McKnight had been serving as interim village manager since former manager Alan Briley left in May to take a new position with a small city in Colorado.

Following the appointment, village water department director Larry Grasmick gave a report on the water and recommended the village remain in Phase 2 of the water conservation plan. Under Phase 2, outdoor watering is allowed only on Tuesdays anytime prior to 10 a.m. and anytime after 3 p.m.

Grasmick said the ongoing situation with the vil-

lage's Hollywood Well prompted him to recommend staying in Phase 2 of the water plan. Recent rains have reduced water demand for outdoor uses.

Councilors tabled a request from the Bobbie and E.P. Scott trust to vacate a portion of Cedar Creek Court, a public right of way, for Lot 11A in Look-out Subdivision. The vacated area is 12,604 square feet. Village Planning and Zoning Commission in its recommendation stated the vacating and replating of the property would create a half acre lot which might be more valuable than the existing appraisal. Cedar Creek Court is a dead end street which will never have high volume traffic.

Village planning administrator Mike Runnels recommended against vacating the right of way. However, Runnels said the P&Z commission believed the council needed to make the decision for the vacating of the right of way because of the large amount of property in-

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County Honors Veterans

Lincoln County Commissioners honored veterans with a proclamation adopted at the Lincoln County Commission meeting October 17.

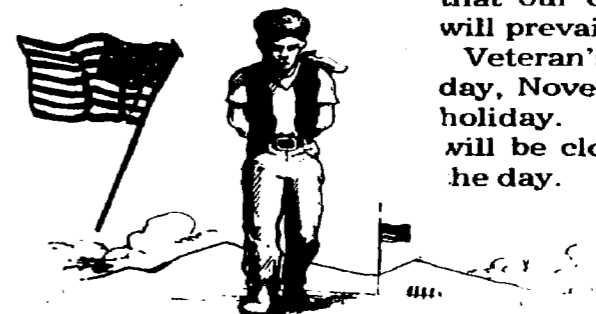
County commissioners approved the proclamation drafted by Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart, a veteran. Stewart also read the proclamation while all veterans at the meeting stood.

The proclamation honored veterans of World War I, World War II, Korean War, the Cold War, the Vietnam War, the Dominican Republic, Gre-

nada, Panama, Somalia, Haiti, Iraq and Kuwait, Bosnia and Kosovo, Afghanistan and now prepare for another confrontation with an old foe - Saddam Hussein.

The proclamation ended with the county commission proclaiming special recognition of this year's Veteran's Day to the citizens of Lincoln County. "And to thank and pray for all who have been involved; and are currently involved in the continuing defense of our country's fundamental values - at home and abroad. For it is through their sacrifice, that our country has and will prevail."

Veteran's Day is Monday, November 11, a legal holiday. County offices will be closed in honor of the day.



Carrizozo To Get Some Railroad Water Rights

by Doris Cherry

The Carrizozo Town Council in a special meeting on November 4, authorized the town attorney to resubmit a request to the State Engineer's Office with less water requested from the railroad than in previous requests.

Town attorney David Stevens advised the town that the state engineer's

office had twice rejected the town's application to change ownership of water rights from Southern Pacific Company to the Town of Carrizozo. The town has attempted to transfer 57.92 acre feet per year from the El Paso and Rock Island Railway to the town. It was the town's position that since Southern Pacific Company no longer provides water to

communities lying north-east of Carrizozo, then the town, according to an agreement signed August 13, 1954, between Southern Pacific, the City of Alamogordo, the Nogal Water Users Association and the Town of Carrizozo, should receive a portion of the water, and a fractional share of the Bonita water right be transferred and assigned to the town.

Stevens wrote to trustees that he thoroughly researched the matter and came to the conclusion that it was the intention of Southern Pacific to transfer and assign only that fractional share of the water rights that the railroad provided to communities north and east of Carrizozo.

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County Election

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State Treasurer
Democrat, Robert E. Vigil 3,512

Attorney General
Republican, Rob Perry 3,046; Democrat, Patricia A. Madrid 2,706; Green, Ann Tyner Gleason 272

Commissioner of Public Lands
Republican, Patrick H. Lyons 3,929; Democrat, Art E. Trujillo 1,894; Green Declared Write-In, Sam M. Hitt 2

Justice of the Supreme Court
Republican, Paul D. Barber 3,873; Democrat, Richard C. Bosson 1,775

Judge of the Court of Appeals
Republican, Roderick

T. Kennedy 4,126; Democrat, Manuel Tijerina 1,584

State Representative District 56
Republican, Dub Williams 1,817; Libertarian, Richard A. Oberfell 277

State Representative District 57
Republican, Dan Foley 2,027; Democrat, Doris Mae Cherry 1,188

State Representative District 59
Republican, Avon W. Wilson 376

Public Regulation Commissioner District 2
Republican, David W. King 1,063

Public Regulation Commissioner District 5
Republican, Harold "Chub" Foreman 2,790; Democrat, E. Shirley Baca 1,643

Magistrate Judge Division 1
Republican, Martha McKnight Proctor 4,973

Magistrate Judge Division 2
Republican, William R. Butts 4,866; Libertarian, Tony Seno 899

County Commissioner District 2
Republican, Maurice St. John 513; Democrat, Mike Runnels 397; Libertarian, Antoinette Fontaine 67

County Commissioner District 4
Republican, Earl B. Hobbs 696; Democrat, Darrel Don Stierwalt 504; Libertarian, Weslie B. Owen 78

County Commissioner District 5
Republican, Rick L. Simpson 490; Democrat, Ralph R. Romero 298; Libertarian, Bonnie B. Richardson 154

County Clerk
Republican, Tammie J. Maddox 4,428; Libertarian, Susan S. Ruch 1,107

County Treasurer
Republican, Beverly Payne Calaway 4,613; Libertarian, Norman R. Van Gorder 809

Constitutional Amendments

(1): Proposing an amendment to Article 8, Section 5 of the Constitution of New Mexico to phase in an additional exemption from property taxation of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) of property of honorably discharged veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during an armed conflict. For 4,128; Against 4,543

(2): Proposing an amendment to Article 7, Section 1 of the Constitution of New Mexico to remove the prohibition against certain persons exercising the right to vote. For 1,765; Against 3,626

(3): Proposing an amendment to Article 6 of the Constitution of New Mexico to eliminate an outdated section regarding designation of judicial districts. For 3,339; Against 1,794

(4): Proposing to repeal Article 2, Section 22 of the Constitution of New Mexico, which states that aliens cannot own land or any interest in land in the state unless otherwise provided by law. For 2,081; Against 3,424

(5): Proposing an amendment to Article 8, Section 15 of the Constitution of New Mexico to exempt from property taxation the principal place of residence occupied by a veteran of the armed forces of the United States of America who has a one hundred percent permanent and total service-connected disability. For 3,841; Against 1,525

(6): Proposing an amendment to Article 9, Section 14 of the Constitution of New Mexico to permit the state and local governments to provide land, buildings or infrastructure to create affordable housing. For 2,811; Against 2,559

(7): Proposing an amendment to Article 20 of the Constitution of New Mexico to designate the last Friday in March as a legal holiday in honor of Cesar Chavez. For 1,244; Against 4,279

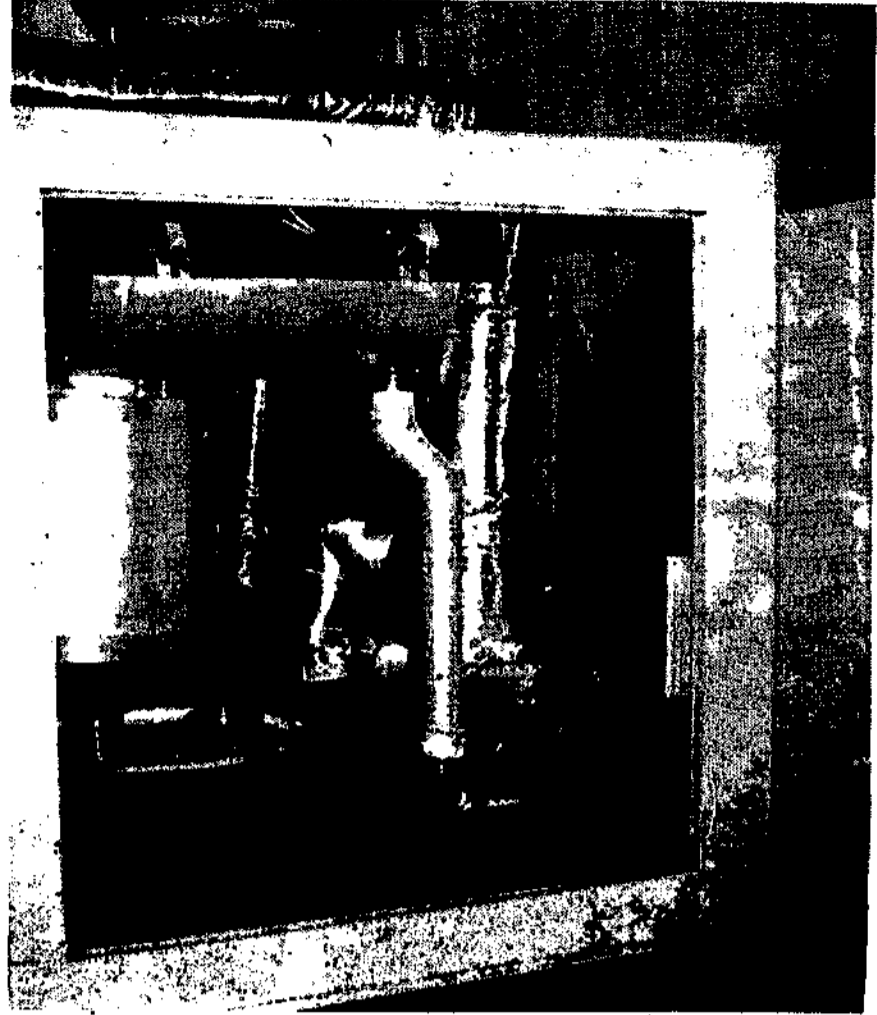
(8): Proposing an amendment to Article 9, Section 14 of the Constitution of New Mexico to broaden eligibility for Vietnam veterans' scholarships. For 3,847; Against 1,772

(9): Proposing to amend Article 5, Section 14 of the Constitution of New Mexico to change the name of the State Highway Commission to the State Transportation Commission. For 2,742; Against 2,657

Bond Questions

(A): The 2002 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act authorizes the issuance and sale of Senior Citizen Facility Improvements and Acquisitions Bonds. Shall the state be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed ten million eight hundred seventy-eight thousand dollars (\$10,817,678) to make capital expenditures for certain senior citizen facility improvements and acquisitions projects and provide for a general property tax imposition and levy for the payment of principal of, interest on and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds and the collection of the tax as permitted by law? For 2,599; Against 2,698

(B): The 2002 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act authorizes the issuance and sale of State Public Educational Capital Improvements and Acquisitions Bonds. Shall the state be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed ninety-three million four hundred twenty-nine thousand seven hundred seven dollars (\$93,429,707) to make capital expenditures for certain public education, higher education and other educational institutions capital improvements and acquisitions and provide for a general property tax im-



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Election of Non-Partisan Judges
Shall Pamela B. Mizner be retained as a Justice of the Supreme Court? Yes 3,409; No 1,027

Shall Petra J. Maes be retained as a Justice of the Supreme Court? Yes 3,216; No 1,128

Shall Michael D. Bustamante be retained as a Justice of the Court of Appeals? Yes 3,248; No 1,134

Shall Celia Foy Castillo be retained as a Justice of the Court of Appeals? Yes 3,115; No 1,290

12th Judicial District Judge Retention
Shall Jerry H. Ritter, JR. be retained as a District Judge - 12th Judicial District, Division 1? Yes 3,514; No 901

Shall James Waylon Counts be retained as a District Judge - 12th Judicial District, Division 2? Yes 3,513; No 931

Shall Karen Parsons be retained as a District Judge - 12th Judicial District, Division 3? Yes 4,068; No 1,005

Shall Frank K. Wilson be retained as a District Judge - 12th Judicial District, Division 4? Yes 3,638; No 873

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November Construction Activities and Public Involvement Events

Lane closures for pavement test sampling will continue along the project through November. Work will also continue on extending drainage culverts between Tinnie and Picacho and east of Riverside, requiring shoulder closures. Highway closures for rock blasting have begun and will continue through the month of November (between mileposts 285 to 289, and mileposts 300 to 303) on weekdays (Monday-Friday), except on November 27, 28, and 29 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. All blasts will begin at approximately 1:00 pm, and last up to one hour. US 70 will be closed in both directions at locations of blasts.

Up-to-date blasting closure and travel information is available at the US 70 Information Center, via the hotline, website, and roadside electronic message signs. You can also tune in to the following radio stations for travel information:

- Ruidoso: KBUY-AM (1360), KRUI-AM (1490), KWES-FM (93.5), KWMW-FM (105.1)
- Roswell: KBCQ-FM (97.1), KBIM-FM (94.9), KBIM-AM (910), KEND-FM (106.5), KINF-AM (1020), KMOU-FM (104.7), KSFX-FM (100.5)

As construction progresses, please watch your travel speeds and drive safely! Remember construction zones are double fine zones.

Best wishes from NMSHTD and the SBC Team for a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday! Remember to drive safely over the holiday.

November Public Involvement Events
US 70 East Side Meeting, November 14, 2002
Hilly the Kid National Science Festival at the Museum, November 20, 2002

For information call Mary Ann Wootton, SBC Community Relations Liaison at 1-866-653-4069.

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MONDAYS
 --Kairos Outside and Emmans 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.

TUESDAYS
 --Fibromyalgia Syndrome Support Group, every other Tuesday, 6 p.m. K-Bob's in Ruidoso;
 --Alcoholics Anonymous, 6-7 p.m. Carrizozo Zia Senior Citizens Center.

WEDNESDAYS
 --Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Capitan Sr. Citizens Center.
 --Alcoholics Anonymous, 6-7 p.m. Carrizozo Zia Sr. Center.

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

TODAY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7
 --Carrizozo School Library meeting of Friends of the Library 3:20 p.m. in the school library.
 --Ruidoso Arts Commission, 4 p.m. village hall.
 --Capitan School Board special work session to develop a strategic plan revision, 6 p.m. administration building.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8
 --Lincoln County Commission meets at 8 a.m. in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Meeting held early in the month to canvass the votes of the November 5 general election.
 --Art in Public Places sponsored by Ruidoso Arts Commission, receptions 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Ruidoso Public Library and Village Hall. Free.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
 --The Water Network group seeking to promote responsible water use, meets at 9:30 a.m. at ENMU-Ruidoso learning center on Mechem Drive. Everyone interested in water concerns is invited.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, VETERANS DAY
 --Carrizozo Junior Rotary will host a free breakfast for all veterans, Methodist Church. All veterans invited.
 --Lincoln County Rural Economic Development Through Tourism (REDTT) meets at 10:00 a.m. at Carrizozo Joe's in Carrizozo. Everyone welcome.
 --Keep Ruidoso Beautiful committee 7:00 p.m.
 --ETZ Authority 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
 --Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce, noon at Uptown Cafe at Rec Center.
 --LCSWA 2:00 p.m., LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs.
 --Carrizozo Town Council 6:00 p.m., Rec Center.
 --Ruidoso Council meeting 6:30 p.m. village hall.
 --Capitan Trustees 7:00 p.m. Public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on proposed ordinance on village code, and public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on beer and wine license for Greenhouse Cafe. Village hall.
 --Carrizozo School Board 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13
 --Thanksgiving dinner, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church, Carrizozo. Donations accepted.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14
 --Capitan School Board 6:00 p.m.

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Carrizozo To Get RR

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Stevens also wrote that the town has attempted to transfer all water rights reserved by the railroad, but have been rejected by the State Engineer's Office. "In fact I believe we are only entitled to a portion of the water rights," Stevens wrote. "This position is supported by the October 1989 letter from Southern Pacific relinquishing 18,580 gallons per day to the Town of Carrizozo."

The town on November 25, 1989 accepted the transfer and assignment of such fractional share of Bonita water right to the town, or 18,580 gallons per day which equates to 20.81 acre feet a year.

Stevens said in talking with the state engineer's office, indications are the office would "file without question a Change of Ownership of 20.81 acre feet of water rights."

Because of the issues in his letter to the council, Stevens recommended the special meeting which was held on November 4.

Trustees unanimously approved the change of request for water transfer to reflect the 20.81 acre feet.

Trustees also approved a resolution that amends the town Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) to make the renovation to the waste water treatment facility the first priority, followed by renovation of city hall. The town is seeking \$1,557,000 in grant funding to continue the waste water improvements. Of that the town is setting aside \$147,000 for engineering and architectural fees.

In coordination with the ICIP resolution, trustees approved a resolution that makes the waste water treatment plant improvements an eligible activity under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), community colonias category. The resolution enables the town to apply for a 2003 CDBG colonias grant.

Trustees tabled a request from the State Environment Department (ED) to address several issues involving the town's waste water lagoons. ED was concerned that excess "loading" in the lagoons could result in excess nitrogen applied to the land application area, which poses a threat to ground water quality.

Town waste water technician Cathie Eisen said the town is working on these issues, including a proposed agreement with Stirling Spencer to allow treated waste water to be discharged onto his private land. Eisen said the town will need a temporary agreement with Spencer, then will need a permanent agreement. During discussion of the issue, trustees and the mayor agreed that the agreement with Spencer should spell out all liabilities and responsibilities for using the treated waste water.

Eisen also said the county detention center is responsible for the majority of solids that clog the sewer screen, and creates excess loading. Also she said the town would have prohibit septic tank pumpers to dump into the town sewer.

Town clerk Leann Wehbrecht said the town is working on a proposed

ordinance to raise water and sewer rates. In that proposed ordinance will be wording to allow the town to shut down restaurants that do not have grease traps. Public hearing will be held on the proposed ordinance, which Wehbrecht did not say when it will be held.

Eisen also expressed concern the upcoming improvements to the sewer facility will only increase the town's capacity to treat waste water by 25 percent. Yet there is a new subdivision being proposed that would create a high density housing development on 1,400 acres.

The mayor said that is why the town needs an additional storage tank and another well.



Wedding Set For Saturday, November 9th

Hope Amber Carreon and Abe Padilla will be married Saturday, Nov. 9. Hope is the daughter of the late Patricia Ann Ruiz and the late Raymond M. Carreon Jr. Abe, a 1990 graduate of Carrizozo High School, is the son of James Amaya of Dexter and the grandson of Elizabeth Padilla of Carrizozo.

Capitan School Board Meets Thurs., Nov. 14

The regular monthly meeting of the Capitan Board of Education will be held Thursday, Nov. 14 in the Capitan School board room at the administration building at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Agenda items include business items of adoption of election resolution, board policy section VII and IV, 2002-03 increment schedules revision, and bids for the sale of maintenance truck; organization reports and special presentations, public comment, consent agenda items, financial reports, information reports on the status of the caution light, utilities comparison, enrollment update - 60th day, audit closing report, school board election calendar and an executive session for personnel evaluation and a personally identifiable student information, discipline.

After the executive session personnel items on the agenda include retirement and employment.

Trustees tabled the agreement with Spencer about the use of effluent water from the waste water treatment facility until the next meeting, when trustees had time to review the proposed agreement.

"If drought continues we may not have to decide about water," trustee Eileen Lovelace said. "In 20 years we're in trouble if the drought continues." She encouraged the town to work to get more water storage.

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THOUGHTS
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The Election Is Over

By Ruth Hammond

Even if your chosen candidates did not win, you might be pleased that the winners can now begin working at the job they were elected to do. And you will probably hope that the winners will not carry grudges against their former opponents, but will try to work for the good of the people. Wouldn't you prefer that everyone work together than for those who were elected to continue to harass and badger their opponents after the votes were all counted and the winners took their oaths of office? Apparently not everyone agrees because we constantly hear of the exact opposite.

Letting personal vendettas take control at the expense of the voting public is wrong. The voters made their choice and the winners should be gracious and appreciate their win, not throw tantrums and continue to sling mud. Small children may enjoy making mud pies, but adults, or rather most adults, accept the fact that not much is accomplished with mud slinging except getting both people very dirty.

Energy should be spent trying to improve a community than trying to oust one person. Effective government is not supposed to be petty quarrels, it should be striving for the betterment of everyone, not select cronies. And effective government should be of the people, by the people and for the people, not for one person being a dictator. Effective government is what people believed they would get when they cast their votes for certain candidates of their choice.

Candidates should know when they choose to run for any office they might not win. And they should know that winning gracefully is an honorable trait, not a weakness. Some of the acceptance speeches Tuesday night gave an indication of what type elected official they would be. If these winners renege on their statements and try to blame their opponents for any and all imagined wrong-doing, it will not only be a disappointment for the voters, it will show that the voters possibly made the wrong choices voting.

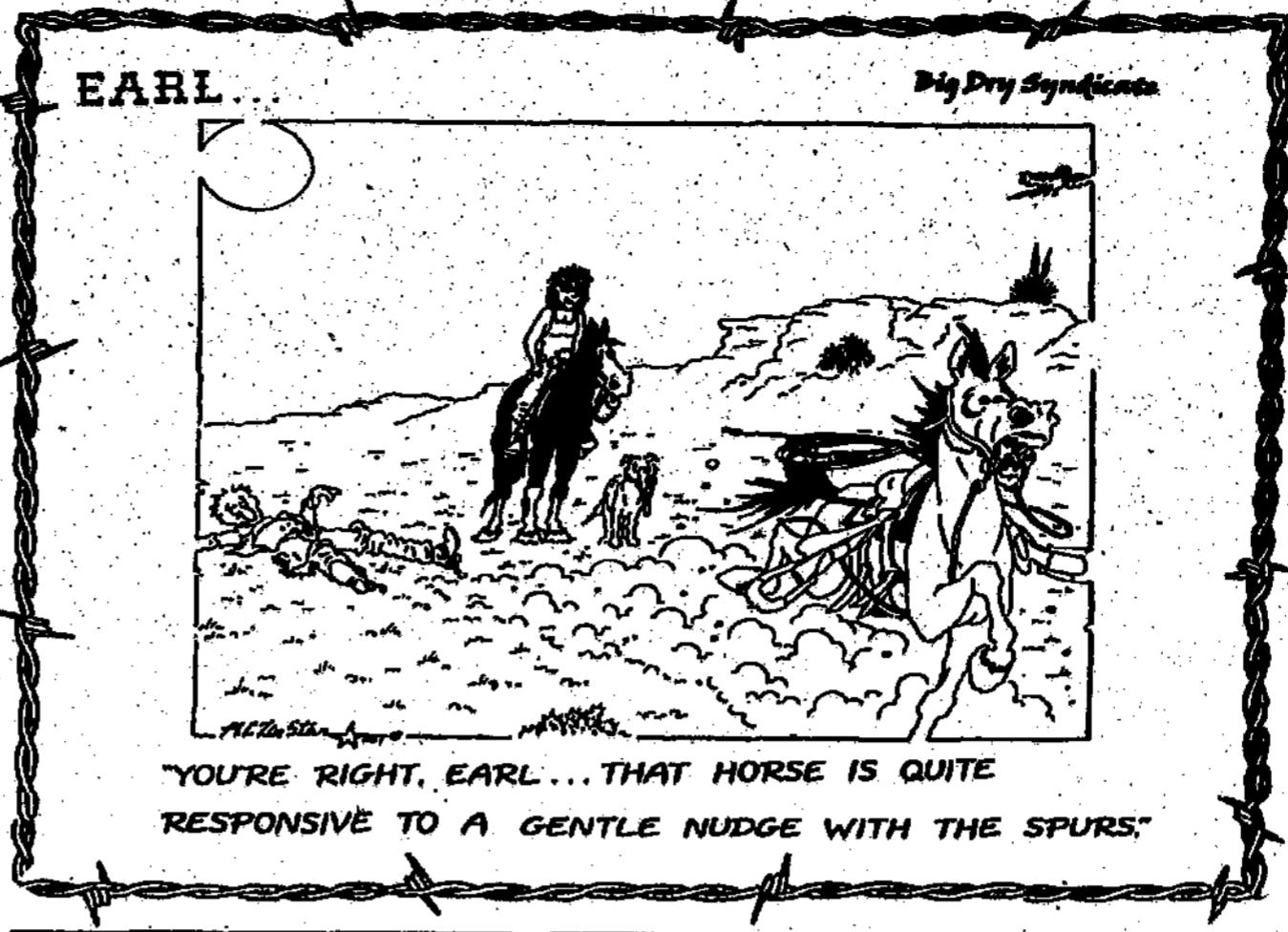
There are other things to consider about being elected. It takes not only the candidates and campaign workers, it takes other people working to make sure the elections are handled properly and legally. There are precinct workers who are dedicated to helping further our national way of the election system. Kudos go to precinct workers in all elections for their hard work. Candidates could not win if there were no precinct workers. Kudos also go to the staff of the clerk's office in charge of the elections. Staff did not close the door and go home at 5 p.m., they stayed until all ballot boxes were brought to the clerk's office and votes were tallied. And kudos to the voting machine technicians.

It takes many people to conduct an election and each of the candidates should show their appreciation by doing what is right, winners by doing the job they were elected to do and losers by accepting the fact that they did not win.

Our election system should be envied, not made a mockery by grandiose actions by would be dictators who care more for personal interpretation than in actual facts.

Now that the general election is completed, maybe the winners will be an example for other elected officials. It would be nice if all elected officials would do their job.

Kudos to election workers



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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM



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Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
You can start something new, as long as you plan ahead, and don't over do. Get in touch with someone you haven't talked to in a long time. Get close.

Sagittarius (Nov 22- Dec 21)
What you see, isn't always what you'll get. Dig deep into your heart, if you want to know what the truth is. Sit and listen, then take a L(o)oK.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
A great time for you to start watching out for that certain someone. This could mean something good, if you play your cards right. Deal it right.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
You're going down the right road, but the wrong way! Go with faith in yourself. Thank your lucky stars that you have a chance to do it again.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)
Get ahead of the crowd. You can come in first. Don't let stress leave you tired, plan ahead. Enjoy yourself with your new gift. Make more money.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
Your feelings are running deep. A good time to try something different, spiritually. Fly high with the knowledge that you can do it all & get paid for it.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
You are being challenged. Not by others as much as yourself. You know you can do it. You are the only one holding you back. Don't talk...walk...

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
Some may ask you do something you don't want to do. Tell them the truth, and stand up and be counted for. You are the boss of your world.

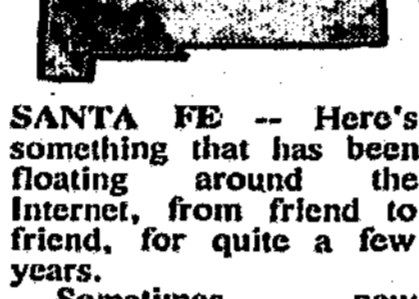
Cancer (June 21- July 22)
It might be a good time for you to just go to your corner and chill. Others can't understand what you're going through right now. You will be okay.

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)
Your love life could be good! Make the time to make sure you don't lose the one that is interested. Your good looks and charm will win over.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)
You know by the hands on the clock, that you're running out of time. Change the way you do something, so you can make more money, less time.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)
You may have to think about someone else, when it comes to your future. Don't wait to the last minute to make up your mind. You might not have the time.

INSIDE THE CAPITOL
by JAY MILLER



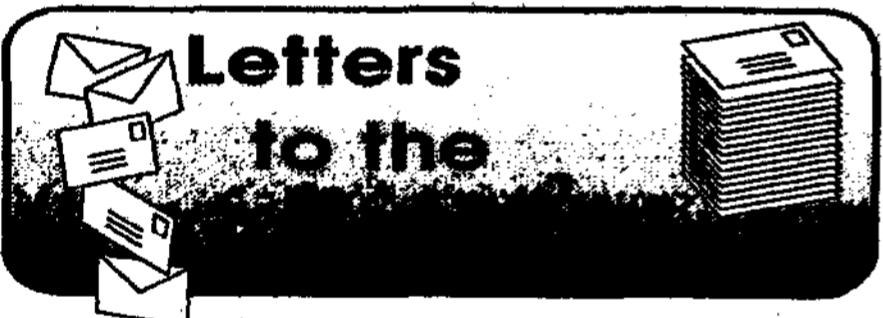
SANTA FE -- Here's something that has been floating around the Internet, from friend to friend, for quite a few years. Sometimes new contributions are added and there are sure to have been deletions, but not enough. I got to thinking about the list while doing the New Mexico Blue Book column recently, although I'm sure none of these entries will be found in the Blue Book. I've made some additions and deletions and come up with the following list.

You may have seen better lists or written some of your own. If so, I'd love hearing from you at 3 La Tusa, Santa Fe 87505 or ... inside@thecapitol@hotmail.com. Many of these appear to be oriented toward Albuquerque or Santa Fe. Let's get more from the southern part of the state. Here goes.

- You know you are a true New Mexican when ...*
- ... you can correctly pronounce Tesuque, Cerrillos and Pojoaque.
- ... you expect to pay more if your house is made of mud or your street is dirt.
- ... you can order a Big Mac with green chile.
- ... you know how to spell chile.
- ... you buy salsa by the half gallon.
- ... your Christmas decorations require a yard of sand and 200 paper bags.
- ... you frequent restaurants beginning with "El" or "Los".

- ... you price shop for tortillas.
- ... you have an extra freezer just for green chile.
- ... you think six tons of crushed rock makes a beautiful front lawn.
- ... you think Sadies' Restaurant was better when it was a bowling alley.
- ... you know where Cruces, Silver and T'r C are.
- ... you buy your firewood by the pickup, not the cord.
- ... you see nothing odd when you hear conversations that alternate between English and Spanish.
- ... you're relieved when the pavement ends because the dirt road has fewer pot holes.
- ... there is a piece of UFO displayed in your home.
- ... your swamp cooler gets knocked off the roof by a dust devil.
- ... you can actually hear the Taos hum.
- ... your out-of-state friends and relatives all visit in October.
- ... you know Las Vegas is a town in the northeastern part of the state.
- ... you iron your jeans to dress up.
- ... your other vehicle is also a pickup.
- ... you know whether you want red or green.
- ... you have been on TV more than once telling about your alien abduction.
- ... you know the punch line to at least one Aggie joke.
- ... you think the Lobo fight song is "Louie, Louie".
- ... you have read a book while driving from Roswell to Carlsbad.
- ... you have been told by at least one out-of-state vendor that you must pay an extra charge for international shipping.

- ... you are still using the paper license tag that came with your car a year ago.
- ... you begin gardening with plastic flowers.
- ... you ask your guests to go to the bathroom before leaving home because you don't want them using your water.
- ... you've decided that Californians are even worse than Texans.
- ... you think a red light is merely a suggestion.
- ... you believe that using a turn signal is a sign of weakness.
- ... you pass on the right because that is the fast lane.
- ... you know they don't skate at the Ice-house and the Newsstand doesn't sell newspapers.
- ... you know the difference between a farolito and a luminaria.



EDITOR: In my mind, the "Good Old Boy Network" is a group of people, both men and women, who foster their own and each others interests. It is who you know, who you're related to and who you sleep with. You are either part of it or you're not.

Is it just me, or has anyone else noticed the once sleepy little town of Capitan has become the laughing stock of the state? A place where anarchy and chaos rule. A place where if you question the actions of the current regime, you are labeled, slandered and persecuted.

Nobody likes what is happening in Capitan, but very few are willing to do anything about it.

The "Good Old Boy Network" is alive and well in Capitan ... unfortunately.

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Capitan, New Mexico

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Carrizozo/Otero Electric	4:00 - 6:30

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Nogal Post Office	9:00-9:45
Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe	10:15 - 11:45
Camp Sierra Blanca	1:00 - 3:00
Lincoln Post Office	4:00-4:45
Hondo Store	5:00-5:45

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Grizzly WEEKLY

by Carrizozo High School Journalism Class
Sarah Ball, Instructor



Handicap Day At Zozo Schools

In September, the freshmen English class participated in a handicap day to see how they would feel to be handicapped. They did this after reading the play *The Miracle Worker* concerning a blind, deaf girl named Helen Keller who was able to overcome her handicaps. She learned to communicate with others, became highly educated and promoted the rights of all handicapped people. Ms. Ball had the students in wheelchairs, without arms, blind, mute, and so on. The students realized how hard it is to be handicapped.

The number one rule for the day was not to step out of their handicap. Carrizozo high school students Wes Corley, Jr., Jerilyn Lovelace, and Natasha Renney stated that they felt very fraudulent for making fun of handicapped people. Handicap Day was a learning experience for all the students. It showed them not to make fun of handicapped people while being in their shoes that day.

All the students stated that they wouldn't be able to handle it if they were handicapped. "It is way too hard," stated Natasha Renney. The students also stated that if they were handicapped they would like to be wheelchair bound. Wes Corley Jr., added that "I felt as though I was an outcast while being handicapped because of all the ways I used to tease handicapped people."

The experiment was officially over at lunch, but many students didn't last one hour.

Later Mr. John Johns and Ms. Doris Cherry visited the freshmen class to tell them about their experiences as handicapped people and gave the students the opportunity to ask questions.

By Heather Renney

An Experience Of A Lifetime

On October 28, the President of the United States of America came to Alamogordo, and I had the privilege of going to see him. Mr. Corley, my history teacher, had called my dad on Friday to see if I wanted to go. My dad told him, "Yes." So out of the 28 people that were going from the school, I was one.

We left at 5:00 in the morning. When we got to Alamogordo, the traffic was horrible. Just as soon as we arrived at the soccer complex, police officers were everywhere. We finally found a parking spot. Then Mr. Watkins, our counselor, gave us our tickets to get in line along with hundreds of other people. The line went in a swirl around the parking lot. Accidentally, but luckily, we ended up in front.

I was so excited. I was going to see the President, George W. Bush.

We got to the metal detectors and were searched. Then we made our way to the field. We were facing a stage and behind the stage were some rows of bleachers, which held familiar faces. Heather Wilson, Governor Johnson, and Steve Pearce were some of the people that I recognized.

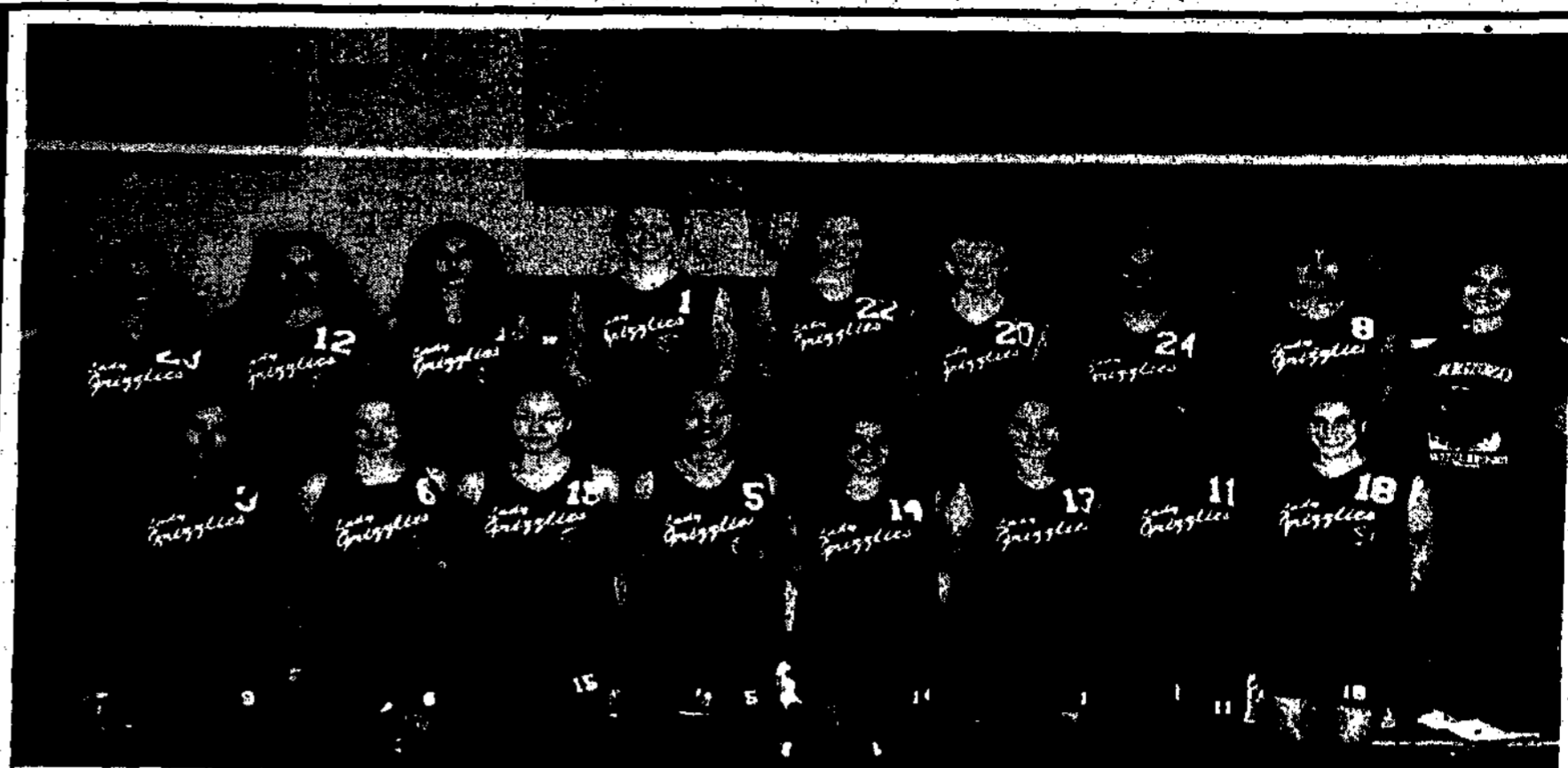
A man was at the podium that announced that the President would be flying over us in Air Force One. It was a long wait till some one yelled, "There it is!" Then the crowd went in a frenzy. When the President deplaned, Steve Pearce went to the podium and said, "Welcome the President of the United States!" The President stood on the stage waving. Steve Pearce gave an introduction, sat down, and the President stepped to the podium. His first words were "Hola."

I couldn't believe it. I was with the President. He had a lot to talk about, mainly about terrorism. He also made some jokes as if he were glad to see a state where the cowboy hat is part of the work uniform. He said it reminded him of home.

I still was in disbelief. I was staring at the President of the United States of America in real life. In closing, the President said, "Thank you," and stepped down to go around shaking people's hands. Unfortunately, I did not get to.

But I was just happy that I got to see him in the flesh.

Nathan J. Chavez



Grizzly Ladies Capture Class A / District 7 Tournament Championship.

Carrizozo girls varsity volleyball team posed for picture after capturing the Class 'A' District Championship by besting Mountainair's Mustangs on Saturday, Nov. 2. Carrizozo will now move on the Regional competition this weekend. First round regional action will be Friday at Victory Christian in Albuquerque, a win in the first round will advance Friday winners to the regional final on Saturday morning. Top row (left to right): Victoria Rossi, Monique Jiron, Whitney Whittaker, Lacey Burd, Christa Franck, Marybeth Shivers, Sarah White, Kaitlyn Vega. Bottom row (left to right): Ashley Samora, Ariel Vallejos, Adrienne Zamora, Ariel Burr, Sonya Vega, Stephanie Brewer, Tierney Burd, Franchesca Rossi, and Coach Mandy Baca.

Jim Brown Named First Rodeo Coach at NMSU

New Mexico State University's first-ever rodeo coach, Jim Dewey Brown, began work in August.

Brown, whose position was funded by a special appropriation from the state legislature, hopes to bring a winning combination of athletic and academic success to the university's rodeo team and 4-H rodeo programs.

"We want to let rodeo athletes know that in New Mexico, we're the school to go to," he said. "Starting this year, we have the talent to be the team to beat in the Grand Canyon region."

The Southwest region director of saddle bronc riding from 1999 to 2000, Brown competed twice at the College National Finals Rodeo. He competes as a saddle bronc rider in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

Honored as an Academic All-Star by the National Intercollegiate Rodeo As-

sociation in 2000, Brown also emphasizes success in the classroom. "We want students to set goals, stay focused and finish their academic careers," he said. "We want them to use their educations, because most can't rodeo forever."

Brown earned a bachelor's degree in animal science and a master's degree in agriculture, both from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas, which bills itself as the "Cowboy Capital of the

World." A graduate of Carrizozo High School, Brown grew up working on the Mendiburu Ranch in Bingham, where his father is the manager.

Fittingly, he met his future wife, Shawna Sherrie Brown, at the New Mexico high school rodeo finals. "She was the state rodeo queen," he said. "I took one look at her and thought I had no chance. But the next year she came and introduced her-

self to me." The Browns have a 6 month old daughter, Elise.

Brown's interest in teaching also dates back to high school, when he enjoyed helping special education students learn how to snow ski.

Though he originally planned to teach math, he became interested in coaching rodeo athletes after serving as a student worker and assistant coach at Tarleton with respected coach Bob Doty.



Carrizozo September Students of the Month

These students were selected as Student of the Month for September by their teachers. From left to right: Clarence Beltran, Josh Calvert, Angela Lucero, Lacey Burd, Monique Morales, Jessica Ward, Chris Vega (not pictured Cassie Heathcock).

EMT Basic Class Is Held Saturdays at Corona School

An Emergency Medical Technician Basic (EMT-B) class is being held Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Corona Schools. The first class was held November 2 and classes will continue each Saturday through April 5, 2003, except for Thanksgiving and Christmas weekends.

Anyone interested in participating in the class should contact Jim Stover at 257-8290 or Kim Roper at 354-2922 Monday through Thursday. Saturday, November 9 will be the last day to enter the class.

The class provides training in EMT-Basic and those completing the course and successfully passing the test and state licensing will be certified as EMT-Basic and will help provide necessary emergency medical service in Lincoln County.

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Sheriff's Report

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

October 28:
 5:37 p.m. erratic driver at mile marker 88 on Highway 54. Deputy notified.
 8:13 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police advised of harassment against a subject on Highway 70 east. Deputy assigned.
 9:16 p.m. dogs on the loose on Wyatt Earp Court in Rancho Ruidoso Estates.
 9:50 p.m. unknown vehicle in residence driveway on Deer Park Drive.
October 29:
 4:16 p.m. deputy advised of trespassing at mile marker 125 on Highway 54. Deputies responded, arrested a suspect and transported to Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC).
 5:38 p.m. accident without injuries at mile marker 140 on Highway 54 north of Carrizozo. Deputies, state police notified.
 6:05 p.m. disabled car at mile marker 90 on Highway 380. Capitán police responded.
 8:46 p.m. 911 report of an accident with injuries on Forest Road 448 off Highway 70. Med 4 ambulance responded and trans-

ported the injured 18 year old to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

10:57 p.m. loud music in Loma Grande.
October 30:
 1 p.m. violation of temporary restraining order in Ruidoso Downs.
 3:41 p.m. request for ambulance for 80 year old subject who fell with possible hip injury. Carrizozo ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.
 4:36 p.m. suspicious vehicle at ranch north of Capitán. Responding deputy made no contact with the vehicle.
 6:24 p.m. gas skip of \$8.25 from business in Eagle Creek. At 7:47 p.m. the store called back and advised the subject returned and paid.
 8:32 p.m. harassment at space in trailer park on Highway 70 west. Caller made request for close patrol for next several days.
 8:47 p.m. ambulance made request for adult services referral for subject on Airport Road. Deputy responded.
 9:30 p.m. Deputy requested ambulance for detox on Highway 48. Med 1 ambulance advised if transported the patient back to a residence.
October 31:
 8:46 a.m. request for

peace keeping in Glencoe.
 3:25 p.m. 911 request for ambulance to transport a 69 year old male to LCMC. Med 1 ambulance responded.

November 1:
 2:26 p.m. trespassing during hunting season off State Road 247.
 3:49 p.m. runaway from location on Midiron. At 3:53 p.m. the caller advised he located his daughter and he did not need the deputy.
 4:19 p.m. unknown subject at a home at mile marker 276 on Highway 70. Deputy contacted a person who advised that her husband was on route to assist with the subject.
November 2:
 8:58 a.m. dog in Lincoln.
 12:03 p.m. request for ambulance at mile marker 269 on Highway 70 for elderly man with problems breathing. Med 1 transported to LCMC.
 1:15 p.m. unruly child in Capitán.
 1:35 p.m. man down with seizures. Med 1 transported to LCMC.
 1:44 p.m. unruly child. Caller was at Fort Stanton and the son was in Capitán, deputy to meet with caller.
 2:35 p.m. Children, Youth and Families Dept. (CYFD) request for deputy negli-

gence/shelter/supervision at RV park off Highway 70. Responding deputy took custody and turned children over to CYFD.

10:54 p.m. threatening by phone in Alpine Village.

November 3:
 11:09 a.m. temporary restraining order violation on CO16.
 2:30 p.m. caller wanted to go home to Florida, but mother has custody in Ruidoso area.
 2:47 p.m. request for ambulance for sick 54 year old female in Little Creek area. Med 1 transported to LCMC.
 8:43 p.m. egg throwing at houses and vandalism by juveniles in Sun Valley.
 9:30 p.m. CYFD attempting to locate parent at RV park. Deputy responded and arrested a woman.
 10:55 p.m. request for ambulance at LCDC to check 30 year old female with stomach and chest pains. Carrizozo ambulance transported the female to LCMC.
November 4:
 8:12 a.m. possible accident on CO23.
 8:13 a.m. accident with injuries, single car rollover, at mile marker 43 on Highway 380. Carrizozo ambulance, Rescue 1, Med 1, paged Lifeguard but weather too bad so it was canceled.



Woody Clements has sent several old pictures to be included in the Centennial scrapbooks. The committee will copy and return any historical snapshots brought to them.

Elene Robinson, Bronte, TX, spent a week with her mother, Mrs. Effie Mulkey.

After six years, the Johnson family sold their cafe to John and Nancy Clark. Friday morning, November 1, the Clarks were greeting the townspeople with free coffee and donuts. Many responded by enjoying the special steak dinner that night. The Clark's daughter, Lauren, was here from San Diego to help with the festivities.

Winners of the costume contest at the Halloween Carnival were Allison Martin, Kathia Beltran, Ryan Davidson, Josh Gage, Opal Greer and Randy Lueras. The 7th graders' Haunted House was a big hit with everyone. The juniors won first place in the pumpkin carving contest with the 8th graders a close second.

J. D. Kibbe, Eastern New Mexico University student and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Holleyman, won the calf roping for the year at both the New Mexico Rodeo Association's finals at Las Vegas and the Texas Rodeo Association finals in Amarillo.

Taos Muncy, a sophomore at Corona High School, was in Oklahoma City last week for the United States Team Roping Championship finals. Taos and his partner, Kory Bramwell, Kromo, CO, won four successive challenge competitions. They earned buckles and added significant amounts to their college funds. There were 765 teams in the 6th preliminary.

Randy Warm, Corona High School junior, attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy, Oct. 22-27 in Washington, D.C. He was one of about 400 juniors and seniors interested in homeland security. The keynote speaker was U.S. Marine Col H.C. Barnum, Ret. The forum included trips to the CIA, the Pentagon, ("one huge place"), several military installations and the Gettysburg National Military Park, as well as other Washington sites. Randy's favorite was the Lincoln Memorial.

They met with leaders in national security, diplomacy and global defense systems culminating with a student-run simulation of an international crises.

The National Youth Leadership Forum is a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational organization that sponsors highly specialized career oriented programs for outstanding high school students who demonstrate leadership potential.

Shaline Lopez, senior at Corona High School, District VII FFA president

and state FFA vice-president, attended the 75th annual National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky last week. Shaline was the leadership delegate for Defining the Role of FFA in the Global Economy Committee. She was one of nine leadership delegates and received her training in Washington D.C. in July to help initiate a new delegate process this year that is "issue driven" and should ensure that the FFA member has a stronger voice in the national organization. Her report to her chapter will indicate that the new process went very well.

Zelfa Atkinson was honored recently on her 80th birthday with a luncheon hosted by Wayne and Kay Lindsey who were assisted by Marc, Waynette, Lyndsi and Whitney Polosky, and Mike Lindsey. Eighty-five friends were welcomed into the Corona Recreation Room that was beautifully decorated with fall floral arrangements. Waynette made. Included in the decorations was a table displaying antique kitchen gadgets, and two memory boards; one displayed pictures of Zelfa's early years including a picture of the homestead northeast of Corona where she was born to Wilbur and Pallie Dishman. The display of colored pictures showed memorable events with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Included on the list of attendees were longtime friend, Woody Clements who grew up in the Corona area, CowBelle friends from Belen, Mountainair, Willard and Claunch, Mike Lindsey who surprised his grandmother after driving 12 hours from Corsicana, Texas, and 18 of Zelfa's former students. Her students shared fond memories of being in her classes and one student wrote her a note which sums up the thoughtful conversations. She said, "I seldom prepare a meal or sit down at my sewing machine without thinking of the correct way you, Zelfa, taught me to do things."

A Flying J Christmas concert with The Flying J Wranglers of Ruidoso will be Sunday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Corona School auditorium. Seating is limited so advance tickets are recommended and can be purchased at the Corona Trading Co. or Eileen's Hands and Hoofs in Carrizozo. This program will be enjoyed by the entire family. For ticket information call: 564-9984.

RR Names Proposed for C'zozo Streets

Attempting to eliminate duplicate street names to avoid confusion in the Emergency 911 system, Carrizozo Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Committee members have proposed renaming town streets with railroad names. P&Z met Monday, November 4 and discussed the problems with "personal" names in a previous draft of renames. According to the minutes by P&Z secretary Mike Gieb, the public that was present provided input on ideas, and proposed railroad names. P&Z proposed that at the next scheduled P&Z meeting, the P&Z would approve the proposed names, and that a map showing the proposed names would be available for public viewing during the town council meeting on December 11. P&Z also recommended approval: -Of a conditional use by Carrizozo Schools; approved a conditional use request for Randy Merten to place a mobile home on his property; -Of a conditional use variance requested by Cathie Eisen who placed a barn five feet from the property line. -Conditional use request from Mabel Candelaria to place a mobile home on her property, with special conditions. Those are the property will be cleared of debris and code violation situations and new trailer be moved in. All conditions are to be accomplished within six months beginning November 4. Applicant was told she could return after that time and apply for an extension at the discretion of P&Z. If substantial progress is made, P&Z will strongly consider an appropriate extension. -Conditional use request for Cathy McAllister who wants to attach another mobile home next to a mobile home already on her property.

Church Directory



MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY
 Negal 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
 648-2968 (Church) or 648-2107
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
 Sun. Evening Training at 6:15 p.m.
 Evening Worship 7:15 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)
 JOHNNIE L. JOHNSON, Pastor
 Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth, 648-2186
 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 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY:
 Capitan Sacred Heart 9:00 a.m.
 Carrizozo Santa Rita 10:30 a.m.
 Corona St. Theresa 1:00 p.m.
Church of Christ
 TOM POINDEXTER, Minister 354-3135
 Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 1:15 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
St. Matthias Episcopal Church
 REV. CANON JOHN PENN, Rector
 Corner of E Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
 1-905-257-2358
 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) 6:30 p.m.
 United Methodist Woman
 Every 3rd Wednesday 2:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner on
 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 p.m.
CAPITAN:
 Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 9:15 a.m.
 Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Time 10:15 a.m.
 Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
 Choir Practice (Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday
 Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group)
 1st and 3rd Tuesday 9:30 a.m.
Christ Community Fellowship
 ED VINSON, Pastor (Inter-denominational)
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This past Saturday was such a gala weekend. Joe and Kelly Phillips held their open house with the grand opening of the Lincoln Schoolhouse Art Center. The Vantage Construction of Roswell did a fantastic restoration of the old schoolhouse. It is so cheery and the inlay of pottery on the walls are such an interesting addition. Paintings and leather sculpture were shown by the following: Curtis Dykes, San Angelo, TX; Russell Waterhouse, Lincoln; Gary Eklund, Carrizozo; Martin Rose, Ruidoso; Nelson Boren, Utah; Oleg Stavrowski, Austin, TX; LaBoe Peeler, Greg Price, Midland, TX. Velma Ward of the Eaty Gourmet did her usual fabulous catering for the affair.

Congratulations Joe and Kelly for a wonderful addition to Lincoln.

A reception and dance was held at the Ruidoso Civic Center of the family and friends of Igancio and Amanda Torrez to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary. Also they were celebrating the wedding of their second grandson, Christopher, son of Ray and Theresa Torrez, and Betsy, daughter of Richard and Shaula Cull of Ruidoso. Amanda in her white dress and the bride in her wedding were so beautiful. The bride's dress was the dress her mother wore at her wedding, and Amanda's dress was the one she wore at their 50th wedding anniversary party. A lovely and moving rendition of the

Santa's Helpers Workshop Opens Monday, Dec. 2

Santa's Helpers workshop at 1086 Mechem in Ruidoso opens Monday, Dec. 2 and will be open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Applications for families who need assistance will be available at the workshop Dec. 2 and will be at police stations and/or post offices in Carrizozo, Capitan, Hondo, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs as soon as possible.

Last year Santa's Helpers helped 221 families in Lincoln County. There were 28 families in the Carrizozo, Capitan and Nogal area, 22 families in the Hondo Valley area, and 171 families in the Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs area. Among these were 20 elderly homes. These families received food boxes, clothing and toys for children up to 16 years old living in the home.

Volunteers are needed at the workshop to help wrap gifts and other duties. Also watch for "Bells" on Christmas trees in various businesses to help fill the children's need for clothing and wanted toys.

Delivery to families receiving help will be on Dec. 18.

The Joy for Kids Toy Run will start the Santa's Helpers season with a parade on November 10. Call 505-336-1237 for more information.

blessing for the honorees, Lord's Prayer, was performed by Lulu Martinez, an American Native Dancer.

Following her performance the wedding dance, led by the Ray and Betsy was held with all guests participating. There were two little girls who really enjoyed the dance. The littlest stood in the middle of the dance floor with her arms crossed waiting for her turn to dance.

Amanda and Igancio and family appreciated everyone who helped them celebrate this joyous occasion. Congratulations to these two couples and may you have many more years and anniversaries together.

Lincoln County photographers did quite well at the Hubbard Fall American Photographic competition which was open to the public. There were six winners in the first and second place in the five categories.

Congratulations to two Lincoln county Women. Nancy Knight of Ancho was installed in the NM 4-H Hall of Fame during the NM State Fair for her work as a 4-H leader in Lincoln County. She had several National 4-H winners under her leadership.

Angie Provine of Capitan will receive the FCE Pioneer award for her work with teaching, 4-H, Extension club now known as the FCE. She will receive her award at the FCE State meeting to be held in Farmington this week. This is the same award I received several years ago, so I am in good company.

We returned from Boston Friday evening. We had been with our son, Wayne, for a week who had suffered from some heart problems. He is doing fine and is home. The fall colors were so beautiful while we were there.

It feels like winter is on its way. It started turning cold yesterday (Sunday) afternoon. Hopefully there will be snow on the Sierra Blanca Mountain.

The church held Morning Prayer Sunday. The services were led by Pam and Herman McArthur, who do such a great service.

Kelly and Joe Phillips have returned to their home in Midland.

Lincoln is going to be busy again this next Saturday, Nov. 9. Steve Havill, of Raton and formerly of Lincoln, will have a book signing of his new book *Scavengers* from one to three in the afternoon. Admission is free.

There is also a birthday celebration in honor of John Thomas 93rd birthday and in the evening the wedding of Barry Herd and Lynn Lovelace in Capitan.

November 30 the Museum will hold their annual Christmas party and sale from 1:00 to 4:00. It is open to the public, there will be refreshments, Santa Claus and entertainment.

Julie Jones, had been named the Historic Lin-

coln employee of November at the Freeman-Anderson Museum, Lincoln. She was chosen for her sunny disposition and eager to please the customers. She is always very helpful and a great asset to Lincoln. Congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman McArthur attended the Texas Tech Homecoming in Lubbock recently.

We are sad to report the passing of little Mac Sykes. He put up a long hard battle against his brain tumor. He was a "big" little fighter. His cheery smile, conversations and happy outlook in life will be greatly missed.

Our sympathies also to the family of Dick Mulky, Roswell who passed away during our absence.

Free Photography Contest Accepting Entries Until Dec. 31

The International Open Amateur Photography Contest is accepting entries until Dec. 31, 2002. The contest is free and open to everyone.

Photographers, especially beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of prizes.

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lishment of a 'Fort Stanton Commission' similar to the Cumbres and Toltec railroad commission codified in State Statute 16-5."

"Such a commission, operating with a dedicated budget of some amount, could provide the focus needed to provide the best possible evolution of use of this historic treasure," Stewart said.

"I see this as our next step, if under a new governor something can be done for Fort Stanton like the Toltec Commission," Stewart added.

"This is one priority we ought to keep!"

Stewart also reported on the appropriation requests to be submitted to legislators from the county. Top in the county's wish list for state appropriation money is more funding for improvements to the county for the Emergency 911 dispatch system, followed by request for funding for DWI offender housing and counseling facility and third, funding to renovate the old jail in the courthouse to become office space.

Last year the county received \$110,000 from the legislature for the 911 communications improvements. However it was about \$85,000 short of funding the upgrade for the Hondo Valley.

"The convoluted nature of this area makes another repeater and a series of voting system relays es-

sential," Stewart said.

Stewart also said he is applying for a law enforcement grant for the 911 system upgrade for the Hondo Valley.

The second legislative county request for appropriations is \$156,000 to construct a new detention center annex for DWI offenders housing and counseling facility. Stewart said there is about \$7.2 million in the state general fund from liquor taxes that is not distributed to various agencies and counties that are responsible for treatment of alcoholics.

"In concert with our local Ruidoso/Lincoln County DWI program, the county is requesting funding to construct a detention annex for DWI offenders and other non-violent, but probably alcohol related detainees," Stewart said. "About six percent of our detention center operations concern DWI related offenses."

In addition the county is requesting that \$100,000 a year from liquor taxes be allocated to Lincoln County and other counties in proportionate amounts, for continued counseling and funding of alcohol related rehabilitation projects.

The last county request for state money is \$105,000 to renovate the old county jail area in the courthouse into office space. "The old facility consumes approximately 30 percent of

our administrative space (in the courthouse)," Stewart said. "Since the county continues its rapid growth, this currently wasted space should be converted to office space as soon as possible."

Another legislative issue offered by Stewart included a request for Lincoln County to get some of the \$4.4 million the state collects in taxes designated for small counties under the state Small Counties Assistance Fund 737. But last year Lincoln County and seven other small counties got nothing from that fund. The county will ask legislators to look into an update of the formula to entitle more of the small counties to receive the \$100,000 to \$200,000 per year as intended by the act.

The county is also supporting the intent of House Joint Memorial 15 that directed the state Legislative Finance Committee to study and review the expenses that counties provide for various state agencies. Lincoln County provides space for the District Attorney, District court, juvenile probation office and Department of Health at a cost of \$100,059 a year. Also, the county is administering a grant from the US Dept. of Health and Human Services and a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) with a county match of \$20,000 for the health clinic.

On water conservation and regulation, the county also supports the incorporation of various completed regional plans into a statewide water plan, and encourages support of efforts by the state engineer to further "conserve this precious resource."

Fire fund appropriations are next on the list of requests. "Citizens pay through their fire insurance companies, premiums based on ISO ratings," Stewart said. "These monies are designed to improve fire service in the state, yet 60 percent of these monies revert to the state general fund every year." As such, the county requests this diversion of funds be examined and rectified. "Our rural fire departments need help," Stewart added.

"Additionally the county requests an evaluation of providing incentives to fire departments for improving their ISO rating." (ISO ratings are based on each fire department's amount of water storage, water carrying capacity, equipment and other factors.)

Specifics about the legislative requests presented: amending the Fireworks Licensing and Safety Act 60-2C-8 to give boards of county commissioners the same authority as the state fire board to restrict the use of fireworks during periods of extreme drought; new legislation to make computer soft-

ware programmers for municipalities and counties partially liable for the work they perform. Currently the programmers for counties and municipalities are not liable for their errors; amend Statute 67-5-14 that provides a \$5 reimbursement for "road reviewers" to provide a more appropriate amount. "It appears that this particular statute has not been updated since 1905," Stewart said. "A rate more commensurate with today's expenses would be appropriate."

County planning officer Patsy Sanchez also had some requests, most that deal with growth issues. "Uncontrolled growth is the issue," Sanchez wrote in her recommendations for requested legislation. She was most concerned about some of the 13 exemptions in the state subdivision statutes that govern land division regulations. "Some of these exemptions are unquestionably needed, such as burial sites," Sanchez said.

Sanchez had great concerns about other exemptions. Those include the family exemption that allows a person to give property to his family which could result in lots with wells and septic tanks that are less than one acre in size; division of parcels smaller than 35 acres within 12 months for grazing purposes; 140 acre parcels with no regulations for roads or water studies which could also be further divided with no regulations under the family, grazing or other exemptions.

"These exemptions are provided by state statute and have to be addressed

by the state legislature," Sanchez wrote. "I would encourage our county commissioners to strive for that goal (of amending these statutes)."

"The other way to control density is through zoning," Sanchez continued. "It is possible to do zoning that is unobtrusive. Simply zoning the bulk of the county as agricultural and subdivisions are residential, we can have a handle on anything that comes in that is not agricultural."

"It is the only way I know we can control the amount of water used and the number of wells drilled and the number of houses on a lot and the number of times a parcel can be re-subdivided," Sanchez continued. "At this moment, there are four complaints of lots in subdivisions which have restrictive covenants that are not being enforced."

She gave an example of three or four trailers on one small lot. "If we were to zone that residential, there could be only one house per lot," Sanchez continued. "These problems should be handled by the Environment Department and the State Engineer, but they are shorthanded. I believe we (the county) should take care of our own problems and not leave it up to the state."

Sanchez also said there are problems with mobile homes coming into the county without notice. "These do not require a building permit," Sanchez said. "The state has informed us that in order to require a person to report a mobile beforehand, we need a county ordinance."



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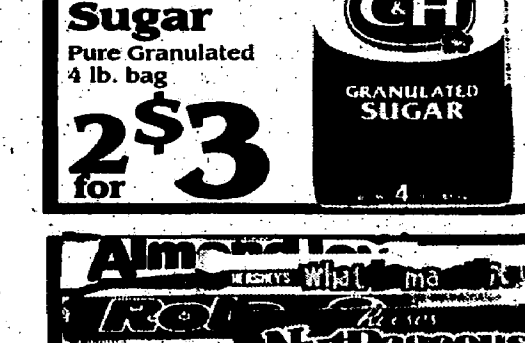
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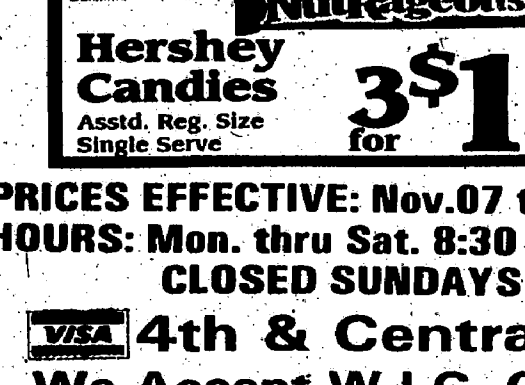
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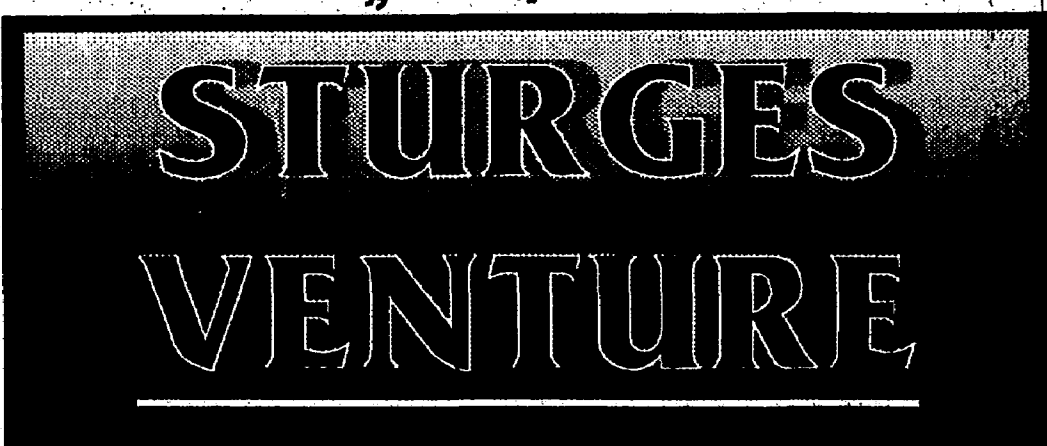
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