

# School Board Candidates File

by Doris Cherry

Twenty-five people filed as candidates for the February 4, 2003 school board elections for the county's five school districts.

On Tuesday, December 17, candidates filed for the elections with the Lincoln County Clerk's office in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

Several sitting board members chose not to file for re-election, causing

some competitive races.

Candidates who filed by school district and by ballot positions are listed below.

Capitan School Board:  
Position 3, four year term with current member Grant Dean:

Douglas O. Fuqua, Kenneth W. McInnes.

Position 4, four year term with current appointed member Danny Haynes:

Danny R. Haynes, Julian W. Romero

Position 5, four year term with current member James Hobbs:

Laura L. Morgan, Robin R. Parks.

Carrizozo School Board:

Position 1, four year term with current member Steve Harkey:

Steven P. Harkey, Angelo Vega

Position 2, four year term with current member Lisa Shivers:

John E. Hemphill, Lisa G. Crenshaw

Position 5, four year term with current member LeeRoy Zamora:

LeeRoy Zamora

Corona School Board:

Position 1, four year term with current member Denise Byrd:

Shad Heath Cox

Position 2, four year term with current member Rick Gage:

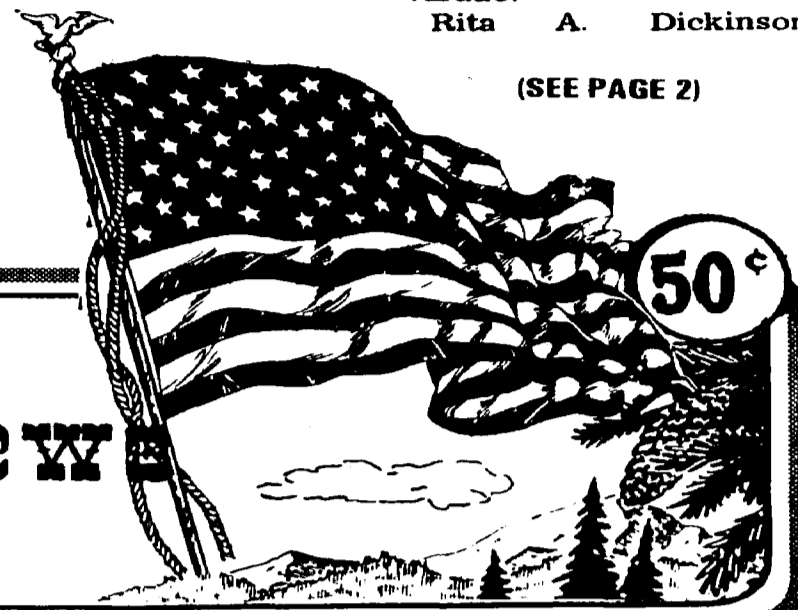
Richard L. Gage

Position 3, four year term with current member Danny Lueras:

John A. Hartung  
Position 5, remainder of four year term expiring March 2005, with current member Shad Cox:  
Mark Ernest Sultemeier  
Hondo School Board:

Position 2, remainder of four year term expiring March 2005 currently held by Luis Jimenez:  
Luis A. Jimenez  
Position 3, four year term currently with Braulio Alvarado:  
Rita A. Dickinson,

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!!!** says the Carrizozo Pre-school Class. The young students performed at the Carrizozo Schools Christmas Music Program on December 12, delighting everyone with their rendition of "We Wish You A Merry Christmas!" The school dismisses Friday for the holidays and will resume class on January 6.

## Gas Price Complaints Aired

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas bills will be high for the entire winter as the utility is locked into a sole source price for bulk gas, and a transportation fee to bring that gas to the village. So the utility is willing to work with customers to arrange payment schedules.

Complaints about the high gas prices led the Capitan mayor and trustees to question whether the utility should be sold or expanded?

As residents in Capitan got their bills for November, Capitan village trustees and mayor began to get calls from those who could not pay them. "My phone has been ringing off the wall with the latest gas bills," said mayor Steve Sederwall at the end of the December 10 regular trustee meeting. "I'm catching hell on the gas company. Any suggestions?"

Trustees Bobbi Shearer and Leroy Montes said they too had received calls from residents with high gas bills. Resident Mary Brothers said some residents have called her because they can't afford their gas and she can only refer them to public assistance. "I feel for them," Brothers said. "And the rates will not

go down this winter," added Shearer.

CCNG former member Wayne Mason said natural gas prices are up nationwide, not just in Capitan.

Shearer, who serves as village representative on the CCNG board, said on top of that 30 percent increase in cost for the gas, CCNG has another 30 percent cost for the transportation fee, paid to Zia gas, which owns the major transmission line from which CCNG gets its gas. "The fee is a big burden," Shearer added.

CCNG board member Tom Sullivan said the CCNG board, with the advice of their now "good" attorney, has a long range plan for the utility, and what to do with the \$2.08 transportation fee (by building a new transmission line). But Shearer said any of the plans will take up to two years to accomplish.

Sullivan said another option is to sell CCNG. "There is an offer to buy it," Sullivan said. "But I don't think we should consider selling it because we got a ridiculous offer for it (CCNG)."

Sullivan said he sympathized with those low income residents.

Shearer said the issue of the transportation fee has been litigated and she believes it has less of a

chance not to be overturned. Shearer said CCNG could go with revenue bonds to build up the utility.

Brothers then asked if people on fixed income can work with CCNG to pay their bills. CCNG finance officer Kay Strickland said CCNG has a budget plan for those with year round accounts, and if a customer is having a real hard time the customer can call CCNG to make arrangements.

"We aren't going to just turn off your gas if you can't pay," Strick-

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### Santa Visits C'zozo December 21st

Santa Claus will visit Carrizozo beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21 at Spencer Park.

Santa will arrive on the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department truck to distribute candy and gifts to local children. Volunteers will help Santa with the distribution.

### In honor of our heroes, living and dead, who sacrificed themselves for us

It was the night before Christmas, he lived all alone, in a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone.

I had come down the chimney with presents to give, and to see just who in this home did live.

I looked all about, a strange sight I did see, no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand, on the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.

With medals and badges, awards of all kinds, a sober thought came through my mind.

For this house was different, it was dark and dreary, I found the home of a soldier, once I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone, curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.

The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder, not how I pictured a United States soldier.

Was this the hero of who I'd just read? Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?

I realized the families that I saw this night, owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight.

Soon round the world, the children would play, and grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas Day.

The all enjoyed freedom each month of the year, because of the soldiers like the one lying here.

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# Gas Price Complaints

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land said. She said the CCNG office has been getting a lot of calls about the high prices. Trustee George Tippin criticized CCNG for not doing anything. "I don't know the solution," Tippin said. "It seems we haven't gotten a lot of feedback (from the CCNG members)." "There is no quick fix," responded Shearer. She went on to say that the CCNG rates have not been adjusted in years.

only the actual cost of gas and the additional transport fee. Strickland said the additional \$2.81 fee is a cost of service. "That is what is costing us to get our own gas," she added. Sederwall said CCNG gas costs 70 cents above what Zia charges. After some discussion about CCNG cutting its costs in terms of salaries and other expenses, Shearer said there is no room to cut. She later said if

CCNG has to start cutting employees salaries they might as well sell CCNG. Tippin then said in a crunch it may come down to salary cutting. Tippin then again said he wanted to see a plan. Shearer said they have a plan. "There are two things," Shearer said. "An appraisal to see what (CCNG) is worth and to see what bonding capacity CCNG has."

"But none of this will help this winter with gas bills," Shearer said. "We'll get big bills all winter." She also said that people calling her about high prices did not feel that way about employees.

As trustees further discussed the CCNG options to increase their customer base and operations by passing a revenue bond, or sell, Shearer asked if the questions need to be taken to the voters by referendum. A resident asked where the money would come from to do revenue bonds and was told it would come be relieving CCNG from the transportation fee. "We'll have to spend a whole bunch of money to get to Zia prices," Shearer added.

Shearer said there are provisions in state law for holding a referendum. But Sullivan did not think a referendum is needed. After considerable discussion about who would be allowed to vote in a referendum for CCNG, since some customers live outside the municipalities, a resident asked if a vote in a referendum is binding. "If we vote to sell CCNG and it passes, do we have to sell it?" asked Mollie Mason. Shearer said, "Yes."

"Even if we have only one offer?" Mason asked. Wayne Mason then asked who would get the money from the sell, since neither municipality (Capitan, Carrizozo) has put any money or subsidy into CCNG.

A resident then asked if CCNG could break out the costs of the bill, showing the basic CCNG costs, plus the actual cost of the gas consumed.

Montes then agreed with Tippin that CCNG needs to start its plan. "Let's start formulating the plan," he urged.

Anna Gail Grassie, a Capitan resident and employee of Zia Natural gas, said before any referendum is proposed for CCNG an engineering study needs to be done to determine the cost of any upgrades needed.

Sederwall said he hopes to have a public meeting about CCNG soon.

For more information about gas bills or energy assistance, contact the CCNG office in Capitan.

everything. Study it, before you throw away your future. Think then talk.

**Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)**  
You're not letting the left hand see what the right hand is doing. One of these days, you'll need both of them to do what needs to be done right. Ooops!

**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)**  
Steady as you go, going through life, keeping your heart safely tucked away. Open up your heart and let someone in. You need to

Love and let live.

**Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**  
Don't feel bad, if you need to get away by yourself even if it's only for a few hours. Take in a movie, or go somewhere where no one knows your name.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**  
Half the battle will be won, since you are letting others do what they need to do. Your love can be shown in other ways. A hug is a great thing.

## School Board Candidates

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**Braulio Alvarado, Sr.**  
Position 4, four year term with current member Corrine Prudencio:

**Corrine P. Prudencio**  
Position 5, four year term with current member Jimmy McTeigue:

**Godfrey K. Gomez**  
**Ruidoso School Board:**  
Position 1, four year term with current member Susan Lutterman:

**Susan M. Lutterman**  
Position 2, four year term with current member Frank Saynor:

**Franklin D. Saynor**  
Position 3, four year term with current member Ronnie Hemphill:

**Bill G. Chance, Strand M. McDougal, Thomas F. Vigil, Jacquelyn Branum.**  
Declared candidates have until December 31 to withdraw from the election. Anyone desiring to be a declared write-in candidate must also file before 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31, with the Lincoln County Clerk's office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

## PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM



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**Sagittarius (Nov 22- Dec 21)**  
Your inner strength will shine through, even on the cloudiest of days. Don't assume others will understand you, don't assume they can. Have Faith.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)**  
Go with the flow, don't let others get you upset, because this too will pass. Sit back and watch it all pass with time. Chill out & be Happy.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**  
Take a deep breath and pretend everything is fine even if it isn't. It will turn out the way it is supposed to. Remember, if in doubt then don't. Relax.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)**  
It will feel like you don't have a life, when everyone is asking you to do this and that. Find out what needs to be done ASAP, then let it go.

**Aries (March 21 - April 19)**  
Your money is not working for you when you are letting it rule your life. Love is the only thing that can make you whole and fill up the void.

**Taurus (April - May 20)**  
Look to the past only long enough to see what needs to be changed, so you don't do what you have been doing for so long. Make a list, check it twice.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**  
You may be feeling a little down. This isn't the time to hide. Reach out to the ones that really love you. You are only a hug away. They need you too.

**Cancer (June 21- July 22)**  
Watch what you say, even if you're right. There is a right time and place for

## Obituary

**Sister M. Maris Simpokaitis, SSC**

Sister M. Maris Simpokaitis, SSC, (90), member of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Casimir for 68 years, died at the Sisters of St. Casimir Motherhouse Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002, after a long illness.

Sister Maris' apostolate was that of teaching in the primary grades. Sister Maris spent 26 years of her religious

life teaching and working among the people in New Mexico.

She taught at St. Peters' Roswell, from 1938-39 and again in 1948-49; spent four years (1939-43) at St. John's Roswell; from 1960-1966, Sister Maris served as principal and teacher at Santa Rita School, Carrizozo; she also taught at Our Lady of Guadalupe School from 1975-1984 and returned in 1991-92.



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

-Jayne 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 Senior Citizens 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, DECEMBER 19

-Lincoln County Commissioners meet at 8 a.m. in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Pot luck luncheon to honor outgoing elected officials commissioners Bill Schwetmann and Ray Nunley and treasurer Joan Park.  
-Early dismissal for Carrizozo Schools.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

-Early dismissal for Carrizozo and Capitan Schools, start of holiday. Class resumes at both schools on January 6.  
-Report card day for Carrizozo Schools.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, WINTER SOLSTICE, SHORTEST DAY OF THE YEAR

-Santa visits Carrizozo, arriving by Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department truck at 2 p.m. at Spencer Park.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

-Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce lighting contest judging. Have lights on to be judged.  
-Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso closed from 5 p.m. through January 1 for winter break.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

-Lincoln County offices, including courthouse, closed today and Christmas.  
-Capitan Village Hall closed today and Christmas. Offices closed every Friday also.

-Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas office closed today and Christmas.  
-Carrizozo Town Hall closed today and Christmas.  
-Capitan Public Library closed today and Christmas.  
-Ruidoso Village Administration Center closed today and Christmas, regular hours on Friday.  
-Ruidoso Public Library closed today and Christmas.  
-Carrizozo Christmas Eve Luminaria Display, begins at dusk. Volunteers needed to help light. Call Suzie Fern at 648-2351 to volunteer.  
-Christmas Eve services, special holiday services calendar.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

-Carrizozo Health Clinic closed today and Thursday, dental office closed today through rest of week.  
-All public offices, banks closed for the holiday.  
-Sturges Venture Market in Carrizozo closed today and Thursday for the holiday.  
-Otero County Electric Cooperative offices closed for holiday.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

-Volunteers needed to pick up used luminaria sacks in Carrizozo. Pick up sacks on your own or call Suzie Fern at 648-2351 to make arrangements.

Join in the  
Celebration of  
Lighting the way  
in Carrizozo on  
the night of His birth.



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## In Honor of Our Heroes

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I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone, on a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.  
The very thought brought a tear to my eye, I dropped to my knees and started to cry.  
The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice, "Santa don't cry, this life is my choice.  
I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more, my life is for My God, My Country, My Corps."  
The soldier rolled over and drifted to sleep, I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.  
I kept watch for hours, so silent and still and we both shivered from the cold night's chill.  
I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark, night, this guardian of honor so willing to fight.  
Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure, whispered, "Carry on Santa, it's Christmas Day, all is secure."  
One look at my watch, and I knew he was right, "Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night."

This poem was written by a Marine stationed in Okinawa, Japan and obtained over the internet.

## Statement from Joe Skeen

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able to help literally thousands of New Mexicans work out their problems with the federal bureaucracy. What we know as 'constituent services' makes up a large part of what a congressional office does. I like to think we did it better than most.  
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"I was blessed with a dedicated staff and uncounted friends and supporters through the years. They all made me look good and made my life easier. How can I ever thank them enough?  
"I'm happy to be returning to New Mexico and I know Steve Pearce will do a good job for you in Washington. But please know I still want to hear from you and know that your needs are being met. I owe all of you at least that much.  
"Goodbye and thanks.

## Capitan CoFC Light and Prize Winners

Wright's RV Court was awarded first place in the commercial category of the Capitan Chamber of Commerce annual lighting contest. The Downtown Deli and Stockmans Feed and Supply both received an honorable mention for their light displays.  
In the residential category, Larry Holt won first place. Ben Leslie and Trina Zamora both garnered honorable mention status. The first place winners in the two categories each won \$50.  
Also the Capitan chamber declared the Dec. 14 Merchant Open House a success, with Capitan merchants opening their doors and offering refreshments and holiday deals. Merchants also contributed several prizes that were given away during the open house event.  
The following people won a variety of prizes that had been donated by Capitan businesses: Lorraine Moquino, Russ Mills, Heidi Gray, Max Davis, Angelina Provine, Elaine Long, Truett Chico, Daun Goodrum, Dwight Singleton, Mike Skoglund, Ellen Fay Womack, Laura Sanchez, Laura Christiansen, Keena Brazel, John Lively, Donna Helms, Linda Norton, John Titcomb, Carl Jackson, and Katie Fellerstein.



### SANTA RITA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve -- December 24**  
\* 5:30 PM, St. Theresa, Corona  
\* 8:00 PM, Sacred Heart, Capitan  
\* 10:00 PM, San Juan, Lincoln  
\* 12:00 Midnight, Santa Rita, Carrizozo.

**Christmas Day -- December 25**  
\* 9:00 AM, Sacred Heart, Capitan  
\* 10:30 AM, Santa Rita, Carrizozo

### POSADAS Saturday, December 21 Santa Rita, Carrizozo

Following the 6:30 p.m. Mass -- Gather after Mass at the entrance of the Church, followed by a Pot Luck Dinner in the Parish Hall.

Posadas celebrates the story in the Gospel of Luke of Mary and Joseph going to Nazareth to register and looking for a place to stay, the stable they find is the place of Jesus' birth.

The innkeepers are inside the home waiting for the Pilgrims, who seek shelter for Joseph and Mary, who is expecting Jesus. They are refused entrance until the last home and are welcomed with song and scripture readings, followed by pot luck or some type of celebration.



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**LORD OF THE RINGS (PG-13) THE TWO TOWERS**  
\* 10:30 / 2:00 / 6:00 / \*9:45

**CATCH ME IF YOU CAN (PG-13)**  
\* 11:00 / 2:30 / 6:30 / 9:30

**TWO WEEKS NOTICE (PG-13)**  
3:00 / 7:15

**MAID IN MANHATTAN (PG-13)**  
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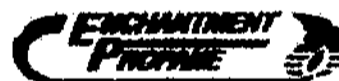
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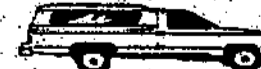
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**THOUGHTS**

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

**Double Standard**

By Ruth Hammond

Maybe your Christmas will be merry this year and we certainly hope it will be, but many Catrizzo residents on fixed incomes are more concerned about how they will be able to pay for the proposed increase in water and sewer rates that could take effect in a few weeks. Town officials will conduct a public hearing during their regular meeting on January 14 to explain why there is a need to increase water and sewer rates. And they may explain the status of the town coffers and how much money is being spent on other things instead of being spent on water and sewer to keep the town from having to have an increase in rates.

Evidently there is confusion as to why town officials are willing to increase water and sewer rates and obstinately refuse to accept any possible increase in trash rates. Could it be that they are more in favor of increasing rates for a service if it is their idea instead of being the idea of a group of people willing to share budgetary information? Or could it be that town officials want to increase water and sewer rates to be able to afford to provide these utilities to an as yet unbuilt but possibly planned subdivision? Seems that subdividers should install their own utility lines, but at a previous town council meeting certain elected officials said that the town would install the lines in the streets.

All the dissent over the trash rates and accusations that the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) would not provide copies of minutes of meetings may have been smoke screen to keep people from asking questions about the water and sewer rate situation. As for minutes of the LCSWA meetings, minutes are included in the packets that the LCSWA member representatives receive. And if the LCSWA members don't keep their packets, or file them with the town clerk, who should be blamed? It would seem that the member entity would require all packets be kept.

Getting the correct information to the public should be important, but sometimes garbled information is presented and people don't know the facts. Is it really necessary for the town to increase water and sewer rates? Will this mean better quality water for residents? Will it mean the tap water will be good enough for the town employees to use instead of town money being used to purchase bottled water for their use? Will it mean the town is complying with the environmental department regulations about disposal of sewage? Will it mean that out of state visitors won't have to ask why the water from the tap is brown, and this from a residence with all new water pipes from the meter?

Each town resident has the right to know why the town is proposing increasing water and sewer rates. Hopefully this will be explained fully at the public hearing. And maybe the people on fixed incomes will be able to afford the increases without having to decrease their food costs.

Reality is that not everyone can afford to pay more for basic utility costs. This Christmas season should be a time of joy and happiness for everyone, not a time to worry about how to stretch meager incomes to pay for needed services. May each of you have a happy Christmas that will last all year through with happiness and love for all.

Seasons Greetings

**A Statement from Congressman Joe Skeen . . .**

"As I prepare to leave Washington and return to my home in New Mexico, I want to say, 'Thank You' to all of the friends and supporters who have helped me throughout the past 22 years.

"During these past few months, I have been honored around the state for what are said to be my accomplishments. But I know that everything I've been able to do during my time in Congress is, in reality, the result of tireless efforts on the part of many people. They have been my eyes and ears throughout the state - letting me know what needs to be done and then helping me find a way to do it.

"Looking back over the years, it would be difficult for me to make a list of everything we have been able to accomplish together - but here are a few examples.

"Of course, I am most pleased to have been able to see WIPP finally go into operation. That, along with the accompanying improvements in highways around the state, has to be one of the things near the top of any list.

"But other things also come to mind - from the new airport in Ruidoso to the bill giving the lease holders at Elephant Butte the right to buy the property they've improved and have been living on for so long.

"I'm also proud of what we have been able to do at New Mexico Tech. That includes the Enhanced Oil Recovery Program, the safety training of the national first responders to major national disasters, and the role Tech plays in training U.S. allies in the Anti-Terrorism Assistance Program. There is also the Magdalena Ridge Observatory just outside Socorro - a facility that will mean major advances in the education of New Mexico's children for generations to come.

"I'm so pleased with the operation of the International Law Enforcement Academy in Roswell. The people being trained there are taking many of our methods and values back to their nations around the world. It is always a pleasure to visit the facility and see the many nationalities there.

"I also look back with pride at how we have been able to help New Mexico State University, including the major construction for the Arid Land Studies program and funding for the Agriculture Research Station's Jornada Station. These facilities will keep New Mexico's top agriculture scientists in state-of-the-art facilities and provide benefits around the world.

"At White Sands Missile Range we fought off efforts to close the High Energy Laser System Test Facility and we are now seeing the real worth of that program. We also worked for major infrastructure improvements at White Sands and were able to override President Clinton's veto of improvements to the Patriot Launch Facility at the range.

"I have been able to work closely with the military facilities throughout the Second District to make certain they have the equipment and personnel necessary to make the best contributions to the security of our nation and the world. A by-product of that effort has been the continued operation of the bases in an era of base closings around the nation.

"Another plus would have to be the Rural Economic Development Through Tourism (REDTT) program. With relatively minor funding, REDTT has provided small communities throughout the state with innovative ways of increasing tourism and economic development.

"And, of course, I am very proud of the fact that my office was

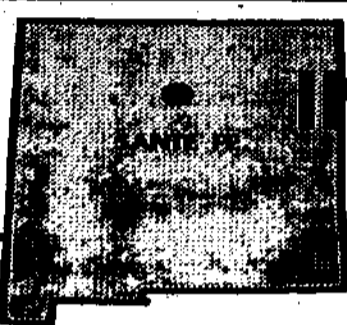
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"WHAT DO I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS? ... HOW ABOUT TAKING MY MOTHER-IN-LAW BACK TO THE NORTH POLE WITH YOU?"

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**INSIDE THE CAPITOL**

by JAY MILLER

**SANTA FE** -- As Gov. Gary Johnson comes to the end of his political career, much is being said about his legacy. What has this most unusual governor accomplished in his eight consecutive years in office? He's the first governor ever to be accorded such an opportunity.

His critics say he doesn't have much of a legacy because his tenure was marked by obstructing progress with vetoes, proposing initiatives that failed due to his inability to work well with others and pursuing adventures totally unrelated to the job for which he was elected and paid.

Gov. Johnson counters that "obstructing progress" isn't all bad. Remember he has strong Libertarian leanings toward limited government. Even though most of his initiatives failed, they got the conversation started and many eventually were adopted in other forms. And as for all the fun Johnson had while on the job, he doesn't apologize for it. He says it helped promote New Mexico as a fun place.

In fact, when asked to name his high point as governor, he unabashedly said it was hang gliding off Sandia Crest with the world champion. He says he wouldn't have had that experience or many others had he not been governor.

This happy-go-lucky approach to governing appalls those who are serious about public service. Johnson's staff exchanged very nervous glances while he excitedly recounted some of his adventures at the final news availability of his administration.

But the governor hasn't lost his appeal to average New Mexicans, who see him as one of them -- someone who isn't too interested in government, who thinks there should be less of it and who is honest enough to admit he had fun.

And he still managed to have some impact. Here are some examples.

1.) Using the bully pulpit. Johnson would like to be remembered for talking on the issues needing attention regardless of political consequences. Often he couldn't produce change, but he surely created awareness.

2.) Being the people's governor.

Many promise this, but become a part of the system. Johnson fought it the whole way. He left office still behaving like one of the folks.

3.) Fighting the War on Drugs. Johnson called it reform. Others called it liberalization. He had few successes, but he put the issue in the national spotlight and will continue to do so.

4.) Legalizing casino gaming. Johnson called it recognition of Indian sovereignty, but history is likely to see it as opening the door to big time gambling. His predecessors, Garrey Carruthers and Bruce King, did everything in their power to assure this was not their legacy.

5.) Building roads and prisons. Despite legislative resistance, Johnson was determined to fulfill these two major campaign promises. He did it with a controversial borrow-and-spend approach which has created over \$1 billion in debt to be paid over the next 20 years.

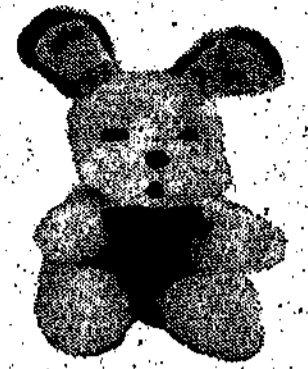
6.) Managing Medicaid. During his first few years in office, Johnson, worked at taming the Medicaid monster by introducing managed care. Costs are out of control again, but they would have been much worse.

7.) Privatizing government. From private prisons to service contracts in almost every agency, Johnson has turned over many government functions to the private sector.

8.) Setting veto records. Various called "Gov. No" and the "Veto Vato," Johnson used 750 vetoes as an offensive weapon to get what he wanted. In the process, he created comfortable surpluses, killed good and bad legislation and made many enemies.

9.) Spreading the libertarian word. Gary Johnson would not have been such a surprise if we all understood the libertarian philosophy of government not imposing restrictions on business or individuals. He was such a good advocate that the national Libertarian Party wanted to run him for president.

10.) No tax increases. He even vetoed some small increases for programs he supported. He never got the tax cuts he wanted because he never was willing to compromise on smaller amounts.



**SANTA LETTERS**

Dear Santa,  
Please send me a snowboard and an electric guitar and a dirt bike. Pleasee santa does Rudolph really have a red nose? Jake

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jonathan, and i have been wanting a hamster to take care of because they are so cute! Mr. Santa, I think you would know that I would also like the toy Spiderman that is at Wal-Mart. If I could have the Giant GI Joe American Helicopter, I would share it with my friends. My Mom would probably like a bracelet. Jonathan

Dear Santa,  
Please can I have a remote control truck and a GI Joe. Colton

Dear Santa,  
I want a Ballerina shoes and some Barbies a Ballerina Barbie and a queen Barbie and a sit a elf suit. Mariah

Dear Santa,  
I would like a snowboard and a dirt bike and a trampo line and a CD player. Jonathan

Dear Santa,  
Does Rudolph really have a red nose...Santa? merry christmas eve. Chloe

Dear Santa,  
I would like any army man, snow board go-cart and a set of golf clubs. Ethan

Dear Santa,  
I want everybody to have a very good Christmas. I want a cat and beanie babies. I love candy canes in my stocking, candles for my mom would be great. I want a stuffed tiger for my sister and army men for my brother. I want some car penter stuff for my dad. my family likes to Hungry Hippos. Tristan

Dear Santa,  
I will leave cookies and milk for you and your elfs. I wish for a Shoo Shoo baby and a bryer horse, a sled and an ornament. Alana

Dear Santa  
Santa, I know you are busy I love you and I wish I had a minitoy babydoll. I also hope everyone has a

Dear Santa,  
I want a go-cart and I want you to come to my house. Let's remember Baby Jesus's Birthday. Caleb

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Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a make up set. I have tried to be good this year. Love, Priscilla

To: Santa  
I would like a bike  
Thank you, Jacob

To: Santa  
I would like a spiderman suit Thank you, Branson

Dear Santa,  
I would like singing doll for Christmas. Thank you Lisa

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Power Ranger for Christmas. Thank you, Patrick

Carrizozo Second Grade  
Mrs. Kathy Barela

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a Harry Potter and the chamber of secrets books. Love, Sierra

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a dirt bike. I have tried to be rielly good this year. Sergio

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Michigan hat and dog. I have tried to be good this year. Love, Joshua

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a red mokin-cro car. I have tried to be good this year. Love, Casey

Dar Santa Claus,  
I would like a go kart. Love, Sean

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a go cart. Love Eric

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would a houndog. Love, Jessica

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a fer friend. I have been good this year. Love, Amanda

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Barbie karaoke machine and some ballerina toe shoes turquoise guitar. Please Spirit and a girl Elf suit and does Rudolph really shive a red nose? Natalie

Dear Santa,  
I want a special toy and a Easy Bake Oven and a Big toy puppy. Melissa

Dear Santa,  
I want a Spider Man and a motorcycle and a spker-man Web blaster. Joshua

Carrizozo Kindergarten  
to: Santa  
I would like a big robot for Christmas! Thank you Gene

To: Santa.  
I would like a big Barbie car. Thank you, Shania

To: Sata  
I would like a repunzel with long hair and a castle. Thank you Fantolsid

To: Santa  
I would like a school stuff for Christmas. Thank you, Tiffany

To: Santa  
I would like a Spiderman for Christmas. Caleb

To: Santa  
I would like a thank big big rodio with speakers stuck. Jacie

To: Santa  
I would like a bouncy horse. Thank you Zhane

To: Santa  
I would like a bike. Thank you. Erick

To: Santa  
I would like a bike with a bottle. Thank you, Jacylnn

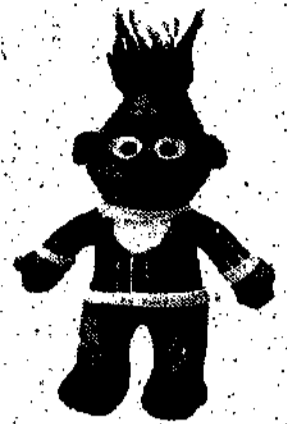
Please can you get me a baby fairy. Freya

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a crayon maker and some Barbies. Makala

Dear Santa,  
I want far Christmas is a CD player. Santa you are the greatest persen and Santa I want Barbies. Teyna

Dear Santa,  
Please may I have a computer and a bike and a toy computer. Nate

Dear Santa,  
I want a dirt bike and bike and a wagen and a four wheeler. Daniel



Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a snowboard, a rose four my Mom, a tie four my dad, a remote motorbike for my bruther, merry christmas, and a four wheeler. Tracker

Dear Santa,  
I want toy dirtbikes and two real motorcyces. I would like a skateboard and 300 army men with e parachute. Trey



### Holiday Greetings

Our hearty thanks and warm wishes to all of you.

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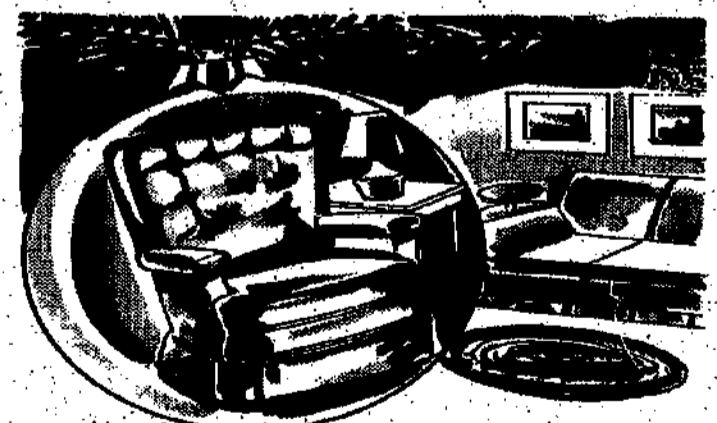
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# Letters to Santa

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Your truly  
Patrick  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
What kind of cookies do you want? I would like a Conair crimper and a new sweater. I hope you have a happy christmas. Say hi to the raindeer for me.  
Sincerely,  
Jordan Vinson  
P.S. Can you get my brothera playstain 2?

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I don't know what I want. But I want to know are you real? I'll throw somethings I want. A Itar Wars Bounty Hunter video game on the PS2, a yo-yo and some clothes, a star wars Bounty Hunter toy action figure, the one where you could take his armor off.  
Your friend  
Justin Garcia  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
for Christmas I want a bike and a computer. I want you to give other children stuff to, so that's all I want for Christmas.  
Sincerely,  
Destiny  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer, Mrs. Claus, and the elves? This year I want a Nintendo 64 game. I want a Galidor toy to.  
Sincerely,  
Troy Niederstadt  
\*\*\*\*\*



Gear Santa,  
how are you I am fine if you younding. I will like a now game for my plastoshop. And a now cd shlimashdey and a for whiler. A watch.  
Your freand  
Mark  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a new bike, scüter, a rowboat a forweler and a goatear.  
Your friend  
Roper

**Yuletide Greetings**

Thanks for keeping our business "ever-green!"

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Merry Christmas!

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**C** COUNTY  
**M** MERCANTILE

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Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa I hope you like the tretes. I would like a adumadic 22 rifle. I would like a Bow, and earows. I would like a playstaytion with sedees. I would like a bike. I would like camouflage snow boots. I would like a piant ball gun. A coffy cup with my name Lane on the cup.  
Love,  
Lane Carter  
I love you very much  
Santa  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I would like a new bike for Christmas and some new CDs and new clothes.  
Samantha Balderrama  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a electrick scooter and gutar and playstion 2 and army set and walktalkys.  
Sincerely,  
Josh Burd

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus, the raindeer, your elfs, and how are you? I am uoung good, and so is my family. My teacher Mrs. Davis is my favrit out of the entire schoo. I would like to see Rudolph some time of course I have never seen a rainder before. Here is my christmas list. A puppy dog, a good time, a feast, a piano, a new pack of crayons, clothes, a new set of paints, and faimly time.  
Sara  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you? How are your Elves and reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? This Christmas I would like three things. I would like the Hot Wheels Crash Coaster with batteries, The Hot Wheels Octoblast with batteries, and the Strech Screamer Alien.  
Your friend,  
Joel  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
What I would like for Christmas is a CD player and headsets like Jenna's and a glittery CD holder. If I am on the naughty list, I'm sorry I've been bad.  
Your friend,  
Kylie  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
for Christmas I want slippers and a bed set with sheets and pillow cases, and the bed spread. The other thing I want is for you to give other children alot more gofts than me. I just want you to go around the world and give kids presents. I want kids that don't ahve toys to have resents, beside my mom an dad are giving me lots of presents, and all my other relatives to give kids more presents than me. I also want to know how are Mrs. Claus and your reindeer doing? I bet there doing fine. Well I'll e thankful for whatever you give me.  
Yours truly,  
Jordan Hill  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? And how are your reindeer and Mrs. Claus. I would like a play station 2. And I would like a karioke machine. But what I realy want is a hair cut.  
Yours truly,  
Chelsea  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I was wondering how you, your reindeer and Mrs. Claus was doing? Well I've been good this year and this is four things I want one radio, and one CD, one karioke miachene, and for last I want a happy world. I want this world to come together and help every-one to clean the water planet will be saved.  
Truely yours,  
Katina  
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Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? All I want this year is a goat cart.  
From your friend,  
Fernando

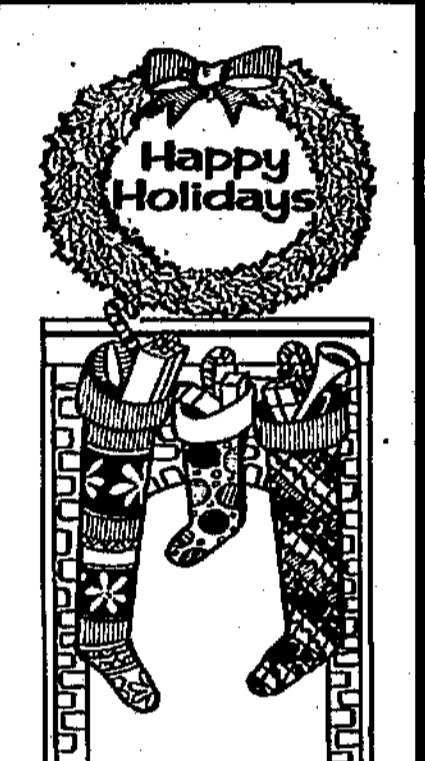
Dear Santa,  
Hi how are you? I wood like 5 things for Chrismas. 1. Harry Potter movie, 2. Art Sply kit, 3. My Sean dolls, 4. Bratsys head, 5. A china doll. Thats it.  
Your friend,  
McKenna  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a pair of high heel shoes, I also want a pair of roler skates. And I want fake nails and nail polish. What I also want is a alarm clock and an other thing I want clothes like jeans and shirt and a watch.  
from Jenna Schartz  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer, the elves, and Mrs. Clause doing? I hope I have been good this year. I am going to leave lik and cookies on a table for you. I will also have some food for your reindeer. This year I would like a surprise. I would like a surprise because I can't think of anything else. Have a good year.  
Your friend,  
Michelle  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Clause,  
How are you doing? How are your reindeer? For Christmas I would like a portable C.D. player, a singing hamstor, a set of paint. A new digital watch, a stuffed anmil, goose would be nice.  
Your friend,  
Lawon  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I want to know I am doing fine. I hope your reindeer and Mrs. Clause are doing good. These are some stuff I want for Christmas. I want a watch a karioke mirchene and a CD or a brats. Have a nice Christmas.  
Your friend  
Stephanie



May the gifts of Christmas, happiness and love, be yours now and throughout the many years to come. We appreciate your goodwill.

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OF LINCOLN COUNTY  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
CAUSE NO. FB-02-41  
DIVISION III**

In the Matter of the Estate of  
**LANELL S. WHISLER,**  
Deceased

**NOTICE OF CREDITORS**

**SUSAN WHISLER-FREDERICKSON** has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of **LANELL S. WHISLER,** Deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative, c/o Michael S. Line, Attorney at Law, Box 519, Ruidoso, New Mexico, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

**SUSAN WHISLER-FREDERICKSON**

Michael S. Line  
Attorney at Law  
Box 519  
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355  
(505) 258-4636

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sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment in favor of Plaintiff. First Union National Bank, as Trustee, plus the following advances made on the subject Note and Mortgage following the filing of the bankruptcy case by Defendants Lovelance, to wit:

\$736.32 in attorney's fees and costs incurred in connection with the bankruptcy case; and \$493.00 in escrow advances made by Plaintiff for insurance and property preservation expenses.

First Union National Bank, as Trustee, was awarded Judgment on February 15, 2002, in the principal sum of \$57,234.81, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through June 30, 2001, in the amount of \$12,925.57 and accruing thereafter at the rate of 10.500% per annum (\$16.69 per diem), plus late charges in the amount of \$158.05, plus escrow advances in the sum of \$1,479.00, plus an additional mortgage advance in the amount of \$716.00, plus attorney fees in the sum of \$3,746.50, and costs through January 31, 2002, in the sum of \$550.91.

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

**NICK VEGA, Special Master**  
P.O. Box 383  
Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301  
(505) 648-2217

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District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. Cv-02-262 (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:

Lot 41, 42, and 43, Block O, of RUIDOSO PINE LODGE CO. 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, on March 26, 1925, and more commonly known as 318 Fifth Street, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before January 23, 2003, 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 3rd day of December, 2002.

**JAN PERRY**  
Court Administrator  
By: Elizabeth Ysasi  
Deputy

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

CV-99-264  
Div. III

**FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK,**  
as Trustee,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
**JERRY KNOLLIN LOVELACE and  
ROBIN LEE LOVELACE, husband and wife,  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION  
AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, and  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
TREASURY, INTERNAL REVENUE  
DEPARTMENT,**  
Defendants.

**AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE  
ON FORECLOSURE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known as 16 West Loop, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 39, BLOCK 2 OF SWEETWATER HILLS SUBDIVISION, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, AUGUST 4, 1970, IN TUBE NO. 375.

The sale is to begin at 10:00 a.m. on December 23, 2002, outside the east entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will

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

No. CV-02-262  
Div. III

**JUDITH ANNE NIEVES, f/k/a Judith  
Jensen Scott,**  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
**GROUP I  
EILENE J. JENSEN, a widow; the Estate of  
DONAVON O. JENSEN, Deceased, his heirs  
devises and assigns; DONNA KAY  
SOUTHARD, her heirs, devisees, and assigns;  
LINDA SUE LOWE, her heirs, devisees, and  
assigns; JONELL R. GILMORE, a widow,  
her heirs, devisees, and assigns; RICHARD T.  
GEORGE and EVA L. GEORGE, husband and  
wife; their heirs, devisees and assigns;**

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

**GROUP III  
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:

**JONELL R. GILMORE, RICHARD T.  
GEORGE, AND EVA L. GEORGE**

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that JUDITH ANNE NIEVES, Plaintiff, has filed an action in the

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 26, 2002, The Village of Ruidoso, c/o Atkins Engineering Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 3156, Roswell, NM 88201-3156, filed application No. 3038-Enlarged-2 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to divert up to 1000.0 acre feet per annum of surface and supplemental groundwater from the Rio Ruidoso and supplemental wells. Said 1000.0 acre feet per annum is to be diverted in an equivalent amount as the effluent discharged to the Rio Ruidoso from pumpage of wells H-1979 et al through H-1982 located within the Eagle Creek drainage. Pumpage of groundwater from said wells is authorized by Chaves County District Court Cause No. 20294 & 22600, Consolidated Rio Hondo Section, Rio Ruidoso Sub-section, Subfile Order No. R.203, and subsequent permits. The groundwater within the Eagle Creek drainage is diverted to the Village of Ruidoso Municipal Water System and is discharged as effluent into the Rio Ruidoso, a separate and different drainage basin from the Eagle Creek drainage basin.

Permit No. 3038, adjudicated under Chaves County District Court Cause No. 20294 & 22600, Consolidated, Rio Hondo Section, Rio Ruidoso Sub-section, Subfile No. R.130, and later modified in February, 1984 by order of the State Engineer, authorized the diversion of Eagle Creek derived effluent from the Rio Ruidoso. The diversion authorized under State Engineer File No. 3038 recognized that Eagle Creek effluent is discharged to the Rio Ruidoso (a different drainage basin than Eagle Creek), and therefore diversion was permitted from of the Rio Ruidoso and wells supplemental to the Rio Ruidoso in the same amount as Eagle Creek derived effluent was discharged to the Rio Ruidoso.

The sewer effluent discharge to the Rio Ruidoso is located at a point whence the Rio Ruidoso intersects the east line of the NW1/4NE1/4 Section 14, Township 11 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M.

This application proposes to do the same for the effluent derived from the H-1979 et al through H-1982 well diversion, which are produced from the Eagle Creek drainage and discharged into the separate Rio Ruidoso drainage. All diversions are metered and totalizers are read daily with daily diversions reported monthly to the Office of the State Engineer.

The Village of Ruidoso already had the right to use the effluent and desires only to divert effluent credit from the Rio Ruidoso as described above which will be diverted at the Rio Ruidoso diversion under State Engineer File No. 0275-A and supplemental wells to the Rio Ruidoso under State Engineer File No. H-272 et al as follows:

**POINTS OF DIVERSION**

SURFACE	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
Rio Ruidoso	SW1/4SW1/4	19	11S	13E
Rio Ruidoso	NE1/4SW1/4	19	11S	13E
WELL NO.	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
H-272	NW1/4NE1/4SW1/4	38	11S	13E
H-272-S	SE1/4SW1/4NE1/4	25	11S	13E
H-272-S-2	SW1/4SW1/4NE1/4	2	11S	13E
H-272-S-3	SW1/4NE1/4SE1/4	2	11S	13E
H-272-S-4	NW1/4NE1/4	11	11S	13E
H-272-S-5	NE1/4NW1/4SW1/4	14	11S	13E
H-272-S-6	NW1/4NE1/4NE1/4	15	11S	13E
H-272-S-7	SW1/4NE1/4SE1/4	10	11S	13E
H-272-S-8	SE1/4NW1/4SW1/4	14	11S	13E

The points of diversion are located within the Ruidoso Village Limits, Lincoln County, New Mexico, N.M.P.M.

Any person, firm, corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the applications: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the State of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1900 W. Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico, 88201, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (fax's) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to (505) 623-8559. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
No. CV2002-215

FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK  
AS TRUSTEE,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
RAYMOND M. LOPEZ, AKA REYMUNDO M. LOPEZ; JOHN DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN; JANE DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RAYMOND M. LOPEZ AKA REYMUNDO M. LOPEZ, IF ANY,  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s):

**GREETINGS:**

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 201 LL DAVIS DR, RUIDOSO, NM 88345, Lincoln County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

LOT 42, BLOCK 3, OF WHITE MOUNTAIN ESTATES, UNIT 4, 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, ON FEBRUARY 16, 1979, IN TUBE NO. 652.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before February 3, 2003, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,  
SHAPIO & MEINHOLD, LLP  
By: Sharon Hankla, NM Bar #8112  
13725 Struthers Road, Suite 201  
Colorado Springs, CO 80921  
800/286-0013; 719/634-4868  
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable KAREN L. PARSONS Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court, Lincoln County, New Mexico, this 19th day of November, 2002.

JAN PERRY  
Clerk of the District Court  
By: Mickie L. Vega  
Deputy

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

RESOLUTION #2 - 2003  
UPPER HONDO SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Upper Hondo SWCD on this 3rd day of December, 2002, that:

1.) Regular meetings of the Upper Hondo SWCD shall ordinarily be held on the first Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at the District Office located at 516 Snokey Bear Boulevard (Hwy 380 West - Forest Service Complex), Capitan, NM. A proposed agenda will be available from the Program Director. Notice of regular meetings will be given seven days before the meeting to parties who request it in writing. Notice of regular meetings will be released seven days before each regular meeting. Meeting dates for 2003 are: January 2, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4.

2.) Special meetings of the Upper Hondo SWCD may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon seven days notice. Parties who have requested notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone. The Lincoln County and Ruidoso News will be notified by telephone.

3.) Emergency meetings of the district are meetings called under circumstances which demand immediate action by the Board of Supervisors. Although the board of supervisors would avoid emergency meetings whenever possible, such circumstances may occasionally arise. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon three hours notice. Parties who have requested a notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone. Notice of emergency meetings will be posted at the district office, at the Post Office in Capitan, at Ruidoso State Bank in Capitan, the Post Office at Ruidoso, and other pertinent places.

4.) Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(E) NMSA 1978, the Upper Hondo SWCD may close a meeting to the public if the subject matter of such discussion of action is included in Subsection E of the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978. If any Board of Supervisors meetings is closed pursuant to Section 10-15-1(E) NMSA, such closure:

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

Chairman DATE: December 5, 2002

This resolution passed upon motion by James Sanchez and second by Jerry Burchett with vote as follows:

Mary Shanks / Yes Preston Stone / Yes  
James Sanchez / Yes Robert Ruzuels / Yes  
Jerry Burchett / Yes Stan Thomas / Absent  
Sally Canning / Yes

ATTEST: Sue Ann Stearns DATE: 12/5/02

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 12, 2002, Alto Lakes Water Corporation, P.O. Drawer 750, Alto, NM 88312, filed application No. H-719 et al into H-787 & H-804 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to temporarily change location of well and into and purpose of use of 10.0 acre-feet per annum of groundwater by ceasing the diversion of said waters from the following wells:

WELL NO.	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
H-719	NW1/4SW1/4SE1/4	34	10S	13E
H-719-S	NW1/4NW1/4SW1/4	34	10S	13E
H-719-S-2	NW1/4NW1/4SE1/4	26	10S	13E
H-719-S-3	NE1/4SW1/4NE1/4	34	10S	13E
H-719-S-4	SW1/4SE1/4NE1/4	34	10S	13E
H-719-S-5	SE1/4SE1/4NE1/4	34	10S	13E
H-719-S-6	SE1/4SE1/4NW1/4	34	10S	13E
H-719-S-7	NW1/4SE1/4NW1/4	34	10S	13E
H-719-S-8	SE1/4NE1/4NW1/4	34	10S	13E
H-719-S-9	SE1/4NW1/4NE1/4	34	10S	13E
H-719-S-10	SW1/4SW1/4NE1/4	25	10S	13E
H-719-S-11	NW1/4NW1/4SE1/4	26	10S	13E
H-719-S-12	NE1/4NE1/4NE1/4	25	10S	13E
H-719-S-13	NW1/4NE1/4NE1/4	25	10S	13E
H-719-S-14	NE1/4NE1/4NE1/4	25	10S	13E
H-719-S-15	SW1/4SW1/4SW1/4	24	10S	13E
H-719-S-16	SW1/4SE1/4SW1/4	35	10S	13E
H-719-S-17	SE1/4SW1/4SE1/4	35	10S	13E
H-719-S-18	SW1/4SW1/4SE1/4	35	10S	13E
H-719-S-19	SE1/4SE1/4SE1/4	35	10S	13E
H-719-S-20	NE1/4SW1/4SE1/4	35	10S	13E

and commencing the use of existing wells described as follows:

WELL NO.	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
H-787	SE1/4SE1/4	28	10S	13E
H-804	SE1/4SE1/4SE1/4	28	10S	13E

for the diversion of 10.0 acre-feet per annum of groundwater for domestic use on 400.0 acres of land located in the SE1/4 of section 28, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., at a condominium complex in Alto, New Mexico.

The move from and move to points of diversion are located in Alto, Lincoln County, NM, N.M.P.M. This is a temporary application is for a period of 5 years with all rights to revert to original place and purpose for use on December 31, 2007, or upon written request from the applicant Alto Lakes Water Corporation.

Any person, firm, corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the State of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1900 W. Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico, 88201, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (fax's) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to (505) 623-8559. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
IN THE TWELFTH  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. CV-02-248  
Judge Karen L. Parsons

C. MARVINE FOX, L. MARLINE BEENE,  
and ROBERTA C. ELSON as Domiciliary  
Co-Personal Representatives Of the Estate of  
RUBY C. HOLDER, a/k/a R.C. HOLDER,  
Deceased

Plaintiffs and Petitioners,

vs.  
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE  
UNKNOWN NAMED DECEASED PERSON:  
RUBY C. HOLDER, a/k/a R.C. HOLDER, and  
ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF  
INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE  
TO THE PLAINTIFFS,

Defendants

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: THE  
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE FOLLOWING  
NAMED DECEASED PERSON: RUBY C.  
HOLDER, a/k/a R.C. HOLDER, AND ALL  
UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN  
THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE  
PLAINTIFFS.

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that an action has been instituted and is now pending in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico said cause being numbered CV-02-248 on the civil docket of said court, wherein you are named or designated as Defendants and wherein the Plaintiffs seek to obtain constructive service of process upon you.

The object of said action is to determine the heirship of RUBY C. HOLDER, a/k/a R.C. HOLDER, deceased, and to quiet Plaintiffs' title in and to the real property described below and as set forth in the Complaint within the County of Lincoln, New Mexico, more particularly described as follows:

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to:

A tract of land located in the S/2SW4 of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., and more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the section corner common to Section 27, 28, 33 and 34 in Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., and going N, 89° 52' East along the South line of Section 27 a distance of 469.15 feet to a point on the easterly right of way line of New Mexico State Highway 37; thence in a northeasterly direction along the easterly right of way line of New Mexico State Highway 37 a distance of 1182.43 feet to the place of beginning of the tract of land herein described, thence N, 89° 54' East a distance of 800.0 feet to a point; thence N, 30° 54' East a distance of 400 feet to a point; thence S 89° 54' West a distance of 800.0 feet to a point on the Easterly right of way line of New Mexico State Highway 37, thence in a southwesterly direction along the easterly right of way line of New Mexico State Highway 37 a distance of 400.0 feet to the place of beginning.

You are further notified that unless you enter or cause to be entered your appearance in said cause on or before the twentieth (20th) day of the last publication of this Notice, Judgment by Default will be rendered against you and the relief prayed for by the Plaintiff will be granted.

R. Max Best, whose address is 908 Colonial Parkway, Clovis, New Mexico, and whose telephone number is (505) 762-1753 is the attorney for the Plaintiffs.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this court, this 22nd day of November, 2002.

JAN PERRY  
District Court Clerk

(SEAL) By: Elizabeth Ysasi  
Deputy

The District Court complies with the Americans With Disabilities Act. It is counsel's, or a pro se party's, obligation to notify the Clerk of the Court at least five (5) days before any hearing of the anticipated attendance of a disabled person so that appropriate accommodations can be made.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF LINCOLN COUNTY  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Cause No. PB-02-43  
Division III

IN THE MATTER OF ESTATE OF  
KENNETH PAT WADE, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

SHERRY WADE, has been appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of KENNETH PAT WADE, Deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative, Sherry Wade, c/o H. John Underwood, H. JOHN UNDERWOOD, LTD., 1221 Mechem, Suite 5; Ruidoso, New Mexico; 88345, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County, Post Office Box 725, Carrizozo, New Mexico, 88301.

DATED: Dec. 10, 2002.

SHERRY WADE  
Personal Representative

H. John Underwood  
H. JOHN UNDERWOOD, LTD.  
1221 Mechem, Suite 5  
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345

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**MORE  
SANTA  
LETTERS**

Carrizozo First Grade  
Mrs. Becca Ferguson

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Spiderman web blastr for Christmas. Can you breeng me my two frunt teeth? Alex

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Spiderman Web blastr for Christmas. Zachary

Dear Santa,  
I would like pokemon cards for christmas. How hav you been Jeremlah

Dear Santa,  
I would like a tede beer for Christmas. Mackenzie

Dear Santa,  
I would like Barbe Tres for Christmas. I Was Good. I love Sant hawl Was misis sant? Calie

Dear Santa,  
I would like a cat for Christmas and close for mi sistr. Erica

Dear Santa,  
I would like a little castle for Christmas. I was rife good to my Mom and Dad. Shayna

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Spider Man web blaster for Christmas. Devon

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Spiderman Sky rider pla set for Christmas. Jace

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Spiderman toy for Christmas. Nicholas

Dear Santa,  
I would like a fur frend cat for christmas. Rylah

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like sum shops. I have tried to be good this year. Love, Arturo

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a puppy. I have been doing good on my homework. I am so glad it is close to chresmus. Love, Brittany

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a dora de splora. I have tried to be good this year. Love, Analicia

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a brown and a white dog. I have tried to be good this year. Love, Andrea

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a make up set. I have tried to be good this year. Love, Jade

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a Harry Potre and the chambrs of Srekrit Book. Love Shayna

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a go kark. I have tried to be good this year. Love, Tavi

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a make up set. I have tried. to be good this year. Love, Andrea V



# Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,  
How are you doing. I am doing fine. Do you know I do not believe in you. But if you are real. Give me Game boy, if you are real. So I can know you are real.

Your friend,  
Marshall  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas. New Bikes for my brother and me, some car set, and shoes for all of us. I would put more on this list but I am out of time.

Your friend,  
Chance  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa, how is Rudolph, and how are you well I'm fine I've never seen a real reindeer before maybe you have because you have some how is Mrs. Claws for Christmas may I have a stuffed rabbit please, and a plastic hat please thank you.

Sincerely, Justin Vega  
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Mrs. Davis's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class

Dear Santa,  
I would like, to have a pelet gun and a remotecontrol race car. Please can I have a playstation 1, and a lot of clothes, and a new gocart, and a pocket knife, and a new guitar. I hope you and the reindeer, and that the elvs are ok.

Love,  
Marshall Ventura

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Can you bring me a candy bar and a bear.

Love,  
Marissa Sanchez

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to have a nentendo 64 and a peleitgun, and a pineo, and a quickewrap, and a remotecontrol harleydavidson bike, and a cellphone, and Cd player, and the cd ketchup,

Sincerely,  
Signature  
Miranda Balderrama

Dear Santa,  
How are the you reindeer? I would like a Brat, rubber, doll, a Bike, crimper, anda present for may mom,dad, sister's and may brother and a baby puppy.

Love,  
Marriah Lois Zumwalt  
Ventura

Dear Santa, I would like a puppy and a playstoshen2 with grand theft oto there and a pant ball gun and a spawn for my dad and a golden key from you and Cowdog, Head of Ranch Security books.

Yours truly,  
Jaime McCarthy  
P.S. There is a dog in Tulirose than I am fond of. Please give her a T-bone.

Yours truly,  
Levi Corley

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good girls can you please bring me some barbies and dolls.

Love,  
Torri Trapp

Dear Santa,  
I'd like a football suit withe evreything a play station 2 and a picture of you. will you bring me a baby puppy. How are you, and your elves. I was very good can I have a DVD and a football and a basketball a computer too.

Love,  
Koty Vega

Dear St. Nick,  
How are the reindeer doing? I would like a bell from Comet's reins, a new log of the NA or NCAA Division .1. I'd also like a new series of Hank the is says Santa thank you how is Mrs. claws doing

Yours truly  
Justin Greer

Dear Santa how are you How is Rudolph? for Christmas I want a conair criper a Barbie and some boots some clothes a vollyball a puppy calender, and I hope you enjoy your cookies

Sincerely,  
Catalena Josephina Vega

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you doing? I want to know if your reindeer are doing fine. I want a football and a basketball. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas.

Love,  
Andres Verdugo

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas, I really want a blond wig with long hair, because I like blond hair. I had blond hair, but it turned brown. Please tell Rudolph that I love him and please send my greetings to the elves.

Sincerially,  
Carmen Cecilia Tate  
P.S. Please give my Dad some medicine for his arm!

Clause,  
I have been a good boy please bring me a tractor and some cars.

Love,  
Daniel I. Zamora

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Belle Doll for Christmas and a barbie, please bring my little brother Michael a truck and a teletubbie movie and please bring my daddy something nice, he wants a harley davidson bilke and it doseit matter what color. I will have some milk a cookies when you come.

I love you,  
Mackenzie Moore

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer I've been working hard and How are the elves. I want play station, go'cart and Kawasaki. Syrel

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing Santa and how is Rudolph and his friends doing? How are the elves doing. Can you get me a Kawaski? Jacoby

*Best Wishes for Christmas*

Over the hills and through the dales into your homes we come, wishing you a happy and prosperous Christmas that will be trimmed with special things for all.

from your friends at . . .

**ZIA NATURAL GAS COMPANY**  
707 Short Drive -- (505) 378-4277  
Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346

*Noel*

May you have the gladness of Christmas which brings Hope and the Spirit of Christmas which brings Peace and Love.

Season's Greetings from all of your friends at

**Farmers Country Market**  
Capitan, NM  
(505) 354-2219

**Tidings Of Great Joy**

Our sincerest thanks for your friendship and good will. We appreciate your business and wish you all the best for the coming new year.

**CARPET MARKET**  
"Your Complete Floor Store"  
1500 Sudderth Drive  
RUIDOSO, NM 88345  
505 / 257-6682 John Melaski

Bryan and Theresa Smith

# Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,  
I want octablast, Shark-park and the motor side man that is loos an his motersicle. and Jared, Jack, Jessie, mom a dad that I want Jared to stop picking on me. Jack to have a little farm set so he could be happy. Jessie to

get a tea set. Mom a pig. Dad to hav a pocket knife set and probly he'll give me one. Love you Santa from Royce

Dear Santa,  
Thanks for the presents last year, I like you Santa. Ashley

Dear Santa,  
I want a dirtbike a truck, a roof ball and chain saw for my dad and a purse for my Mom will leave cookies and milk and enchi ladas. Fernando


Dear Santa,  
I want a box of two wok-

ing talkees, and a box fule of star wors toys, and a shark bark, and how you Santa and Mr. close and yoor riandeer and me and my mom are making cookies for you Santa and mi hope you Santa bring me and my bruthers a lots of presents, and i love you Santa. Alejandro

Mrs. Clous she's rise to. Is Roudolph ok. I sher hope he is. Thank you. Merry Christmas. Love Brian.

Dear Santa,  
I know you are very busy but I want to See you and I want a miniature car. I also want a new Barbie. I (heart) u Santa, I will leave milk and cookies and have a safe trip. Sky  
Dear Santa,  
"I want a bike and I want every body to have a good christmas. Thank you santa. I'll leave cookies and milk. I want everyone to remember about Jesus's birthdy. Kymbra

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



*Our heartfelt thoughts, prayers and never ending hope this special season are that you enjoy Christmas, the holidays and prosper during 2003.*

*Siempre,*  
Pete, Lori and Peter Campos

**PETE CAMPOS**  
STATE SENATE  
Authorized by State Senator Pete Campos & Citizens Dedicated to Our Future  
Dance M. Rosa, Treasurer

Dear Santa,  
I would like Army men with a tank and I would like A Army jeep with a Gijoe and I would like a Amry helmet that says U.S.A. I would like a ring for Mrs. Rice. Also I would like a ring with a diamonds I would also like a gun for my Dad. Joe

Dear Santa  
I would like books and a bird and a cat and I want gifts for my mom and dad and my sister and my borther and my grama and my grampa. my sister wuold like a car my borther wuold like a toy truck.

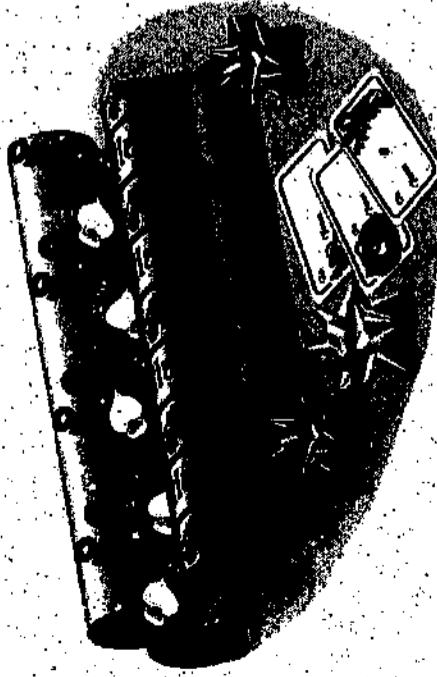
Dear Santa,  
I love you. How are the elves doing? I hope that I get a new go-cart wrapped in a big box so it will not get broken. I want a dirt-bike with a helmet. I will leave some cookies and milk. I love you. Oh my mom likes diamond rings a, wants a dolphin set. Kyle

Dear Santa,  
I want a dirt bike and a flute and a saxafon. And i wish you a very merry Christmas. And bring something for my sister. I hope your raindeer or feeling good. And don't forget



### LCSWA Holiday Schedule

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) has a special schedule for poly cart pickups during Christmas week.  
Monday, December 23, Ruidoso Downs poly carts will be emptied.  
Thursday, December 26, Carrizozo poly carts will be emptied.  
Friday, December 27, Capitan poly carts will be emptied.  
There will be no poly cart service on Christmas eve or Christmas day. The LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs will also be closed these two days.



### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, Lincoln County, New Mexico Calls for sealed bids on 3 Pickup Trucks. Interested bidders may secure a copy of the specifications from the office at the headquarters for the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, at 222 Second St., P.O. Box 2405 Ruidoso Downs, N.M. 88346. Phone: 505-378-4697.

Sealed bids must be received by the Operational Supervisor no later than 2:00 p.m., January 6, 2003, at which time the bids will be opened.


The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities, and award the bid to best serve the interests of the Authority. Bids must comply with the N.M. Procurement code.

- 1992 Ford 1 Ton No Bed As Is
- 1988 Chevrolet 1 Ton As Is\*\*
- 1978 Ford 3/4 As Is

Minimum Bid \$250.00 Each  
\*\*Minimum Bid \$1,350.00 With Bed

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## Church Directory



<p><b>MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY</b></p> <p><b>Nopal Presbyterian Church:</b> BILL SEBRING, Pastor Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:</b> SCOTT KING, Pastor / 648-2024</p> <p>Worship ..... 8:00 a.m. Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Corona Presbyterian Church:</b> Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b></p> <p><b>HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor</b> 314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM 648-2968 (Church) or 648-2107</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)</b></p> <p><b>JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, Pastor</b> Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth, 648-2186</p> <p>Children's Church ..... 10:30 a.m. Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Santa Rita Catholic Community</b></p> <p><b>FR. DAVE BERGS, Pastor</b> 213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853</p> <p><b>SATURDAY:</b> Capitan Sacred Heart ..... 5:00 p.m. Carrizozo Santa Rita ..... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>SUNDAY:</b> Capitan Sacred Heart ..... 9:00 a.m. Carrizozo Santa Rita ..... 10:30 a.m. Corona St. Theresa ..... 1:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b></p> <p><b>TOM POINDEXTER, Minister 354-3135</b> Ave. C, at 12th, Carrizozo, NM</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>St. Matthias Episcopal Church</b></p> <p><b>REV. CANON JOHN PENN, Rector</b> Corner of E Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM 1-505-257-2356</p> <p>Holy Eucharist ..... Sunday 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Claunch Community Church</b></p> <p><b>TONY SCACCIA, Minister</b> 849-1402</p> <p>Second Sunday of Each Month ..... 8:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>United Methodist Churches</b></p> <p><b>JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor</b> 1000 D. Ave, 648-2893 / 648-2848 Carrizozo, NM 88301</p> <p>Sunday School (All Ages) ..... 10:00 a.m. Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice (Tuesday) ..... 6:30 p.m. United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday ..... 2:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner on 4th Sunday of Month ..... 12:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>CAPITAN:</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Christ Community Fellowship</b></p> <p><b>ED VINSON, Pastor (Inter-denominational)</b> 514 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, NM</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Capitan Church of Christ</b></p> <p><b>LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister</b> 5th &amp; Lincoln / 336-4627</p> <p>Sunday Bible Study ..... 10:00 a.m. Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Trinity Southern Baptist Church</b></p> <p><b>MEL GNATKOWSKI, Pastor / 648-2530</b> Phone 354-2044</p> <p>Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m. Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church of Corona</b></p> <p><b>CAL WEST, Pastor / 849-7975</b></p> <p>Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner ..... 1st Sunday of Month</p>
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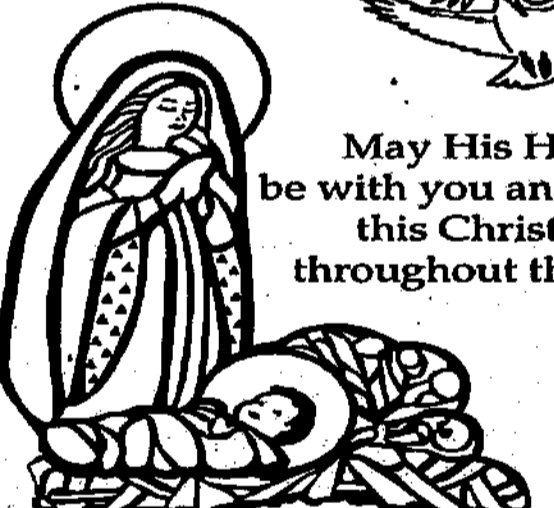
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## The Magic Of Christmas



May His Holy Spirit  
be with you and your family  
this Christmas and  
throughout the new year.

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## GREETINGS



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# Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,  
how is your reindeers doing Santa and how did your summer go? Santa how is Rudolph doing, has he been good? How has Dancer are Comets doing. Santa I want a Blue Cassie purse and I want it to say Cassie on it. Then I want to be surprised. Victoria

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing and Rudolph and his friends? Have you fell a roof? I have seen a show that you have fell off a roof. I want a BB gun and 1,000 B-Bs and a Yamaha dirtbike!!!! Lane

Dear Santa,  
How have you and Rudolph doing at the North Pole? Can I please have a toy Santa and two roses and 100 different flowers. Thank you. Katie

Dear Santa,  
How have you been Santa? How's Rudolph? Santa hay Santa all my live their's somthing I want and it's baggy pants and warmups and the last thing is a gameboy. Tim

Dear Santa,  
How have you been. I hope all the reindeer are good. If I ask for too much I am sorry. But I was wondering if you could get my mom a pretty neckles and will you get me a iceymaker and a game boy Advance. Oh yeah how is Mrs. claus? thank you Santa and Merry Christmas Santa, Jayda

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph. does he still have a red nose. How is your other reindeer. I love your shows. Is Dancer, Pranser, Vixen, cupid, doner, Blitsen, Comet. Can I have a Xbox, a spider man toy, my family to be Happy, clothés and a vcr and a po-go-stick and some shoes that turn into skates. Cade

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? How are all of your reindeer doing and how are your elves doing? Santa can you come visit me some time. And how is Mrs. Claus? There's only three things I want. Can you please give me an Xbox? Can you please give me pen-head off

of puppet master and can you please get me a bike? Jacob

Dear Santa,  
How is the elves. How is Rudolph. I've been a good boy. Can I have an x-box please. and an dirt bike gear and motorcross backpack. Jake

Dear Santa,  
Hello Santa. How are your reindeer. Christmas is amost here and people are getting ready for Christmas. I know that you and your elves are working hard for us people. I would like to have a Pack of pokemon cards and Yugigo cards and a bike and a Music stand for my plane and Endy runner. I hope Im good. Wade

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph I've been watching your shows you've been busy can I please have a four wheeler and a racing suit and a play station 2. Merry Christmas! to all and to all a Happy New Year! I'll see you next year don't miss me good bue. This if fore Mrs. Clause it's a poem. Roses are red violets are blue sugar is sweet and so are you. Thank you for the toys. I'll try to make my mom turn the fireplace off. Austin

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a talking doll, a fake puppy, and a cork gun. How is Rudolph? your friend Julia (Williams)

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph and Comet Prancer and Dancer and the rest of the reindeer. Oh and how are you and Mrs. Claws and the elves can you really fly? Do you have a son. Because you would be cool to be your son. I hope you won't be sick because if you were sick there would be no Christmas and if there was no Christmas no body woud get any presents and no body would be happy. Briar

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year For Christmas I would like a spider-man movie, a chalkboard with chalk, a camera, Dallas Cowboy shirt na 22 and a remote control monster truck and a litte dog. How is Rudolph and the other reindeer and Mrs. Claus? Your friend, Jared (Thomas)

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like to have some tennis shores, skates, DVD gymnastiesuit and a Snowman cookiejar for my mom. Your friend, Lacey (Rice)

Ho-Ho-Ho Dear Santa,  
I have been really good this year for Christmas I would like a spider-man movie, a chalkboard with chalk, Dallas Cowboy shirt no. 22 and a remote control monster truck How is Rudolph and the other reindeer and Mrs. Claus? Your friend Jared

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a Barbie gymnastic doll, new clothees and a new Lelo and Stitch movie. Your friend, Madison

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a cork gun and a playstation 1 and a horse. How is Rudolph and all of the reindeer? Santa I no you have a lot of work I hope you have a great time. Your friend Eithane

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a remote control car and a Scooby Doo computer game. How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? Your friend, Jacob

Dear Santa,  
I have been reallygood this year. For Christmas I would like a remote control car and play station two. How is Mrs. Claus? Ho Ho Ho your friend Ruben



## Merry Christmas

As good and jolly as Old Santa Claus, that's how we hope your Christmas will be. Our special thanks to our loyal customers for your kind patronage.

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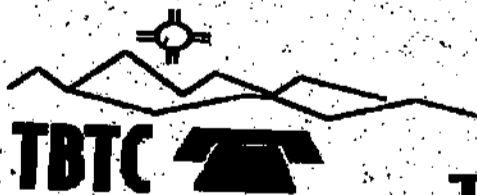


As we celebrate His birth, may His Divine Grace touch you and your loved ones, during this Holiday Season.

**Carrizozo Ready Mix**  
and  
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# Wishing YOU THE SEASON'S BEST

We'd like to wish all our loyal customers a holiday of peace, harmony and joy. Thank you for your trust and patronage.

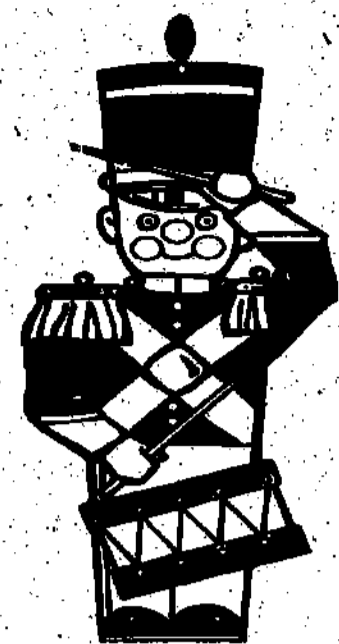


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# Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a chalkboard and with chalk, markers and crayons. Your friend, Alex (Joiner)

Dear Santa,

I have been extragood this year. For Christmas I would like you to bring me a toy car and a toy unicorn How has Rudolph been this year? Your friend LeeAnn

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year. For Christmas I would like a radio, a cd player and two real kittens, a laptop, rollerskates and a cell phone How are your reindeer and How are you? your friend Alana Ho-Ho-Ho-Ho-Ho

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year For Christmas I would like a DVD and a playstation two and a remote control car. How are your reindeer? Your friend Thomas

Dear Santa,

I have been extra good this year. For Christmas I would like a Brad doll and Play Station land 2 How are your reindeer and How is Mrs. Claus and How are you? I know your elves have been working hard. Have a happy Christmas, your friend Alexis

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. For Christmas I want like a go-cort, a blade a shooter, a cd player, a DVD and a cD. How is Rudolph? Your friend Mickey

Dear Santa,

I would like a Hellokitty TV. and a Hellokitty phone. and a pair of house shoes. oh and my sister would like a Leapfrog reading book. and a Barbie sing with me kereoke machine. and some play make up. and my big sister would like some shirts and some pants. and some shoes. o and how are you doing. and how is Mrs. Claus oh and how are the Raindeer doing. Merry Christmas! Please and Thank you. Love Halee

Dear Santa,

I want a kairioki mashine and my littlest sister want a ice cream maker and my sister christina wants a toy lizzard, and my biggest sister wants makeup, and my daddy wants a tiger poster, and my mom wants a new cd player, and we want lilo and stitch the movie and thats all. love Sarah to Mr. & Mrs. Clause.

Dear Santa,

I want for a Frog, bike, flag, books, rocking chair, computer, T.V., fan, folder, puzzle, desk, a contaner to put my books up, micor-wave, cards, money, cups, scissors, thermomitor, four wheeler, beebie gun, honey, boat, boat, rermote controll airplan, train, a karicoe machine, head phones, a hat, shoes, pencils, yarn, clock, talls, a ice cream maker, milkshake maker, crayon maker, dehidrater, lizzard, clothews, a stuffed animal tiger, a poster of Eddie Money. Love Jerub. Thank you santa.

Dear Santa,

I would like if you give me a TV and a DVD player and a VCR and a TV for my grandma but if you can't get all of that then just give my grandma the TV if you can't get the TV then just give me and my family a Happy Christmas. Thank you Santa for all of the stuff you tryed to give me and my famaly. Thank you Santa, have a jolly christmas. Drearner

Dear Santa,

I wanta clase and a lipstik and a Barbe. hay is yir raindear Santa. and hey is yir wife. hay is the South poul uefr ther good or bad uofr hecvis good Santa Claus hoy is yer elfs good or bad I will let you some cookies and milk drink the milk plees. Santa and save some cookies four yer wife pless Santa Claus and I'm proud Santa Claus and yer so nise Santa Claus Than you Santa Claus. from Selene

Dear Santa,

I would like a nascar for Christmas. How are you? How is Misi clos? Mason

Dear Santa,

I wont to see you reel mack. I wont a scoter and a toy bog car. and a barbey for Christmas I hope you bring all of thos toys is radeff all rit in th north puul is he cas I want to no plees and houw is mrs clos and hou is all the elfs and get me a ese bak uven I want you to come to my home ples and get a fish-tanik with a goldfishes ples. thanik you Love Courtney

Dear Santa,

I want for Christmas is a clock and a rug and I Hope Santa can make it I Hope Santa raindeer are not sick and I hope Mrs. Claus and I went is a CD player and a per of shone. ice crem maker I want for a pet is a horse for my sister for my other sister. is a movie and for me I want is a movie and I thank you. Love Cary

Dear Santa,

I would like a Barbe haos for Christmas. haow are you? Sarah

Dear Santa,

I would like a fire chef car for Christmas. Bo

Dear Santa,

bebe gun snowbord and we went snow on Chrismis day a please sin ber santa and a ise cream macer an acenche ore plen and Im going to git a Skotor and a saing Shin and a too I went a dog and a cat fish and a puppy and a kitt & an cuoy. Chance

Dear Santa

x box fire truck three wheeler and tell zeak that I love him and giv zeak a bone I wish that I code go with you. and one more think a icee maker. Love Hunter

Dear Santa,

I would like kittins for Christmas. I was good. Johnathan S.

Dear Santa

I would like a birky and a Little kiten and this is for my little sister she want a toy. how are your randes Santa and you dear Santa. I hope you fet in my simny and I want something for my firend. are you eat to much and I would like to go weth you Dear Santa. Think you for my giveted Dear Santa you now that I have a bru bronken arm Santa. Dear Santa do you now wen the will tak of my cas. Thinkyou Dear Santa for hiring my Santa.

Dear Santa,

I would like a devu sta for Christmas. How are you Santa? How Is Misis Clos? Shaye

Dear Santa, I would like a remot control truck for Christmas. Is roodolf rel? Isaac

Dear Santa, I would like a wulf dog for Christmas. For my brthr I would like a pit-bull. Dalton Joe

*May His Light Shine*

The Menagerie  
105 W. Smokey Bear Blvd.  
Capitan, NM



*The spirit of the season is in the air  
and the hearts of people everywhere -*

*A small child's eyes shining bright.  
A Christmas tree coloring the night.*

*Friends and family come together,  
bringing a warmth to the chilly weather.*

*May your holidays be filled with love and cheer -*

*Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year!*

# Season's Greetings

Carrizozo . . . 648-2377 / Ruidoso . . . 257-4611  
Ruidoso Downs . . . 378-1124 (located in W. Mill)  
Vaughn . . . 584-2221

**WELLS FARGO**

**Grizzly**

**WEEKLY**

by Carrizozo High School Journalism Class  
Sarah Ball, Instructor

# Fine Arts

Mrs. Jamie Gieb is in charge of the fine arts program at Carrizozo Schools, which she has been teaching for three years. In the fine arts program students can let their creativity soar.

She divides her time between elementary, middle school, and high school. Mrs. Gieb teaches music to preschool through fifth grade. They perform at the Christmas program and at the spring program. The middle school integrates art, which includes music, art, drama, and movement.

The high school fine arts program consists of many different types of artistic expression, including pencil drawings, perspectives, shadowing, paper mache and crafts. They had been drawing using pencils and colored pencils. Currently, they are working on paper mache pinatas, and hope-fully, in the next semester they plan to carve and make jewelry.

After school, students, grades five through twelve, can be a part of the Carrizozo Grizzly drum line. At this time there are twelve members who meet after school every Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:00 to practice. They use hand drums, triangles, tambourines, and a lot more. They went to most of the home games to cheer the Grizzlies to victory. Other times, they are at pep rallies to support the team.

The fine arts program also has a girls' glee club for grades three through twelve. There are eight members. They meet after school on Mondays from 3:18 to 4:00.

by Chris Vallejos



**CARRIZOZO NOVEMBER CHARACTER COUNTS**  
Grades Fourth and Fifth

ROW 1: Josh Burd, Marshal Wilson, Jordan Hill, Destiny Dutchover, Stephanie Zamora, Michelle Shivers. ROW 2: Justin Garcia, Joel Ferguson, Patricia Greenlaw, Chelsea LaMay, Lauren Smith, Roper Webb. ROW 3: Mariah Vallejos, Ashley Ventura, Alison Comstock, Tessa Hendricks, Alexa Borowski, Scott Barela. ROW 4: Lena Reyes, Maria Tate, Aaron Vallejos, Matthew Vega, Carlos Samora, Kinsey Vega.



**CARRIZOZO NOVEMBER CHARACTER COUNTS**  
Grades Kindergarten and First First

ROW 1: Caleb Ventura, Fantasia Dennis, Jacie Thornton, Tiffany Vega, Jacob Porter, Zhane Vega, Gene Gore, Lisa Ventura. ROW 2: Branson Vega, Calle Armandariz, Dalton Hutto, Shayna Gallacher, Jace Hill, Mason Huston, Shania Boyd. ROW 3: Shaye Ventura, Rylah Zamora, Jeremiah Sedillo, Sarah Ferguson, Zachary Zamora, Bo Dauster. ROW 4: Mackenzie Moore, Devon Artech, Alex Medina, Isaac Vega.



**CARRIZOZO NOVEMBER CHARACTER COUNTS**  
Grades Second and Third

ROW 1: Arturo Najera, Shayna Zamora, Brittany Simmons, Andrea Baltran. ROW 2: Lane Carter, Jaime McCarthy, Sara McNatt, Catalena Vega.

## FAST ACTION

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## News from Old Lincoln Town

by Rosalie Dunlap

for Christmas Eve. The group needs help putting them together. It is always so beautiful to drive through Lincoln and see the 2000 farilitos shining in the night.

The Woodturning group

met in Nogal Sunday afternoon. Nogal is so different than when we lived there. Places do change.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gallegos were Albuquerque visitors last week. They are expecting a houseful of family during the holidays. They will be hosting the La Pasada Wednesday evening at their home.

Upcoming events besides the farilitos; the Anderson-Freeman Museum is open and having their annual Christmas gift sale; Lincoln Courthouse will have Santa and his helpers with goodies for the youngsters at 6:00 p.m. and refreshments will be served; The Episcopal Church will have their services at 7:00 and the Catholic celebration will be at 10:00 Christmas Eve. Mr. Davis will have his wagon rides from 8:00 to 8:30. We rode the wagon last year when it was so cold but it was fun. So everyone plan on visiting Lincoln Christmas Eve Day and Evening and join in the holiday spirit and the birth of the Christ Child.

Happy Holiday

**YARD SALE:** Old High Hopes building, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Dec. 13 through Dec. 21, except Sunday. 101 Lava Loop, 1-mile west of Hwy. 380 & 54 Junction on Hwy. 380.  
2tp/12/12-19

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cloudy with low to 20.  
**Friday, December 20:**  
Partly cloudy with highs to the lower 50s. Lows to 20.  
**Saturday, December 21:**  
Partly cloudy with highs to mid 40s. Lows from 17 to 28.  
**Sunday, December 22:**  
Partly cloudy with highs in the low 40s, lows from 19 to 25.  
**Monday, December 23:**  
Mostly cloudy with slight chance of rain and snow. Highs in the 40s, lows in the 20s.  
**Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24:**  
Mostly cloudy with slight chance of rain and snow. Highs in the 40s, lows in the lower 20s to lower 30s.



Santa may really need Rudolph to help guide him on Christmas Eve as rain/snow showers are predicted in Lincoln County on December 23 and 24.  
High winds blew up a dirt storm on Tuesday, ahead of a short wave that brought cold moisture mostly on the higher peaks on Wednesday morning. Winds are predicted to continue through today, Thursday, December 19.

The following information was taken from the National Weather Service website:

Forecast for Carrizozo, Lincoln, Hondo Valley and other lower elevations of Lincoln County:  
Today, Thursday, December 19:  
Partly cloudy with west winds 10 to 20 miles per hour. High of 46 in Carrizozo, no chance of precipitation. Tonight, partly

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan, Corona and higher elevations of Lincoln County:  
Today, Thursday, December 19:  
Partly cloudy with west winds 10 to 20 miles per hour. High temperature of 43, no chance for precipitation. Tonight partly cloudy with low of 17.

**FOR SALE** by owner. 3 BDRM home on 5 lots. Fenced front and back yards, ceramic tile, fireplace, large den, partially remodeled.

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2tp/12/12-19

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2tp/12/12-19

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3tp/12/19-26/1-2

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION AND INVITATION TO BID

The New Mexico State Land Office is soliciting written, sealed bids from interested parties for purchase of approximately 31,250 board feet of cut and decked Ponderosa Pine from its Moon Mountain watershed improvement, fire danger reduction project located at Ruidoso, New Mexico. Minimum bid is \$100 per thousand board feet. Interested parties may view the material available for purchase on Monday, December 30, 2003. Meet at 10:00 AM at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive (off Mechem Drive at the Ruidoso Police Station and US Post Office) for travel to the deck sites. Sealed written bids must be submitted to:

New Mexico State Land Office  
310 Old Santa Fe Trail  
P.O. Box 1148  
Santa Fe, NM 87504  
ATTN: Jim Norwick

All bids must be received by 5:00 PM Thursday, January 9, 2003. Removal of all purchased material must be completed by Friday, February 28, 2003. For further information contact:

Jim Norwick - 505-827-5095  
jnorwick@slo.state.nm.us

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John Morrell  
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5 lb.  
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**Frontier Rolls**  
Assorted  
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**Shurfine Large Eggs**  
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**Cream Cheese**  
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**Dinner Rolls**  
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12 count pkg.  
**2<sup>1</sup>** for

**Whipping Cream**  
Shurfine Half Pint  
**2<sup>1</sup>** for

**Ice Cream**  
Blue Bunny Assd.  
Original or Hi-Lite  
Half gal. Sq.  
**2<sup>6</sup>** for

**Pie Crusts**  
Shurfine Deep Dish  
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**Sara Lee Pies**  
Select Group 9 in.  
37-40 oz.  
**2<sup>5</sup>** for

**Sour Cream**  
Plains Brand  
Reg. or Fat Free  
16 oz. tub  
**1<sup>19</sup>**

**Plains Dips**  
Assorted  
12 oz. tub  
**99¢**

**Orange Juice**  
Shurfine Assd.  
64 oz.  
**1<sup>79</sup>**

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Fancy  
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**2<sup>89</sup>** for

**Wavy Lay's<sup>®</sup> or Lay's<sup>®</sup>**  
Assorted  
Reg. \$2.99  
13.25 oz.  
**2<sup>4</sup>** for

**Cake Mixes**  
Betty Crocker  
Assorted  
18-18.25 oz.  
**79¢**

**Morrison Mixes**  
Assorted  
6 oz. pouch  
**3<sup>1</sup>** for

**Cranberry Sauce**  
Shurfine Whole or Jellied  
16 oz. can  
**69¢**

**Shurfine Pineapple**  
Shurfine Assd.  
15.2 oz.  
**69¢**

**Dressing**  
Mrs. Cubbison's  
Assd. 10-12 oz.  
**2<sup>3</sup>** for

**Green Onions**  
**3<sup>1</sup>** for

**Baking Potatoes**  
Colorado  
3 lbs.  
**3<sup>1</sup>**

**Sweet Potatoes**  
**2<sup>1</sup>** lbs.

**Yellow Onions**  
**3<sup>1</sup>** lbs.

**Sno White Cauliflower**  
Garden Fresh  
2 lbs.  
**3<sup>3</sup>** for

**Crisp Broccoli**  
Garden Fresh  
**79¢** lb.

**D'Anjou Pears**  
Fresh Delicious  
**69¢** lb.

**Mandarin Oranges**  
Shurfine  
11 oz. can  
**2<sup>89</sup>** for

**Maraschino Cherries**  
Shurfine - 10 oz.  
**99¢**

**Dawn Ultra**  
Assorted - 25 oz. bl.  
**1<sup>99</sup>**

**Powdered Sugar**  
2 lb. pkg.  
**99¢**

**Shurfine Marshmallows**  
Reg. or Mini  
10-10.5 oz. bag  
**69¢**

**Evaporated Milk**  
Shurfine - 12 oz.  
**2<sup>1</sup>** for

**Maraschino Cherries**  
Shurfine - 10 oz.  
**99¢**

**Campbell's Cream Soup**  
Campbell's Mushroom or Chicken  
10.7 oz. can  
**3<sup>2</sup>** for

**White Coconut**  
Shurfine Flaked  
14 oz. pkg.  
**99¢**

**Frozen**

**Ice Cream**  
Blue Bunny Assd.  
Original or Hi-Lite  
Half gal. Sq.  
**2<sup>6</sup>** for

**Pie Crusts**  
Shurfine Deep Dish  
12 oz. - 9 in.  
**99¢**

**Sara Lee Pies**  
Select Group 9 in.  
37-40 oz.  
**2<sup>5</sup>** for

**Dairy**

**Sour Cream**  
Plains Brand  
Reg. or Fat Free  
16 oz. tub  
**1<sup>19</sup>**

**Plains Dips**  
Assorted  
12 oz. tub  
**99¢**

**Orange Juice**  
Shurfine Assd.  
64 oz.  
**1<sup>79</sup>**

**Dole Salad**  
Classic Iceberg 1 lb. pkg.  
**99¢**

**Mini Carrots**  
Washed 1 lb. pkg.  
**99¢**

**Shurfine Pineapple**  
Shurfine Assd.  
15.2 oz.  
**69¢**

**Dressing**  
Mrs. Cubbison's  
Assd. 10-12 oz.  
**2<sup>3</sup>** for

**Corn Syrup**  
Shurfine  
32 oz. jar  
**99¢**

**Maraschino Cherries**  
Shurfine - 10 oz.  
**99¢**

**Shurfine Pineapple**  
Shurfine Assd.  
15.2 oz.  
**69¢**

**Dressing**  
Mrs. Cubbison's  
Assd. 10-12 oz.  
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## MEAT SPECIALS!

Cooks Butt & Shank Bone in "Ham"

"Boston Butt" Pork Roast

Hormel Black Label Bacon

Bottom Round Steak & Roast

Top Sirloin Steak

Wrights Whole Bone in Ham

Hormel Cure 81 Spiral Sliced "Hams"

Turkeys .59lb

\*Sturges Will Be Closed Wednesday the 25th, X-Mas Day and the 26th of December, We Will Open Again on Friday Dec. 27TH

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**PRICES EFFECTIVE: Dec. 19 to Dec. 24**  
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