

Capitan, Corona And County Get CDBG \$\$

by Doris Cherry

The villages of Capitan and Corona and Lincoln County were the big winners in this year's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

CDBG awards were announced on Tuesday, January 15.

Capitan village mayor Norman Renfro, who attended the CDBG awards

with Dr. Bernhard Reimann, said there were 61 applications statewide for \$24 million available.

"We're thrilled" was a common phrase coming out of the Capitan and Corona village halls. "We're thrilled," said Corona village clerk Cathy Perez. "Now we can continue and finish our health clinic."

Village of Corona received a \$223,010 CDBG to

continue the village hall/health clinic renovation. Perez told *THE NEWS* with this new grant they can now remodel the old bowling alley building for the new village hall, opening up the current village hall to be remodeled into a health clinic.

Village of Capitan received a \$280,000 "phased in" CDBG for storm drainage in the downtown core

section of the village. The project is estimated to benefit 220 households by eliminating the flooding into residential properties.

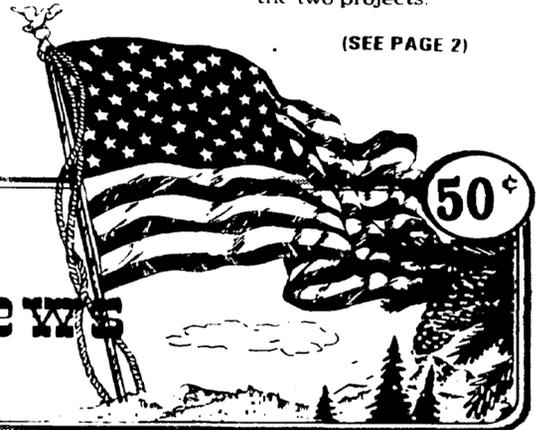
Capitan was also awarded a \$400,000 "Colonia" CDBG for improvements to the wetlands wastewater treatment facility. Because of the grant award, the village will place the state legislative request for funding for the wetlands facility on a

lower priority and make the legislative request for \$392,000 to chip seal village subdivision roads the top priority for obtaining money from the legislature

this session, Renfro told *THE NEWS*.

Renfro said the village will soon advertise for requests for proposals for engineering services for the two projects.

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STATE REP DUB WILLIAMS visits with State Land Commissioner Ray Powell Jr. on Tuesday, January 15, before the opening of the 62nd Session of the 45th State Legislature in the State Capitol Building in Santa Fe. The session lasts until February 14.

LCSWA Audit For Last Year Notes Violations

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) violated the state procurement regulations and the state per diem act according to the audit of the LCSWA fiscal year 2000-01 financial statement.

The auditor report was made to the LCSWA board at their meeting Tuesday, January 15, at their office in Ruidoso Downs by auditor Dan Austin. In the Schedule of Audit Findings, Austin noted nine categories of noncompliance with the Per Diem and Mileage Act, totaling \$3,450. Checks were written and signed by and to the chairman of the Board, Rick Simpson, for expenses relating to assistance with the Authority, but ever no documentation was available. Austin cited the law as his criteria for the finding and states the cause of the violation was "Disregard for Per Diem and Mileage regulations."

Austin recommends the LCSWA board "Request documentation for the expenditures, or reimbursement." Response listed in the audit report, "LCSWA will request documentation for the expenditures, or reimbursement from Rick Simpson."

Simpson was reappointed to the LCSWA board on December 20 by the Lincoln County Commission to represent the county. Former county representative, Modesto Chavez, submitted his resignation effective December 31. However, LCSWA

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Skeen to Retire

by Doris Cherry

Congressman Joe Skeen, R-NM, announced Jan. 11 he will not seek a 12th term in Congress.

"I make this decision with mixed emotions," Skeen said, and added, "On one hand, I look forward to spending full time at the ranch - a place that was the center of my upbringing and shaped my character and principles in life. On the other hand, I am leaving behind a career of public service - a professional experience that gave me the opportunity to have such a positive influence on people's lives."

Skeen has represented the citizens of the 2nd Congressional District for 22 years. He was first elected

to Congress in 1980 when he became the third person in history to win a congressional seat as a write-in candidate. He entered the race after former Congressman Harold Runnels, a Democrat, died in August of that year. He was re-elected every two years, often by wide margins, and was unopposed in 1988 and 1990.

Skeen's many accomplishments through the years include working to establish the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), the nation's first repository for defense-related waste; working on plans to replace the airport in Ruidoso and helping arrange a land exchange with New Mexico State University that led to the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport on Fort Stanton mesa; securing higher levels of funding for vital national programs such as WIC, environmental programs and creating the Rural Economic Development Through Tourism (REDTT) program; and maintaining the highest voting record. Last year he cast 100 percent of the votes considered on the House floor.

Skeen plans to retire at the end of this year, saying, "I will serve the remainder of my present term to complete the work I was elected to do."

Skeen's initial assignments in Congress were the Committee on Agricul-

ture and the Committee on Science and Technology. In 1985 he was named to the House Appropriations Committee. When Republicans took control of the House in 1995, Skeen became chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture. Last year he became chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior.

During his 21 years in Congress, he has served on the (SEE PAGE 2)

LCSWA Asks Simpson For Violation Clarification

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) is asking former LCSWA board member and manager Rick Simpson for clarification for audit violations.

During their meeting Tuesday, January 15, in the LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs, the

LCSWA board voted to have LCSWA attorney Don Dutton contact Simpson after they received the 2000-01 fiscal year audit report from CPA Dan Austin. The audit report had already been approved by the state auditor. (See related article about the audit.)

According to Dutton, after a lengthy closed

session for threatened and/or pending litigation, the LCSWA board authorized Dutton to contact Simpson to get clarification about the \$3,450 in per diem checks written to Simpson and signed by Simpson.

The LCSWA board also authorized Dutton to negotiate with the Town of Carrizozo regarding the clean up of 12 acres owned by the town, pursuant to an alleged verbal agreement between the Town and Simpson for use of the property for a trash transfer ramp. And Dutton was also authorized to negotiate with Jack Ward for an easement across Ward's property to the 12 acres owned by the Town of Carrizozo.

THE NEWS was unable to contact Simpson for comments about the decision of the LCSWA board.

Simpson was former LCSWA board member and (SEE PAGE 3)

Controlled Burn To Be Held In Cedar Creek This Week

The US Forest Service Smokey Bear Ranger Station will be conducting a controlled burn during this week, January 14-18 along Cedar Creek.



CORONA VILLAGE HALL will get a new look this year, thanks to the \$223,010 Community Development Block Grant the village just received to continue the remodeling of the village building into a health clinic.

LCSWA Audit For Last

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was not notified by the county that Simpson was appointed as the county representative.

Austin told *THE NEWS* he delivered the audit report that was approved by the state auditor to the LCSWA offices about two weeks ago. He said the reason for the per diem finding was Simpson had issued himself checks. And according to the bylaws of LCSWA, members are forbidden to draw a salary, but may receive per diem. However, this per diem became equal to the salary amount. "Mostly there was no documentation for the per diem travel," Austin added.

Austin said he also notified LCSWA attorney Don Dutton of the findings and may suggest LCSWA contact the district attorney about the violation.

The other findings in the audit were violations of the procurement code. There was one instance of non-compliance with procurement regulations, because there was no documentation that LCSWA obtained three quotes for the purchase of service contracts for equipment costing less than \$10,000. Austin notes that the cause of this was management complied with procurement regulations, but in some cases did not document how the

regulations were complied with relating to these purchases. Recommendation by Austin is to educate the Authority personnel on state procurement regulations.

LCSWA response is "under current supervision procurement regulations are being followed and implemented."

The other finding was violation of the procurement regulations concerning purchasing more than \$10,000. Two instances of non-compliance with procurement regulations relating to large purchases in excess of \$10,000 were noted. By state laws, purchases in excess of \$10,000

must be competitively bid, and thus the conditions were violations of state procurement regulations. Austin notes that the cause was "oversight" and he recommends education of LCSWA personnel about state procurement regulations.

LCSWA response was "under current supervision procurement regulations are being followed and implemented."

An exit audit was conducted at the LCSWA offices on November 20, 2001. In attendance were LCSWA chair Modesto Chavez, operations supervisor Debra Ingle, personnel manager/finance coord-

inator Beverly Foote and Dan Austin CPA.

According to the audit report, LCSWA at the end of the 2000-01 fiscal year, June 30, 2001, LCSWA had \$135,809 in cash, \$23,910 due and \$63,135 account receivable (net of revenue for uncollectibles of \$53,904) for a total of assets at \$222,854.

Operating Revenues on June 30, 2001, from charges for service were \$1,009,928. Operating Expenses were \$1,258,804.

These expenses include personal services (employees) of \$545,853 and \$214,873 in contractual services.

The report noted that LCSWA had a net income loss of \$114,753 in fiscal year 2000-01. However some of the loss was offset by the \$161,688 in environmental gross receipt taxes revenues and \$3, 939 interest income. According to the report, LCSWA also offset the loss with \$67,704 from depreciation, and increase in payables.

LCSWA has long term debt of \$104,203 with one loan to retire in 2002 and the other in 2006.

According to the audit report, LCSWA had an unfavorable variance (loss) of \$31,040 in revenues as compared to the budgeted approved in June 2000.

However, LCSWA spent \$126,782 less than budgeted, giving LCSWA a \$95,742 excess of revenues over expenditures.

LCSWA began the 2000-01 fiscal year on July 1, 2000, with \$179,824 in cash, and ended the year with \$40,087.

Copies of the audit report are available for viewing during regular business hours at the LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs.



Mild temperatures continued this week mixed with a very cold morning on Monday with lows to 12 degrees.

A weak cold front brought brief showers on Wednesday with another cold front predicted to bring snow showers to the high mountains by the weekend.

Breezes are predicted to continue through the weekend into next week.

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

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

Today, Thursday, January 17:

Mostly cloudy with a few lingering snow showers early in the day, then partly cloudy. High of 56. Chance for precipitation 10 percent, early in the day. West winds 15-25 miles per hour. Tonight partly cloudy with low of 34.

Friday, January 18:

Partly cloudy and breezy with highs to 58. Lows in the low 30s.

Saturday, January 19: Mostly cloudy, cooler and breezy. Highs to 52, lows to 34.

Sunday to Tuesday, January 20-22:

Partly cloudy with highs to 58. Lows to 28.

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

Today, Thursday, January 17:

Mostly cloudy with a few lingering snow showers early in the day, then partly cloudy. High in Ruidoso 49. Chance for precipitation 20 percent early in the day. West winds 15-25 miles per hour. Tonight partly cloudy with low of 30.

Friday, January 18:

Partly cloudy and breezy. High of 52. Low of 30.

Saturday, January 19:

Mostly cloudy, cooler and breezy with a slight chance for high mountain snow showers. High of 42, low to 24.

Sunday to Tuesday, January 20-22:

Partly cloudy with highs to 48, lows to 18.



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Skeen To Retire

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Congress, Skeen has been a champion of states rights and the concept that decisions made by those closest to the people are the best decisions.

"Probably the biggest impact of states rights occurred when I and others in Congress finally killed the 55 mile an hour federal speed limit," Skeen said.

Skeen was born in Rowell and is an engineering graduate of Texas A&M University. He served in the US Navy in 1945-46 and in the US Air Force Reserve 1949-52. He worked as a soil and water engineer for the Zuni and Ramah Navajo Indians in 1951. He then returned to the family sheep ranch in

Lincoln County near Picacho, which he purchased from his grandmother. He also operated a flying service in Ruidoso.

He was a member of the New Mexico State Senate from 1960-70 and served six years as Senate Minority Leader. He also served three years as State Republican Chairman. He was the Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor in 1970 and the party's gubernatorial candidate in both 1974 and 1978, losing each time by less than one percent of the vote.

Joe Skeen married the former Mary Helen Jones in 1945. They have two children, Mike and Lisa, and three grandchildren.



State Engineer Denies Water Rights Transfer

State Engineer Tom Turney on Tuesday, denied five separate transfers of water rights from the Lincoln and Hondo valleys to the proposed Hideout Golf Course being developed by a Hubbard Enterprise in the Angus area.

According to Lincoln resident Lynda Sanchez, who with her husband James are pro se litigants in the protest of the transfer of water rights, the State Engineer rejected the requested water rights transfers which totaled about 260 acre feet.

Along with the individuals who protested the transfer, the Village of Capitan, Bureau of Land Management, home owners group from Ranches of Sonterra and the non-profit group Rio Bonito Preservation Committee filed protests to the water rights transfers. Hearings on the transfers were held in June, 2001.

Sanchez said that 18 wells in the Rio Bonito drainage have gone dry in the last 10 years. She said other evidence presented during the 2001 hearings showed that allowing the transfer of the 260 acre feet of water rights for a golf course and the pumping of wells to irrigate the golf course would significantly draw down the water table.

Capitan, Corona

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County of Lincoln received \$250,000 to expand the health office in the county sub-office in Ruidoso. This money will be used as a match for a federal grant the county has already received for the health office expansion.

County manager Tom Stewart was unavailable for comment, because he was in Santa Fe attending the association of counties annual conference.

Public Meeting Announcement

The Bureau of Land Management will be hosting five public scoping meetings to identify issues for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Equilon Pipeline Project. The proposed project would transport a variety of petroleum products from Odessa, Texas to Bloomfield, New Mexico using an existing pipeline and proposed new underground pipeline segments.

Public Meeting Dates, Time and Place

- January 15, 2002 -- 7:00 p.m. Open House with Equilon -- 5:00 p.m.**
Moriarty Civic Center
201 Broadway
Moriarty, NM 87035
- January 16, 2002 -- 7:00 p.m. Open House with Equilon -- 5:00 p.m.**
Placitas Elementary School
5 Calle De Carbon
Placitas, NM 87043
- January 17, 2002 -- 7:00 p.m.**
Bloomfield Cultural complex
333 South First Street
Bloomfield, NM 87413
- January 22, 2002 -- 7:00 p.m. Open House with Equilon -- 5:00 p.m.**
Woolworth Community Library
3rd and Utah Street
Jal, NM 88252
- January 23, 2002 -- 7:00 p.m.**
Ector County Library
321 West 5th Street
Odessa, TX 79763

Meetings in Bloomfield and Odessa will consist of an open house hosted by the Bureau of Land Management. Comments will be solicited from the public during the open houses. Meetings in Moriarty, Placitas and Jal will consist of an open house followed by a formal meeting. The meetings will begin with a presentation on the proposed project and the environmental process by the Bureau of Land Management and Equilon Pipeline Company representatives. The presentation will be followed by an informal discussion where the public can provide input.

Further Contact and Additional Information
For more information contact: Joe Jaramillo, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management 505-761-8779.

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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.

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

--Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2035 or 258-3201 for information and location.
 --Pre-school reading hour, 1 p.m. at Capitan Public Library.

TODAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

--Lincoln County Commissioners 8 a.m. commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.
 --Food commodities for seniors and children under five, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Carrizozo City Hall.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

--Lincoln County Courthouse, Capitan Village Hall, Ruidoso Village Hall, Carrizozo Town Hall, Corona Village Hall, Zio Senior Centers closed for Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. No class at Carrizozo Schools. Post offices and banks closed.
 --Ruidoso-Lincoln County ETZ Commission, 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso village hall.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

--Filing day for write-in candidates for the March 5 municipal elections. Call your municipal clerk for information.
 --School Ski program starts at Ski Apache. Contact your child's school for more information.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

--High School Knowledge Bowl competition at Capitan School, all day.
 --Carrizozo FCE meeting 1 p.m. Otero County Electric Cooperative office.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

--Junior high girls and boys basketball, Carrizozo v. Capitan, 4 p.m. Carrizozo Gym.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

--Planning meeting for summer fine arts program, 10 a.m. Anderson-Freeman Visitor Center in Lincoln. For more information call Elizabeth Becker at Hubbard Museum in Ruidoso Downs at 378-4142.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

--Ruidoso Village Council, 6:30 p.m.
 --Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District meeting 7 p.m.

LCSWA Asks Simpson

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chair of the LCSWA board until he resigned from the LCSWA board in 2000 when he was hired as manager of LCSWA, a position he held until last fall.

Lincoln County Commissioners again appointed Simpson to the LCSWA board during the county commission meeting December 20. Simpson did not attend the January 15 LCSWA meeting because his stepson died after an auto accident in Santa Fe late Monday.

Modesto Chavez, who served as county representative until December 31, 2001, attended and opened the LCSWA meeting on January 15 because the LCSWA board had failed to

re-organize its officers after Chavez had announced his resignation in December. LCSWA secretary-treasurer Jake Harris authorized Chavez to serve as chair temporarily to open the meeting and elect new officers. As their first item of business, the LCSWA board elected Lloyd Nickerson of Carrizozo as chairman, newly appointed Capitan trustee John Whitaker as vice-chair and Harris will continue as secretary-treasurer.

Also at the meeting January 15, LCSWA operating supervisor Debra Ingle presented the operational report. All 19 requests for customer service, recycling, dumpster repair, special pickups, dumpster deliveries and container removal/replacement were completed, Ingle said. 17 new dumpsters have been refurbished. Three new commercial accounts, one dumping charge account and two special pickup accounts were added in December.

Ingle also reported that year to date revenues of \$859,370, since July 1, 2001, have exceeded expenditures of \$735,788.

But the Village of Ruidoso Downs board of trustees are unhappy with the service their community is getting from LCSWA. Ruidoso Downs village administrator John Waters presented the LCSWA board a letter with six requests for services from residents. Because of the complaints, the Village of Ruidoso Downs was putting LCSWA on notice the village would be seeking request for proposals (rfp) for trash collection services. "We would of course welcome a proposal from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority," the letter ended.

LCSWA board also approved a resolution setting the 2002 meeting dates at 2 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month. The board also approved a resolution for the notice of meetings with notice of regular meetings given five days prior to the meeting, notice of special meetings three days prior, and notice of emergency

meetings be "given as far in advance as possible under the existing circumstances." The resolution also outlines closing of meetings.

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Capitan Hires Temporary Police Officer

The Village of Capitan has hired former Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy Charley Engelking as temporary police officer for Capitan.

Capitan mayor Norman Renfro told *THE NEWS* that he hired Engelking on a temporary basis while the full time police officer attends the police academy in Hobbs for certification. Renfro said Engelking will start Friday, January 18.

Renfro said the village plans to hire another temporary officer this week because police chief Carrol Durbin took leave of absence because he is a candidate for municipal judge.

"I want the village citizens to know we do not have to depend on the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office," Renfro said. "We do thank the sheriff's office for all the help and assistance they have given the village."

The sheriff's office provided a deputy to cover the village this week after the Capitan officer left for police academy, Renfro added.

Meeting For Input On Public Land Along The Rio Bonito January 17

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will conduct the first in a series of public meetings on January 17 to get input from the local community about managing public lands along the Rio Bonito, announced Ed Roberson, BLM-Roswell field manager.

The meeting is scheduled from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, January 17 at the Lincoln Community Church in Lincoln.

In 1995 BLM acquired about 1,020 acres of land along the Rio Bonito in the Lincoln Historic District, most on the north side of Highway 380.

Among the topics to be covered in a BLM management plan are watershed, vegetation, livestock grazing and wildlife management, recreational access and preservation of historical resources.

Additional information is available by contacting Paul Happel, BLM natural resource specialist, at 505-627-0203.

Carrizozo Woman's Club Added To Most Endangered List

Carrizozo Woman's Club building, constructed during the 1930s, has been added to the 2002 Heritage Preservation Alliance list of "11 Most Endangered" historic places in New Mexico.

Lincoln County Historical Society secretary Lynda Sanchez said last October state preservation officer Mike Taylor from Santa Fe visited the Woman's Club building to conduct a program on adobe.

Sanchez said she provided information to the Woman's Club about the most endangered list program. The Lincoln County Historical Society also wrote letters of support, as well as letters from the town mayor and others.

With the designation, Carrizozo Woman's Club resource more eligible for funding.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Solutions may take time

By Ruth Hammond

Water and gas do not mix, but the issues surrounding water and gas here in Lincoln County are similar. Water, as we all know, is precious in New Mexico. Newcomers to New Mexico are often surprised that an application must be submitted to the state engineer for any transfer of water rights. Apparently natural gas is also precious in this area because we are being told there is a drastic discrepancy in how much some customers are paying to heat their homes and businesses this winter. There should be solutions to the problem of the cost of natural gas and the problem of water rights and how they should be used, solutions that will be beneficial to everyone. But as we all know, any time there is a conflict, it may be difficult to reach a solution.

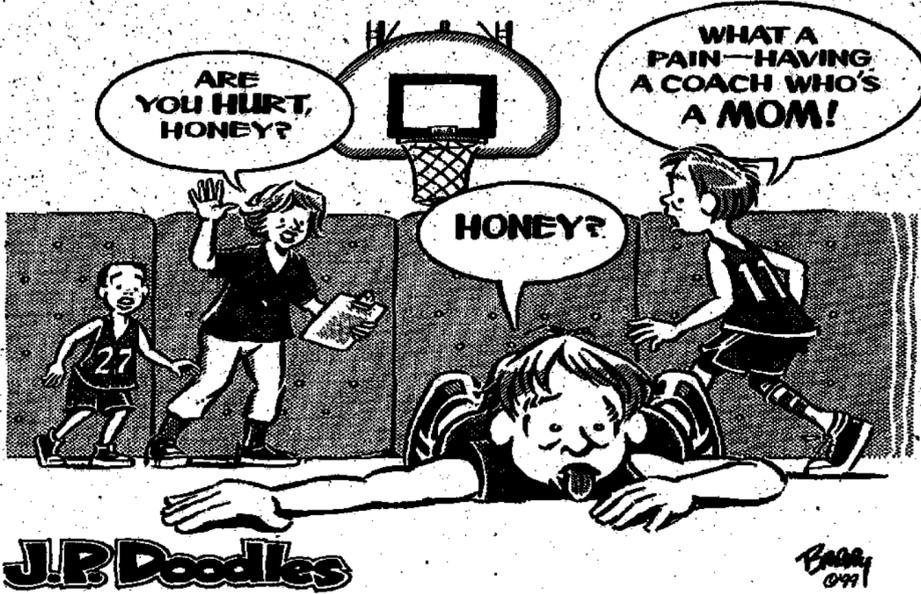
Assuming that a solution may be reached with either the problem of water rights or the problem of the cost of gas to heat homes for the elderly and disabled, it could take time. The water rights situation does not have to be settled in the next few days or weeks and may take months or years before all parties involved will agree. The situation of the cost of natural gas for heating homes this winter for the elderly and the disabled population is more pressing, but it seems some officials prefer to ignore the problem. What gives guys? Don't you care if some people are shivering in their own homes with their thermostats set at 58 degrees? Maybe if ALL members of the Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas board of directors were CCNG customers and had to pay the exorbitant cost to heat their homes they would have a different opinion. Apparently some of the CCNG board members are not CCNG customers. Interesting?

The situation of water rights is on hold for now, but the battle will probably continue. Rumors that the state property division was negotiating with an unnamed private party that sought to purchase the old adjudicated water rights from Fort Stanton was disturbing, but we didn't want to listen to rumors. Then we were told that when the county manager made inquiries about the negotiations he was informed that negotiations are no longer being held. That statement would indicate that the state had been negotiating for the sale of the Fort Stanton water rights. That is disturbing. How could the state consider selling those water rights?

Even if the state says it is no longer negotiating to sell the Fort Stanton water rights, that does not mean that a deal has not been made. It only means that the state is no longer negotiating. Negotiations ceased when an agreement is reached. We can only hope that the state, or someone higher up in state government, has not made a deal to sell the Fort Stanton water rights and thus bring any hopes of a future for Fort Stanton to a complete and utter standstill.

Related water issues concern municipalities that buy bottled water for governmental employees. The new mayor of Albuquerque said that city can save \$58,000 a year by not buying bottled water for employees. Good for him. Now if some of the local municipalities would follow his example and do what is best, it would help. Water and gas do not mix, but the problems will continue for both water and gas.

Water and gas problems



J.P. Doodles

SANTA FE
INSIDE THE CAPITOL
by JAY MILLER

SANTA FE-Visitors to the Capitol during the first week of the Legislature got a special treat if they visited the Governor's Gallery. An exhibit prepared by the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division told the story of the most secret of all sites at Los Alamos in 1944-45.

V Site was a secret site within a secret site, where the highly experimental plutonium "gadget" was built. The "gadget" was the implosion bomb later tested at Trinity Site and dropped on Nagasaki. Since 1945 the buildings fell into decay until the Cerro Grande fire swept through the site in May 2000.

When four of the six buildings were destroyed, historic preservationists realized the significant history we lost. Measures were immediately undertaken to preserve what remained. A blue-ribbon panel was convened in June 2000 by the President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

The panel agreed to reconstruct the shed where explosive lenses were fitted together and rehabilitate the surviving building where bomb parts were hoisted and assembled. In July 2000, a team of New Mexico's leading photographers were allowed on the site before it was cleared of fire debris and before the summer floods.

Those photographs and paintings done from earlier photos formed the bulk of the Governor's Gallery exhibit, although the star was the "candy cooker" used to cast the lenses for the "gadget."

Funds were provided from the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division, the National Park Service and the Los Alamos Na-

tional Bank. They then were matched by one of the first challenge grants from the federal Save America's Treasures.

The pictures in the Governor's Gallery exhibit produced feelings of strange irony. Here was the most powerful weapon known to man being developed in hastily-built wooden sheds that looked like a cluster of shabby machine shops. In a sense the plutonium "gadget," held together with masking tape and built in these simple structures, was a garage bomb.

The irony continued as one looked at pictures of the fire's devastation. While scientists were able to harness the atom in 1945, fifty-five years later we still cannot control nature's elemental forces.

Further adding to the irony was a narrative on the wall describing how the bomb almost didn't happen. Despite an extraordinary investment of resources, in August of 1944 the Manhattan Project was in jeopardy. The chances of making an atomic bomb that could bring an end to World War II seemed dim. There was too little, highly-enriched uranium and the newly produced plutonium was likely to pre-detonate or fizzle in current bomb design.

So a small team was assembled to work on an alternative design, using a sphere of high explosive lenses that would crush a core of plutonium into a critical mass. It was theoretically possible but major technical issues had to be solved.

In response to the crisis, the best managers, explosives experts, theoretical physicists, mathematicians and engineers were

brought in to work on the problem. Six miles from the main Technical Area a cluster of wooden buildings was hastily built at a location named V Site. For most of the next year, men worked around the clock to make the implosion bomb.

More than one idea was tried simultaneously. And there was no time for planning, just for experimenting. As the summer of 1945 approached, it appeared the enriched uranium bomb would work, but the implosion device was still a question, so it was tested at Trinity Site.

It struck me how similar this story was to the story of Robert Goddard's development of rocketry 200 miles to the south in Roswell.

The difference was that when he got stuck, the government wasn't there with unlimited resources and personnel. Otherwise we would have had missiles superior to the German rockets that rained down on England at the end of World War II.

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Capricorn: (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Take a chance! What do you have to lose? "If" you have to lose something to get ahead, then maybe it isn't worth taking a chance? It's up to you!

Aquarius: (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Listen to your heart, not what people are saying! Keep true friends next to you, not ones that just want something for free! You can't buy true friendship!

Pisces: (Feb 19 - March 20) You'll have a lot to think about, take your time and think of yourself first, for a change! When you are really happy inside, you'll make others happy!

Aries: (Mar 21 - April 19) It's that time of year again, when you'll see how last year's money was spent, and how you'll do a better job this year! You'll do great once you start!

Taurus: (Apr 20 - May 20) You can get your way, once you let others do what they have to do for themselves! Don't worry about their backyard when you can help your own!

Gemini: (May 21 - June 20) This year will be different! It's time to make it so! You will think about planting roots! You are smart, and it's time to let your gift be known!

Cancer: (June 21-July 22) Don't let others get you down, or your own thoughts! What you think, is what you are, and what you will get in the long run! Go get what you want!

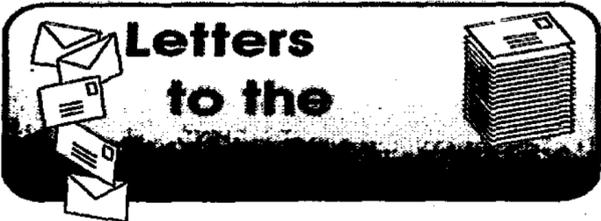
Leo: (July 23 - Aug 22) Your tender heart can be broken, only by not saying the right things and the right time! Remember what you do to others, will come back three fold!

Virgo: (Aug 23 - Sept 22) You will start throwing out the old, and cleaning up your past once and for all! People, Places & Things! This year could be the best ever, start out clean!

Libra: (Sept 22 - Oct 22) You may have to swallow your pride, so you won't have to say something to hurt someone's feelings! It will be worth it in the end! You will win!

Scorpio: (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Letting others do what they must, is sometimes hard on your heart! Tough Love comes with a price! Let others learn by their own mistake! Just love them!

Sagittarius: (Nov 22- Dec 21) The next thing you do, can change your whole life, so make sure you want to do what you're doing for the next year! You make the choice clear!



EDITOR: The Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG) customers of both Carrizozo and Capitan should be receiving high gas bills by now, and again I'm writing to advise CCNG customers that they need to contact their Gas Board members and request they do something about high gas bills immediately.

We have received two gas bills, one was dated 12/1/01 where our gas rate was \$8.29 per mcf compared to \$3.91 per mcf thru Zia Gas. The second bill was dated 1/1/02, our gas rate was \$8.48 per mcf, again, compared to \$3.91 per mcf thru Zia Gas. Our bill dated 1/1/02 was for \$110.23 plus \$6.82 tax for a total of \$117.05 -- that rate occurred because we kept our house at a cool 68 degrees. Other customers tell me that their bills were in excess of \$170.00. Had we been Zia customers our last bill would have been \$58.83 plus tax which would have been approximately \$3.65 for a total of \$62.48 (this total includes Zia's \$8.00 monthly maintenance fee), a savings of \$54.57.

I urge all of you who have either told or led our Gas Board to believe that you are happy with the gas company as is, and with the current rates as well, to now call them and let them know that something needs to be done. At the November Gas Board Meeting the Board Members from Carrizozo told us that all of their customers were happy with CCNG as is, and also with the rates.

We were also told by CCNG that the majority of the surveys said that people were happy with the company and its rates. When asked how many people did not respond, a figure was not given, but that there were a lot of no responses.

It's time that you the customers of CCNG stand up for what is right -- I CANNOT DO IT ALL!! You need to call your Board Members and let them know that something has to be done -- I know that many people are on fixed incomes and must be literally freezing in their own homes because of the current rates. The Gas Board Members for Capitan are Mayor Renfro, Trustee Whittaker, and Wayne Mason; the Gas Board Members for Carrizozo are the mayor of Carrizozo, Angelo Vega, and Tommy Guevarra.

If we could save \$54.57 if we were Zia

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Sheriff's Report

The following information was taken from dispatch records at the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, January 7:

8:10 a.m. forgery at a business in a location east of Ruidoso Downs. The report was referred by Ruidoso Police Department (RPD).

8:25 a.m. report of larceny at the ski run.

11:30 a.m. report of vandalism at location on Gavilan Canyon Road.

11:30 a.m. larceny at location on Domingo Road, someone stole the peacock.

5:33 p.m. dog shot at mile marker 11 on Highway 48 in Alto.

7:50 p.m. dead deer about a quarter mile on Gavilan Canyon Road from Highway 48.

January 8:

1:25 a.m. Ruidoso Downs Police reported a compost fire with blaze at a commercial compost company near Ruidoso Downs. Glencoe Fire Department responded and advised all was okay.

9:25 a.m. Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) referral on Eagle Court in Alto.

10:10 a.m. vandalism at a business on Highway 48 in Alto area. Two deputies responded.

12:53 p.m. burglar alarm at business, was canceled.

5:39 p.m. request for deputy for problems with girlfriend on Tina Drive.

January 9:

11 a.m. found property. Deputy responded.

1:55 p.m. request for ambulance at Fort Stanton. At 4:23 p.m. Med 1 ambulance from Ruidoso arrived at Fort Stanton to transport to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

2:32 p.m. request for ambulance at ski run for injured male. Med 3 ambulance transported the patient code 1 to LCMC.

3:15 p.m. stray dog on Canyon Road near Ruidoso Downs.

3:25 p.m. possible abandoned vehicle at business in Hondo.

5:44 p.m. request for welfare check at a business in Corona.

January 10:

8:21 a.m. request for ambulance for patient with nose bleed at location on Fort Stanton Road. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) ambulance responded but was refused.

8:27 a.m. smoke in Gavilan Canyon. Squaw Ridge, Bonito Fire Department responded and advised they found no smoke.

9:38 a.m. larceny reported by ski shop in Alto area.

12:57 p.m. request for ambulance at location in Hondo Valley. Hondo ambulance transported patient code 1 to LCMC.

1:29 p.m. report of smoke in Homestead Acres. Bonito Fire Department responded and advised they found no smoke.

5 p.m. domestic/threats reported at location on Sierra Blanca Trail.

5:06 p.m. ill child and request for ambulance at location in Bonito Park. Med 1 responded but was canceled because the patient was taken by private vehicle.

6:05 p.m. accident without injuries involving a deer in Nogal on Highway 37.

6:26 p.m. Ruidoso Downs Police advise of house trailer in the roadway at Reynolds and Mesa. Deputy responded.

9:52 p.m. suspicious vehicle in area of Fawn Ridge.

11:48 p.m. possible breaking and entering at apartment complex. A 911 caller, very excited, said she believed someone dressed in black with a black hood was attempting to break in to her son's condo. A deputy and Ruidoso Downs police were notified.

11:11 p.m. request for ambulance on Third Street. Capitan ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

January 11:

1:01 a.m. Med 1 ambulance advised they were

making a transport of a patient back to her home in Capitan.

11:51 a.m. unknown complaint at business east of Ruidoso Downs.

5:09 p.m. criminal damage to property at RV park.

January 12:

10:12 a.m. breaking and entering. Request for deputy reference someone broke in through the dog-

gie door at a location on Nogal Mesa, some stuff was missing. The caller called back to advise she was leaving the incident location and was going to the suspect's house to get her stuff. Three deputies responded.

11:09 a.m. 911 report of grass fire at the end of Cedar Creek Road, at the camp area, not in the area of the controlled burn. Bonito Fire Department responded.

4:08 p.m. attempt to locate subject at Baca Campground. A man from Montana was trying to reach his brother.

5:06 p.m. request for ambulance for patient with broken ankle at location on Broadmoor in Alto. Med 1 transported code 1 to

Planning Meeting Set For Children's Summer Art Program

The Hubbard Museum of the American West will hold their first planning meeting January 26 at 10 a.m. at the Anderson-Free-man visitor center in Lincoln for the annual Fine Arts in Lincoln summer art program for children.

The program began in 1999 with the intent to expose children to fine arts and give them an opportunity to work with local artists in music, drama, and visual arts. The program provides three weeks of intensive workshops.

If you are an artist who has worked with children, a parent whose children like art, or an interested community member, you are invited to attend the meeting and help design this year's summer art program.

For more information call Elizabeth Becker at 505-378-4142.

LCMC.

8:40 p.m. party/bonfire on Ranchman's Campground Road.

January 13:

8:42 a.m. battery at location on Altimira in Alto area. The responding deputy advised no one answered the door, then he advised the incident was at a different location. Later the deputy advised he had made an arrest.

2 p.m. report of missing person, a 15 year old male, from a trailer park east of Ruidoso Downs.

2:59 p.m. breaking and entering at location on Squaw Trail, the cabin door was open.

10:47 p.m. lost cell phone. Request for officer to take a report of a lost cell phone at a condo in the Alto area.

Court Calendar

12th JUDICIAL DISTRICT DIVISION III

Monday, January 14:

8:30 a.m. teleconference; Wayne Pitts with CCJJC.
1:15 p.m. teleconference; Ruidoso Ford v. Stout; CV-99-215 (R. Hawthorne/Stout) (Judicial inquiry).
2 p.m. Arlaud v. Arlaud; DM-2001-128 (Dutton) (Default final decree)
2:30 p.m. IOS v. Hondo Schools; CV-2001-105 (Doherty/Sullivan) (Motion to dismiss).

Tuesday, January 15:

9 a.m. Jury Trial
SNM v. Dozier; CR-00-121 (Wilson/Turcotte)
12:15 p.m. teleconference (District Judges Association meeting).

Wednesday, January 16:

8:15 a.m. teleconference Chase v. Smith; CV-2001-152 (Hankla/Smith/Graham) (MSJ)
9 a.m. Lamb v. McGrath; CV-99-24 (Dutton/Overstreet) (Merits)
4 p.m. JQ-2001-05 (involuntary commitment)
Judge Darrell Brantley:

10 a.m.
Nelda Montes v. Benito Montes, Sr.; DV-2001-07 (violation)
Chelsea Noblett v. Riley Stufflebeam; DV-2002-03
10:30 a.m. Kathleen Pritchard v. Joseph Depta; DV-2002-04.

Thursday, January 17:

8:30 a.m. teleconference Houston v. Orloff; CV-01-41 (Socorro County) (Tiwald/Glenn) (Schedule conference).
9 a.m.

JQ-2001-03 (adjudication and disposition)
JQ-00-01 (disposition)
11 a.m. teleconference Hartford v. Smalley; CV-2001-14 (Crowley/Leverick/Crotty) (MSJ and motion to consolidate)
1:30 p.m. Fitzpatrick v. Fitzpatrick; DM-2001-37 (R. Hawthorne/Brownfield) (Merits).
7 p.m. People's Law School in Ruidoso.

Friday, January 18:

8:30 a.m.
James Barola; CR-2001-148 (FA)
Vandy Cloud; CR-2001-29 (PT & motions)
Shannon Passig; CR-2001-02 (sentencing)
Justin Phillips; CR-2001-131 (Plea)
Miguel Ramirez; CR-2001-121 (PT)
Charles Reynolds; CR-00-12 (Plea)
Dale Mullen; CR-2001-132 (PC & PT)
Russell Hammond; CR-2001-130 (PT)
Rose Krotchvil; CR-201-125 (PT)
Armando Munoz; CR-2001-134 (PT)
Samuel Ingram; CR-2001-53 (Sentencing)
Renee Miranda; CR-2001-44 (sentencing)
Chris Brechetel; CR-00-113 (motion)
Sharon Cruz; CR-2001-04 (sentencing)
David Saenz; CR-98-70 (motions)
George Biera; CR-2001-173 (FA)
Manny Medina; CR-2001-102 (sentencing)
Connie Reed; CR-99-36 (FA)
George Hellemann; CR-2001-71 (sentencing)
Larry Cole; CR-00-70 & 81 (sentencing)
Ritchie Hosetosavit; CR-2001-50 (sentencing)
Knollin Dale McDaniel; CR-00-71 (sentencing)
William Antoine; CR-2001-175 & 177 (JI)
1:30 p.m. Plea Conferences:
Tammy Cross; CR-2001-150
Beci Taylor; CR-2001-145
Allen Smith; CR-2001-58
Gerald Shortman; CR-2001-168
Dawn Pellerito; CR-2001-167
Joel Leslie; CR-2001-165
Dustin Reel; CR-2001-163
Fermin Salcido; CR-2001-153
Jerry Gutierrez; CR-2001-160
Travis Prins; CR-2001-157
Jonathan Sedillo; CR-2001-161
William Mendez; CR-2001-159
2 p.m.
Richard Lopez; CR-2001-108 (Dobbs/Crosby) (Motions & PT)



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Worship 11:00 a.m.

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:
SCOTT KING, Pastor / 648-2024

Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

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

First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor
314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM
648-2968 (Church) or 648-2107

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
Sun. Evening Training at 8:15 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)

JOHNNIE L. JOHNSON, Pastor
Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth, 648-2186

Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. DAVE BERGS, Pastor
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853

SATURDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart 5:00 p.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart 9:00 a.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita 10:30 a.m.
Corona St. Theresa 1:00 p.m.

Church of Christ

TOM POINDEXTER, Minister 354-3135
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 1:15 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

REV. CANON JOHN PENN, Rector
Corner of E Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM,
1-505-257-2358
Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Claunch Community Church

TONY SCACCIA, Minister
849 1402
Second Sunday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.

United Methodist Churches

JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor
1000 D. Ave. 648-2893 / 648-2846
Carrizozo, NM 88301

Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Choir Practice (Tuesday) 8:30 p.m.
United Methodist Women
Every 3rd Wednesday 2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner on
4th Sunday of Month 12:30 p.m.

CAPITAN:

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

Christ Community Fellowship

ED VINSON, Pastor (Inter-denominational)
514 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, NM

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister
5th & Lincoln / 336-4627

Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

Phone 354-2044
Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)

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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
AWANA Sunday 4:00-6:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Corona

CAL WEST, Pastor / 849-7975

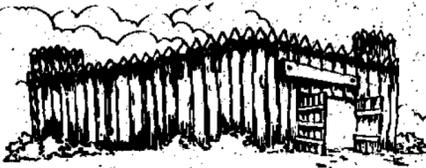
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Fort Stanton Facts & Fiction

by Betty Lou Joiner

WUD is getting lots of work done to open their business in the Glencoe

Rural Events Center, Sherry and Glen Barrow have been working long

hours fixing up many things in the building. Hopefully soon they will be off and running. It is such a small world. Glen told me they were going to spend the holidays in Clovis. Come to find out, his folks and my uncle were neighbors in the Ranchvale area.

 L.C. Posse's award night was held on Jan. 12, at the rec center in Carrizozo starting with the social hour at 5 o'clock, the meal was served at 6:00 with president Spencer giving the invocation, and dancing til 10:00 or so. Brisket and chicken with potatoes, veggies, bread and deserts was all enjoyed by close to 100 members.

Roland Caster had printed up some very special programs with his art

work of the western themes being very nice. Cary Scott, Verla Caster and Maryln Chewning greeted everyone when they came in and made sure each one had a number for all the nice door prizes many merchants had donated to the social committee.

At 7:00 awards presentations were started with Betty Joiner and Tina D'Ambrosio calling out names for the seventy members who had helped at different times of the year. Real nice pins with 2002 date on them were given to all these people.

Special awrds from Dave Scott went to Clarence Leslie and Jim Tharpe. These two men have worked so hard all year and I think attended everything the posse had throughout the year. Jim

Tharpe with the help of his special friend, a junior posse member, Andrew, gave lots of fun gifts to all who had helped him and Terese Ray with the pony express trail ride. Richard had made several gifts and gave them to Jim to present to the people. Some of the gifts we didn't get to see or know about, but all in fun it made for a fun evening.

Two people who didn't get awards, but lots of recognition were Maryln and Carrie for all the cooking and good things they did in the background. The outgoing officers of Bob LaRue, Dave Scott, myself, and Tina D'Ambrosio were presented nice gifts and were thanked by Maryln.

Dave Scott gave Clarence Leslie and Andrew beautiful buckles for their many hours of help. A new award presented by Tina was the "First Lady Award" and it was definitely a good one going to Rosemary LaRue. Rosemary and Margaret Woodard are two of the fun, happy members that keep your spirits up. Everyone was in agreement with the award committee to finish the awards with the Posse member of the year going to "Jim Tharpe". A stand-

ing ovation made Jim give another funny remark with it being about the last time he had a standing ovation.

Congratulations Jim, you and Nancy have done such a good job for the past two years. We all send our thanks to you both.

Our 2001 artist, Helen Hyatt, came with Terese Ray. We were all glad to have her come from such a long way and the other two, were Jay and Freda McSwane. It just isn't the same without these two close by and not having Jay to help everyone with the clearing of the trails.

Clearing a space for dancing, the band tuned up and the music was rolling. Lots of fun was had with old and new members learning a few dance steps with the help of Mrs. Ernst, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen who were doing a great job of line dancing. Ruth Birdsong, Colt Freemole and Margaret Woodard did a very special step or two, and then the big finale with Bob Woodard and Jim Tharpe showing the group how to jitterbug. You had to be there to enjoy this twosome.

Once again this group
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Democratic Party of Lincoln County

Notice of Pre-Primary Convention

Saturday, Feb. 9, 2002, 11:00 A.M.

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Grizzly WEEKLY

By Carrizozo High School Journalism Class
 Sarah Ball, Instructor

Lady Grizzlies Go 1-1 In Back-to-Back Games

The Carrizozo Lady Grizzlies played back-to-back games last week. They traveled to Capitan on January 10 to face the Lady Tigers. The Grizzlies got off to a good start, winning the tip off and goin on to score the first 2 points of the game. But, the Tigers answered right back. Capitan was up by 3 after the first quarter, and led 26-19 at the half.

In the third quarter the Lady Grizzlies picked up the intensity, outscoring the Lady Tigers 16-13, bringing the Grizzlies within 4 going into the fourth quarter. Scoring on both sides was even in the last quarter, with each team earning 16 points. The Tigers defeated the Grizzlies 55-51.

Lady Grizzly Scoring: S. Brewer 18, A. Vallejos 10, B. Baca 9, A. Zamora 7, W. Whittaker 5, A. Samora 2.

Lady Tiger Scoring: J. Becker 17, J. Tutley-Mitchel 12, C. Wood 9, G. Cupit 7, S. Kelsey 2, J. Buff 2, M. Becker 2, K. Gibson 2, F. Sparks 2.

The Lady Grizzlies then hosted their first district game against the Corona Lady Cardinals on January 11. It was a very tight first quarter, with a tie score of 14-14. By the half the Lady Grizzlies had gained a 7-point lead. At the end of the third, the Lady Cardinals pulled within 6. But, the increased defensive play of the Lady Grizzlies proved to be too tough for the Lady Cardinals to handle. The Lady Grizzlies emerged victorious with a score of 60-45.

Lady Grizzly Scoring: S. Brewer 17, B. Baca 14, A. Vallejos 8, L. Burd 6, W. Whittaker 5, A. Samora 4, A. Zamora 4, T. Burd 2.

Lady Cardinal Scoring: V. Russi 18, F. Russi 9, L. Gonzales 7, R. Alirez 4, E. Holman 4, D. Fernandez 3.

The Lady Grizzlies next district games are scheduled for January 18 and 19. They first travel to Vaughn on Friday, then to Mountainair on Saturday. Tip-off times are 6:00 p.m. (18th) and 2:00 p.m. (19th).

BIANCA BACA

Fort Stanton Facts &

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has so much fun, offers so much help, and is such a good organization to belong to. Know the new officers will have an even more successful year the way things have been progressing!!!!

This year of 2002 is

the "100" year anniversary for 4-H. I'm planning to do a pictorial cancellation for this celebration in October. Called the extension office in Las Cruces and got what information they had researched on the start of 4-H in New Mexico.

The information I got, stated that 4-H began in New Mexico in 1911, even before New Mexico was a state. A corn club was organized near Las Cruces in 1911 and seven members completed their project work.

In the latter part of 1911, a plan of organization was developed for "Boys and Girls Industrial Clubs". Associated with the county superintendents of schools the clubs began.

During 1912, outlines of club work in crops, bread and sewing, were published in *The College Record*, and sent out over central and eastern sections of the state. In January a demonstration train, ran from Anthony to Raton, Albuquerque to Clovis, and Clovis to Carlsbad. Special sessions were held for young people which resulted in the formation of clubs when active interest was shown, thus clubs were organized.

In 1913 another demonstration train ran from other cities and a new high in 4-H clubs enrollment was reached with 33 clubs organized. In 1914 a field of Extension work opened up, with state agents of club work being appointed and new projects were introduced.

In 1918 a total of enrollment in 4-H clubs showed 4,181 members. Teaching knowledge and skills to young people and preparing them for productive lives is still the basis of 4-H project work.

Communication, leadership, and citizenship activities have helped so many young people become responsible, knowledgeable future citizens. 4-H record keeping helps them learn accountability of time and money. 3,100 adult leaders now help over 50,000 young people enrolled in the NM 4-H Youth Development Program.

My own memories of 4-H were going to Marie Walker Kelly's house many a night many years ago for meetings. Martha Proctor served as a 4-H leader for many years and I will always remember when she helped Ron who was very young with a

Poem Written By Capitan Student To Be Published

Marlie Robinson, a fifth grade student at Capitan Elementary School, was recently notified a poem she wrote will be published by Creative Communications.

Robinson's poem, "Thanksgiving Day", will be published in an anthology "A Celebration of Young Poets" available later this year.

The poem was submitted by Robinson's teacher, Tiffany Menix.

Marlie is the daughter of Orallee Robinson, a published free lance writer and photographer. Marlie's old sister Shuana had a short story published in 1998.

demonstration on setting a trap. We were at a district contest and when he began a demonstration the trap caught his finger. I didn't know what to do but cry. Martha and the judge helped him get out of the trap and gave him a second place and talked to him in such a way that I know this helped him to become the speaker he is today when he has to put on all the seminars to sell seeds and do lots of public speaking.

I keep working towards trying to get a 4-H stamp project started, without much success, but hope to keep on until I can find the right people to help me.

Another good article about the beginning of 4-H is in New Mexico Resources Magazine published by NM State University.

Rita Kezar from Loving contacted Della Bonnell to do some samples of a cancellation for Loving, NM. We are

Sen. Campos Reports From Santa Fe

Santa Fe: Senator Pete Campos, D-Las Vegas, said Monday that the legislative leadership and the governor should try to reach an agreement early this legislative session on budget guidelines.

Given the flat revenue projections and the pressing budget needs in education and public health, it is more important than ever that we quickly come to an understanding with each other on some 'budget basics', Campos said. Those parameters would include minimum levels for spending on public schools and public health programs for needy New Mexicans, especially children, and an agreement on the level of state money that should be held in reserve, Campos said.

The 2002 legislative session began Tuesday, January 15 and adjourns on February 14. The primary job during the session is to approve a reasonable budget that best meets the needs of New Mexican, Campos said.

Cautious consumer spending has combined with declining oil and gas prices to hold projected state revenues essentially flat for the upcoming fiscal year. Executive and legislative revenue estimators project that the state will have just \$8 million more in revenue next fiscal year compared to appropriations for this fiscal year. Total state recurring revenue is projected to be about 3.8 million.

"We face tremendous financial needs in our public schools and in the Medicaid program. Teachers deserve raises and the number of poor people, including those who have jobs but are still struggling financially and who need health care, is growing, and we cannot responsibly ignore those needs no matter how dire the state's financial outlook is," Campos said. "A responsible budget plan will include spending some of the money that

waiting to hear if they will use Della's Work.

Help a 4-Her in 2002 and think of 100 years of service!!!

Til next week, don't let the wind blow you away!

ENMU Dean List

Karla L. Martinez from San Patricio was named to the Dean's List at Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell for the 2001 fall semester.

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO
NO. CV-02-10

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF JENNIFER ROMERO FOR A CHANGE OF HER SURNAME

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF SURNAME

Public Notice is hereby given that Jennifer Romero has filed a Petition in the above court for a change of surname to Flores. Notice is given that said Petition will be heard by the Honorable KAREN L. PARSONS, District Court Judge, on the 20th day of February, 2002, at the hour of 8:30 a.m.

JENNIFER ROMERO
HCR 46 Box 1652
Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346
(505) 378-1224 night
(505) 257-4011 day

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

CAUSE NO. PB-01-47 DIVISION III

In the Matter of the Estate of JIMMIE EDWARD SAMPLE, Deceased

NOTICE OF CREDITORS

DOROTHY LEE SAMPLE has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of JIMMIE EDWARD SAMPLE, 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.

DOROTHY LEE SAMPLE

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
CV 01-258-DIV III

THE PROVIDENT BANK, Plaintiff,

vs. JEREMY CLARK and REBECCA CLARK, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known 126 Mac Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 9 AND 10, BLOCK 11, WHITE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SEPTEMBER 1, 1941. AP #: 122325.

The sale is to begin at 10:00 a.m. on February 21, 2002, outside the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment in The Provident Bank.

The Provident Bank was awarded a Judgment on January 7, 2002, in the sum \$115,162.16 plus outstanding interest due on the Note through December 15, 2001, in the amount of \$8,150.94, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 11.375% per annum (\$36.39 per diem), plus late charges in the sum of \$338.94, plus an escrow deficit in the sum of \$100.00 plus attorneys fees in the sum \$750.00 and costs through December 15, 2001, in the sum of \$579.47.

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, NM 88301
(505) 648-2217

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

WELLS FARGO BANK MINNESOTA NA, As Trustee

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

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above entitled Court, having appointed me as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known 5 Doc Holiday Ct., Alto, New Mexico 88312, and more particularly described as follows:

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

The sale is to begin at 10:00 a.m. on February 26, 2002, on the front steps of the Lincoln County Court House, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale and to satisfy the Judgment of Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee.

Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee was awarded a Judgment on January 7, 2002 in the principal sum \$147,046.14, plus outstanding interest through December 31, 2001 in the amount of \$13,283.66 and accruing daily thereafter at the rate of \$41.94 per day, plus selected fees and expenses of \$349.70, plus late charges of \$653.96, plus an escrow balance of \$1,258.02, plus attorneys fees through December 31, 2001, in the sum of \$750.00 and costs through December 31, 2001, in the sum of \$1,078.03, with interest on the late charges, attorney's fees and costs from date of Judgment until paid at the rate of 9.600% per annum.

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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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. PB 02-01

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD MARION BRADLEY, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

TO: ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF RICHARD MARION BRADLEY, DECEASED, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREIN AFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

Hearing on the Verified Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representatives filed by the undersigned Petitioners will be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse, in Carrizozo, New Mexico, on the 14th day of February, 2002, at 8:00 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge. Your are hereby notified that at the hearing the Court will consider the request by the Petitioners that the Court:

1. Find that the decedent died testate and formally admit the decedent's Last Will and Testament dated March 7, 2000 to probate;
2. Determine the heirs and devisees of the decedent;
3. Appoint Benjamin Bruce Bradley and Barbara Ann Bradley as Joint Personal Representatives to the Estate of RICHARD MARION BRADLEY, deceased, to serve without bond in an unsupervised administration; and
4. Enter such other and further orders this Court deems proper.

A copy of the Petition is on file with the Court in the above-captioned cause and is available for your review.

Pursuant to NMSA 1978 45-1-401, notice of the time and place of hearing on the Petition is hereby given by publication, once each week, for two consecutive weeks.

DATED: 1/7, 2002.

Attorney for Petitioners:
Archie A. Witham
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 83
Nogal, NM 88341
(505) 3543-2698

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LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
NO. CV 01-216
BANKERS TRUST COMPANY,
AS TRUSTEE AND CUSTODIAN,
Plaintiff,
v
JIMMY R. MCEUEN and THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF JIMMY R. MCEUEN,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned
Special Master will, on January 29, 2002, at 10:00
a.m., at the main entrance of the Lincoln County
Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and
convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right,
title and interest of the above-named defendant(s)
and to the following described real estate located in
said County and State:

Lot 8, Block 1 of MORRIS ADDITION,
Capitan, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as
shown by the plat thereof filed in the office
of the County Clerk of Lincoln County,
April 4, 1933
The address of the real property is 415 West 3rd
Street, Capitan, New Mexico. Said sale will be
made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered
on December 11, 2001, in the above entitled and
numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a
note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff and
wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien
against the above-described real estate in the sum of
\$40,058.45, plus interest from December 12, 2001
to the date of sale at the rate of 12.99% per annum,
or \$12.59 per day, the costs of sale, including the
Special Master's fee of \$200.00, publication costs,
and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, or
keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has
the right to bid at such sale and submit his bid
verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or
any part of his judgment to the purchase price in
lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special
Master may postpone the sale to such later date and
time as the Special Master may specify.
Dated: 12/28/01
Peter Baca
Special Master
Box 215
Carrizozo, NM 88391
(505) 648-9925
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3, 10, 17 and 24, 2002.

LEGAL NOTICE
LINCOLN COUNTY ASSESSOR
NOTICE OF REQUIREMENTS
RELATING TO CERTAIN MATTERS
RELATING TO PROPERTY VALUATION
AND FOR CLAIMING EXEMPTION
FROM PROPERTY TAXATION
Rick Silva, Lincoln County Assessor, hereby
publishes notice to property owners, pursuant to
Section 7-38-18, N.M.S.A. 1978, as follows:

- 1. If you or your spouse are 65 years old, or if
either of you will become 65 years old in 2002,
and if your "modified gross income" was not
greater than \$18,600 in 2001, you may be eligible
for a limitation on the taxable value of your
residence. If you think you are eligible, you
must apply to the Assessor no later than 30 days
after the Assessor mails the notice of value for
your residence. The application must contain
certain required information and must be in a
form that may be obtained from the Assessor's
office. Section 7-36-21.3, N.M.S.A. 1978.
2. If you own real property not valued by the
Assessor in 2001 for property taxation
purposes, it must be reported to the Assessor no
later than February 28, 2002, unless it is not
subject to valuation for property taxation
purposes in 2002. The report must contain certain
required information and must be in a form that may
be obtained from the Assessor's office. Section
7-38-8 (A)(B), N.M.S.A. 1978.
3. If you have made improvements to real property
during 2001 and the improvements cost more
than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), the
improvements must be reported to the Assessor
no later than February 28, 2002. The information
required and the form of the report may be
obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-
38-8 (C), N.M.S.A. 1978.
4. If you believe that you or your real property is
entitled to exemption from property taxation,
you must apply to the Assessor for exempt
status no later than February 28, 2002, in order
to be entitled to exemption from taxation in 2002.
Exemption: If an exemption from taxation was
in effect for 2001 and the basis of the exempt
status or use is unchanged from that year, applica-
tion for exemption need not be made for
2002. If required, application for exemption
must contain certain required information and
must be in a form that may be obtained from the
Assessor's office. Section 7-38-17, N.M.S.A.
1978.
5. If you or your real property was exempt from
taxation in 2001, but the basis of the exempt
status has changed during 2001 so that there is
no longer eligibility for exemption, you must
report that fact to the Assessor no later than
February 28, 2002. The report must contain
certain required information and must be in a
form that may be obtained from the Assessor's
office. Section 7-38-17, N.M.S.A. 1978.
6. If you claim "residential" status for your real
property, you must declare this status to the
Assessor no later than February 28, 2002 unless
the property was classified as "residential" by
the Assessor in 2001. In the event that the pre-
dominant use of your real property has changed
from "residential" to "nonresidential" during
2001, that fact must contain certain required
information and must be in a form that may be
obtained from the Assessor's office. Sections 7-
38-17.1 and 7-36-2.1, N.M.S.A. 1978.
7. If you own property that has decreased in value
during 2001, and that property is subject to valua-
tion for property taxation purposes, you must

report the decrease in value to the Assessor no
later than February 28, 2002. The report must
contain certain required information and must
be in a form that may be obtained from the
Assessor's office. Section 7-38-13, N.M.S.A.
1978.
8. If your land was valued in 2001 in accordance
with the special method of valuation for
land used primarily for agricultural purposes,
and the land is still used primarily for agricul-
tural purposes, you need not reapply for that
special method of valuation in 2002. If your
land was not valued in accordance with that
method of valuation in 2001, and it is now used
primarily for agricultural purposes, you must
make application to the Assessor in order to
obtain that valuation method for 2002. If your
land was valued in accordance with that special
method of valuation in 2001, but it is no longer
used primarily for agricultural purposes, you
must report that fact to the Assessor no later
than February 28, 2002, and must obtain certain
required information and must be in forms that may
be obtained from the Assessor's office. Section
7-36-20, N.M.S.A. 1978.
9. If you own "livestock" that are subject to valua-
tion for property taxation purposes, you must
report such livestock to the Assessor. All such
livestock that are present in the county on Janu-
ary 1, 2002 must be reported to the Assessor no
later than February 28, 2002. If the livestock
are transported into the county after January 1,
2002, they must be reported to the Assessor no
later than the first day of the month following
the first month in which the livestock have been
present in the county for twenty (20) days. The
required reports must contain certain required
information and must be in forms that may be
obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-
36-21, N.M.S.A. 1978.
10. If you own a "manufactured home" and it was
present in the county on January 1, 2002, you
must report it to the Assessor by February 28,
2002. The report must contain certain required
information and must be in a form that may be
obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-
36-26, N.M.S.A. 1978.
11. Certain mineral property and personal property
of contractors operating in more than one
county are required to be reported to the State
of New Mexico, Taxation and Revenue
Department-Property Tax Division in Santa Fe.
Information about property to be reported to the
Taxation and Revenue Department, Property
Tax Division, can be obtained from the County
Assessor or the State Assessed Property Bureau,
P.O. Box 25126, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-
5126, Phone: (505) 827-0897.

THIS NOTICE is only a brief statement of the
provisions of Sections 7-36-21.3, 7-38-3, 7-38-8,
7-38-13, 7-38-17.1, 7-36-2.1, 7-36-20, 7-36-21,
and 7-36-26, N.M.S.A. 1978, and related Taxation
and Revenue Department regulations. It is not
intended to reflect the full contents of these
provisions, which may be examined at the office of
the County Assessor.
RICK SILVA
Lincoln County Assessor
P.O. Box 38
Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301
Published in the Lincoln County News on January
10, 17 and 24, 2002.

OPEN MEETING
NOTICE RESOLUTION
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved this 8th day of
January, 2002 by the Board of Education of the
Corona School District, that
1. Regular Meetings. The regular monthly
meeting of the Board of Education shall be held
on the second Tuesday of each month. Such
meeting shall be held at 6:00 a.m. prevailing
Mountain Time. All regular meetings shall be
held in the Board Meeting Room, unless other-
wise posted, Corona Public Schools, Corona,
New Mexico. Notice of regular meeting shall be
published once in a newspaper of local, general
circulation within 30 days of adoption of this
resolution.
2. Special Meetings. Special meeting of the
Board of Education shall be called by the president
of the Board when in his/her opinion, it is
necessary or when requested by three members
of the Board of Education. A special meeting
may be held at such time and place as deter-
mined by the president of the Board of
Education. Notice to the public of special meet-
ings shall be given by posting a written notice
thereof at the Corona Post Office at least
twenty-four hours prior to the beginning of the
meeting. The notice shall specify the time and
place of the special meeting and the matters to
be considered at that meeting, provided however
that other items of business may be considered
if the members of the Board of Education present
at the special meeting agree to the consid-
eration of additional items to be discussed and
acted upon.
3. Emergency Meetings. Emergency meeting of
the Board of Education may be called by the
president of the Board of Education when, in
his/her opinion, it is necessary or when
requested by three members of the Board.
Notice to the public of emergency meetings
shall be given by posting a written notice of
such meeting at the Corona Post Office at least
six hours prior to the beginning of the emer-
gency meeting. The written notice shall specify
the time and place of the meeting and purpose
of calling the meeting. No business shall be
transacted at any emergency meeting of the
Board which does not fall within the purpose set
forth in the meeting notice.
4. Publication. This resolution shall be pub-
lished once in a newspaper of local, general
circulation within thirty days after approval
of this resolution.

Approved this 8th day of January, 2002.
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CORONA
PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
CORONA SCHOOL DISTRICT
RICHARD GAGE, President, Board of Education
NORA D.BYRD, Secretary, Board of Education
Published in the Lincoln County News on
Thursday, January 17, 2002.

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given that on December 3, 2001,
Arthur Trujillo, P.O. Box 134, San Patricio, NM
88348, filed application No. 0746 with the STATE
ENGINEER for permit to change partial point of
diversion of 20.16 acre-foot per annum of surface
waters of the Rio Ruidoso via the Sanchez Ditch,
which diverts at a point in the NW1/4NE1/4SW1/4
of Section 28, Township 10 South, Range 16 East,
N.M.P.M., by commencing the use of existing shal-
low well H-635 located in the NW1/4NE1/4SW1/4
of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 16 East,
N.M.P.M., for the irrigation of 6.3 acres of land
located in part of the West 3/4 of Section 27, Town-
ship 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M.

The points of diversion are located approximately
one mile west of San Patricio, along Highway 70,
Lincoln County New Mexico, N.M.P.M.
Any person, firm or corporation or other entity
objecting to the granting of the application will be
deemed to be objecting to the application will be
standing to file objections or protests. Any person,
firm or corporation of other entity objecting to the
granting of the application will be contrary to the
conservation of water within the state or detrimental
to the public welfare of the state and showing that
the objector will be substantially and specifically
affected by the granting of the application shall have
standing to file objections or protests. Provided,
however, that the State of New Mexico or any of its
branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumen-
talities or institutions, and all political subdivisions
of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and
institutions shall have standing to file objections or
protests. The objections or protests shall be in writ-
ing and shall set forth specific reasons why the appli-
cation should not be approved and must be filed, in
triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer,
1900 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 88201,
not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last
publication of this Notice. If no valid objection or
protest is filed, the state engineer will evaluate the
application for impairment to existing water rights,
public welfare of the state, and conservation of water
within the state.

cc: Santa Fe
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ary 3, 10 and 17, 2002.

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF INVITATION
TO SUBMIT BIDS
NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed
bids will be received by the Capitan Municipal
Schools at the Administration Building (P.O. Box
278, Capitan, NM 88316), until 2:00 P.M.,
Tuesday, February 12, 2002 at which time and
place the bids will be opened and publicly read
aloud. Bids not received by the time and date
indicated above will not be accepted for considera-
tion and will be returned unopened. The Super-
intendent prior to a final recommendation to the
Board will review all bids.

School Vehicle
Sealed Bid
The District is requesting a bid on a 4WD,
Crew Cab Pickup Truck. Specifications are available
at the Office of the Superintendent, Capitan Muni-
cipal Schools Administration Building or by calling
505-354-2239.
All bids must be clearly marked on the outside
of the sealed envelope. The sealed envelope shall
have the notation "Sealed Vehicle Bid" on the
outside.
The Capitan Board of Education will review
the bids and make their final determination during
the regular 6:00 P.M. Board meeting on Thursday,
February 14, 2002 at the Capitan Municipal
Schools Administration Building.
The Capitan Municipal Schools reserve the
right to accept or reject all or any part of the bid,
waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best
serve the interests of the Capitan Municipal
Schools.

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day, January 17, 2002.

LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
No. DM-00-134
Div. III
ROSALIA FLORES,
Petitioner,
vs.
DANIEL DELEON,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE
FOLLOWING NAMED RESPONDENT:
DANIEL DELEON
GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that Rosalia
Flores, Petitioner, has filed an action in the District
Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil
Docket No. DM-00-134 wherein you are named as
the Respondent and wherein said Petitioner seeks to
obtain compensation of service upon you.
The general objects of said action are to obtain a
dissolution of marriage.
You are further notified that unless you enter
your appearance in said cause on or before March
12, 2002, judgment will be rendered against you by
default, and the relief prayed for in the Petition will
be granted.
The address of the Court is P.O. Box 725,
Carrizozo, New Mexico and the Petitioner's
address is P.O. Box 733, Ruidoso Downs, New
Mexico 88346.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the District
Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this 8th
day of January, 2002.
(Jan)
JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court
By: Clydene Hull, Deputy
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ary 17, 24 and 31 and February 7, 2002.

Family Arts
Classes To
Be In Lincoln

The Hubbard Museum of
the American West is offer-
ing family arts and crafts
classes at the museum in
Lincoln.
Classes kick off at 10 a.m.
Saturday, February 2, at
the Gallegos House in Lin-
coln with Ole George Tip-
pin teaching how to paint
wild gourds. Tippin is a
Capitan resident, whose
other hobbies include
beadwork and basket mak-
ing. For the class students
will decorate gourds Tip-
pin collected from the area
with paint and colored
sand.
On February 9, Nisha
Hoffman, local storyteller
and museum volunteer,
will give a class on Spanish
tinwork.
All ages are invited to
attend the classes. A \$2
registration fee per family
is required for this class.
Call Elizabeth Becker at
378-4142 to register for the
classes.

Grants Available
From New Mexico
Women's Foundation
New Mexico Women's
Foundation grant cycle is
now open and letters of
intent for any grant are
due on or before January
25.
Nonprofit organizations
that serve the needs of
women and girls are eligi-
ble to apply for grants
ranging from \$500 to
\$5,000. Groups with non-
profit organization as fiscal
receiver are also eligible to
apply.
Projects must meet crite-
ria available from the NM
Women's Foundation by
calling 505-983-6155, by fax
at 505-954-4682 or email at
women@nmwf.org.

New Mexico Arts
Invites NM Artists
To Submit Slides
New Mexico Arts' Art in
Public Place Program is
inviting established artists
living and working in New
Mexico to submit slides of
two and three dimensional
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mediate purchase.
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funding from the One Per-
cent for Art program is
available for purchase of
artwork from established
artists.
Artists may submit work
in any media and style,
including individual pieces
or artwork in a suite. Art-
work will be selected by
regional buying commit-
tees consisting of up to
three representatives from
each of the 15 sites for art
work. Selected artists are
responsible for taxes, docu-
mentation, project plaque,
delivery to the site and
expense and labor for per-
manent and secure instal-
lation.
Purchase amounts range
from \$5,000 to \$20,000 for
each artwork.
For more information or
to receive a prospectus,
contact Christine Tafuya,
NM Arts, POB 1450, Santa
Fe, NM 87504-1450 or call
toll free 1-800-878-4278, or
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ctafuya@oc.state.nm.us or
go to www.nmarts.org and
click on "breaking news."

Sen. Campos Reports
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has been built up in the
state's economy by
supporting construction
workers, suppliers and
other businesses."
Campos, who has
served in the legislature
since 1991, is a member
of the Senate Finance
Committee and chairman
of the New Mexico
Finance Authority
Oversight Committee,
which met Monday to
make
recommendations,
including funding for
water and wastewater
projects. "The committee
met for a few days last
week, which included
joint meetings with the
Legislative Finance Com-
mittee and the House
Appropriations and Fi-
nance Committee, before
the start of the session and
will meet virtually every
day during the session to
craft a budget recommenda-
tion for the full Sena-
te's consideration.
Campos stressed that
the flat projections for
recurring revenue do not
directly impact the
amount of money avail-
able for infrastructure and
other local projects.
"I'm hopeful that we
will be successful in
appropriating tens of mil-
lions of dollars for infra-
structure and construction
projects around the state,"
Campos said. "The appro-
priation of money for cap-
ital outlay projects can
provide a critical boost to

the state's economy by
supporting construction
workers, suppliers and
other businesses."
Campos said he is
committed to working
within the Senate to help
all members work to-
gether.

VALDA O.
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formerly of Carrizozo
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on February 7, 1907.
Valda is survived by
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TX; five sons, Max of
Carrizozo, Donald of
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San Antonio, NM, Jack
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White Oaks; 12 grand-
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on Friday in Santa Fe.
A private burial will
take place at a later date.

Historian Bill Thorp
To Speak At Capitan
Library, Friday, Feb. 1
New Mexico historian
Bill Thorp will be the guest
speaker at the First Friday
Adult Lecture Series, Feb-
ruary 1, at Capitan Public
Library.
Thorp will make a pre-
sentation on Feather Cave.
"There is no cost to attend
the program. Refresh-
ments will be provided.
Capitan Public Library is
located at Lincoln and 2nd
Streets in Capitan.

Letters
(Continued from Page 4)

customers, that tells me that all of you would see
the same savings or more. Just think what our schools,
libraries, public halls and businesses would be
saving.
We used 13,000 mcf in our residence. If the
public library was to use 23,000 mcf thru CCNG
they would get a bill of \$207.13; and the same
amount of 23,000 mcf thru Zia Gas would cost
\$103.50, for a total of \$103.63 savings.
Just think of all the uses the library could put that
money towards -- more books, or items for the chil-
dren's library, etc.
Instead we are paying for high salaries for some
CCNG employees, and much more than we should to
the board members. I don't know about you, but I
don't like my money to be spent this way.
Please call your board members, and advise them
that you are unhappy with the current rates and
situation.

MARY BROTHERS
Capitan, New Mexico
4th Graders Need Help
EDITOR: Our fourth grade class from Gifford
Grade School is studying the United States. We
would like your help.
We would like your readers to send us postcards
or letters telling us about your state. Thanks for your
help. Please send the information to:

Fourth Grade USA Project
Gifford Grade School #188
P.O. Box 70
Gifford, Illinois 61847
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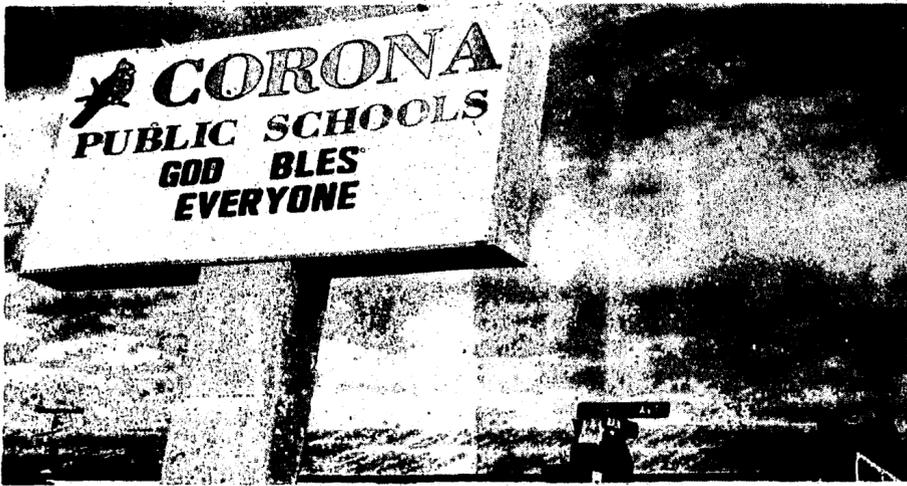
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WORDS OF WISDOM. Corona School marquee offers some words to ponder.

County Commission Action Of December 20

by DORIS CHERRY

Lincoln County Commissioners met on December 20 in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

During their meeting, county commissioners:

--Approved the transfer of liquor license to the Brewer Oil Company convenience store at Highway 48 and State Road 532 in Lincoln County, from a Brewer Oil store on Airport Road in Santa Fe.

--Postponed action on changes to Ordinance 2001-13 regulating road cuts to give utility companies opportunity to comment on the proposed changes. Copies of the proposed changes are available from the office of the county manager in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. The proposed changes to the ordinance will be considered in public hearing at the January 17 county commission meeting, to be held at 8 a.m. in the commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

--Heard Ruidoso resident Tony Seno demand he be allowed to carry a gun into the public meeting or anywhere in the courthouse. County commissioner Rick Simpson said while he was a great proponent of the

Second Amendment right to bear arms, he said "none of us want you or anyone else to bring a firearm into our meetings." When Seno said someone needs to get arrested over this, and continued on with his comments about the county commission failing to protect his rights, reporter Doris Cherry said she had been to county commission meetings for nearly 20 years, and remembered when at least one other person attended meeting carrying a loaded firearm. "I never felt safe," Cherry commented about those meetings attended by a local resident who carried a loaded six shooter.

--Adopted a resolution regarding the agricultural and livestock industry. The resolution requests the congressional delegations to initiate immediate, full and formal congressional hearings into the pricing practices of the food related commodities industry. Copies of the entire resolution are available from the office of the county manager in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

--Voted to provide an appropriate easement to the Titsworth Property landlocked by the donation of property to the Hondo Fire Department.

--Approved a summary

review plat for a Type 3 subdivision with three lots, the smallest being 3.153 acres on Section 15, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, SW/4SE/4, Tipps Subdivision south of Capitan.

--Authorized purchase of used 1983 pumping engine and 1993 mini-pumper for the Glencoe Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department. The department has funding to pay for the equipment.

--Rejected an unsolicited warranty deed of a lot in Alto bought at the property tax sale by Kerry A. Young. He wanted to grant a warranty deed of the lot to "Lincoln County and all employees." The county attorney recommended commissioners not accept the property because it had no interest in the property and the property came with unpaid social membership dues.

--Approved issue of request for proposals (rfp) for the \$741,000 project to increase the Public Health Clinic at the Ruidoso Substation; the \$236,000 addition to the Carrizozo Health Clinic; \$580,000 for the Lincoln County Medical Center Ambulatory Care project. (County commissioner Leo Martinez voted no for the hospital project rfp.)

Penasco Telephone Offers Scholarships

Penasco Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is making scholarships available through the PVT Education Foundation.

Two Local Students On ENMU Dean's List

Two Capitan students are among 491 students on the 2001 fall semester Dean's List at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

Monica Jean Johnson, physical education major, and Thomas Chase Montes, agricultural education major, were on the Dean's Honor Roll. To be eligible for this list, students must maintain a 3.25 grade point average while completing a minimum of 15 semester hours.

The scholarships will be for \$750 per semester. Each scholarship is renewable and students could receive up to \$6,000 for their college expenses.

Any graduating high school senior, current college student or returning adult student is eligible to apply if they meet the necessary guidelines.

To qualify, the recipient or an immediate family member must be an active member who has landline telephone service from Penasco Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Those eligible must have telephone numbers that begin with 365, 484, 457, 677, 653 and 687.

The completed application must be returned to PVT by March 15. Winners will be announced May 1.

Application forms may be requested from high schools in the PVT service area, or from the Penasco Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. office at 4011 West Main, Artesia, or at the PVT Networks retail stores in Alamogordo and Roswell.

Questions may be directed to Janice Southard Burk, public relations department, 505-748-1241 or email pvtpr@pvt.com.



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ASSTD. SMACK RAMEN **Noodles** **10\$1**
3 OZ. PKGS. FOR
ASSTD. SMACK RAMEN **Cups** **389¢**
2.25 OZ. FOR

CARNATION NO SUGAR ADDED **Instant Hot Cocoa** **2\$29**
8 CT. FOR
ARTIFICIAL SWEETENER **Sweet'n Low** **2\$3**
100 COUNT FOR
GENERAL MILLS 1.1 OZ. - ASSTD. CHEX **Morning Mix** **2\$29**
6 PACK FOR

Frozen Foods
BANQUET ASSORTED **Fried Chicken** **399**
31-34 OZ. PKG.
PEPPERIDGE FARM ASSORTED THREE **Layer Cakes** **2\$5**
19.5-19.6 OZ. FOR
SHURFINE FROZEN **Orange Juice** **\$119**
16 OZ. CAN

SELECT GROUP PASTAS **American Beauty** **1\$29**
24 OZ. PKG.

HUNT'S ASSORTED **Spaghetti Sauce** **79¢**
26-26.5 OZ. CAN

SHURFINE **Pinto Beans** **1\$29**
4 LB. BAG

SHURFINE GRADE A **Large Eggs** **69¢**
DOZEN

Dairy Case
IMPERIAL **Margarine Quarters** **2\$1**
16 OZ. PKG. FOR
SHURFINE ASSORTED FLAVORS **Yogurt** **5\$2**
6 OZ. FOR

PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BEEF RUMP OR BOTTOM **Round Roast** **179**
LB.
DOLE COMPLETE SELECT GROUP **Caesar Salad** **2\$3**
10 OZ. PKG. FOR

FRESH FRYER **Leg Quarters** **39¢**
10 LB. BAG
TENDERIZED BEEF **Cube Steak** **299**
LB.
MARKET CUT RED PINK LONGHORN **Cheddar Cheese** **259**
LB.

5 LB. BAG GRAPEFRUIT OR 4 LB. BAG NAVAL **Oranges** **\$179**
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GARDEN FRESH **Celery** **2\$1**
EACH FOR
WASH. EXTRA FANCY FUJI, JONAGOLD, GRANNY SMITH OR RED **Delicious Apples** **2\$3**
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