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HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS, also known as Richard Rumpf, was the star attraction of the December 18 Capitan Public Library Christmas Parade in Capitan. After the parade Santa visited with children at the Library to take their "Santa I want" wishes. **THE NEWS** would like to wish one and all a "Merry Christmas".

## Capitan Post Office Vandalized, Lobby Hours Will Be Limited

by Doris Cherry

Sometime between close of work on Thursday, December 16 and opening hour on Friday, December 17, someone vandalized the Capitan Post Office to such an extent that postal officials have limited lobby hours.

Capitan Postmaster Kristi Sepkowitz told **THE NEWS** that the front door to the lobby of the post office (on the Smokey Bear Blvd. side of the building) which at one time gave postal patrons access to boxes, drawers and parcel lockers around the clock, is now only open from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

This coming Friday for Christmas Eve, December 24, the post office lobby front door will be open from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. so people can get their holiday mail, Sepkowitz said. On Christmas, Saturday, December 25 and Sunday, December 26, the lobby front door will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The west side door will be unlocked only during regular daytime business hours that the front window is open because that door cannot be monitored as easily, Sepkowitz said.

"Anyone needing special arrangements to get their mail at different times can call me at the post office at 354-2269," Sepkowitz said.

"I understand how postal patrons are angry because they cannot get their mail at anytime and I apologize for the inconvenience," Sepkowitz said.

For now, however, Sepkowitz is unsure how long she will continue the limited lobby hours. She said for the last six months she has asked Capitan Police Department and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office for increased patrol at the post office, during late hours of the night especially. But somehow no one has seen the vandals, she said.

Minor vandalism has occurred periodically at the post office before, Sepkowitz said. But the last act was ex-

cessive. "The vandals, or vandals, ripped the doors off the trash bins, they broke off the locks that were in the parcel lockers, they pulled off signage and they peed and pooped on the scattered trash," Sepkowitz said.

"Nothing was stolen," she added.

When Sepkowitz discovered the vandalism on Friday morning she contacted Capitan police, sheriff's office, postal inspector and her regional boss in Albuquerque. Police took digital photos of the vandalism and took evidence for fingerprints.

"We had to replace all the locks to the broken

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## DWI Prevention Program Goes To Local Schools

by Doris Cherry

The Lincoln County DWI Program in 2005 will focus on prevention, especially for middle school age children.

DWI Prevention Program coordinator Jerry Shaw gave a report about the program to the Lincoln County Commissioners at their November 16 meeting in Carrizozo, to the Carrizozo Town Trustees and Capitan Village Trustees at their meetings on December 14.

Shaw said the village of Ruidoso, which is the fiscal agent for the state funds for the DWI program, has also received a \$225,000 grant for three years from the US Department of Justice to combat underage drinking.

The grant which will be provided at \$75,000 a year, will be administered through the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department to the local DWI Planning Councils.

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## Billboards Regulated In Lincoln County

by Doris Cherry

Permits Required For Big Signs

Lincoln County now will regulate and require permits for billboards along major roadways in the county.

Lincoln County Commissioners at their regular meeting December 16 in their chambers in Carrizozo adopted on a 4-1 vote, a modified "Outdoor Advertising Regulation Ordinance" that will regulate and require permits for all new permanent signs larger than 16 square feet in size. Permits will have no fees but must be considered and approved by the county commission.

In August, county commissioners imposed a moratorium on new billboards when residents along Highway 37 came to them

with petitions asking the county to regulate the big signs. Many of the residents wanted to prohibit any more of the large signs such as the Casino Apache "spectacular sized" 647-square-foot billboards erected on Highway 37 and in Carrizozo, and one which was proposed to be put up in Nogal.

Until now, Lincoln County has had no ordinance to regulate any sized signs in the county.

Advocates for the billboard ordinance were dismayed by the last-minute successful amendment by outgoing county commissioner Rex Wilson that created a variance process to the 300 square foot size limit and the provision that signs not be closer than 1,000 feet apart. Wilson said he wanted some variance process for the county commission to allow

signs bigger than 300 square feet, and closer than 1,000 feet apart.

"Sign companies will hold to your rules," said Ray Dean an advocate for prohibiting large billboards. "If you have a variance, sign companies will find a way around the size limit, and you might as well throw out the ordinance."

Wilson said he was concerned how the 1,000 feet apart requirement would affect property rights and how the county would decide which property owner would be allowed to have a sign first. Wilson first tried to remove the 1,000 foot distance from the ordinance, but his motion for such failed. Wilson then was successful with his amendment to include the variance section.

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JINGLE BELLS plays the Capitan elementary and middle school band students (and their instructor, Duane Shaver) for the Capitan Library Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 17. With mild weather, many children and their families came out to Smokey Bear Blvd. to cheer on the band, Santa Claus, Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse and all the others in the parade.

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# Billboards Regulated

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County commissioner Earl Hobbs, who from the beginning of the billboard issue was in favor of prohibiting all billboards from Lincoln County, agreed with concerns about how to resolve the "first come first served" issue and its effect

on private property rights. As such he voted in favor of Wilson's amendment. He also agreed with the need for an appeal process in the ordinance.

Before the vote on the variance amendment, outgoing county commis-

sioner Leo Martinez said they should consider who might be sitting on the county commission in the future because that could affect what might happen in the variance process.

County attorney Alan Morel, who drafted the billboard ordinance, said it was "pure policy" for the county commission to give an option to vary a law they have created. County manager Tom Stewart suggested the variance process include public notice provision for owners of property adjoining a property where a larger than 300 square foot billboard is proposed.

Despite suggestions by several members of the public calling for signs to be 200 square feet or less, commissioners stayed with the 300 square foot size.

Commissioners also changed other wording within the ordinance, based on comments made during the two hours of public hearing. After two hours of public comments and review of the proposed ordinance, commissioners finally adopted the amended and modified ordinance on a 4-1 vote (commissioner Rick Simpson voted no). Amendments included the variance section and 10 days to remove all temporary signs after an event or election (three days were originally proposed).

The ordinance as adopted governs signs within 600 feet of the edge of the right of way on privately owned lands along Highway 380 from the Socorro County line to the Chaves County line; State Road 37 from the inception with Highway 380 to its intersection with State Road 48 in Angus; US Highway 54 from the Otero County line north to the Torrance County line; State Road 48



**HEALTHY ENVIRONS.** Martha Ordorica, R.N. nurse manager of the Lincoln County Health Office in Ruidoso, shows off the new fully accessible health facility during their Grand Opening on Friday, December 17. The center, located at 105 Kansas City Road next to the old county sub-office in Ruidoso, is open Monday through Friday to provide free or low cost services in family planning, immunizations, prenatal checks, STD testing, HIV/AIDS testing and counseling, breast and cervical cancer screening, WIC program and others. Call 258-3252 to make an appointment or for more information. (The center will be closed Thursday and Friday this week for Christmas).

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from Capitan to Ruidoso; US Highway 70 from Ruidoso to the Mescalero Reservation line and east from Ruidoso Downs to the Chaves County line and State Road 220 from its inception at State Road 48 to Highway 380. The ordinance does not affect any lands within the municipalities or state or federally owned lands along the above routes.

The ordinance requires any person wishing to construct or alter a permanent sign which is 16 square feet to 300 square feet in size within the areas regulated by the ordinance to obtain a permit from the county manager's office. The variance amendment will allow property owners to make an appeal to the county commission for permission to put up signs larger than 300 square feet, and closer than 1,000 from other billboards.

All signs must be no more than 15 feet tall and have no more than five feet ground clearance. All signs must comply with the regulations of the Night Sky Protection Act and shall not have intermittent, moving or flashing lights or video images.

Portable trailer type signs, except for those utilized by the highway department during construction, will be prohibited because of the potential hazards during high winds and because of visual pollution. Temporary signs up to 32 square feet in size will be allowed for 60 days prior to an event and must be removed within 10 days after the event (or election).

Abandoned signs will be required to be removed, however signs for businesses that have vacated or closed will be allowed to remain if within 30 days the owner or lessee of the sign covers or blanks out the sign.

Existing signs lawfully permitted by the state highway department, or older than 25 years of age that qualify as "landmark signs" shall be allowed to remain. Signs less than 16 square feet in size and murals of non-commercial nature are also exempt from regulation under the ordinance.

The ordinance has a provision for penalties and removal of noncomplying signs. The county will notify by certified mail, owners of signs that do not comply with the ordinance. Owners will be given 30 days to correct any violations. If the violations are not corrected within the 30 days, the sign will be subject to removal by the county at the owner's expense.

Anyone found in violation of the ordinance will be subject to fines of up to \$300 and/or not more than 90 days jail. Each day in violation is considered a separate offense.

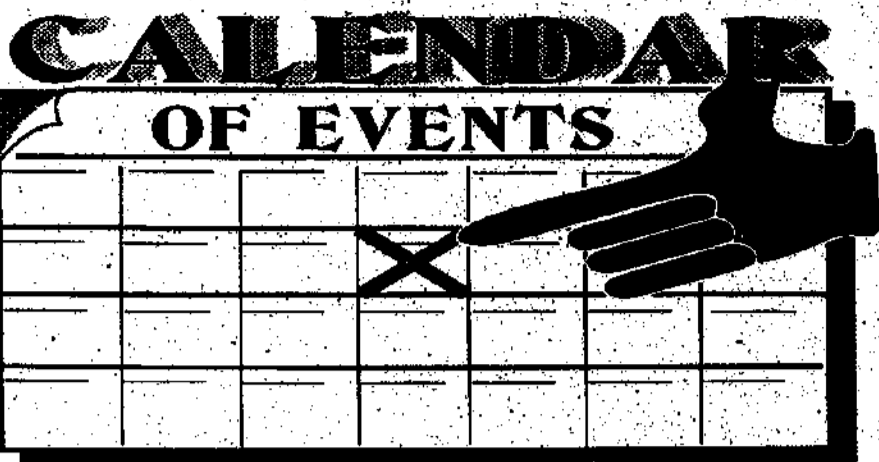
The ordinance, which also repeals the moratorium, was to take effect as soon as it was recorded in the Lincoln County Clerk's office.



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# Gas Board Has Quorum, Capitan Mayor Attends

by Doris Cherry

Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG) employees finally got paid this week and got their holiday merit bonus.

Monday, December 20, the CCNG gas board held a special meeting at the CCNG office in Capitan and actually had a quorum because the mayor of Capitan attended. According to Carrizozo member Angelo Vega, he, Tommie Guevara and the mayor of Carrizozo also attended the special meeting. Vega told *THE NEWS* the board conducted limited business of approving the monthly expenditures, the \$100,000 gas purchase bill, the minutes of the last CCNG board meeting and adopted the Open Meetings Act resolution for 2005.

At the December 14 Capitan trustees meeting, the mayor of Capitan refused to appoint a member of the community, trustee or himself to the CCNG board. All CCNG members from Capitan had resigned and it was up to the mayor to appoint someone.

Because of that, the CCNG board had no quorum and could not conduct business, including paying bills and payroll. CCNG finance officer Kay Strickland had told Capitan trustees she could go until December 20 without a board, but payroll was on December 21.

Vega said the special CCNG board meeting and the attendance of the mayor of Capitan was due to a "joint effort of the commu-

nity members and the local governments of Capitan and Carrizozo" to reach some kind of resolution with the gas company situation.

Issues heated up between Capitan and Carrizozo with the arrival of the December CCNG gas bills. Because of an unexpected increase in the price of bulk natural gas and because of the known transportation fees paid by CCNG, overall price of gas to customers was up 30 percent from December 2003.

Vega said at the special CCNG meeting on Monday, CCNG staff said they have some ideas and suggestions on how to reduce rates for customers. Vega said these ideas will be presented to the public at two special joint meetings of the Capitan Village Trustees and the Carrizozo Town Council. Vega said he hopes at least one public hearing will be held sometime before the end of December in Carrizozo.

*THE NEWS* asked if the CCNG board members have considered giving up their \$150 a month stipend for serving on the board. Vega said that is being considered as an option to reduce the CCNG expenditures.

"Everyone needs to understand that CCNG belongs to all the people of both communities," Vega said. "It is not a privately owned company and it must stay within the bounds of the procurement laws."

Vega said Carrizozo agrees with Capitan that

CCNG needs to resolve issues soon in order to reduce the cost of natural gas for residential customers, and especially the large users such as the schools and county facilities. "Carrizozo is working with Capitan to expedite ideas to afford to keep CCNG going and not have too many customers suffer with high gas bills," Vega said.

CCNG customers having trouble paying their bills can call the CCNG office in Capitan at 354-2260, or toll free 1-800-354-8443 and speak to the finance clerk about making arrangements.

Meanwhile, Vega suggests that CCNG customers watch their consumption of natural gas to keep gas bills reduced.

**MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS**  
--Carrizozo School Library open for public use, 5-7 p.m.

**FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS**  
--Jalayne Spivey of the District II Office of the State Engineer is at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.  
--Fibromyalgia Syndrome Support Group meets every third Tuesday, 6 p.m. K-Bob's in Ruidoso. Call 354-3046 for more information.

**TUESDAYS**  
--Capitan Public Library preschool reading hour at 1 p.m.  
--Alcoholics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m. Carrizozo First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.  
--Crossfire Youth Group, 6:30-8 p.m. Trinity Baptist Church in Capitan. For junior and senior high school age youth.

**WEDNESDAYS**  
--Trinity United Methodist Church, youth group, TIC TAC will not meet during the holidays and will restart on January 12 at 6:15 p.m. at the church at 10th and D. Ave. in Carrizozo. For youth in grades 7 through 12.  
--Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

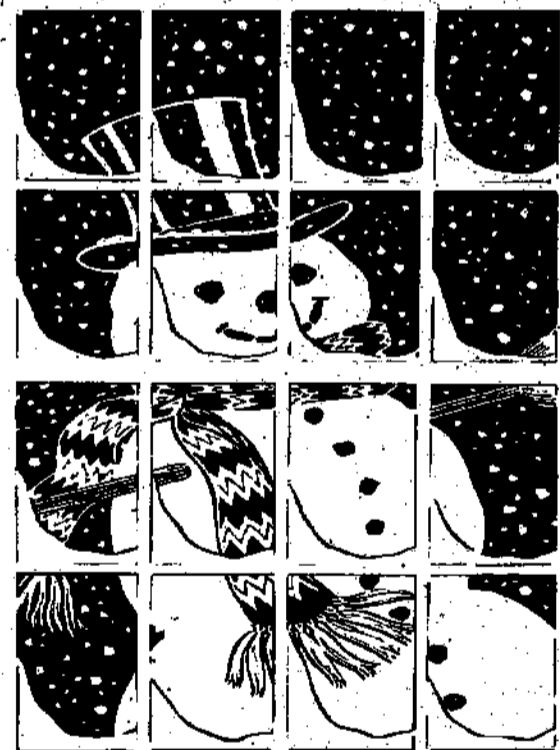
**SUNDAYS**  
--Mama Grizzlies booster club for Carrizozo athletics, 5 p.m. Otero County Electric Cooperative office in Carrizozo. All mothers of Grizzly athletes welcome. Call Deborah Ventura at 648-2330 for information.

**TODAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23**  
--Offices for the Village of Ruidoso, Village of Capitan, Town of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln closed today and Friday, December 24 for Christmas holidays. Offices reopen on Monday, December 27.

--Judging of Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce holiday lighting displays for residences and businesses from sunset. Owners of displays up to two miles outside of town should call the chamber to be considered for judging.  
--Christmas Candlelight Services at 7 p.m. at the Community Church in Ancho.

**CHRISTMAS EVE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24**  
--Lighting of Carrizozo Luminaria displays. Volunteers needed to help set up luminarias. Come to the building next to the Carrizozo Museum by 3:30 p.m. to help.  
--Christmas in Historic Lincoln. Lighting of luminarias along Highway 380 at dusk.

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**Frosty the snowman says, Please travel safely during the holidays!!**

**Happy 90th Birthday Perry Taylor**

Please join us in a celebration of her life, December 26th at Perry Ranch Glencoe 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

No gifts please. Just bring happy memories to share.

## DWI Prevention Program

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Shaw said the grant begins the first of 2005 and a meeting is planned in Taos for the field coordinators involved in the program.

"New Mexico was among only a few states to receive grant funds and Lincoln County was one of four counties in New Mexico to receive this grant," Shaw said.

Part of the grant money will be used to bring the "Project Life" program to the high schools, the "All-Stars" program in the middle schools and the "Protecting You, Protecting Me" program in elementary. The middle school program lets students learn how it feels to drive or function under an impaired state. This is accomplished by having students wear a special set of goggles which distort vision. Then students must drive a golf cart through a course while wearing the goggles to give them the feeling of driving impaired.

Shaw said the DWI Planning Council will take the educational programs to the Ruidoso, Capitan and Carrizozo schools in 2005, with plans to take the programs to Hondo and Corona schools later.

The Lincoln County DWI Planning Council is made up of a wide range of individuals representing the hospital, schools, juvenile probation, law enforcement and appointees from the municipalities in the county. Shaw said she was visiting with all the governing bodies in the county to ask for each to provide a representative to the DWI Planning Council.

Shaw said the Lincoln County DWI Planning Council meets at 6 p.m. every first Tuesday of each month, at the Ruidoso Senior Center. Everyone interested in the program is invited to attend.

Shaw can be reached by calling 630-3941.

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# Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,  
This year I have been good. How are the reindeer? For Christmas please bring me a me a Mario car and drums. Bring my brother Bob The Builder.  
Wyatt Mitchell

Dear Santa,  
this year I have been good. How are the reindeer? For Christmas please bring me a fake sword, a train and a remote control car.  
Love Tyler Jobe

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been good. How are the reindeer? For Christmas please bring me Bratz blanket and pillow cases, barbies, and sweat suits.  
Zabrina Jones

dresser, Phone and Lap top.  
Emily Dirks

Dear Santa,  
How do reindeer fly? For Christmas I want a plastic dirt bike. Please! Thank you.  
Garrison

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want tractor with a trailer.  
Mikhail

Dear Santa,  
How do reindeer fly? For Christmas I want a kid motorcycle.  
Erin

Dear Santa,  
How do reindeer fly? For Christmas I want a spider-man game.  
Dominic

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to get me a keyboard with the stand and for a jres with sum shoos. I will poot cookees and milk awt for you. Haw is misis Klos? Is she dooing ok? Haw are you doing Santa Klos? I am dooing grat. Am I beeing good?  
Patience Anaya

Dear Santa,  
Haw are you fileeng? How is Mrs. Clos fileeng? I hav cookees for you. I like Christmas. Doo you like Christmas? I want a scootr. I want a basketbol. I want to now hoow is rootof? Haw is Vixsin dooeeng?  
Dominique Zamora

Dear Santa,  
Do you want sum flours and seeds? I want a xbox.  
Tyrell Barela  
Dear Santa,  
I want a my sing dol. I want a Brat dol.  
Cheyanne Apodaca

Dear Santa,  
I have been a really good boy this year. Santa can you please bring me a Shrek and a drum for Christmas. I will leave you a nice treat for you and your reindeers.  
Love, Austin Vega

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year. Can you please bring me a ninja turtle truck. My sister Rylah wants a water baby with a stroller. Can you please bring her one. She has been good. Santa we will leave you cookies and milk.  
Love, Daniel Zamora

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. Can you please bring me a V-smile and a Scobydoo game for the V-smile.  
Love, Marissa Sanchez

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. Can you bring me a dolly. Santa my sister has also been very good. Can you bring her a dolly too. Santa we will leave you cookies and milk.  
Love, Kaitlin Guevara  
Kelsie Guevara

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. Santa can you please bring me a Hulk.  
Love, Jared Guevara

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. Can you please bring me a truck. Can you bring Lashae a Strawberry Shortcake doll and can you bring my big sister and big brother's something really cool.  
Thank you-Santa,  
Love, Robert Lueras

Dear Santa,  
How do reindeer fly?  
For Christmas I want a bardie doll. Please. Thank you.  
Kristie

Dear Santa,  
How do reindeer fly? For Christmas I want strwbvrry shortcake doll.  
Please! Thank you,  
Lashae

Dear Santa,  
How do reindeer fly. For Christmas I want a Hula Hoop. Please. Thank you.  
Gracie

Dear Santa,  
How do reindeer fly? For Christmas I want a play cell phone with batteries.  
Please! Thank you!  
Deline

Dear Santa,  
How do reindeer fly? For Christmas I want a kid motor cycle. Please. Thank you!  
Adriana

Dear Santa,  
Howd reindeer fly? For Christmas I want a barbie doll. Please. Thank you!  
Andrea

Dear Santa,  
Haw dus Roodof fli? I want a Joosbox. I like you Santa. I like Roodofs gloing nose.  
Travaneñ Johnson

Dear Santa,  
I want tow fake guns please Santa. An xbox game. It is calld Grand theftof sand on thres. please.  
Eric Culley

Dear Santa,  
I would like a new bike and a new Xbox game. Itg is calld Grand theftof sand on thres. please.  
Gene Gore

Dear Santa,  
Santa how is Daner, Blitson, Comet, Cuped, Dasher, Dancer, Pranswer, Vicsin and even Ruedoph. Mrs. Santa, how is Santa doing. Tell hom he's a very nice man. Thank you.  
Zhane Wheeler

Dear Santa,  
I want a par of skats. for Christmas please.  
Fantasia Dennis

Dear Santa,  
I want CD. player and a CD for Christmas. How are the rindirs doing. Thank you Santa.  
Lisa Ventura

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike. Has Mrs. Santa ben good? I want barber shop 2. Mrs. Santga is Santa doing okey. How are ethe raindear and elfs.  
Thanks.  
Jactynn Ortiz

Dear Santa,  
I would like a snow kan maker. I-wuld like a 4 open makeup.  
Tiffany Vega

Dear Santa,  
I want the new spider-man 2 movie and I want a spider-man 2 toys. How are the reindeers and Mis. Clos and the elfs. Thank you Snata Clos.  
Joshua Ventura

Dear Santa,  
How do reindeer. For Christmas I want a spidermon. Please! Thank you!  
Anthony

Dear Santa,  
Howd do reindeer fly? For Christmas I want a dwnnrttrroirkbriemate. Please! Thank you!  
Danny

Dear Santa,  
How do reindeer fly? Spiderman game, please!  
Alex

*Merry Christmas*

... from our family to yours! May the joy of the season last throughout the new year.

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... time to wish you a most Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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# Letters to Santa.

Dear Santa,  
Please send me my own dentist set because I like to work on people's teeth. How is Rudolph?  
Thanks, Jayden Daniel

Dear Santa,  
I want a dirt bike. I have been half good and half bad.  
Thank you, Domingo Montes

Dear Santa,  
Please send me a pink Barbie bike with training wheels and a Chloe Barbie doll. My sister's name is Chloe.  
I love you, Haven Whipple

Dear Santa,  
I would like a guitar and a magic kitchen so that I can

cook. What kind of cookies do you like?  
Love, Emilia Mandoza

Dear Santa,  
Please send me a purple bike with training wheels and a Barbie. Is it cold at the North Pole?  
Love, Tyelynn Woodall

Dear Santa,  
I want a fake puppee, that toks, I want a spider-man video game.  
Dillon Walesma

Dear Santa,  
I want a xbox and a spiderman toy.  
Eli Langley

Dear Santa,  
I am going to give you cookees and milk. I want a X box and Halo 2 game.  
Christian Najar

Dear Santa,  
How is Roodof doing? I want to give you cookees. I want a toy ber and I want a pooh ber. How is mis' clos doing? How are you doint?  
Leslie Ryan

Dear Santa,  
How are the randeer? I want a xbox with jack and dexdr game.  
Miccah Hamilton

Dear Santa,  
How is Roodof? How is Mrs. Claus? I wood like a Xbox. I wood like a Teddy Bear.  
Alexis Zamora

Dear Santa,  
I want a Play Stashun 2. I want a dirt bike. I want a noo game spidman game. I want a drum set.  
Caleb Ventura

Dear Santa,  
Have i bin gud? I want a baby doll that macks noys. I want a reemot control brbe jeep. I want some rolrskats. Santa I hope you have a grate christames.  
Samantha Vermilion

Dear Santa,  
I want a citty that sings and it comes with moovy. I want a new barby. Have i bin gud?  
Veronica Ochoa

Dear Santa,  
I want a barbee hous. I want a watr baby. I wish you a mery christmas. I hope that you have a good night. I hop you have a safe ride.  
Kadee Sedillo

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a dirt bike shirt and a chest protector. I've been



trying to be good.  
Love, Rowdy Rust

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a My Little Pony. Why does it snow?  
Love, Jennifer Royalty

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a 4-wheeler to ride. I've been a lot of good.  
Love, Branden Ingle

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a horse. Do you really have Rudooph the Red Nose Reindeer?  
Love, Megan Brinkman

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a sleigh, my own pet, a donkey, a Santa suit, and a scooter. Can I ride with you sometime?  
Love, Terran Brown

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a C.D. player and a Christmas star. I'm excited to play with my new toys.  
Love, Taylor Thornton

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a makeover set, My Little Pony dvd, t.v., and dominoes. I like the way you build toys.  
Love, Dawn Fitzpatrick

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a little toy camera that really takes videos. What do the elves do when they are finished making toys?  
Love, Adriana McWilliams

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a My Little Pony. How are all of your animals doing?  
Love, Alyssa Chavez

Dear Santa,  
This year I would like paint, ceramic figurines, make-up and a Barbie Swan Lake watch.  
Love, Erin Weems

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a power ranger that can transform into anything and a transformer.  
Thank you, George Berryhill

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I want a Care Bear, a princess Barbie, a band new teddy bear, and fake fingernails.  
Merry Christmas,  
Brooke Garcia

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a video game, a VCR, and a remote control car.  
Love Alejandra Trujillo

## Happy HOLIDAYS!

As the sounds and sights of Christmas fill the air, we want to take a moment amidst all the hustle and bustle to thank our loyal customers. It's been a pleasure serving you and we pledge to earn your continued support in the new year.

Your friends at

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Carrizozo, New Mexico / 648-2382  
Ruidoso, New Mexico / 258-5959  
WATTS: 1-800-635-4592

## Best Christmas Wishes!

Behold the eternal beauty of this blessed time!

Merry Christmas and our sincere thanks to our cherished friends and neighbors.

**TIERRA VERDE**  
Patsy and Tony

# Wishing YOU THE SEASON'S BEST

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

Tularosa Basin Telephone Co., Inc.  
 Tularosa Communications, Inc.



## Noel

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

Season's Greetings from all of your friends at

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



# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
This year I want a dollhouse, princess and a prince, a turkey doll and a girl/turkey doll.  
Merry Christmas,  
Amy Lowrance

Dear Santa,  
This year I want a Barbie house, and my sister wants a big playhouse.  
Love, Wendy Hull

Dear Santa,  
I want Tootsie Roll Train, a purple bike and a baby set with a baby.  
Merry Christmas,  
Dakota Hazen

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a Cinderella dress and a house to color on.  
Merry Christmas,  
Tessa Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I want a terrain twister, a power ranger and a spider-man costume and a transforming power ranger.  
Merry Christmas,  
Devan Byrd

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want an advance gameboy, legos, and a pacman.  
Thank you, Zachary Kist

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Terrain Twister, a racecar, track with cars, and a new small bike.  
Thank you, James Saucier

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I would like a blue bike, a car, a desk, and a purse.  
Merry Christmas,  
Hannah Proctor

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a Brat Barbie and a bracelet.  
Merry Christmas,  
Angel Martinez

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a big sword, a skeleton, and a stuffed toy tiger.  
Merry Christmas,  
Michael Whitlock

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a C.D. player that does not skip. I love it when it snows because Christmas is coming.  
Love, Elizabeth Autrey

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a dirt bike and a track. You make good toys.  
Love, Jacob Luna

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a pencil box with pencils, and notebook, a Christmas tree in my room, and a Teddy Bear Santa. I like your reindeer.  
Love, Torri Trapp

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a skateboard and a book. Thank you for giving me presents.  
Love, Isaac Gutierrez

Dear Santa,  
How ar you dooeg. I want a glowin-the dark football and a G.I. Joe and I bin a good boy.  
Jacob Dickinson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I really want a blue rolling bacpac and a black puppy and a lot of c.d's and I really want a c.d. cais and a bebegon.  
Braylen Hall

Dear Santa,  
I want gi joe, DvDs.  
Diego Rueda

Dear Santa Claus,  
Can I have a skatboard, how is Mrs. claus. Can I have a new bike. Can I have a G.I. Joe. Can I have a cupid. Can I have a zz top. Can I have new chap sticks. Can I have a beam bag to sit on.  
Evan Sabo

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a dirt bike. I want a snow board I want a skateboard. I was a good boy. I want a G.I. Joe. I want a toy dirt bike. I want CD's. I want a toy fourwheeler.  
Wyatt

Dear Santa,  
I want zzttop and rob zombe, and the cd hip hop, G.I. Joe, and a dog that is a German Shepherd. I have ben a god Boye.  
Val Knight

Dear Santa,  
I want a new CD's that glowe in the dark, a bows a tops, a rudolph.  
Patricia Drury

Dear Santa,  
Santa how is Rudolph doing? I hope hes doing good. I'm rady for Chrismes. I want a g.i. joe and a cd's and a bike and a skateboard and a glow in the dark toy and a per of ear rings for my sester.  
Rico Garza

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been

good. How is Mrs. Calus doing in the cold weather. For Christmas please bring me Bulls Eye, and Easy Bake Oven.  
Love Tessa Lambert

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been good. Do you no what I want for Christmas? Ples bring me a remote control car kit and I want to goo n your sleigh.  
Justin Weinstein

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been good. How are the reindeer? Is Mrs. Claus doing fine in the cold weather? For Christmas please bring me crayon box, Incredibles movie, gactar, Incredibles toys, and a drum.  
Abraham Valdez

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been good. How are the reindeer? For Christmas please bring me Incredibles car.  
Love, Justin White

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been good. How are the reindeer? For Christmas please bring me a guiter, dresser, make-up, blanket, Incredibles movie and Bratz toys.  
Love, Sara Kist

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been good. How are the reindeer? For Christmas please bring me a Strawberry short cake house Bull's Eye, Barbie and Incredibles car. bring my sister a chick and a cat.  
Arianna Thorsakis

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been good. How are the reindeer? for Christmas please bring me a fake sword, a shotgun that shoots foam bullets and an airplane that my army men can ride in.  
Kohlby McInnes



**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**  
from  
**DORIS CHERRY**  
Candidate for  
Position 2  
Capitan Board of Education  
Election Day, Tues. Fe. 1, 2005  
Ad paid for by candidate

*The Magic Of Christmas*

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

**Johnson Stearns and family**



*Best Wishes for Christmas*

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

**CITY BANK NEW MEXICO**

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MEMBER F.D.I.C.



## Yes, Virginia There is a Santa Claus.

There are several pieces of prose writing which have some claims to being Christmas classics in the truest sense. But the outstanding Christmas classic in prose, like Clement C. Moore's "A Visit From St. Nicholas", made its first appearance in the columns of an American newspaper. That is the famous "Is There a Santa Claus?" editorial, written by Francis P. Church of the New York Sun.

Although this has been reprinted thousands of times, translated into foreign languages (even the Chinese!) and Christmas would not seem complete without its being reprinted again around Christmas time, curiously enough it first appeared in type fully three months before Christmas. It was on September 21, 1897, that the Sun printed the editorial in reply to the letter written by an eight year old girl named Virginia O'Hanlan.

The Lincoln County News takes pleasure in reprinting the communication below:

Dear Editor -- I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says: "If you see it in the Sun it's so."

Please tell me the truth; "Is there a Santa Claus?"

VIRGINIA O'HANLON

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or little children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You, my dear, tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God! he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

**LEGAL S**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO CV04-196**

**DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEES FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF NEW CENTURY HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2003-2, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-2,**  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
**FRANCES CHAVEZ, BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO, INC., D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO.,**  
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 as Mile Marker 286 Hwy. 70, Hondo, New Mexico 88338, and more particularly described as follows:

THAT PART OF THE SW/4 SE/4 SE/4, SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, N.M.P.M. LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, LYING SOUTH AND WEST OF THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 70 AND 180, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 3; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SW/4 SW/4 SE/4 A DISTANCE OF 375 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE HIGHWAY; THENCE NORTH 36 DEGREES 59 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE 620 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF THE SW/4 SW/4 SE/4 OF SECTION 3; THENCE SOUTH 493.1 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE SW/4 SW/4 SE/4 OF SECTION 3 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

LESS AND EXCEPT A PART OF THE SW4 SW4 SE4, SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, N.M.P.M., LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 3; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SW/4 SW/4 SE/4 A DISTANCE OF 140 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 36 DEGREES 59 MINUTES WEST 173 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SW/4 SW/4 SE/4; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SW/4 SW/4 SE/4 100 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

My sale is to begin at 11:30 a.m. on January 18, 2005, on the front steps of the Lincoln County Court House, East entrance, 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 granted Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Registered Holders of New Century Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2003-2, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-2.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Registered Holders of New Century Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2003-2, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-2, was awarded a judgment on December 4, 2003, in the principal sum of \$28,887.32, plus outstanding interest through November 30, 2004, in the amount of \$87,726.24, plus outstanding interest through November 4, 2004, in the amount of \$5,878.63 and accruing daily thereafter at a rate of 8.375% per annum (\$19.07 per day); plus late charges in the amount of \$380.38, plus escrow advances in the amount of \$1,036.94, plus property preservation fees in the amount of \$1,501.68, less a suspense credit of \$253.50, plus attorneys fees through November 4, 2004, in the sum of \$900.00 and costs through November 4, 2004, in the sum of \$563.71, with interest on the late charges, property preservation fees, escrow advances, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 8.375% 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.

Prospective purchasers at the sale are advised to make their own examination of title and the condition of the property and to consult their own attorney before bidding.

Faisal Sukhyani  
Special Master  
2222 Parkwest Drive  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120  
(505) 228-8484

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT No. CV-2004-224**

**CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION,**  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
**LESLIE M. STRYKER AND WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA,**  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that on January 12, 2005, at the hour of 9:00 am the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the herein-after described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1330 Little Creek Drive, Alto, New Mexico 88312. (If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control) and is more particularly described as follows:

Lot 13, Block 30, RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, Lincoln County, New Mexico as shown by the plat thereof, filed in the Office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, November 30, 1982, in Cabinet D, Slide No. 99 to 103, both inclusive;

including a 2000 CAVCO 28'x65' Manufactured Home, and any and all improvements, fixtures, and attachments. Subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a one (1) month right of redemption by the Defendants, the foregoing sale will be made to satisfy a foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment is \$94,912.53, and the same bears interest at the rate of 6.8750% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$17.88 per diem, commencing on November 1, 2004, with the Court reserving entry of final judgment against said Defendant Leslie M. Stryker for the amount due after foreclosure sale, for costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as may be assessed by the Court. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale all of its judgment amount and submit its verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

The Court's decree, having duly appointed Peter Baca, as its Special Master to advertise and immediately offer for sale the subject real estate and to apply the proceeds of sale, first to the costs of sale and the Special Master's fees, then to pay the above-described judgment, interest, and costs of sale, and to pay unto the registry of the Court any balance remaining to satisfy future adjudication of priority mortgage holders;

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that in the event that said property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will as set forth above, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, the lands and improvements described above for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order or priorities, the judgment described herein and decree of foreclosure together with any additional costs and attorney's fees, costs of advertisement and publication, a reasonable receiver and Special Master's fee to be fixed by the Court. The total amount of the judgment due is \$94,912.53, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$1,305.27 for a total judgment plus interest of \$96,217.77. Sale is subject to the entry of an order of the Court approving the terms and condition of this sale.

PETER BACA,  
Special Master  
P.O. Box 215  
Carrizozo, NM 88301  
Telephone: (505) 648-9925

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

City Bank New Mexico, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico has applied to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for authorization to establish a branch in a temporary location at 1216 E Avenue, Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, followed by a permanent location at the Corner of Central Avenue and 12th Street, Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Any person wishing to comment, protest, or request a hearing in connection with this application may file his or her observation in writing with the Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its Regional Office, Suite 1900, 1910 Pacific Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75201 before processing of the application has been completed. Processing will be completed no earlier than the 15th day following either the date of required publication or the date of the receipt of the application by the F.D.I.C., whichever is later. The period of comment may be extended by the Regional Director for good cause. The non-confidential portion of the application file is available for inspection within one day following the

request for such file. It may be inspected in the Corporation's Regional Office during regular business hours. Photocopies of information in the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

CITY BANK NEW MEXICO  
By: /s/ Carl Bartley  
Carl Bartley, President & CEO

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City Bank New Mexico, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico has applied to the New Mexico Financial Institutions Division for authorization to establish a branch in a temporary location at 1216 E. Avenue, Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, followed by a permanent location at the Corner of Central Avenue and 12th Street, Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Any person wishing to comment, protest, or request a hearing in connection with this application may file his or her observation in writing with the Director of the New Mexico Financial Institutions Division, 725 St. Michaels Drive, P.O. Box 25101, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504 before processing of the application has been completed. Processing will be completed no earlier than the 15th day following either the date of required publication or the date of the receipt of the application by the New Mexico Financial Institutions Division, whichever is later. The period of comment may be extended by the Director for good cause. The nonconfidential portion of the application file is available for inspection within one day following the receipt of such file. It may be inspected in the Office of the Director during regular business hours. Photocopies of information in the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

BANK NEW MEXICO  
/s/ Carl Bartley  
Carl Bartley, President & CEO

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Town of Carrizozo, New Mexico Notice of Meeting, Public Hearing and Intent to Adopt Ordinance**

The Town of Carrizozo, New Mexico, hereby given notice of a regular Town Council meeting for Tuesday, January 11, 2005, at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 100 4th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico. At such meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing concerning and will consider for adoption the ordinance described below. Complete copies of the proposed ordinance are available for public inspection during the normal and regular business hours of the Town Clerk-Treasurer, Town Hall, 100 4th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

The title of the proposed Ordinance is: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE TOWN OF CARRIZOZO, NEW MEXICO WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2005, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING AND EXTENDING THE TOWN'S WASTE WATER SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING THAT THE BONDS WILL BE PAYABLE AND COLLECTIBLE SOLELY FROM NET REVENUES TO BE DERIVED FROM THE OPERATION OF THE TOWN'S WASTE WATER SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE BONDS, THE METHOD OF THEIR EXECUTION, THE METHOD OF PAYING THE BONDS AND OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE BONDS AND SUCH SYSTEM, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THERewith; RATIFYING ACTION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN IN CONNECTION THERewith AND APPERTAINING THERewith.

The title sets forth a general summary of the subject matter contained in the Ordinance. This notice constitutes compliance with Section 3-17-3, NMSA 1978.

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Christmas is predicted to be sunny but chilly with a high of 46 in Carrizozo.

The following information was taken from the National Weather Service website. Weather reports, updated every four hours, can be viewed at [www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/) on the internet.

Forecast for Carrizozo, Lincoln, Hondo and high plains of Lincoln County:

Today, Thursday, Dec. 23 - Mostly cloudy with 10 percent chance for snow showers. East wind 5 to 15 miles per hour (mph). High around 30. Tonight partly cloudy with 20 percent chance for snow showers. Low near 9 in Carrizozo.

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24 - Mostly sunny with high near 35. Christmas Eve night mostly clear with low around 16.

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25 - Mostly sunny with high around 46. Tonight mostly clear low around 20. Sunday, December 26 - Mostly sunny with high around 51. Tonight mostly clear with around 24.

Monday, December 27 - Mostly sunny with high near 56. Tonight mostly clear with low around 26. Tuesday, December 28 - Partly cloudy with high around 52. Tonight, partly cloudy with low around 23.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan and Corona. Today, Thursday, Dec. 23 - Mostly cloudy with 20 percent chance of snow showers. East winds between 5 and 15 mph in Ruidoso, southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east in Capitan and north wind between 10 and 20 mph in Corona. Highs near 27 in Ruidoso, 28 in Capitan and 23 in Corona. Tonight partly cloudy with 30 percent chance of snow showers in Ruidoso, 20 percent chance in Capitan and 10 percent chance in Corona. Lows around 10 in Ruidoso and Capitan, and 5 in Corona.

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24 - Mostly sunny with high near 31 in Ruidoso, 32 in Capitan and 29 in Corona. Tonight mostly clear with lows around 18 in Ruidoso, 19 in Capitan and 13 in Corona.

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25 - Mostly sunny with high near 43 in Ruidoso, 45 in Capitan and 40 in Corona. Tonight mostly clear, lows around 23 in Ruidoso, 24 in Capitan and 19 in Corona.

Sunday, December 26 - Mostly sunny with high around 47 in Ruidoso, near 50 in Capitan and around 46 in Corona. Tonight mostly clear with lows around 27 in Ruidoso and Capitan and 21 in Corona.

Monday, December 27 - Mostly sunny with high around 43 in Ruidoso, 45 in Capitan and 42 in Corona. Tonight mostly clear with lows around 23 in Ruidoso, 24 in Capitan and 18 in Corona.

Tuesday, December 28 - Partly cloudy with high around 42 in Ruidoso, 44 in Capitan and 40 in Corona. Tonight partly cloudy with lows around 22 in Ruidoso, 23 in Capitan and 18 in Corona.



# CORONA NEWS



Geraldine Perkins celebrated her 97th birthday December 4th with family and friends. She received calls from Mississippi to Colorado. She received some lovely flowers too.

The Crown CowBelles installed new officers in November with State First Vice President Lanita Rasak officiating. Betty Ann Bell gave a program on napkin folding that was enjoyed by everyone.

The new officers for 2005 are president Leanne Hutcherson, first vice president Betty Ann Bell, second vice president Lee Sultemeyer, secretary Terri Racher, and treasurer Shelly Frost.

The Canyon CowBelles were installed on December 1 at the home of Donald and Barbara Culbertson in Carrizozo. A festive dinner preceded the events. The officers were installed by State First Vice President Lanita Rasak and are as follows: president Kay Cochran, first vice president Jane Shafer, second vice president Veda Stephenson, secretary Anne Ferguson, and treasurer Nancy Lollar.

December 4th the New Mexico State CowBelles held their annual meeting in Albuquerque in conjunction with NM Joint Stockman's convention.

The Yucca CowBelles with local president Joan Kincaid from the S.E. part of NM were the hostesses. The Silver Spur CowBelles from Northern NM did the installation honors. Mrs. Rachel Ricklefs was installed as President. She is the wife of Robert Ricklefs, ranch superintendent, Philmont Scout Ranch. She has been involved with the local Silver Spur CowBelles as a member since 1985 holding various positions at local, district and state levels. As president of the NM CowBelles, an affiliate of American National Cattlewomen,

Rachel will serve on the board of the New Mexico Beef Council and work with the New Mexico Cattle Growers as well as serve on the American National Cattlewomen Board. Rachel

is very involved in Boy Scouts both locally on a district and council level, and serves as treasurer of the Cimarron Kiwanis Club.

She was joined in the ceremony by her spouse and family; Robert Ricklefs, son Aaron Kenney and wife Tricia, brother Fred Sisneros and mother, Cornelia Sisneros, sister and brother in law, Penny and Don Coppedge and Mr. and Mrs. Rod Taylor of Philmont Scout Ranch. Rod Taylor, the official Cowboy for the Philmont Scout Ranch, played the guitar and sang two songs Rachel had picked out especially for the CowBelles.

Installed as president elect was Mrs. Gerald Rasak of Corona, first vice president Lyn Greene of Mountainair, secretary Lynn Seward of Raton, and treasurer Owaissa Heimann of Bueyeros. Mrs. Heimann's husband, Jay passed away December 3rd, he was in Albuquerque with his wife to attend the Cattlemen's meetings.

The Corona Library has finished the calendars and will be delivering them in the following weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Rasak attended the Charles Dibrell Chapter Christmas Dinner at the Petroleum Club in Albuquerque. The guest speakers were Bill Toledo and Thomas Begay, Navajo Code Talkers who served in WWII. Mr. Begay told of the death of five Code Talkers when they landed at Iwo Jima near Surbachi.

Thomas Begay has three sons and one daughter all of whom are serving in the US Army. His wife Nina played a drum and sang the Marine Hymn in Navajo to the delight of the El Dorado High School ROTC Marine Color Guard who joined the group for dinner after presenting the flags.

Mr. Begay was involved in making codes although he was not one of the original 29 Code Talkers. His 5th Division continued to make codes from the original amount to a total of 298 codes.

Mr. Toledo told of his war experience and his

early days as a student at Crownpoint boarding school.

The commander of the El Dorado High School ROTC was actually in the movie *Windtalkers* which was filmed in Hawaii where he spent about four weeks working on the movie. *Windtalkers* is loosely based on the Navajo Code Talkers. Mr. Toledo said he was taken at gunpoint to his commander by a fellow Marine, who proceeded to tell the officer that he caught a Jap in a Marine uniform. When Bill Toledo left, the Marine was being "chewed out". Toledo said in 1988 he met a man who was to have watched out for him that he would not be mistaken for the enemy again. It was the first he had learned of it. However they did not have "bodyguards" as the movie purports. Dramatic license is used as it was movie and not an historical account.

## Capitan Post Office

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parcel lockers." Sepkowitz said. "The cost of that comes from this post office's revenues.

Currently Capitan police are seeking to borrow video surveillance equipment from other police agencies to install at the post office as a way to find out who is doing the destruction. If the post office has to purchase such surveillance equipment, Sepkowitz said, the cost would again have to come from the income raised at the Capitan post office.

Sepkowitz said she was told by Capitan police chief Chuck George that the village has had a rash of vandalism recently.

Anyone who has seen anything suspicious or has information about the act of vandalism is urged to contact Capitan Police at 354-2154, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office at 911 or toll free at 1-800-687-2419, or Sepkowitz at the post office at 354-2269.

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CALL: (505) 648-2333

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Salary: As per salary schedule  
Qualifications:  
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4. Willingness to Seek Professional Development  
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Corona, New Mexico 88318  
1. Application  
2. Letter of Interest  
3. Resume  
4. Copy of Current License  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**  
**COUNTY OF LINCOLN**  
**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
No. PB-04-38

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY L. BAGLEY, deceased**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at P.O. Box 94, Capitan, New Mexico 88316, or filed with the Twelfth Judicial District Court, P.O. Box 725, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

DATED: December 14, 2004

**G. Janie Butler**  
P.O. Box 94  
Capitan, New Mexico 88316  
Personal Representative of the Estate of Betty L. Bagley, deceased

Zack Cook  
**LEE GRIFFIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.**  
1096 Mechem Drive, Suite 102  
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Attorney for Personal Representative

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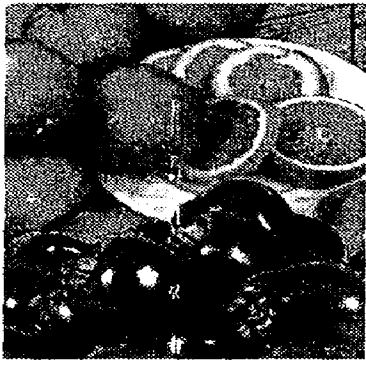
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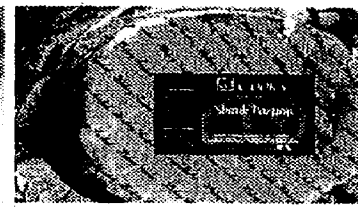
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