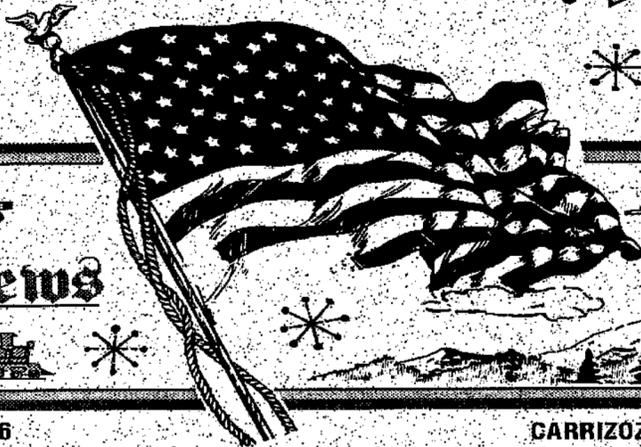
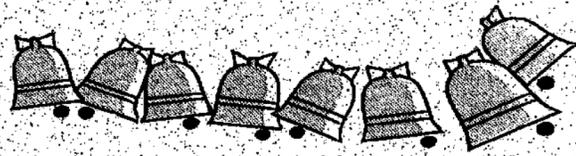


MERRY CHRISTMAS

A Christmas Carol

A bright and blessed Christmas Day,
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And peace that cannot pass away,
And holy gladness calm and strong
And sweet heart-carols flowing free,
is our Christmas wish to thee!

-Havergal



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CARRIZOZO, NM 88301

Santa to Visit Carrizozo on Sat. Dec. 23

Santa Claus will visit Carrizozo on Saturday, December 23 with the help of the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department.

The fire department sponsors Santa's annual pre-Christmas visit to Carrizozo and takes Santa around town on the big red fire truck.

Santa will be at Spencer Park at 2 p.m. on Saturday. He will distribute bags of goodies to all attending. He will also visit shut ins on his trip around town and he will visit New Horizons.

Fire chief Walter Hill asked that any shut in who might not be on the list to call 648-2545.

Hill also said if there is inclement weather that Santa will be at the main fire station for visits. The fire trucks will be put outside and Santa and visitors will be inside.



Candlelight Services in Corona

Candlelight services will be held at the Ancho Presbyterian Church, Saturday, December 23 at 7:00 p.m. and at the Corona Presbyterian Church, Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

Santa Claus will visit the Corona Fire Station at 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve.

Merry Christmas to all.

Luminarias In Crozo On Christmas Eve

Luminarias will be on the main streets in Carrizozo on Christmas Eve. Governmental buildings and private residences will also display luminarias and other Christmas lighting.

Volunteers will place the luminarias on the streets during the day and lighting will begin later in the afternoon. Motorists are urged to use caution during the placing and lighting of the luminarias and after dark as motorists are asked to turn off their headlights through the luminaria display.

The luminaria sacks will be removed by volunteers on Christmas morning.



'TIS THE SEASON! Santa stopped by Capitan briefly on Saturday, to check his list and pay a visit to the Capitan Public Library. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

County Senior Olympics Coordinator Retires

by Patrice Brazie

After dedicating 10 years to the direction and management of the Lincoln County Senior Olympics (LCSO), Olympics coordinator Bart Young of Ruidoso is about to retire.

Before announcing his resignation to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on December 14th, Young had already negotiated a potential arrangement with representatives of the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department for the management of the county's Senior Olympics program. Speaking to the county commissioners on the 14th, Young offered a brief history of the Lincoln County

Senior Olympics, its relationship with the county and his vision of its future.

The LCSO was formed in 1979, Young said, and just completed its 28th year of participation in the New Mexico Senior Olympics. During a period from the early 1980s to the early 1990s the county operated the LCSO program, and in 1994 the current LCSO organization was formed. Young, a founding member of the 1994 organization, said that an arrangement was reached with the New Mexico Senior Olympics Incorporated organization's home office in Roswell, which enabled the local group to begin conduct-

ing Senior Olympics events here in Lincoln County.

Also in 1994, Young said, LCSO entered into an agreement with the county commissioners, who appointed a five member Senior Olympics Committee to manage the organization's activities.

After a new requirement was handed down by the state Olympics organization in 2001 that mandated the officers and directors in each county organization to be covered by liability insurance, the county agreed to pay for that coverage. Young reminded the county commissioners that the present insurance policy is only in

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Lincoln County Sends Off Retiring Commissioners

by Patrice Brazie

On December 14th, Lincoln County officials, employees and citizens honored the three members of the county's board of commissioners who will vacate their positions at the year's end. During their regular December meeting, county commissioners Earl Hobbs, Maury St. John, and commission chair Rick Simpson each received a plaque from county manager Tom Stewart in recognition of their service.

Stewart began his address to the commissioners with a tale about a young boy who wanted to be a great baseball player. The boy tossed a ball into the air and swung at it with a bat. The boy totally missed, but swore he was going to be a great baseball player. He tossed the ball into the air again, swung, and missed, still declaring that he would be a great baseball player. After the third toss, another swing and another miss, the boy boldly stated, "Wow, I'm going to be a great pitcher!"

Stewart told St. John that the story of the boy with the baseball dream reminded him of her. "You have made the most of everyday as a commissioner," Stewart said, "from attempting to take care of prescription cards to attempting to take care of Musketball and get it paved, you have always found the silver lining in all that you have accomplished." The manager said that, when St. John ran into a bureaucratic roadblock, she found alternative means to get the job done.

St. John said she recalled the nervousness she felt at her first meeting as a county commissioner, and called the past four years an adventure. "Over the last four years many things have happened; I've met a lot of fine folks doing a great job for Lincoln County," St. John said. "I saw many, many miles of Lincoln County roads, and I found out that if you're going to ride roads with the road superintendent you better pack a lunch. There are a lot

of places that don't have lunch available." St. John said she learned a lot about how county government works and interacts with other governments and agencies. "I had the opportunity to participate in the Governor's Health Summit and task forces on New Mexico health issues," she said, "and I will not give up fighting for New Mexican's health."

Stewart then addressed Hobbs with a quote from President Theodore Roosevelt that he said reminded him of Hobbs. "It's not the critic who counts, nor the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the deer of deeds could have done better," Stewart read. "The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena whose face is marred by dust, sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes up short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat." Stewart said that Hobbs always fought the good fight and never hesitated to speak his mind. "I admire that greatly, Sir," Stewart told Hobbs.

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Luminarias In Old Lincoln

Luminarias will be on the street of Lincoln Christmas Eve. Those wishing to help will gather at the pagant grounds to fill the paper sacks that morning.

There will be a pot luck dinner at the Lincoln Community Church following the filling of the sacks.

Lincoln County Sends Off Retiring

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Hobbs told the meeting attendees that Lincoln County is fortunate to have a very high caliber of elected officials, aside from the board of commissioners, and that although he didn't always agree with the county manager, he believed Stewart to be a good manager with the

best intentions. "I think we're blessed in that respect," Hobbs said. He also expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the county's board of commissioners. "It's been a very good opportunity for me to learn a lot about government, and I didn't even mind

be woodshedded once or twice by our county attorney. For those people who have not liked the things that I have done, that's just tough," Hobbs said. "For those people who have agreed with me on occasion, I thank you for your support."

Stewart then turned to Simpson, whose eight year service on the board, Stewart said, "had been quite a ride." For Simpson's honor, Stewart said he had chosen a story that would remind everyone of what the country was built on. He told the story of a man, born in poverty, who had faced defeat throughout his life. When the man was only seven years old, he and

his family had been forced from their home and he had to go work to help support them, Stewart said. "At age nine, his mother died," Stewart said, "and at age 22, he failed in business." At age 23, the man lost a bid for the state legislature, lost his job and failed to get into law school, Stewart continued, and at 24, borrowed money to start a business and went bankrupt. "He spent most of the next 17 years paying off his debt," Stewart said. "At the age of 25, he ran for the state legislature again and this time he won. At the age of 26 he was engaged to be married, but his sweetheart died and his heart was broken."

Stewart covered a long list of failed attempts at public office and a nervous breakdown suffered by the man. "This gentleman also said, and this is what reminds me Rick," the manager said, "The duty to strive is the duty of us all. I felt a call to that duty." Stewart told Simpson that, at the age of 51, the gentleman of the story was elected to be the sixteenth President of the United States. His name was Abraham Lincoln. "Rick, when I think of you," Stewart said, "I'll always be reminded not to quit; to keep going regardless of the odds."

"It's been a pretty good eight years," Simpson replied, "and we've all been married long enough to know that no two people agree on everything. It's like getting bucked off a bronco and getting back on, and when you get back to the barn and you look back and, well, that was a hell of a ride."

The Lincoln County elected officials, county employees and citizens were treated to a buffet style pot luck holiday dinner in the lobby of the manager's office, to honor the outgoing commissioners.

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GRIZZLY WEEKLY
by Carrizozo High School JOURNALISM CLASS
Sarah Ball, Instructor

The Seniors of 2007

This is a series of "lasts" for the seniors here at Carrizozo High School: Last time to attend homecoming, prom, blossom and beau, and sports events, last time to have a locker, last time to get a tardy slip, last time to listen for the bell, last time to ask to use the restroom, last time to hang out with our friends in the hall during lunch, last time to

We will soon be entering the real world and have to fend for ourselves . . . without parents' help. In May the high school doors will close to the seniors of 2007.

Life is about to change completely once the year ends; we'll walk down the aisle in May to receive our diplomas and enter into a whole new world, a world where no one is going to tell us what to do or when to do it. We will have to take control of our own lives.

The professors in college are not going to jump on our case to get our work done; we have to get it completed ourselves if we want the grade to pass that certain course. For our athletic seniors this will more than likely be the last time any of them will play competitive sports. Most will probably never step foot again on a court, field, or track to compete the way they did in high school. Those going into the workforce will have no more summer vacation, no more getting off at 3:15 p.m. every day, no more getting certain holidays off, and no more slacking off. They have to stay on task in order to keep their job, and earn money for bills, food, car payments, and rent.

I for one am getting very anxious about graduating. Part of me doesn't want the "easy life" to end, because then I know that I will have to rely on myself to make my dreams come true and make myself happy. I see in most of my fellow classmates that we've wanted graduation to come for so long, but now that it's just around the corner it's a little bit scary. We talk to each other like we're ready and can't wait to leave, but deep down I think each one of us is scared in some way to leave the life we've lived for 13 years.

Graduation will be the last time we will step foot into Carrizozo Schools as a student. Although the high school's door may close, many more in front of us are about to open. It is just dependent upon us to decide which door to choose to make our lives the most meaningful.

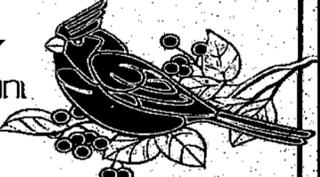
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County Senior Olympics

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effect until March, 2007.

The Lincoln County Senior Olympics draws 50 or 60 participants each year and of those about 40 qualify to go to the state events and a handful participate in national events, Young said.

"I couldn't find anybody willing to be the coordinator of the program, although we have good participation and they're very enthusiastic," Young said. So, Young went to see Rifle Salas, director of the Parks and Recreation Department in Ruidoso. "I said, you guys are involved in recreation all the time," Young told the county commissioners, "and you do all kinds of events: team events, individual events and special events."

He said Salas expressed an interest in adding the coordination of the county's senior Olympics events to the other functions performed by his department.

Young suggested that Sandy Jordan of the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department

be the designated coordinator of the LCSO, and said that she could be assisted by other members of her department. "I do not anticipate any change in our agreement with the county," Young said, and acknowledged that the five member county commission appointed Olympics committee should continue to function as usual.

Salas told the county commissioners that his department wanted to support the county in continuing the Senior Olympics program. "Let us help you in orchestrating all of the events that are done in this program," Salas said. "It's been a well greased engine as it's been run in the past and we have lots of participation throughout the county. We want to help as far as keeping that up," he said. Salas said he would like to increase participation in the events, and would also like to include more events than are now offered through LCSO. "Our mission statement for the department is 'recreation for a healthy community. We'd like everyone to get out and recreate,'" Salas said.

In response to a question from county commissioner Tom Battin, Salas said he saw no possibility for a conflict of interest based on Ruidoso village employees coordinating a county program. "All of our recreation programs are for county residents as well as Ruidoso residents," Salas said. "I don't see any conflict at all."

Battin expressed the county commissioners' appreciation for all of Young's dedicated efforts over the past 10 years. The 75 year old Young explained that he and his wife were ready for more travel time. "It kind of stymies my activities in April and May and the first part of June," he said. Young told the county commissioners that he intended to serve the Senior Olympics activities as a consultant for the next year and to recruit younger members

for the Olympics committee. He said that, with four or five thousand citizens over the age of 50 in Lincoln County, there is a potential for greatly increased participation. Anyone 50 years of age or older is eligible for the Senior Olympics, Young pointed out, and suggested that the resources of the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department might serve to bring more attention to the program and get more people involved.

County commissioner Earl Hobbs also expressed his appreciation for Young's efforts. "It's very typical of Earl to have planned ahead and gotten everything squared away before he relinquishes the reins," Hobbs said. "That's just so typical of the way he does things."

The county commissioners voted to continue to support the Senior Olympics Committee and its programs, to accept the appointment of

Sandy Jordan as Senior Olympics Coordinator and to pay the \$1,080 premium for the required liability insurance.



FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS
 --Juan Hernandez from 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, Ruidoso. 354-3046 for info.

MONDAYS
 --Free GED class 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Carrizozo School.

TUESDAYS
 --Capitan Public Library preschool reading hour at 1 p.m.
 --Free GED class 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Carrizozo School.
 --Alcoholics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m. Carrizozo First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAYS
 --AWANA club for children ages 3 through 6th grade at First Baptist Church of Carrizozo from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Non-denominational program. For information contact Hayden Smith 648-2107.
 --The Tac for 7th through 12th grade at Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo 6 p.m.
 --Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

TODAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21
 --Carrizozo Elementary musical *Americans All* 6 p.m. in old gym. Refreshments served after program.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
 --Santa visits Carrizozo, sponsored by Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department, at Spencer Park at 2 p.m.
 --Judging for Carrizozo Christmas lighting contest.
 --Candlelight services at Ancho Presbyterian church 7 p.m.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24
 --Santa Claus will visit the Corona Fire Station at 6 p.m.
 --Candlelight services, Corona Presbyterian Church 7 p.m.
 --Luminarias in Carrizozo and Lincoln.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25
 --Merry Christmas everyone.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26
 --Trash service for Ruidoso Downs and Rancho Ruidoso, scheduled for December 25 and 26 will be moved to December 26 and 27 due Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) holiday schedule.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27
 --Trash service for Carrizozo and Capitan will be tomorrow, Thursday, December 28 due Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) to holiday schedule.

Obituary

JACK W. HOBBS

Jack W. Hobbs, 77, of Tularosa, died December 13. He was born February 15, 1929 in Coyote, NM. He went to school at Gran Quivira and Carrizozo.

One of the last true cowboys, his cowboy career started at age 13. He worked on ranches in New Mexico, Arizona, California and Washington. He worked at several feedlots, was a Brand Inspector in Luna and Lincoln Counties, and inspected cattle on the Mexican border. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served in the Korean War, and received several commendations for bravery and sharp shooting.

Jack was married to Molly Dahl and, from that union, had one son Jack W. Hobbs, Jr. After the death of Molly, he married Lea Jean Bromwich and they had seven children, Ray, Will, Sue, Doug, June, Robin and Mary. After their separation, he married Winnie Mae Hooker and she died in July of 1992. He was then with his companion Mary Jo Sellars for the last nine years of his life.

Survivors include five sons, Jack W. Hobbs, Jr. and his wife Norma Jean of Bart, NM, Raymond Hobbs and his wife Terry of Buckhorn, NM, William Hobbs of Santa Fe, Douglas Hobbs of Red Rock, AZ, and Robin Hobbs and his wife Bobbie of Silver City; three daughters, Sue Pugmire and June Bryant of Silver City, and Mary Clark of Tularosa; 26 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; two sisters, Mary C. Garrison of Mosquero, NM, and Martha McKinley and her husband Don of Tucuman; two brothers, Joe Hobbs and his wife Nedra of Carrizozo, and Colin Hobbs and his wife Gwen of Valera, TX; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; and special friends, Betty Hobbs and Debbie Sullivan.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two wives, Molly and Winnie Mae; four brothers, Ward, Billy, Stennie and baby Hobbs; two sisters, Raymond Brock and her husband George, and Helen Majors; and a brother-in-law

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THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The Perfect Gift

By Ruth Hammond

Possibly you have completed your shopping and all the gifts have been wrapped. Some may even have been delivered, especially to far away places. Years ago most people mailed their greeting cards on December 16, but that has changed, people are encouraged to mail earlier.

Excited children are hoping to receive those special gifts they requested. Some adults are hoping also. Never can tell, there might be a package containing the most desired object, and Christmas will be a joyful season. It is a time of wonderment and often continues throughout the lifetime of true believers. And what do you want most this year? Could it be a snow shovel to clear sidewalks? Or would you prefer a warm coat and gloves? How about snugly boots to keep your tootsies warm this winter? If your lump of coal happens to be a diamond that might brighten your holiday. Or that special unspeakable gift.

And through all this, the most perfect gift for everyone will not be wrapped and placed carefully under a tree. It will not be a material item, cannot be worn or played with or put on display. Yet it could be the most wanted and the most needed gift anyone in the world could ever receive.

Considering all the material items wanted, and usually given and received, it may seem strange that the most wanted and most needed gift in the world is not sold. It would undoubtedly be difficult to keep in stock, but you won't find it in stores or on internet sales systems. The value of this perfect gift is not in any monetary units, or rather not in monetary units with bar codes for scanning at checkout counters. The monetary worth of this perfect gift is priceless but this item is not for sale on shelves.

Even if it could be sold, the value would be worthless, this perfect gift is not an item for trading or being sold on the stock market. Wrapping is impossible, because it has no substance, anyway not material substance, though the effect could increase material wealth for multitudes and there would be a new way of living for entire nations.

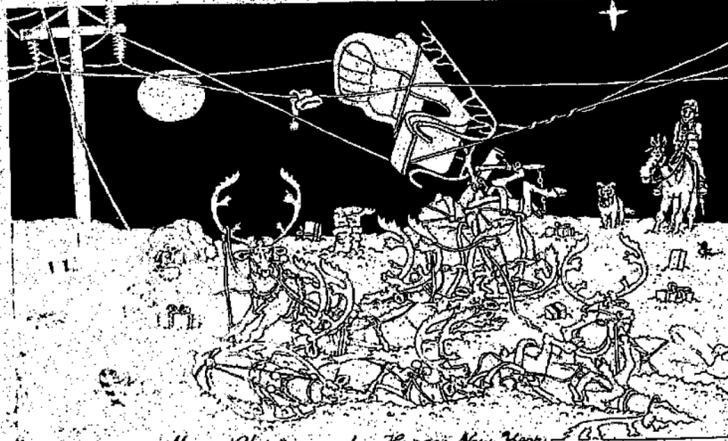
Fortunes could be made. Most of the fortunes would not be bankable, not in the normal savings account ways. But fortunes could be made and everyone would benefit. This perfect gift would not be for just one person or one group of people. This perfect gift would be for everyone.

Usually gifts are personalized, maybe not engraving, but by being selected for one particular person. Yet, this special perfect gift would be a personal gift for everyone.

Likely you are wondering what possible gift would be of benefit to everyone, yet have no substance. That gift, the most perfect gift ever, would be PEACE. Not just peace for the end of conflict in a particular place or area but peace everywhere and for all. We wish you and your family and friends PEACE at this holy season and forever



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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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WEATHER REPORT

by Jeff Hammond

The snow Tuesday dropped about 8-10 inches of snow on the high desert areas of Lincoln County, and at the higher elevations and on Sierra Blanca as much as 14-16 inches. The snow closed both Hwy 54 and Hwy 380, but hopefully the snow will be around for a White Christmas.

There is a slight chance of rain turning to snow on Christmas Eve at the higher elevations of Lincoln County, and the high desert areas can expect light to mild winds preceding the possible snow flurries.

Christmas day expect temperatures in the mid 40's, dropping to the low 20's and high teens at night. Clear skies and a slight chance for snow throughout the day.

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

Today, Thursday, Dec. 21
Mostly sunny, with a high near 45. West wind around 5 mph, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 17. West wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Friday, December 22
Partly cloudy, with a high near 49, night: A slight chance of snow showers. Partly cloudy, with low around 25.

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Inside the Capitol

by JAY MILLER

SANTA FE -- Gov. Bill Richardson has signaled that there will be some changes at the top of state government to kick off his second term.

He may wait until closer to his Jan. 1 inauguration to make any of his moves public, but the announcement that Labor Secretary Conroy Chino is departing for a better-paying job with an unnamed company in private industry may be a harbinger of things to come.

Gov. Richardson had nothing by good to say about Chino following the announcement, but the labor secretary has experienced a number of problems during his stormy tenure.

Richardson's normal style has been to shuffle or jettison cabinet members as soon as they get into trouble but Chino got to stay until the end of Richardson's first term. And maybe he could have stayed through a second term, had he desired.

Chino is from Acoma Pueblo, one of two American Indians on the governor's 21-member cabinet. That comes to just under 10 percent of the cabinet. You can't get any closer than that to the proportion of Indians in our population.

Other proportions on Richardson's cabinet also work well. He has just under 40 percent Hispanics and just over 50 percent women on the cabinet. It might not be far off to expect those proportions to remain about the same in the governor's second term.

Richardson says he plans to ask most of his cabinet secretaries to stay in their current position. That may mean some more job shuffling and a nudge or two out the door. Blogger Joe Monahan reports one female cabinet secretary telling people that she is "gone."

Early in Richardson's first term, Tourism Secretary Fred Peralta and Expo New Mexico Director Michael Cerletti switched spots. Peralta had been having problems. Cerletti had been Tourism secretary under former Gov. Bruce King and wanted the job again.

A bit later Regulation and Licensing Department Secretary Art Jaramillo and General Services Department Secretary Edward Lopez were swapped. Lopez had been getting a great deal of grief about some controversial moves by the governor, such as a new jet plane and a consolidating of state purchasing.

Nothing had ever been said about any of the four cabinet members involved,

so the capitol wall leathers, as radio personality Ernie Mills called them, were left to surmise why the moves were made.

Also during Richardson's first term, Health Department Secretary Patricia Montoya and Children, Youth and Families Department Secretary Mary Dale Bolson both stepped down from their jobs and were not heard from again.

That is quite a few mid-term changes, which may mean there aren't many more to make. Or it could signal there will be several changes.

We can expect that there will be changes coming from the recommendations by a 50-member Transition Committee appointed by the governor, which will evalu-

ate his first term and suggest changes he might want to make during his second term.

Most of those recommendations are expected to be program changes but Richardson could decide he wants someone new to head a department in a new direction. Those recommendations were due to Richardson by Dec. 1.

The governor said he wanted to committee to focus on five key areas: health, education, public safety, economic development and the environment. Those key areas correspond to five of the 21 cabinet departments. That has people asking whether those five department secretaries

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This Week's NFL Schedule

Thursday:

Minnesota at *Green Bay

Saturday:

*Kansas City at Oakland

Sunday:

- *Chicago at Detroit
- Carolina at *Atlanta
- Tennessee at *Buffalo
- *Baltimore at Pittsburgh
- *Indianapolis at Houston
- Washington at *St. Louis
- New Orleans at *NY Giants
- New England at *Jacksonville
- Tampa Bay at *Cleveland
- Arizona at *San Francisco
- San Diego at *Seattle
- *Cincinnati at Denver



Monday:

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NY Jets at *Miami

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I want a Xbox, a puppy, a TV for my room, a Scoobe Doo stocking. For my sister, Melissa a princess dress, a princess costume, and a princess crown. I like you Santa. I will have some cookies for you.
Sincerely,
Cody

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are the elves, and Mr. Claus doing? For christmas I would like a Mp3 player and I would like a air pistol. Have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.
Sincerely,
Danny Roper

want a big chock board I even want a Calerder for me to look at in the morning so I would now what it would be cold or suny. So I hop you give

me those things and I hop it is not that cold in the raneder cold because I hop ther not cold.
Merry Christmas,
Lindsay Chavez

Dear Santa,
I want a power ranger with big muscles. Skateboard, a dog.
Love
Duncan Daugherty

Dear Santa,
I want a robot. A spiderman.
Love
Adam Allen

Dear Santa,
I want a XBOX360, a bull, a basketball court, a gun, a remote control car and a four wheeler. A horse, a bike and a hat for my brother. I will give you cookies.
Sincerely,
Victor

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are the elves and reindeers doing and Mrs. Claus doing? For Christmas I would like a purple gitar and a real baby kittin. Have a safe trip on Christmas Eve and I believe in you.
Sincerely,
Janae Willingham

Dear Santa,
I have a skateboard, a blue power ranger.
Love
Ryslyn Lueras

Dear Santa & Mrs. Santa
I have been a good girls all year. Can you bring me a Dora pillow and a big red dog. And for my brother a Sponge Bob pillow.
Thank you,
Your friend Tazia

Dear Santa,
I want a XBOX 3sixty and a dirt bike and a four wheeler and a fish tank and a 50-50 and a bike and a big hummer that is remote control. I will have cookies on the table for you. I love you.
Sincerely,
Steven

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at teh north Pole? How are the reindeers? How are the elves? Santa can I have a MP3 player? Can I have the game candyland?
Sincerely,
Kaycie Bishop

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard. Another power Ranger. A big giant monster dinosaur.
Love,
Jacob Parkhurst

Dear Santa
I have been a good girls. Can you bring me a Sponge Bob T.V. and a phone.
Thank you
Kaitlin

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want to have a new PS game. I would like a 4 wheeler, shoes and a remote control car, clothes and a tent. I will leave cookies under the tree.
Sincerely,
Nikko

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are the elves and the reindeer? Hew is Mrs. Claus doing? For Christmas I would like a mp3 player and a xBox 360. Has it been snowing a lot at the North pole. Have a safe trip on Christmas Eve. I believe in you.
Sincerely,
Deline Arteche

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard. Two skateboards for my brothers.
Love,
Nickolas Archuleta

Dear Santa
I would like you to bring me toys. I want paint and brushes.
Thank you
Robert

Dear Santa,
I would like a XBOX 360. I hope your family has a Merry Christmas.
Sincerely,
Xavier

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are the elves and Mrs. Clau doing? For Christmas, I would like a baby braz and have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.
Sincerely,
Gracie Hooten

Dear Santa,
Me would like a big cho-cho-cho train. A

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LEGAL NOTICE
P.T.D. ORDER NO. 06-24
LIMITATION ON INCREASE IN VALUE FOR SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS OCCUPIED BY LOW INCOME OWNERS WHO ARE SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER OR DISABLED FOR TAX YEAR 2007.

Pursuant to HB 73, NMSA -- 7-36-21.3 (2003), the State of New Mexico, Taxation and Revenue Department, Property Tax Division, hereby informs Assessors that:

A. For the 2007 tax year, the valuation for taxation purposes of a single family dwelling owned and occupied by a person who is sixty-five years of age or older and whose modified gross income, as defined in the Income Tax Act (7-2-1 NMSA 1978), for the prior taxable year did not exceed twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000), shall not be greater than the valuation of the property in the:

- (1) 2001 tax year;
- (2) Year in which the owner has his sixty-fifth birthday, if that is after 2001; or
- (3) Tax year following the tax year in which an owner who turns sixty-five or is sixty-five years of age or older first owns and occupies the property, if that is after 2001.

B. For the 2007 tax year, the valuation for taxation purposes of a single family dwelling owned and occupied by a person who is disabled and whose modified gross income, as defined in the Income Tax Act (7-2-1 NMSA 1978), for the prior taxable year did not exceed twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000), shall not be greater than the valuation of the property in the:

- (1) 2003 tax year;
- (2) Year in which the owner is determined to be disabled, if that is after 2003; or
- (3) Tax year following the tax year in which an owner who is disabled or who is determined to be disabled first owns and occupies the property, if that is after 2003.

For subsequent years following 2007, the maximum amount of modified gross income shall be adjusted for inflation by the Department and will be published annually.

"Disabled" is defined as a person who has been determined to be blind or permanently disabled with medical improvements not expected pursuant to 42 USC 421 for purposes of the federal Social Security Act (42 USC -- 301 et seq.) or is determined to have a permanent total disability pursuant to the Workers Compensation Act (52-1-1 NMSA 1978).

Done this 3rd day of November 2006,
Tim Eichenberg, Director
Property Tax Division

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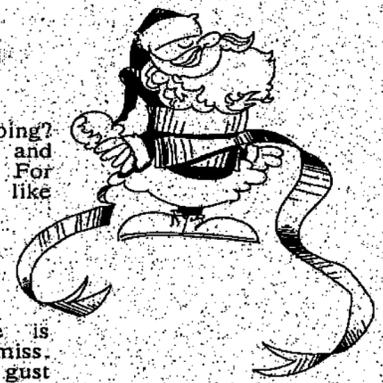
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Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,
Hello Santa I am 8 years old. It snowed yesterday the hole town is full of snow. How are you and Mrs. Claus? For Christmas I would like to get a psp with a game called major league baseball and if our you can find or make my favorite stuffed animal bluey. All I want to say Santa is I love you and say thank you for every great Christmas I've ever had.
Love,
Lexi Zamora

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are the reindeers. How is Mrs. Claus doing. How is baby? For Christmas I would like a compuder. Then sprize me.
Love,
Hannah Ventura

Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing? How are Mrs. clous doing? For crismas I woul like a Dallas Cowboy helmet and a Nike football. Have a safe trip on crismas Eve.
Sincerely,
Mikhail Barela

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are the elves and Mrs. Claus doing? For Christmas I would like a sonic the Hedge Hog game. Have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Alex Randolph

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are your elves? How is Mrs. Claus doing? For Christmas Can I please get a mp3 player and may I please get a INTindo DS.
Love,
Taylor Thornton

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are the elves and Mrs. Claus doing? For Christmas I woul like a x box with games and a new backpacks. Have a safe trip.
Sincerely,
Dominic Garcia

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are teh elves and Mrs. claus doing? For Christmas, I would like an xbox 360.
Love,
Justice Kassel

Dear Santa,
Santa my name is Tyrrell how is miss Claus. Well I'm just wondering wat I want for Christmas. Santa I want X Box 369 and a ntendo DS and a X Box and a Dalis Cowboys surt with my last name on the back. Santa have a mary mary Christmas.
Love,
Tyrell Barela

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler Hallacy. And I like video games. I'm 8 years old. Now what I want for Christmas is the Lego Starwars imperial star destroyer, the shell shocker, the lego starwars slave 1, and heelys. So anyway, goodbye Santa. I have to go now.
Sincerely,
Tyler Hallacy

Dear Santa,
Yesterday it snowed I got to go out side and play. My best friend in Kadee she is really smart. What I really want for Xmas is a lumungus huge robot and will what I tell it to. My letter was really short, well that's my letter.
Sincerely,
Dominique Zamora

Dear Santa,
I have two dog. Please get me a flip phone with camera and Brat blingblig doll can it be clowery, pin bean bag, microskop. Santa are you coming to my house? I hop so I ges I'll wait hop to see you soon.
Love,
Cheyanne Apodaca

Dear Santa,
My name is Dillon. I am eight years old. This year I want a psp, atv, wii, atv 2 to my Nine-tendo DS. Thank you Santa for all the stuff you give me.
Happy Christmas
Dillon Najar

Dear Santa,
It was snowing yesterday i was sliding on ice, this morning my house was full of snow. I want a dirt Bike and a 4 wheeler and a bide and mini Hummer. Santa I have a very good time right now thank you.
Love,
Caleb Ventrua

Dear Santa claus,
My name is Kadee. Last night it was snowing. I live in Carrizozo. How are your Santa I'm good. What I want for Christmas is a set of my littlest pet shops set, a volleyball, a tool for my heelys, glitter gel lpens, and colored markers, and colored pencils, and a not book. Thank you Santa, I hope you have a great Christmas.
Very truly yours,
Kadee Sedillo

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi Santa my name is Cirsten Gail Barela. For Christmas I want a Nin-tindow DS, portipill DVD player and sell phone please. How are you and misses Clause doing?
Sincerely,
Cirsten Barela

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. How are your reindeer. Are they eating well. How is you wife is she doing well. Well's hears what I want for cristmas. A psp, game boy, tickits to Japan, an X-Box psp game boy and the play stations, ipod and heelys. I'll be lising for your bells, don't worry I'll leave cookies under the tree bye.
Yours truly,
Micah Hamilton

Eternal Star of Bethlehem

The Wise Men may have been the only ones who actually saw the Star of Bethlehem.
But:
According to St. Matthew, when Herod heard that the Wise Men were seeking the Christ Child whose star they had seen in the east, he summoned the chief priests and scribes of the people and demanded of them where it had been predicted that the Christ should be born.
"And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of of Judea; for thus it is written by the prophet." -- St. Matthew 2:5.
It was written by the prophet -- and nothing could prevent it.
And after the Wise Men had been directed to Bethlehem by Herod: "... lo, the star, which they had seen in the east, went before them till it came and stood over where the young Child was.
"Whey they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." -- Mat- thew 2:9-10.
Apparently, even the Wise Men lost sight of the Star temporarily -- hence they rejoiced when it returned to their visions after they had departed from Herod.
The Star of Bethlehem was neither kindled nor extinguished when Christ was born in Judea -- it was written by the prophet, it has vanquished every despot from Herod to Hitler and survived every tyranny and cruelty that evil men could think of; and the hearts of men, turning from foul memories and associations, have -- and shall -- rejoice in the eternal light of righteousness and peace.



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

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

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

May your holidays be filled with love and cheer --

Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year!



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Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a green dinosar and a Power Ranger train. I have been a good boy.
Love,
James

Dear Santa,
For Christmas can you bring me a phone and a doll. I have been a good girl.
Love,
Kelsie

Dear Santa,
For Christmas can you bring me a baby. I am a good girl.
Love,
Bella

Dear Santa,
I want five Power Rangers for Christmas. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Keegan

Dear Santa,
I want a Power Ranger game boy for Christmas. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Robert

Dear Santa,
I want a Game boy with a power ranger game. I have been good this year.
Love,
James G.

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi my name is Lisa Ventura and am 9 years old. I snowed here. So Santa did it snow over there? I want a cell phone and a pool, my own bedroom, real car, and a laptop. I also want a Bratz doll, and a stratener and I want to die my hair, and a tv that has cable. Santa Claus I hope you buy my

all that stuff if you do thank you then. By Santa see you next year.
Merry Christmas,
Lisa Ventura

Dear Santa,
I would like a bouncy ball.
Thank you,
Daniel

Dear Santa,
I would like a spider mon watch.
Thank you
John Wyatt

Dear Santa,
I would like a Bucca-ner Jersey.
Thank you,
Patrick

Dear Santa,
I would like a four wheeler.
Thank you,
Clayton

Dear Santa,
I would like a Cabage Patch doll.
Thank you,
Aurora

Dear Santa,
I would like a four wheeler.
Jayden

Dear Santa,
I would like a dolla Cowboys jarsy.
Thank you,
Isaiah

Dear Santa,
I would like a yugioha bike.
Thank you,
Austin

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike.
Thank you,
Jared

Dear Santa,
I would like a I spy car.
Thank you,
Orion

Dear Santa,
I would like a Easy Bake Oven.
Thank you,
Savannah

Dear Santa,
I would like a I spy car.
Thank you,
Tristen

Dear Santa,
I would like a Watch.
Thank you,
Julian

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Can you please bring me a car and a train.
Love,
Ty

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Can you please bring me a phone, purse and a doll.
Love,
Saryha

Dear Santa,
I would like a dirtbike.
Thank you,
Dominic

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some cars for Christmas. I have been good.
Love,
Ethan

Dear Santa,
For Christmas can you please bring me a horse. I have been a good girl.
Love,
Madison

Dear Santa,
Can you please bring me a Power Ranger Train with power rangers. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Austin

Dear Santa,
Can you please bring me a Diego toy and a Dora Castle. I am a good girls.
Love,
Suntana

Dear Santa,
For Christmas can you please bring me a baby phone and a Bratz house. I have been a good girl.
Love,
Mya

Dear Santa,
Can you please bring me a Dora Castle for Christmas. I have been a good girl.
Love,
Marin

Dear Santa,
For Christmas can you bring me a Baby Alive with clothes and diapers. I have been really good this year.
Love,
D'anna

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a green dinosar and a Power Ranger train. I have been a good boy.
Love,
James

Dear Santa,
I want to wish Baby Jesus a Happy Birthday. Please bring me and my sister some presents.
Thank you,
Maddi Richardson

Dear Santa,
I would like a pink kitchen and a playhouse with a door and some stairs for Christmas. I will make you a nice treat.
Love,
Sarah Olmstead

Dear Santa,
I would like a Gameboy and a reindeer to pet for Christmas. I love you and I'll put out cookies and milk for you.
Love,
Elizabeth Soto

Dear Santa,
I would like a giant Jack that talks and a Black Pearl ship for

Christmas. I hope you have a nice trip.
Love,
Kavika Hall

Dear Santa,
I would like a Gameboy and a real camera for Christmas. I love you Santa.
Love,
Katlynn McSwane

Dear Santa,
I would like a laptop computer and a big Debra doll from the Twelve Dancing Princesses CD for Christmas. I hope you come to my house this year.
Love,
Haley Hull

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer and a humongous playhouse for Christmas. I love you Santa.
Love,
Terrell

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer and a dog for Christmas. I want to give you cookies and white milk.
Love,
Aaron Hudson

Dear Santa,
I would like a castle with a door and a little Dora doll for Christmas. Are you going to come to my house?
Love,
Jenna Dement

Dear Santa,
I would like a Japanese Dragon Power Ranger and a D.S. Light. Thank you Santa.
Love,
Devin Gonzales

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a Bratz make-up doll and a soft blanket. Thank you for the stuff.
Love,
Haly Pino

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a fire snowboard and a big monster remote control. Thank you for a happy Christmas.
Love,
Shane Barnwell

Merry Christmas

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... behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He that is born King... for we have seen His star in the east, and have come to worship Him."

MATTHEW 2:1-2

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Letters to Santa . . .

Dear Santa,
Hi how are you doing. I'm Emily Comstock I'm 8 years old. Can I have heelys, cloes, socks, and ear rings. Thank you Santa for all you get me.
Sincerely,
Emily Comstock

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi my name is Patience how is the weather in the north pole. It is snowing in Carrizozo. I forgot to tell you I am 9 years old.
Santa Claus I would like the new wii game.

But if you can't get it for me I would like a orange video camra that can take pictures.
Santa I hope that I get what I want for Christmas thank you.
Sincerely,
Patience Anaya

Dear Santa Claus,
Hy Santa is it cold in the north pole. Do you play the X box. I play the X box. Santa I want a telisope I want scooder I want car snow bording I want play staytion 2. Xbox toy booska, lots of candy roller skates sell phone yugeoh cards. I hope you give me these presnt.
Merry Christmas
Eli Langeloy

Dear Santa,
Santa my name is Desirae Zamora. I live in Carrizozo it is a fun place. I am 8 years old I am a nice girl. Santa may I have a four wheeler and some heelys and Army clothes with Army shoes please may I have a CD player and earfones with it please. Santa I love this Christmas and you I hope you have a good Christmas. Have a good time at the North pole and a good Christmas good bye Santa.
Happy Christmas,
Desirae Zamora

Dear Santa Clause,
How are you doing my name is Christian Najar. I like Christmas so much its like the best day ever. I wanted a four wheeler with the keys and I wanted a moterise care that you cuntrole. Thank you Santa Clouse have a great Christmas.
Sincerely,
Christian Najar

Dear Santa,
Hi I'm Zhane, how are you. The weather is awesome here. It snowed yesterday. I was sperkala-freezlisticexpealadotious. For Christmas, I would appreciate it if you got me a cell phone, moon shoes, and a toy hummer that you can plug in a mp3 player into it and it has hidrolics. "Please." Thank you Santa, and still, "please." Have a nice Christmas.
Merry Christmas,
Zhane Vega

Dear Santa,
Hi santa my name if Fantasia Dennis it has been snowing and I love when it snows. I am 9 years ols I have been a good girls this year. Santa what I want for Christmas is a CD player with head phones and a Now 23 CD and a new bike with to wheelwes not trainging weels for christmas. Thank you santa for all the presents and chris mas days.
Merry Christmas,
Fantasia Dennis

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi Santa Claus I am Tiffany Vega I am in fourth grade I just had a birthday I am 10 years old. When crasmas day is hear I will wont an ipod, mine manica, Bratz dolls, a cd player, a psp and a new cadillac car. I will leave cookies and milk on your santa claus plate and you santa claus cup. Now it is going to be crismas eve I will still wish you a mare crismas I wish I will still wont a bratz doll I will leve you a present fore you to.
Merry Christmas,
Tiffany Vega

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi I'm 9 years old and I have two sisters and one brother. I'm happy about the snow because November 29, 2006 it snowed like it was atomatic. I live 8 miles eat out of Carrizozo. My dad works for the twon of Carrizozo. Santa Claus I want a ipod and a laptop. I also want a cell phone. My dad said that my Christmas present from him was 500 dollars. I need about 200 dollars to pay the bills. Santa I will take great care of what I get from you. Thank you for your help and fun.
Merry Christmas,
Jacie C. Thornton

Dear Santa Claus,
Hollow Santa I like Criscmis because you can get a lot of stof and by the way I am Billy. I am 10 years old. I want a new 4 weler and a gocar and a new weles for my 4 weler and I wont them to be spinners and some rames I wont averthang. Thank you for Chremis.
Sincerely,
Billy Bishop

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus and roodove the red nose reerdear and the elfs and budy. Santa I want a superman laptop and a intendo ds with the game pokemonn blue reesko team and it snowed hear in Carrizozo my name is Josh. Thank you santa claus, Mrs. Claus and budy and the rest of the elfs and the reendeers spesty roodovv.
Merry Christmas,
Josh J.P. Ventura

Dear Santa Claus,
Santa Claus I am 9 years old. I am going to be 10 years in February 28, 2007. I hope it snowes for christmas. I am going to have a good chrismas with what I get. Santa I want a scooter and a ipod, and Dream life, and Distne life, and eds for my karoky machine, and PSP, and games for my PSP. Thank you for all the stuff your going to bring me, and please. Thank you verry much Santa Claus.
Merry Christmas,
Jaclynn Ortiz



Dear Santa,
I am Gene Gore and I am in the 4th grade and I love game systems. What I want for Christmas is a Xbox 360 because it has good graphics almost like real graphics. So Santa I hope you get this letter and get me what I want.
Merry Christmas,
Gene Gore



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, may 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.

Merry Christmas

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

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy dog and an action figure for Christmas. I like your reindeer.
Love,
Vladimir Garcia

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa Claus. I want you to come to my house to scare my Mommy. I would also like a pair of earrings.
Love,
Destanie Magnone

Dear Santa,
I want a Cinderella toy. I also want a big dollhouse with a clock.
Love,
Ambrosia Hardesty

Dear Santa,
I've been really good this year. I want little trucks like cars. How cold is it at the North Pole?
Love,
Blake Phillips

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas. I would like a walking pony and a care like the one I lost.
Love,
Linsey Weatherford

Dear Santa,
Is it cold at the North Pole? I would like a beautiful Barbie car with seatbelts and flowers.
Love,
Jami Knight

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a play pony. I want to give you a hug.
Love,
Zoe Hilburn

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is an American Girl doll and a computer with a desk. I love you Santa and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Payton Hall

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a motor dirt bike. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Lane Henley

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a gun with missiles and a remote control car. Happy Christmas.
Love,
Bryan Macias

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a baby doll and a new bike. I hope you have a Happy Christmas.
Love,
Meghan Traylor

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a flying pony and a pink baby. I want to go in your sleigh and I love you.
Love,
Alyssa Wheeler

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is an air soft gun and boxing gloves. I'm going to be at my Mom's for Christmas.
Love,
Josh Young

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a baby doll and a puppy. Thank you for the presents.
Love,
Katerina Thoksakis

Dear Santa,
I love you! I want a real porcupine for Christmas and a fake hard snake.
Love,
Dustyn Carpenter

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I would like a Bratz Doll and a horse.
Love,
Lairren Peebles

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a motor scooter and a basketball goal for Christmas.
Love,
Adam Dunn

Dear Santa,
Be good! for Christmas I want green dinosaur and a stuffed animal green bird.
Love,
Austin Hudson

Dear Santa,
How is the weather? I want the Genieve Barbie doll.
Thank you,
Avonlea Ward

Dear Santa,
Are you ready for Christmas? Please bring me Let's Dance Genieve. I'll leave you cookies and milk.
Love,
Jenna Herbert

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a Barbie cell phone and a Barbie computer. I love you.
Elianna Bertrand

Dear Santa,
I want presents! I want a blow up T-Rex. I want a stuffed animal bird and a pretend sword.
Love,
Julian Buechter

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? I want a walking pony. I would also like a Mermaid Hairdresser.
Madison Peerenboom

Dear Santa,
I hope you make a lot of special presents. I wish there was a lot of snow.
Love,
Gabrielle Aragon

Dear Santa,
I like your hat. Please bring me a football and a Spiderman toy.
Love,
David Valdez

Dear Santa,
I miss you. Please bring me a laptop.
Love,
Shyanne Payton

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? I want a remote control digger and car.
Love,
Jarod Sabo

Dear Santa,
Are you busy making toys? I would like a reindeer that sings. What cookies do you like?
Love,
Tyler Singletary



Dear Santa,
I miss you, Santa. I want a full football suit and a suitcase.
Love,
Aaron Fish

Christmas Glow
While Shepherds watched their flocks by night, a child was born—a King. May you always know this Christmastide and the joy it brings.
"Best Wishes for the Holiday and Happy New Year!"
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Gwen and Steve
CARRIZOZO

Best Christmas Wishes!

Behold the eternal beauty of this blessed time!

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

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Patsy and Tony

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TCC Tularosa Communications, Inc.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CV 06-328
Division III

FLYING W DIAMOND RANCH, INC.,
a New Mexico corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.

GROUP I:

BERNETTA FAY DEAN GALLOWAY, aka BERNETTA F. GALLOWAY, aka BETTY GALLOWAY and her unknown heirs, devisees and assigns, SHIRLEY FAY GALLOWAY, and her unknown heirs, devisees and assigns, and HERMAN LEE GALLOWAY, and his unknown heirs, devisees and assigns,

and

GROUP II:

JOHN DOES 1 THROUGH 100 and their UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS, and

GROUP III:

ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS AGAINST WHOM CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE IS HEREBY SOUGHT TO BE OBTAINED:

GROUP I:

BERNETTA FAY DEAN GALLOWAY, aka BERNETTA F. GALLOWAY, aka BETTY GALLOWAY and her unknown heirs, devisees and assigns, SHIRLEY FAY GALLOWAY, and her unknown heirs, devisees and assigns, and HERMAN LEE GALLOWAY, and his unknown heirs, devisees and assigns,

and

GROUP II:

JOHN DOES 1 THROUGH 100 and their UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS; and

GROUP III:

ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS,

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiffs have filed a Complaint to Quiet Title in the above captioned cause wherein you are named as the Defendant.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the general object of this action is to quiet title to real property, as more particularly set forth in the Complaint on file in the above-captioned cause.

The Plaintiff's attorney is Lee Griffin, Lee Griffin & Associates, P.C., 415 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you intend to contest this suit, you must respond to the Complaint on or before the last date of publication of this Notice.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 4th day of December, 2006.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court
By: /s/ Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
No. CV06-81

WELLS FARGO BANK MINNESOTA, N.A., AS TRUSTEE,
Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES G. HAMMITT, RICKY D. HOBBS, DEBBIE K. HOBBS, AND GREEN TREE ACCEPTANCE, INC.,
Defendants,

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on December 26, 2006, 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, NM 88301, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 108 Buck Drive, Capitan, New Mexico 88316, (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 5, OF A REPLAT OF LOT 107, OF MESA VERDE ACRES SUBDIVISION, UNIT THREE, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, NOVEMBER 9, 1970, IN THE TUBE NO. 386,

including a 1984 GLEN, VIN number TXFL2AE128402395, 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 the foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 15, 2006, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment is \$82,819.63, and the same bears interest at the rate of 10.0000%, which accrues at the rate of \$22.69 per diem, commencing on November 1, 2006, with the Court reserving entry of final judgment against said Defendant James G. Hammit 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 bid 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 of 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 \$82,819.63, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$1,270.64 for a total judgment plus interest of \$84,090.27. Sale is subject to the entry of order of the Court approving the terms and conditions of this sale.

PETER BACA, Special Master
P.O. Box 215
Carrizozo, NM 88301
Telephone: (505) 648-9925
E-mail: sale@littledrantel.com

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
No. CV-06-228

THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE EQCC ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2001-2,
Plaintiff,

vs.

OLYMPIA C. ROBNETT A/K/A OLYMPIA ROBNETT, THE ESTATE OF LYN H. ROBNETT A/K/A LYN ROBNETT, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF LYN H. ROBNETT A/K/A LYN ROBNETT, DECEASED, CITI-FINANCIAL, INC. F/K/A BLAZER FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., AND HOUSEHOLD REALTY CORPORATION,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on December 26, 2006, at the hour of 9:15 am the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, NM 88301, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Def-

endants, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at Highway 70 Mile Marker 207, Hondo, New Mexico 88336, (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:

TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, N.M.P.M., LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

A tract of land situate within the NE/4 of Section 10, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, being a part of the Ambrocio Chavez Estate Partition, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Parcel No. 6 of the Ambrocio Chavez Estate Partition, thence due West 90 feet; thence in a Southwesterly direction 190 feet to the Southwest corner of the herein described tract of land; thence due East 120 feet to the Southeast corner, thence due North 185 feet to the Northeast corner and place of beginning of the herein described tract of land;

TOGETHER WITH a 12 foot wide roadway easement, running from the North R.O.W. line of U.S. Highway No. 70, to the herein described parcel, being on the East side of the tract owned by Abraham and Frances Chavez,

including a 1975 Chat Manufactured Home, VIN number 675470S6610, 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 nine (9) months right of redemption by the Defendants, the foregoing sale will be made to satisfy an in personam and in rem foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 16, 2006, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's in personam and in rem judgment is \$71,242.58, and the same bears interest at the rate of 10.750%, which accrues at the rate of \$20.98 per diem, commencing on December 1, 2006, with the Court reserving entry of final in personam judgment as to said Defendant Olympia C. Robnett a/k/a Olympia Robnett and in rem judgment as to the Estate of Lyn H. Robnett a/k/a Lyn Robnett, Deceased 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 in personam and in rem judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its in personam and in rem 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 proceeds of sale, first to the costs of sale and the Special Master's fees, then to pay the above-described in personam and in rem 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 of priorities, the in personam and in rem 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 in personam and in rem judgment due is \$71,242.58, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$545.48 for a total in personam and in rem judgment plus interest of \$71,788.06. Sale is subject to the entry of order of the Court approving the terms and conditions of this sale.

PETER BACA, Special Master
P.O. Box 215
Carrizozo, NM 88301
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Recycling Your Christmas Tree

Those Lincoln or Otero County residents who bought or cut a fresh tree this holiday season may be looking for what to do with that tree when the holiday celebration is over. 30 million other Americans also put up a live tree this year, creating yet another solid waste challenge into the New Year! You might want to consider extending the usefulness of your tree by recycling.

Mother Earth December 2006 suggests five options, adjusted for local custom, to tossing the tree in the nearest dumpster. Throw it in an arroyo, for example. New Mexico has led the nation for many years in soil erosion. Properly placing your tree in a local arroyo helps slow down soil erosion.

Keep your discarded tree on your land. Trees living and dead provide valuable cover for small wildlife including birds. If you have a suitable place on your property to let the tree decompose, it will become an inexpensive shelter for all types of small wildlife. Adding suet, pine cones with peanut butter and bird seed or fruit slices on the branches can provide a much needed source of additional winter food for birds.

Use the tree in the garden. Trimmed branches make good mulch and trunks can become either next year's homemade trellises or firewood. Another use would be to dry the tree out and use branches and trunk for firewood and kindling.

Finally, many communities including those in Lincoln County have tree recycling programs that process trees into valuable mulch. The Village of Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department and Keep Ruidoso Beautiful will accept discarded Christmas trees at Schoolhouse Park between December 26 and January 13, 2007. Toss your discarded tree in the fenced off area between the swimming pool and the Senior Center. On January 13, trees will be processed into mulch at the Park, courtesy of Texas New Mexico Power/PNM. Mulch will be free for pickup by the general public.

Outside of Ruidoso in Lincoln County, the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) will pick up trees left in the customary forest slash piles next to homeowner property. In Otero County, bring your tree to the La Luz site for proper disposal.

Become a recycler. For more information about recycling program in Lincoln and Otero Counties, contact LCSWA operational supervisor Debra Ingle at 378-4697, toll free at 1-548-8772 or email lcswa@valornet.com. Visit the new LCSWA website at www.lcswa.org.

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LEGALS

**LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE TWELFTH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
Probate No. PB-06-40**

IN THE MATTER OF THE
LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
OF
WILLIAM S. MILLER, III,
DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Ancillary Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Ancillary Personal Representative at the offices of Heidel, Samberson, Newell, Cox & McMahon, Post Office Drawer 1599, Lovington, New Mexico 88260, or filed with the District Court.

DATED this 29th day of September, 2006.

William Stewart Miller, IV
Ancillary Personal Representative
c/o Heidel, Samberson, Newell,
Cox & McMahon
P.O. Box 1599
Lovington, New Mexico 88260
Attorneys for Ancillary Personal
Representative

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**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC MEETINGS**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold its regularly scheduled meetings at the Community Church in Lincoln, New Mexico, at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- Thursday, January 18, 2007
- Thursday, February 15, 2007
- Thursday, March 15, 2007
- Thursday, April 19, 2007
- Thursday, May 17, 2007
- Thursday, June 21, 2007
- Thursday, July 19, 2007
- Thursday, August 16, 2007
- Thursday, September 20, 2007
- Thursday, October 18, 2007
- Thursday, November 15, 2007
- Thursday, December 20, 2007

A proposed Agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting from the Lincoln County Planning Office, 105 Kansas City Road, Ruidoso, New Mexico or from the County Manager's Office, Lincoln County Administration Building, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Changes affecting the date and/or location of a regular scheduled meeting will be mailed to newspapers of general circulation in Lincoln County and notices will be posted on the official bulletin board in the Lincoln County Administration Building, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo.

Special meetings of the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon three (3) days notice. For the purpose of special meetings, notice requirements will be met by posting notices on the official bulletin board in the Lincoln County Administration Building and notifying the news media.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service, please contact 505/648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC MEETINGS**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Lodgers' Tax Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meetings at the Watson House in Lincoln, New Mexico, at 10:00 a.m. on the following dates:

- Wednesday, January 31, 2007
- Wednesday, February 28, 2007
- Wednesday, March 28, 2007
- Wednesday, April 25, 2007
- Wednesday, May 30, 2007
- Wednesday, June 27, 2007
- Wednesday, July 25, 2007
- Wednesday, August 29, 2007
- Wednesday, September 26, 2007
- Wednesday, October 31, 2007
- Wednesday, November 28, 2007
- Wednesday, December 26, 2007

A proposed Agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting from the Lincoln County Planning Office, 105 Kansas City Road, Ruidoso, New Mexico or from the County Manager's Office, Lincoln County Administration Building, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Changes affecting the date and/or location of a regular scheduled meeting will be mailed to newspapers of general circulation in Lincoln County and notices will be posted on the official bulletin board in the Lincoln County Administration Building, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo.

Special meetings of the Lincoln County Lodgers' Tax Committee may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon three (3) days notice. For the purpose of special meetings, notice requirements will be met by posting notices on the official bulletin board in the Lincoln County Administration Building and notifying the news media.

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MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC MEETINGS**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Water Research and Conservation Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meetings at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers) in Carrizozo, New Mexico, at 2:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- Tuesday, January 2, 2007
- Tuesday, February 6, 2007
- Tuesday, March 6, 2007
- Tuesday, April 3, 2007
- Tuesday, May 1, 2007
- Tuesday, June 5, 2007
- Tuesday, July 3, 2007
- Tuesday, August 7, 2007
- Tuesday, September 4, 2007
- Tuesday, October 2, 2007
- Tuesday, November 6, 2007
- Tuesday, December 4, 2007

A proposed Agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting from the Lincoln County Planning Office, 105 Kansas City Road, Ruidoso, New Mexico or from the County Manager's Office, Lincoln County Administration Building, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Changes affecting the date and/or location of a regular scheduled meeting will be mailed to newspapers of general circulation in Lincoln County and notices will be posted on the official bulletin board in the Lincoln County Administration Building, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo.

Special meetings of the Lincoln County Water Research and Conservation Committee may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon three (3) days notice. For the purpose of special meetings, notice requirements will be met by posting notices on the official bulletin board in the Lincoln County Administration Building and notifying the news media.

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MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC MEETINGS**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Planning Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meetings at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers) in Carrizozo, New Mexico, at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- Wednesday, January 3, 2007
- Wednesday, February 7, 2007
- Wednesday, March 7, 2007
- Wednesday, April 4, 2007
- Wednesday, May 2, 2007
- Wednesday, June 6, 2007
- July 4, 2007 (No Meeting)
- Wednesday, August 1, 2007
- Wednesday, September 5, 2007
- Wednesday, October 3, 2007
- Wednesday, November 7, 2007
- Wednesday, December 5, 2007

A proposed Agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting from the Lincoln County Planning Office, 105 Kansas City Road, Ruidoso, New Mexico or from the County Manager's Office, Lincoln County Administration Building, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Changes affecting the date and/or location of a regular scheduled meeting will be

mailed to newspapers of general circulation in Lincoln County and notices will be posted on the official bulletin board in the Lincoln County Administration Building, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo.

Special meetings of the Lincoln County Planning Committee may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon three (3) days notice. For the purpose of special meetings, notice requirements will be met by posting notices on the official bulletin board in the Lincoln County Administration Building and notifying the news media.

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MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC MEETINGS**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meetings at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers) in Carrizozo, New Mexico, at 9:00 a.m. on the following dates:

- Tuesday, January 2, 2007
- Tuesday, February 6, 2007
- Tuesday, March 6, 2007
- Tuesday, April 3, 2007
- Tuesday, May 1, 2007
- Tuesday, June 5, 2007
- Tuesday, July 3, 2007
- Tuesday, August 7, 2007
- Tuesday, September 4, 2007
- Tuesday, October 2, 2007
- Tuesday, November 6, 2007
- Tuesday, December 4, 2007

A proposed Agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting from the Lincoln County Planning Office, 105 Kansas City Road, Ruidoso, New Mexico or from the County Manager's Office, Lincoln County Administration Building, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

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Special meetings of the Lincoln County Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon three (3) days notice. For the purpose of special meetings, notice requirements will be met by posting notices on the official bulletin board in the Lincoln County Administration Building and notifying the news media.

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MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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**Old
Lincoln
Town**

by Rosalie Dunlap

Wishing all of my readers a Very Merry Christmas. We just might have a white one.

The Christmas Eve services will be 6:00 in the evening. Notice the change of time. Father Laren Winters will officiate at the services. The reception following the services will be held at the Casa de Patron bed and breakfast. There will be no Catholic service this year.

Many friends and family attended the services for Orlando Gallegos at San Juan's Church. Following the interment at the Lincoln Cemetery, everyone gathered at the Old Lincoln Community Church for a bountiful meal. Over 200 persons enjoyed all the food. We all had never seen so much food at one time.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sanchez are the proud parents of their son, Gary. He was the Albuquerque Metro Coach of the Year. Gary has been with the Highland High School for 27 years. He was the track coach for 27 years, the varsity coach for 11 years and with the varsity team for one year. Congratulations.

We were in Roswell one day last week when I heard someone ask "Rosalie"? It was Yvonne Zumwalt of Artesia. It was so nice to catch up on her family. There were also folks from the Carrizozo area.

The McArthur's family keep busy. Pam and Mac MacArthur were in Portales for ENMU's commencement ceremony and a cousin's reunion. Tim Clayton McArthur, son of Gary and Marsha McArthur, received his BFA in music and will be recording a CD in Denver next month.

Grandson Aaron Hooper, 17, was in Albuquerque last weekend for his first professional movie part. He met Susan Sarandon and had lunch with Tommy Lee Jones table - quite a thrill for a dramaphile.

Merry Christmas
To All !!

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Carrizozo Schools BRAVO! for Month of October 3rd thru 5th grade

Front Row: Caleb Ventura, Patience Anaya, Emily Comstock, Desirae Zamora, Christian Najer. Middle Row: Jacie Thornton, Lindsay Chavez, Lexi Zamora, Zhane Vega, Shayna Gallacher, Kadee Sedillo, Fantasia Dennis, Jace Hill, Juanita Gallegos, Tristen Barela, Jaclynn Ortiz. Back Row: Jonathan Sedillo, Isaac Vega, Tiffany Vega, Mason Huston, Josh Hernandez, Sarah Ferguson, Erica Vega, Rylah Zamora, Jonathan Smith, Josh Ventura.



Carrizozo Schools BRAVO! for Month of October Kindergarten thru 2nd grade

Front Row: John Wyatt Hemphill, Julian Garcia, Isalah Ysasi, Aurora Vega, Daniel Zampra, Taylor Thornton, Andrea Apodaca, and Justice Kassel. Middle Row: Victor Najara, Kaycie Bishop, Cody Carter, Dominic Barela, Patrick Hooten, Jared Guevara, Tristen Barela, Orion Wyatt, Jayden Kassel, and Deline Artech. Back Row: Xavier Zamora, Steven Archuleta, Gracie Hooten, Kristie Gallacher, Mikhail Barela, Dominic Garcia, Alex Randolph, Garrison Ventura, Danny Roper, and Hannah Ventura. (Not pictured: Lashae Lue-ras).

LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners is hereby accepting nominations for appointment to the Lincoln County Senior Citizens Olympic Committee for three members to serve on the Committee. The prospective members must be domiciled and registered to vote within the County of Lincoln.

Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Lincoln County Senior Citizens Olympic Committee.

Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 9:00 A.M., January 15, 2007.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, December 21, 2006.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners is hereby accepting nominations to the Public Land use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee for five (5) member to serve on the Committee.

In making appointments to PLURAAC, the Board of County Commissioners will give consideration to maintaining a balance of interest and skills of the appointees, and to the individual qualifications of the candidate, their experience and knowledge of the company.

Nominations or letters of interest will be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee.

Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 9:00 A.M., January 15, 2007.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners is hereby accepting nominations for appointment to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board for three (3) members to serve on the Board. The prospective member(s) shall be a property owner in the Lincoln Historic District and must be domiciled and registered to vote within the County of Lincoln.

Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board. In making the appointment to the Board, the Commission shall give consideration to maintaining the balance of interests and skills of the Board, and to the individual qualifications of the candidates, including their interest, experience and knowledge in community and cultural traditions.

Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 9:00 A.M., January 15, 2007.

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Weather Report

(Con't. from P. 4)

Saturday, December 23

A slight chance of rain showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 42, night: A slight chance of snow showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 30.

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve

A slight chance of rain showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 47, night: A slight chance of snow showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 29.

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day

Mostly sunny, with a high near 45, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 20.

Tuesday, December 26

Mostly sunny, with a high near 45, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 20.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitán and Corona and most of the Hondo Valley:

Today, Thursday, Dec. 21

Mostly sunny, with a high near 40. West wind between 5 and 10 mph., night: Mostly clear, with a low around 21. West wind around 5 mph.

Friday, December 22

Partly cloudy, with a high near 45, night: A fair chance for snow showers. Partly cloudy, with low around 24.

Saturday, December 23

Scattered snow showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 36, night: A slight chance of snow showers. Partly cloudy, with low around 27.

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve

A slight chance of snow showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 44, night: A slight chance of snow showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 27.

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day

Mostly sunny, with a high near 38, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 21.

Tuesday, December 26

Mostly sunny, with a high near 48, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 22.

The above information was taken from the National Weather Service Website. For more up to date weather reports, which are updated every four hours, go to www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/ or the internet.

For up to the minute road conditions, the New Mexico Highways Department has a toll-free number you can call for road closures and driving conditions; the number is 1-800-432-4269.

For information about road closures due to construction, or expected delays, the New Mexico Department of Transportation web page, www.nmshd.state.nm.us. Lots of useful information. Road conditions and closures updated several times daily.

Inside the Capitol

(Con't from P. 4)

are being targeted.

The general consensus of those I talk with is that those five cabinet secretaries are some of the most secure in state government. The governor, evidently, just wants to emphasize those areas during this second term.

Richardson recently has received some good news about the new money he will have available to spend on program changes. According to figures released last week, the state will have \$720 million to spend on recurring expenses and over \$1 billion to spend on one-time expenditures.

Obituary

(Con't from P. 3)

Woodrow Garrison.

Funeral services were conducted December 19 in the Carrizozo Community Assembly of God with the Rev. Ray Wells officiating.

Committal services followed in the Ancho Cemetery with the Rev. Floyd Goodloe officiating.

Pallbearers were Jack Hobbs, Jr., Raymond Hobbs, Douglas Hobbs, Robin Hobbs, Randell Majors and Vic McKinley. Honorary pallbearers were Mr. Hobbs' grandsons.

FAST ACTION! Lincoln County News CLASSIFIED ADS CALL: 505-648-2333

ELSIE'S FLAME CHARBROILED BURGERS, HOME MADE ENCHILADAS AND BURRITOS, HOT DOGS, SANDWICHES, FRESH SALADS, ICE CREAM, SHAKES, FLOATS AND SODAS. CARRIZOZO 380@54 VISIT US SOON. LOCAL BUSINESS DELIVERY 648-4200. 1fm/1/19

FOR RENT -- 14x80 Mobile Home, one mile from Capitan, 3BR, 2-bath, deck with view. Must have references and credit check. \$490 rent plus utilities. \$490 deposit one year contract, for application 505-623-1739. 4tc/12/7-28

FOR SALE in Carrizozo. Fenced lot, nearly 1/2 acre with garage/shop building, water and power. \$13,500 o.b.o. Call 505-648-2323. 4tc/12/21-1/11

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE CUSTODIAN -- Zia Senior Citizens Center in Carrizozo. This is a part-time position (20 hours per week). The applicant must perform custodial maintenance duties; perform routine maintenance to custodial equipment and supplies; and assist in the cleaning of food service and kitchen areas. Obtain application and job description from Martha Guevara at 505/648-2385 ext. 100. Applications accepted until 5:00 p.m., January 2, 2007. Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA requirements, Title II-A. 1tc/12/21

RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE 100 COMANCHE COURT ALTO, NM 3 BR, 2 BATH, 1467 SF. Sale Location: Main entrance of the Ruidoso Village Hall on Cree Meadows, Ruidoso, New Mexico. DATE: JANUARY 4, 2007 TIME: 9:00 AM. GOVERNMENT BID: \$57,218.50 AS-IS APPRAISED VALUE: \$85,000.00. LEGAL: Lot 14, Block 1, Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, Alto area, New Mexico. Property is not available for normal inspection as they are still owned by private individuals. However, if the property is abandoned, interested parties can contact the local Rural Development office to see if an inspection of the property can be made. Foreclosure is still pending in the NM District Court. Under some circumstances the sale may be canceled. Rural Development will not pay brokers or finders commission for successful bidders. Terms of Sale: Bid amount to be paid by the end of the day of sale payable to the Public Trustee. Payment must be made in U.S. Currency by cashiers check or certified check. All Taxes plus interest due are the responsibility of the Buyer. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Call USDA Rural Development 505-835-1710 / EXT: 4 or visit www.resales.usda.gov 4tc/12/14-1/03