

Meets WBA champ Weaver July 25 at Caesar's Palace

# Cobb trains here for championship bout

By ERNEST V. JOINER  
A 28-year-old fighter with an incredible past and a rosy future is winding up training in Carrizozo before meeting the WBA world heavyweight champion boxer, Mike Weaver, at Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, July 25.

Randall "Tex" Cobb works out daily in the Carrizozo High School gym with two sparring partners, a trainer, and other

members of his team.

When not punching his sparring partners, he does his running and cardiovascular at the mountain cabin of a friend, Dave Pettigrew, who divides time with Cobb's training camp and a construction firm in Las Cruces.

To understand how Cobb got to be a contender for the World Boxing Assn.'s heavyweight boxing crown, it's necessary to

understand he had no plans to become a boxer in the first place. He was an all-district champion when he played football for Abilene (Texas) High School. He was another kind of a winner when he played on the 1973 Abilene Christian University NAIA championship football squad, and he wasn't a loser when he opened holes for Wilbert Montgomery, now a star running back for the

Philadelphia Eagles.

Cobb was the fighter who "killed" boxer Jon Voight in the movie, "The Champ."

His next interest was karate. He trained out of Albuquerque for a couple of years to become the North American pro karate champion. It was while participating in an amateur karate show in El Paso that he came to the attention of Paul Clinite, who

talked him into going to Philadelphia and training for the ring. Later, Clinite and Joe Gramby of Philadelphia became co-managers of a newcomer to the ring.

Before turning pro, Cobb fought only two amateur fights before being catapulted into the professional ring to meet Pedro Vega in El Paso in January, 1977. (Continued on page 2)



CHALLENGER RANDALL 'TEX' COBB



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## Billingsley resigns as county manager

Truman A. Billingsley, Lincoln County manager since June 4, 1979, tendered his resignation to the board of commissioners on July 2.

Billingsley had nothing but praise for the commissioners. "The board has been outstanding," he said, "and has been very supportive of me. Because of the efforts of its members a lot has been accomplished for Lincoln

County.

Reasons for the resignation are purely personal. "I'm tired," he said. "My ambition now is to lower my golf score and my blood pressure at the same time."

His immediate plans are for he and Mrs. Billingsley to get into their car and take a long vacation. They plan to visit her home town of Asheville, NC, and relatives in South Carolina. Then they may drive up the Eastern Seaboard to the New England states. Their only child, a daughter, lives in Colorado Springs, CO, and they are anxious to visit her and their granddaughter. They may live there to be near them.

In anticipation of his retirement they recently sold the home they had built at Alto, and have been renting a home in Nogal since then.

Billingsley was reluctant to answer when asked to recite the highlights and accomplishments of his administration. "The credit for all the improvements that have been made goes to the board of commissioners, which never seems to want to take credit for its work," he said. But he lauded the

board for its action:

- In securing \$500,000 in federal funds to replace bridges lost in the floods of June, 1979 and December, 1978 with new and modern ones.

- For completing the new parking area north of the courthouse which will house, among other things, a new computer system that will upgrade the county's data processing.

- For plans to build a county administration building in Ruidoso as soon as a suitable site can be purchased.

- For "tremendous strides"

in upgrading the road department, which is now equipped to do its own paving.

- For the purchase of two new county ambulances, and for contracting with the Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Hospital to provide health services to this area.

A native of Beeville, TX, Billingsley retired from the US Air Force in September, 1966, after 26 years of active duty. At the time of his retirement he was assistant chief, Executive Services Division, Office of the Vice-Chief of Staff for the US Air Force. From 1962 to 1964 he was Ad-

ministrative Officer for the Air Attache, American Embassy, in Tel Aviv, Israel, and held a similar position with the US Embassy in Rome, Italy, where their daughter was born.

Prior to becoming Lincoln County Manager, Billingsley served as Chief of Procurement for the State of Florida where he planned, organized and directed purchasing for all state agencies, institutions and political subdivisions. He and a staff of 22 persons purchased \$225 million a year in goods and services for the state.



TRUMAN A. BILLINGSLEY

## Truman A. Spencer Jr. is buried at White Oaks

Truman A. Spencer Jr., 65, owner-operator of the Bar W Ranch, Carrizozo, died July 1 and was buried at White Oaks Cemetery Saturday, July 3.

Mr. Spencer was born July 14, 1917 on the Bar W Ranch, the son of Truman A. Spencer Sr. and Frances McDonald Spencer. He was a grandson of New Mexico's first statehood governor (1912).

William C. McDonald, who also owned the Carrizozo Cattle Company.

Mr. Spencer attended high school and junior college at New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, NM, where he graduated in 1935 before his 21st birthday with a Reserve Officer's commission. He returned to NMMI in 1937 as a tactical officer, resigning

his commission in 1938 to become a US Army Air Corps flying cadet, and won his wings in 1939.

During World War II he rose to the rank of lieutenant-colonel and received numerous awards and decorations, among which were the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Air Medal and Purple Heart.

In 1955, he was appointed to

the NMMI Board of Regents and was elected president of the board of regents in 1959, a position he held until 1961.

Truman "Cowboy" Spencer Jr. was married to Marion Selby, daughter of Lt. Col. John E. and Caroline Selby, in 1939. They had three children: Susan Selby Spencer, Steven McDonald Spencer and Stirling Truman Spencer. Both sons are graduates of NMMI.

Mr. Spencer is survived by his widow, Marion Spencer of the family ranch near Carrizozo, a brother, Dr. A.N. Spencer of Alto, NM, three children: Susan Frost of El Paso, TX, Steven McDonald of Carrizozo, and Stirling Truman, also of Carrizozo.

## Commissioners set budget, tackle doctor problems

Lincoln County Commissioners approved a 1982-83 budget of \$3,009,501 at its June meeting. It includes a 5 percent salary increase for county employees.

It also granted, subject to the Aug. 10 meeting of Southwest Community Health Services, a 30-day extension on the contract with Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Hospital Health Center for management of the Carrizozo Health Center. RH-

VH administrator Ken Moore announced plans to present a proposal for a long-term management contract to hospital trustees and commissioners, subject to approval of the SCHS meeting in August.

Moore also told commissioners that negotiations with Dr. Ben Johnson of Phoenix, AZ, to replace Dr. Sergio Huerta at the Carrizozo Health Center have broken down due to what he

termed an "incompatible attitude" on Johnson's part. He said efforts would continue to locate another doctor to replace Huerta, who recently resigned when St. Joseph's Hospital terminated the management contract.

Huerta, in resigning, has forfeited (in the opinion of commissioners) about \$2,500 in moving expenses advanced him on condition that he remain at the local health center for one year.

His resignation came about one month short of his contract term.

Huerta has reportedly filed charges with the State Labor Commissioner for "back salary" he alleges is due him while the county commissioners seek the return of the \$2,500, alleging a breach of the contract he signed.

Construction of a Lincoln County Courthouse sub-station at Ruidoso got a setback when commissioners reported that the Federal Aviation Administration has refused to agree to a proposal to sell one-and-a-half acres of Ruidoso Airport property to the county as a site for the building. The FAA has regulatory authority over the land, and a letter from Bill Howard of the FAA district office in Albuquerque told commissioners the FAA cannot

release the land "for non-airport use unless the airport will benefit to the maximum extent."

Ruidoso had agreed to sell the land for \$75,000 to be paid at \$7,500 a year with no interest. The FAA said it would agree to a lease with payments of \$9,000 a year, but subject to periodic adjustments of rates.

Commissioner John Hightower raised the possibility of paying cash for the land, and County Manager Truman A. Billingsley said funds were available for such a purchase.

In other business, commissioners:

- Heard a presentation by three computer companies to furnish a computer system for the new county administrative center.

- Approved a mutual aid agreement for county and local

volunteer fire departments.

- Held executive session to discuss litigation with Dr. Huerta.

- Appointed Greg Haussler, Billingsley and Howard Shanks as road reviewing committee to study the road at Magado Creek Subdivision.

- Approved a resolution for budget increase for engineering and architectural fees for the new administrative building.

- Appointed Shanks to the Ruidoso-Lincoln County zoning committee to replace Lamoigne Peters.

- Authorized budget increase to replace a voting machine destroyed in the Hondo School fire.

- Approved changing a polling place from Hondo School to Hondo Fire Dept.

- Denied a request by Steve

Shelby to use the county radio frequency.

- And heard Hightower's report of his attendance at the statewide rural development conference, his concern for the need of an airport on Fort Stanton Mesa, and for rural telephone rate increases by Mountain Bell.

## Hondo fire: arson

"It was arson" that destroyed the Hondo School on June 27, according to the State Fire Marshal's office.

The case is under investigation of the New Mexico State Police criminal investigation division. Evidence is that someone piled paper in four different places in the principal's office before the fire broke out.

The fire destroyed the school's offices, classrooms, library, cafeteria and gymnasium.

State school officials were in Hondo last week to discuss financial assistance from the state in providing temporary classrooms for the next school year.

Preliminary plans for a new school building have been drawn. Cost of replacing the old building is set at \$2.5 million.



THE 1981 Santa Rita Fiesta Queen Kelli Vigil, right, is pictured with this year's queen candidates (from the right)—Christetta Chavez, Liz Beltran and Nienfa Chavez. The young women participated in the 23rd annual Smokey Bear Stampede at Capitan over the weekend.

## Fiesta Queen candidates are honored

Saturday, following the 7 p.m. mass at Santa Rita Catholic Church, a reception was held in honor of the 1982 Fiesta Queen candidates and 1981's queen, Kelli Vigil.

Next day they were again honored at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday mass at Sacred Heart parish in Capitan. The four girls took part in the 11 a.m. parade, part of the festivities of the 23rd annual Smokey Bear Stampede in Capitan.

The following three girls are this year's queen candidates:

Christetta Chavez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nat Chavez, is a

junior this fall at Carrizozo High School. She is actively involved in sports, participating in volleyball, basketball and track. She is in the C Club, and on the yearbook staff. She was sophomore class president, school photographer, and held the office of secretary this past year.

Christetta is working at the Jane Turner Memorial Pool as a lifeguard. Her hobbies are photography, swimming and other sports. She has four younger brothers and an older sister.

1982 Fiesta Queen Candidate Nienfa Chavez is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Money

Zamora. Nienfa is a 1982 graduate of Capitan High School and plans to attend New Mexico State University in the fall. In high school she was active in sports and was a homecoming queen candidate. She has three brothers and one sister and is working this summer for Kentucky Fried Chicken in Ruidoso.

Candidate Liz Beltran is a student of Carrizozo High School, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emilio Beltran. In school she is active in sports and the FHA. This summer she is on the town softball team and is working in the (Continued on page 2)

**Cobb . . .**

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and knocked him out in the first round.

For a newcomer, Cobb's record is impressive. Of his 22 professional fights he has won 20, 17 of them by knockout, and lost two. His losses were both by split decisions—to Ken Norton in San Antonio, 10 rounds, and to Michael Dokes in Las Vegas last year.

The good humored and irrepressible West Texan "grew up" with the Dokes fight. First, the champ decided he wanted an 18-foot ring instead of the traditional 20-foot one. Then he refused to fight unless he could import a referee from California. To Cobb this meant nothing and he readily agreed, because, he said, "I'm going to kill you anyway!" Well, he didn't kill the champ, but he went the 10 rounds and lost to Dokes on a split decision—The California referee provided the winning margin!

One of Cobb's toughest fights was with Cookie Wallace in El Paso in 1980. "I was beating this guy to death," Cobb said, "and he kept coming back for more. I even called out to the audience for the first time to ask them if there was anything I hadn't done to make this guy fall!"

Cobb said he even pleaded with Cookie to go down. "Look," he told Wallace, "I know you're tough, so you got nothing to prove."

But Cookie would only come out fighting more vigorously every time.

George Benton, Cobb's trainer, said he decided to do a humanitarian stunt to try and keep Wallace from getting beaten to death. He cornered the referee and asked him to stop the fight.

"No sabe ingles," he said the referee replied, "Hell," Benton grinned, "he must have just come from refereeing a bullfight in Juarez!"

Another tough fight was the one Cobb lost to Dokes. At the end of the fight Cobb approached Dokes and said "he had learned a lot from him in this fight" and "We'll have to do this again." "No," Dokes replied, "I don't think so."

Cobb stopped Earnie Shavers in eight rounds, although he had received only two weeks advance notice and \$75,000. It was this fight that put the 6'3", 230-pound Cobb into the top ranks of heavyweight fighters and earned him a fight with ABC champion Ken Norton.

Cobb is rated fifth by the World Boxing Assn.

Following the Wallace fight, Cobb got into a barroom brawl because somebody had abused friends of his. During the melee somebody hit him with a pool cue and broke his arm. The arm gives him no trouble, as evidenced by his stopping tough Jeff Shelburg in the seventh round at Atlantic City in April.

Cobb will get about \$1.5 million for the July 25 fight with champion Mike Weaver in Las Vegas.

Cobb said he might later go into PKA (Professional Karate Assn.), or foot-boxing.

He loves Carrizozo and so does his staff. "People in Carrizozo have treated us great," he said, and had high praise for Nat Chavez, local high school boxing coach who helped bring Cobb here to train; the school people, and especially Helen Lock, Harold Garcia, and others.

According to Pettigrew, Cobb plans to set up a permanent training camp in Carrizozo for promising boxers. But no matter what happens in Las Vegas, Cobb plans to keep his training camp in Carrizozo. "It's perfect," he said.

Much of the credit for Cobb's phenomenal rise in the heavyweight ranks is due to his

trainer, George Benton. Benton is a former pro who had many middleweight fights, and who once knocked out the tough Joe Dorsey. He was co-trainer for Joe Frazier in his last fight with Muhammad Ali. At present is trainer for six other fighters besides Cobb—Johnny Bumphas, Rocky Lockridge, Alex Ramas, Earl Hargrove, Pinklon Thomas and Charlie Singleton.

"Every one is a winner," Benton said. The only one to ever lose a fight is Lockridge, who has a 21-2 record. The others are undefeated," Benton said. "I don't train losers," he added with a grin.

Following a workout Monday with sparring partners Dwight Triplett and Marty Cobb (Cobb's younger brother who mauled Randall "pretty good" in the ring), the challenger was making jokes and mugging for spectators.

The reporter guessed his weight at 210, and he told the News: "Print that! I hereby give you poetic license to tell the world I only weigh 210 instead of the 230 I haven't been able to work off!"

"Sports Illustrated" magazine crew will be in Carrizozo Wednesday (yesterday) to get a story on Randall "Tex" Cobb and a picture for the cover of the magazine. CBS has bought broadcast rights to the fight at Caesar's Palace, according to Bobby Turnbeugh, who handles promotional duties for Cobb.

At the Las Vegas fight it will be Texan against Texan. Cobb was born in Abilene, TX, and Weaver at Gatesville.

**Fiesta . . .**

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county clerk's office. Liz has two brothers.

The efforts of the Fiesta Queen candidates are to build up interest in the Santa Rita Parish Fiesta and the Peoples Market Place. The Fiesta this year will include vespers, Friday, July 30, the Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 31, also the mass to crown the Fiesta Queen, and the Fiesta Dance, Sunday Aug. 1. The Peoples Market Day is co-sponsored with the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce and will feature the famous Hondo Dancers, a chili cook-off, clowns, arts and crafts, and other events.

**4-H Club winners**

Lincoln County was well represented and placed 5th overall out of eight counties competing in the Dist. IV, 4-H Club contest held June 29 at Captain High School.

Results for Lincoln County contestants are as follows.

Sham Hays, 3rd, Home Living II; Tammy Sultemeier, 3rd, Teen Wardrobe Design I; Sonja Ross, 5th, Fun With 4-H Tote Bag; Rachel Lacy, 4th, Fun With 4-H Apron; Jonna Patterson, 5th, Mix n' match; Jennifer Cooper, 2nd, Favorite Foods; Lesley LaRue, 4th, Favorite Foods; and Tammy Sultemeier, 4th, Public Speaking; Emmet Sultemeier, Chris Shanks and Dan Bell, 1st, Crops Judging (Novice); Mike Shanks, Beth Davis, Nicki Ponder, 3rd, Crops Judging (Juniors); Emmet Sultemeier, 1st, Gardening Demonstration; Les Paul Owen, 1st, Welding Demonstration; Katherine Sanchez, 1st, Rabbit Demonstration; Chris Shanks, Mike Shanks, Guy Payne and Ronnie Sanchez, 5th, Talent Show.

**Sanchez seeks GOP nomination**

Ernest S. Sanchez, 54, now serving his fourth term as Lincoln County Sheriff, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for State Representative of newly-redistricted Dist. 66.

The state legislature recently changed the district's boundaries. The new district is Lincoln County less Carrizozo, Corona, Nogal and Angus; and includes eight precincts in Artesia (Eddy County), one precinct in Chavez County, seven precincts in Lincoln County and part of DeBaca County.

In wielding the legislative

knife which deprived Republicans of a chance to be elected from Lincoln County, legislators tossed Carrizozo into North Otero County district; Nogal and Angus into the Cloudcroft district; and Corona into North Chavez and DeBaca district.

Sanchez told the News that Lincoln County alone could make up a district, but to make a district of Lincoln County would almost insure it electing a Republican. As it now stands, Lincoln County is chopped up so that four different state representatives claim constituencies in the county!

They are: Lincoln and Otero counties, Dist. 51; Lincoln, Otero and Sierra counties, Dist. 52; Chavez, Eddy, DeBaca and Lincoln counties, Dist. 56; and Chavez, DeBaca and Lincoln counties, Dist. 57.

Sanchez, therefore, has his chances diluted by the reapportionment.

Sanchez has been with law enforcement agencies for 16 years, eight years as Lincoln County Sheriff, six years as chief deputy sheriff and two years as assistant security chief at Ruidoso Downs. He said he feels this has

given him knowledge of the law, courts, juvenile detention and penal institutions.

He has also been employed as an examiner and auditor by the New Mexico Bureau of Revenue for five and a half years, and by the Lincoln County Assessor's appraisal department for 14 months.

Sanchez was born and raised on a farm in the Hondo Valley. "All in all," he said, "I think I have the training and experience to represent the people of the district, and their needs, in Santa Fe."

**4-day Camp Meeting a 'unique experience'**

By DOROTHY GUCK

For more than four decades Lincoln County has had the privilege of a unique family-oriented yearly attraction when the Ranchmen's Camp Meeting is held on Nogal Mesa. This year, the first service will be held the evening of July 14.

Here the whole family may not only be entertained but inspired with four days of camping on this forested mesa overlooking the Tularosa Basin, chuckwagon meals, beautiful singing, heart-stirring preaching, bonfires, and western friendliness and hospitality at its best.

You can forget the world problems of wars, nuclear bombs, high taxes, mortgages, and in-

creasing crime, at Camp Meeting. Here the positive aspects of the goodness of our fellowman and American freedom will shine through to revitalize your faith with strength to meet any problems.

"In God We Trust" is the emblem for all Americans. Christians, remembering the faith of our forefathers pioneering in this western land, can recapture their reverence for the enchantment of the simple joys of life, where the trees spear the blue sky, pure air breezes over the land, birds sing, and sunsets furnish a panorama of color to feast your eyes.

The interdenominational encampment has not changed in its overall aims in all the years it

has inspired those participating, to a better way of life.

Opening services will be held Wednesday evening after the first chuckwagon meal, July 14 and continue through Sunday evening, July 18. This year the preachers will be Rev. Wayne Stockwell, who has preached here before, and Rev. Randy Steele, who is assistant manager. Paul Biggs and John Walker will again be in charge of the music, accompanied by Jane Shafer. The choir is made up of volunteers.

Officers in charge of running the camp are Ricky and Randy Steele, managers; LaMoyné and Opal Peters, Wesley Lindsey, Scott and Bob Shafer, Walt Wilson and Johnson Stearns.

A memorial service for those who have passed away during the year is held Saturday afternoon under the direction of Chloé Peters and Glenda Armstrong. There are Prayer Tree gatherings for men every afternoon, and group meetings for women, youths and children. The small fry can be cared for in the kiddie corral. Hay rides, watermelon busts and games are planned for teenagers. A bonfire for fun under the stars closes each day.

For those attending for the first time, there is a camping space available at no charge for those participating in the services. All youngsters must be

sponsored or accompanied by adults. Dogs should be left home, as they roam or disturb by barking. Bring your own campers, tents or bedrolls. Water, electricity, and restrooms are provided. Expenses for meals are defrayed by free-will donations. All persons are asked to register at the registration booth.

The tabernacle and dining halls give roof shelter, but jackets and rainwear are essential for chilly evenings and summer showers. The altitude is 7,000 feet.

If camping is not possible, everyone is welcome to attend daily services. Meals are served from cauldrons by the ranchmen at 6 to 8 a.m., 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. Tabernacle services are at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Group prayer meetings are held at 5 p.m.

The grounds can be reached by the Lincoln National Forest road at the sign turning off US 380 about five miles west of Captain and 15 miles east of Carrizozo; or by the road turning off State Road 37 past Nogal Lake.

Further information may be obtained from Johnson Stearns, Citizens State Bank, Carrizozo, 88301. No reservations are necessary.

A registered nurse, a few posted simple rules, and general good will you'll find will make Camp Meeting a unique summer experience.

**Man fined: illegal license purchased**

An Albuquerque man has been fined \$100, with \$50 suspended, and paid \$10 court costs, for purchasing a hunting license after his hunting and fishing license privileges had been revoked by the State Game Commission.

Bradley S. Chafins, 24, was convicted in Lincoln County Magistrate Court by Judge James Wheeler, June 25. He had been cited on April 17 when game and fish officers were checking licenses during the spring turkey hunt. Officer Ben Hanson recognized Chafins' name from a list of revokees circulated to all district personnel.

Chafins' revocation would have expired on May 22.

The State Game Commission revoked Chafins' license privileges for the minimum period of one year on May 22, 1981, after he was convicted in magistrate court of illegal possession of a Canada goose in closed season and of assault. He appealed the case to district court, which upheld the conviction.

Officers Randy Isler, Ruidoso, and Andy Johnson, Clovis, assisted Hanson in the case.

**Range camp held**

Thirty-three young men and women, ages 15-18, from across New Mexico, met May 31-June 4 at the Ghost Ranch near Abiquiu for the Society for Range Management's range camp.

Attending from this area were Sidney Goodloe, Captain, and Doretta Burchett and Chris Clements from Hondo. These three youths were sponsored by the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation Dist.

The camp is held each year as

an educational workshop for high school students interested in natural resources. Subjects covered at the camp included: range wildlife, watershed, timber and livestock management and soil and water conservation.

This year's top five individuals were Robert Montoya (San Miguel County), Chris Padilla (Taos County), Jack Dufon (Santa Fe County), Sidney Goodloe (Lincoln County) and Loretta Ben (San Juan County).

**Bud Payne's Weekly Weather Report**



Spec: 4 Tommy Vega, son of Della R. Vega of Carrizozo, has arrived for duty at Camp Casey, South Korea. Vega, an infantryman with the 2nd Infantry Division, was previously assigned at Fort Hood, TX. He is a 1980 graduate of Carrizozo High School.

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**Benefit Dinner** at **New Horizons**  
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5:30 to 7:00 p.m.  
Barbecued chicken, battered rice, salad bar, fresh fruit bar, coffee or iced tea  
Adults: \$3.50  
Children: (under 12) \$1.50

# McKnight announces for new Dist. 56

Thomas P. "Cotton" McKnight is a candidate for the Republican nomination for New Mexico State Representative, Dist. 56, in the special election called for Aug. 31.

"I will complete my second term as chairman of the Lincoln County Commission in 1982," McKnight said, "and I believe I have accomplished most of my objectives, and would now like to expand my efforts to the state level in view of the demanding and unprecedented growth in our area."

McKnight is a Southeastern New Mexico sheep and cattle rancher who has a background in agriculture, community service and business. He is a lifelong resident of the area and longtime member of the Republican Party.

"If elected," he said, "I will do my very best to work diligently, honestly and fairly for my district and for all of Lincoln County, not just residents of the newly-created district."

County and local officials, he said, are far more aware of their constituents' needs, and therefore in the best position to govern. He advocates a return by the state to more local control in government.

"A State Representative must be an individual who knows and shows responsibility in addition to competency in office. He must be

resourceful in conducting political affairs and adept at communicating with the public," he said. "I believe I meet their requirements as a qualified and well-informed resident of our area."

The new boundaries of Dist. 56 set by the recent special session of the legislature include, roughly, all of Lincoln except Carrizozo, Nogal, Angus and Corona plus precincts in Chaves, Otero, Sierra, Eddy and DeBaca counties. Lincoln County residents will now be served by four different State Representatives.



THOMAS P. MCKNIGHT

# John W. LaMay claimed

John William LaMay of Carrizozo died Saturday, July 3, in Capitan following a lengthy illness.

Mr. LaMay was born May 28, 1913 in Nogal and had lived most of his life in Lincoln County. He was the son of pioneer ranchers, the late L.R. and Mamie LaMay.

Survivors include his sons: Jack LaMay of Ruidoso Downs, Dale LaMay of Carrizozo, Kenneth LaMay of Capitan and Johnny LaMay of Carrizozo; daughters, Evelyn Petrie of Albuquerque, and Glenneth Shafer of Capitan; sisters, Faye Wooten of Truth or Consequences, NM, Jeannine Johnson of Nogal, Ruth Aguayo of Belen, and Cora Dutton of Capitan; brothers, Fred LaMay of Carrizozo, Roy and Tommy LaMay of Capitan; 15 grandchildren and three great-

grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 3 in the Gunstream Chapel of Angus, NM, with Dan Wright officiating. Interment followed in the Angus Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ron Petrie, Ricky LaMay, Billy LaMay, Johnathan LaMay, Donny Shafer and David LaMay. Honorary bearers were Wayland Hill, Zane Leslie, Arthur Helms, John Robinson, Mack King and Ralph Barber.

Arrangements are by Clarke's Chapel of Roses, Ruidoso, NM.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Ranchers Camp Meeting through Johnson Stearns, treasurer, Carrizozo, NM 88301.

# Sedillo gets 3 years

District Judge Robert M. Doughty last week sentenced David Sedillo to three years in prison for his part in the murder of a fellow inmate at Camp Sierra Blanca last Aug. 1.

Judge Doughty imposed a six-year sentence but suspended three.

Sedillo and two others were charged with the murder of Scott Wayne Thompson, 20, of Alamogordo. He was originally charged with first degree murder but through plea bargaining agreed to plead nolo contendere to a charge of second-degree murder provided he would not receive more than three years in prison. The judge also ordered Sedillo to undergo treatment for alcoholism while in prison.

The other two charged with beating and stabbing Thompson to death are Felix Martinez and Richard Lujan. Martinez has been tried twice on the charge already. The first, in Lincoln County, was a mistrial. The second, in Otero County, ended with a hung jury. He will be tried a third time.

Dist. Atty. Steven Sanders petitioned Judge Doughty last Wednesday to move the third Martinez trial out of both Lincoln

and Otero counties on grounds that publicity in area newspapers, principally the Albuquerque Journal and El Paso Times, was "prejudicial."

Martinez will go to trial in September or October. No date has been set for Lujan's trial.

# Crime Stopper event Friday

Carrizozo residents will begin a Crime Stopper program Friday night, July 9, with a barbecue chicken dinner at the New Horizons, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

At 7 o'clock, Greg MacAleese, originator of the Albuquerque Crime Stoppers and Crime Stoppers USA, Inc., will advise vandal-harassed residents how to form a unit here.

Latest vandalism was at the Little Store on E Avenue. A large plate glass section was shattered sometime Tuesday night. Nothing was reported taken from the store. The breakage was discovered by owner Phillip Ortiz about 5:30 Wednesday morning.

All area residents are invited to the Friday night benefit and to organize a local Crime Stopper unit.

# Local crime rate gets attention

ALBUQUERQUE—The crime rate has taken a huge jump in Carrizozo during the past 35 days.

Recently this south-central New Mexico community of 1,222 persons has experienced a crime wave of staggering proportions.

In the past five weeks three burglaries and six vandalism have been reported to Carrizozo police.

The first incident occurred May 29 when vandals spray-painted the words "Carrizozo Locos" on a fence at English Hardware Store.

Two nights later someone broke into Jackie's Bar and took two six packs of beer and a half pint of whisky. Indications are the burglary will be solved by local and state police officers.

On June 6, vandals again hit Carrizozo when five barrels of dirt were rolled into the streets, creating a traffic hazard.

Two days later, still another burglary was reported. A local resident reported someone had entered her home and taken two stereo speakers and an equalizer with a total value of about \$1,300.

Also on June 8, Nickel's Hardware in Carrizozo reported that someone had fired a BB pellet through the front window. The same offender is suspected of firing a BB pellet through a window in a truck parked near another business.

On June 9, still another BB pellet hole was found in a window at the Gift Gallery and more BB holes were found in windows at the Grocery Basket. Later the same day, BB dents were found on the new gym door at Carrizozo High School.

Then on June 16, the swimming pool was burglarized. The offenders had stolen some money from the office and also from a soft drink machine. The loss was estimated between \$50 to \$100.

While none of these crimes will ever make it to the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted List," the crime spree has Carrizozo residents fuming and plans are afoot to start a Crime Stoppers program.

This week the State Crime Stoppers Commission is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the solution of this series of crimes.

Anyone having any information is asked to call State Crime Stoppers at its toll-free number, 1-800-432-6933. Callers do not have to reveal their identities. Of course, State Crime Stoppers also pays cash rewards for information leading to the solution of other major crimes in addition to the "Crime of the Week."

Meanwhile, calls to State

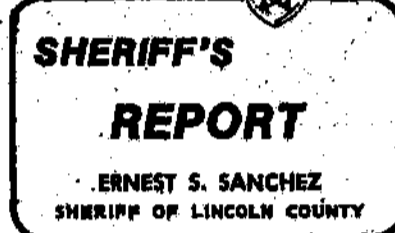
Crime Stoppers last week helped the State Human Services Department solve still another welfare fraud case. That makes more than 125 fraud cases solved during the past two and one-half years through calls to the State Crime Stoppers Commission.

Other calls to the commission helped police capture a fugitive in Santa Fe and solve a burglary in Bernalillo County.

Since the State Crime Stoppers Commission began operation in September, 1979, a total of 418 major cases have been solved through citizens' calls and more than \$5 million worth of stolen property and narcotics have been recovered.

Another state-wide Crime Stoppers program also has had great success recently. A call to the Texas Crime Stoppers Advisory Council in Austin, TX, helped Hobbs police solve a homicide in that southeastern New Mexico community. The Texas program has also been instrumental in the creation of 72 local Crime Stoppers operations in the Lone Star state.

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RICHARD SAMBRANO, Amarillo, TX, reported being harassed by an unknown subject.

J.C. Wiley, Biscuit Hill Area, Ruidoso requested deputy to his residence in regards to a fight.

Mrs. Edward Goodrum, Loma Grande Estates area in Ruidoso, reported gunshots being fired.

Rolly Kinick, Blue Hole, Bonito Campground manager reported some campers who refused to pay.

Truman Billingsley, Lincoln County Manager, reported vandalism in his office.

Gerald Maes, Jerry's Quick Stop, in Hondo, reported a breaking and entering.

Mildred Paxton of Ruidoso reported a bonfire in front of an abandoned house, along with several people. Incident was checked into. People had permission from owner of property.

The Lincoln County Sheriffs Dept. filed vandalism and theft charges against four juveniles from Carrizozo in regard to the June 16 vandalism of the swimming pool. The two boys and two girls are all aged 14. The juvenile complaint will be handled by juvenile Probation Officer Don Wail.

# Corona News

The thermometer at Lincoln Station registered 90 degrees on the 28th and a low of 47 on July 1st. Total moisture for June was 0.17.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Williams and Patrick were here for the weekend, as were Mr. and Mrs. John Pacheco, Jeremy and Scott Jacob, who came from Albuquerque. The Scott Williams have moved from Lovington to the Roswell Station, where Scott started work Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Alford have moved to Cheyenne, OK, where Ward is working for El Paso Natural Gas Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Sultemeier of Melrose are parents of Ashley Dian, born June 28 in Clovis. The baby has two sisters, Christi Jo and Kelli Rene. Mrs. Clint Sultemeier spent a few days with them.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Holleyman were in Pecos, TX, for a roping last week.

Plans are being made for the Corona Summer Festival, Aug. 7. Booth spaces are still available for \$10 and entries are needed for the 11 o'clock parade. For information contact Cheryl Hiltzley at 849-7911 or Beatrice Chavez at 849-5511.

In a tragic accident Friday morning 12-year-old Rodney Williams was fatally injured when his bicycle was struck by a car on US 54 just north of Corona. In the car were a young Kansas City couple and their infant who were on their way to visit relatives in Mexico. They were not held.

Rodney was visiting his father, who has been working on the overpass construction.

Congratulations to the Corona 4-H members who participated in the recent Southeastern 4-H District contest. In the novice division Shane Owen placed 4th with his livestock demonstration. Les Owen won a medal for 1st place with his engineering demonstration. Emmett Sultemeier won a medal for his 1st place for an agriculture illustrated talk. Dan and Beverly Bell entered the talent show, Sandra Copeland in Favorite Foods. In the novice division crop judging Emmett was 3rd and Dan 5th. Emmett Sultemeier, Dan Bell and Chris Shanks were the high point team, winning medal and ribbon. In the clothing revue Ardee Maness entered the mix and match. Bevelery Bell won 5th place in team wardrobe design. Tammy Sultemeier placed 3rd. In public speaking Tammy was 4th. Lincoln County was 5th in the district. Clay Lightfoot and Steve Copeland were senior assistants. Furnishing transportation were Lee Sultemeier, Marie Owen, Susan Maness and Brenda Copeland. The Copelands provided livestock for judging.

Class reunions are being planned for the Summer Festival. The program is scheduled as follows: 9 a.m., Horse Show; 11 a.m., Parade; Noon, chicken dinner to benefit school cafeteria at the cafeteria; 1 p.m., Play Day;

Turkey, is currently one of three outstanding breeds being studied for predator control by the US Sheep Experiment Station in Dubois, Idaho. The introduction and development of the Akbash in New Mexico is being sponsored jointly by The Taerla Foundation, Inc., and Charles and Mary Adams of Chamari, Inc., in Carrizozo. A new litter of Akbash pups will be available for inspection at the presentation.

For more information, call 848-2871.

9 p.m., dance, with the music by the Bull's Eye Bullets.

Sara Summerville of Roseville, MN, was visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Pfeiffer, and aunt, Dell Roberts, Saturday. She was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Kimball, with whom she was spending the long weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Yancey were here from Roswell for the weekend.

The women are playing softball and would welcome all to join in the fun.

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# Expert to discuss new guard dog

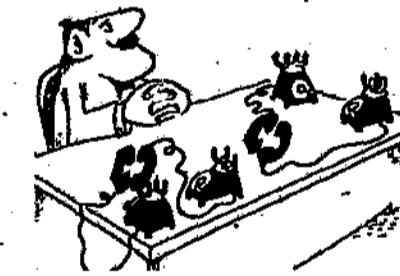
An expert on livestock guardian dogs will present an audio-visual presentation on Akbash dogs at 7:30 p.m., July 15, in the Community Meeting room of Citizens State Bank in Carrizozo.

David Nelson of the US State Department in Washington, DC, and president of the Akbash Dog Association International, will illustrate the use of Akbash dogs in Turkey and the United States in the control of livestock losses from bear, wolves, coyotes, and mountain lions.

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MOUNTAIN BELL Telephone Co. is soliciting a punch in the mouthpiece. The new directory distributed last week headed the Carrizozo section: "Carrizozo, New Mexico."

In San Francisco (Fagdad By The Bay), the board of supervisors approved a handgun ban ordinance that gives residents 90 days to turn in their guns or go to jail. Mayor Diane Feinstein, who spearheaded the drive to bring relief to criminals, is best remembered for her having carried a .38 pistol in her handbag when she thought her own life endangered.

DIST. ATTY. Steven Sanders has requested that Dist. Judge Robert M. Doughty move the third murder trial of accused murderer Felix Martinez out of Lincoln County because of "prejudicial publicity of the case in area newspapers."

ON THE lunatic front, John Hinckley wrote a letter to the Washington Post complaining that the media has been giving him a bad image. He didn't say how said media was to improve the public image of a murdering skunk.

WESTERN Writers of America held a national convention in Santa Fe a couple of weeks ago, and it provided a platform for Marxists and racists to denounce the popular image of the American cowboy and postulate that he never existed in the first place.

BACK TO froth-flecked Comrade Nichols who fired back at Hillerman: "That's a cop-out! Westerns have been classed as entertainment but they have created a racist view of society in which Indians, Chicanos and blacks were on the bottom and the white-hatted cowboy was on the top."

I HAVE disturbing news for Comrade Nichols, chronic dissenters, racists and troublemongers who invaded the WWA convention. There were genuine cowboys, Mr. Salazar, and some of them were in my family. I've know scores of others. They were hard-working, poorly paid and housed, and certainly without the glamor endowed by later Western fiction writers.

THE National Association of Colored People (NAACP) recently resolved to boycott all motion picture films in which blacks do not appear. It will be interesting to see how Hollywood now goes about making documentary films on such topics as the Garden of Eden or events of Early English history.



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## Editorial Comment

### Senate passes 'thought control' bill

You will find it hard to believe this. The US Senate has passed a dangerous bill and the House Post Office Committee is considering a "thought control" that will suppress ideas or viewpoints that run contrary to established dogma.

It already has 300 sponsors in the House and is expected to pass. The bill (HR 3973) was introduced by Rep. Claude Pepper (D-FL) titled the "Post Office Bill." It is designed to curb mail fraud, a desirable goal that fooled the Senate and apparently the House. What it actually does is:

—Authorize the Postal Service to designate any or all of its 600,000 employees to demand access, without a search warrant, to any home, business, private library, file, bank vault or safe to inspect any records or documents that the Postal Services believes "relate to any matter under investigation."

—Prohibit the shipment or transportation of a banned book, not just by mail, but by airlines, parcel services, buses, trucks or private automobile across state lines.

Precedent exists for this chilling "Big Brother" control. Last year Edwin Bernstein, a federal administrative law judge, upheld the Postal Service which didn't like a booklet sent through the mail to sell a health idea, not a product. Judge Bernstein in ruling for the Postal Service, said: "I found the representations in (the) booklet to be unproven and contrary to the weight

of informed medical and scientific opinion." Thus: any idea "contrary to the weight of medical and scientific opinion" can now be banned in America. And, under the pending legislation in Congress, anyone violating this standard can be fined \$10,000 a day until he stops!

A nationally circulated newspaper, The Spotlight, carried a story about the bill; the established media did not. Rep. Joe Skeen, visiting in Carrizozo last week, said he knew nothing of this legislation. His office called the next day to confirm the bill exists, and to say "a lot of letters are coming in opposing it," and that 300 members of the House have approved it in advance of a vote!

The Spotlight correctly pointed out that informed medical opinion at one time was that blood did not circulate in the human body, that "bleeding" a patient cured a variety of ailments; and that "informed scientific opinion" once held that the earth was flat and that the sun revolved around the earth.

It is astounding that this bill was overwhelmingly passed by the Senate and has the approval of the Reagan Administration, and that the 300 co-sponsors of the bill in the House can't wait to approve it.

The only way to stop this outrageous thought control measure is to write or call Cong. Skeen and Manuel Lujan. Their addresses and phone numbers are listed on this page.

## Inside Religion

### Illegal to subsidize religion? Read on!

By REV. LESTER KINSOLVING The US Department of Education is paying more than one-half a million dollars a year so that 600 young people can learn to levitate themselves through transcendental meditation.

The 600 are enrolled at Maharishi International University in Fairfield, Iowa, where they study what is called the "Siddhi Flying Technique."

The Maharishi Mahesh Yogi recently asked that his university be expanded in order that 1,600 meditators could "fly together in the golden domes of pure knowledge" which he promises will bring world peace closer.

Hence, his disciples have now paid \$9,200,000 for Washington's old Annapolis Hotel, in the heart of the city's porn movie section, where they are establishing a branch of MIU. For \$3,000 a student can enroll in a two-month intensified course in TM (proving that the late P.T. Barnum was right.)

On the other hand, a mere \$3,000 seems a pittance in exchange for the exciting ability to levitate one's self and fly about without either wings or motor. This Holy Wonder of the Maharishi's pop Hinduism is frequently mentioned in this cult's frequent press conferences and subsequently headlined. But if it has ever been actually demonstrated in the presence of any outsiders, including inquiring reporters, the news was ef-

fectively buried. MIU officials reveal that they are also establishing a Rapid Deployment Force of 300 meditators whom they can dispatch immediately to any of the world's trouble spots. Here the meditators can "eliminate turbulence" even as they intend to "calm Congress" in the nation's capital.

In this connection, the MIU advance party announced that they have already reduced crime in Washington by 18 percent last January. (The D.C. Metropolitan Police meditated on that one and recalled that January was unusually cold.)

The absurdity of paying the taxpayers' money to such transparent foolishness raises the question as to the appropriateness of the \$125,000,000 which the taxpayers are spending on financing 114 theological seminaries, 29 Bible colleges and several church-related liberal arts colleges under Title IV higher education programs.

Americans United For Church and State also reports that the Rev. Jerry Falwell's Liberty Baptist College receives \$400,000 from the US Treasury, despite the fact that all of his students have to join his church and have to have "received Jesus Christ as a personal saviour."

Federal flascos in higher education are by no means confined to religious educational

institutions, as there are distinctly secular colleges and universities which are receiving enormous federal funding, even though:

—Many of their faculty teach considerably less than the 40-hour week while receiving several times as much as the minimum wage. Many of these pampered professors devote much of their time to outside research or writing which brings them additional revenue — which they do not share with the financially hardpressed university or college which employs them. (A prime money-maker is writing textbooks which all of one's students are required to purchase.)

—Many universities and colleges appropriate exorbitant amounts of money to lecture

bureaus that can provide well-known names (usually very left-wing) for such outrageous prices as \$10,000 an hour.

—US News and World Report recently published an extensive report of reductions in faculty or closings of departments or even entire graduate schools, all across the nation. Immediately following this report was a survey of such universities as American (Methodist-owned, in Washington,

DC) N.Y.U., Oregon State and Massachusetts, who employ Marxist professors.

It is one thing for students in a free society to study such totalitarian enemies as Marxism, fascism, National Socialism and the Ku Klux Klan — just as medical students study gonorrhea, but no faculty in a free society is an appropriate place for anyone who is dedicated to spreading of these social diseases.

## How to contact your lawmakers

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## Letters to the Editor

### Watergate v. Chappaquiddick

EDITOR—The liberal news media and their Democrat cohorts have been celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Watergate scandal this month, recalling with lip-licking satisfaction the downfall of their favorite whipping-boy—the despised President Nixon—and all his men.

Let me suggest more of this kind of fun: Let's celebrate the 13th anniversary of the infamous scandal at Chappaquiddick on July 19, 1969 where Teddy Kennedy left Mary Jo Kopechne to drown in his overturned automobile which he accidentally drove off Dyke Bridge into Poucha Pond, about midnight. Let's recall how he failed to notify the police for 10 hours after the accident because he said he was "confused." He wasn't too confused, though, to make 17 worried phone calls to various political and legal cronies after he got back to his hotel, before he reported to the police.

In the state of Massachusetts that is a felony. Yet Teddy Kennedy got off scot-free at the inquest and was welcomed back to Congress without even a reprimand!

Since the liberal pollsters are now touting this "hero" of Chappaquiddick as the front-running Democrat candidate for President in 1984, don't you think it only fair that we keep alive the memory of his behavior on that fateful night?

If this is the best man the Democrats can offer to lead us, they are bankrupt indeed. Teddy for President is as shocking as the acquittal of John Hinckley, in my estimation.

LULU H. BRAGHETTA  
Sonoma, CA.

### 'Deeply grateful'

EDITOR—On behalf of the Hondo Valley Public Schools, the students, parents, school staff and the Board of Education, please allow us this means through your newspaper to express our appreciation for the neighborly assistance rendered in our time of need when fire gutted a major portion of our school complex.

Volunteer fire fighters from Capitan, Lincoln, Bonito, Alto, Fort Stanton, Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, the Forest Service and our own Hondo Valley risked life in a valiant attempt to save our school. To these brave men and women, we will always be a friendly neighbor ready to perform the Christian act as they did.

To the law enforcement officers, State Police and the Lincoln County Sheriff Department, we thank them for their assistance in all that they did including fighting the fire along side the volunteer fire fighters.

And to our own, the neighbors who furnished water from their irrigation wells, Fermin Salcido, Wesley Grigsby and the Robert O. Anderson wells. To the Tinnie Baptist Church for turning out their worship services so that the men along with their preacher could combat the fire. To the women of that church and of the valley for the food and soft drinks furnished to the firefighters. To the Riverside Rancho Restaurant for the large quantity of meat furnished for this meal. And to all others who did their part to render valued assistance in our time of need.

In a time of disaster to the Hondo Valley Public Schools it was a beautiful thing to witness—the Christian belief of being of service to others being exemplified.

We are in full operation and we shall rebuild. The Board of Education is in complete control and is on top of the situation.

To the many concerns about the Hondo Fiesta. Miraculously, the irreplaceable musical Fiesta records, stored in the Office of the Superintendent, withstood the intense heat that melted glass windows, and are intact.

The people of the valley and the friendly neighbors from the surrounding communities make this valley such a wonderful place to live.

To all we express our heartfelt appreciation.

ERNEST J. BOOKY,  
Superintendent of Schools,  
Hondo Valley Public Schools.

### Thanks for the help

EDITOR—We would like to express our gratitude for Larry Dee and Claude Hobbs for their generous help to the Lafayette, Louisiana, First United Methodist Church Youth Group. Larry Dee brought us into town and Claude Hobbs brought us a tow truck when our bus broke down. To them we'd like to say a "Thank You"!

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MISSY JONES... 1982 Capitan Junior Riding Club Queen.

## Queen, winners named at Capitan Playday

Missy Jones, 13, was crowned queen of the 1982 Capitan Junior Riding Club Play Day at the Arena in Capitan, June 27.

She was crowned by the outgoing queen, Marcia Hefker. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Jones who live north of Capitan. Runner-up was Tonya Payton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Payton of Capitan. Judges were Tommie Allen, Willa Stone and Sandra Lacy. Twelve girls competed for queen honors.

Results of the competitions are listed below in order of their placement in the events:

**Barrel Racing** — Ages 5 and under: Troy Stone, Tracy Stone, Josh Peralta, Andra Fish, Michelle Payton, Joshua Long. Ages 6 through 8: Scott Smith, Carolyn Durbin, Shadow Tate, Tammy Payne, Tammy Peralta, Brandi Peralta. Ages 9 through 12: Rachel Lacy, Justin Hefker, Kenny Durbin, Beth Davis, Lee Payne, Guy Payne. Ages 13 and up: Becky Revey, Rebecca Barber, Robbie Runnels, Rhonda Montoya, Yvonne Montes, Wendy Tate.

**Pole Bending** — Ages 5 and under: Michelle Lovelace, Andra Fish, Michelle Payton, Tracy Stone, Josh Peralta, Cody Wilson. Ages 6 through 8: Shadow Tate, Scott Smith, Sonya Crain, Tammy Payne. Ages 9 through 12: Tonya Payton, Justin Hefker, Rachel Lacy, Marcia Hefker, Ben

Lovelace, Kenny Durbin. Ages 13, and up: Becky Revey, Wendy Tate, Cheryl Durbin, Rebecca Barber, Rhonda Montoya, Nicki Ponder.

**Flag Race** — Ages 5 and under: Michael Fish, Tracy Stone, Troy Stone, Michelle Payton, Josh Peralta, Andra Fish. Ages 6 through 8: Shadow Tate, Scott Smith, Carolyn Durbin, Tammy Payne, Tammy Peralta, Brandi Peralta. Ages 9 through 12: Kenny Durbin, Marcia Hefker, Rachel Lacy, Justin Hefker, Lee Payne, Beth Davis. Ages 13 and up: Rhonda Montoya, Becky Revey, Nicki Ponder, Yvonne Montes, Chris Peralta, Cheryl Durbin.

**Goat Ribbon Pull** — Ages 5 and under: Michael Fish, Andra Fish, Michelle Lovelace, Troy Stone, Shane Carpenter, Michelle Payton. Ages 6 through 8: Scott Smith, Carolyn Durbin, Tammy Peralta, Tammy Payne, Shadow Tate, Brandi Peralta.

**Goat Tying** — Ages 9 through 12: Rachel Lacy, Kenny Durbin, Tonya Payton, Marcia Hefker, Lee Payne, Guy Payne. Ages 13 and up: Chris Peralta, Yvonne Montes, Becky Revey, Robbie Runnels, Missy Jones, Nicki Ponder.

High point winners of the day were Andra Fish, Troy Stone, Scott Smith, Shadow Tate, Kenny Durbin, Rachel Lacy, Becky Revey, Chris Peralta.

# Capitan Village News

By MARGARETRENCH



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The Smokey Bear Stampede was a big success, as always. The crowds were big and the parade was very nice. The floats were OK. The Smokey Bear State Park and Museum was awarded 2nd place in the parade and was given a beautiful trophy of which they are proud.

Twenty-three hundred people visited the Museum and Park, July 1-5. We are proud and happy to report this.

Welcome to another new business in Capitan, located just east of the post office at the former Conoco business. "Sharon's Shop." All kinds of gifts and picnic tables made to order. You will find many items of great beauty there. I wish you many years of success and happiness with us, Sharon.

The Class of 1972 is having a 10 year reunion. There will be an open house at the high school at 7 p.m. for graduates and all of their teachers from grades 1 through 12. For further information contact Jan Cox, 354-2664, or Janice Ware, 354-2672.

Chris A. Najjar of Las Vegas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Najjar of Capitan was nominated to receive the M. Keither Upon Award presented to the top 30 district directors. His entry was approved and submitted by New Mexico Jaycees President Paul Bradley.

He will compete against a group of 150 candidates representing 50 states and the District of Columbia. Each candidate has previously been recognized as one of the top three district directors in his state. There are almost 800 district directors in the US Jaycees. The 30 Upon awards were presented at the 62nd annual meeting of the leadership training organization held in Phoenix, June 28-July 1. The award was named in honor of M. Keith, a US Jaycees vice-president who died in 1958 of diabetes. As a district director, Najjar led his five chapters to one of their finest years ever. He began three new Jaycee chapters while increasing the total membership within his district by 25 percent. He is employed as a child support officer in the department of Human Services. He and his wife have two children.

The Capitan Woman's Club held its second Fun Run July 3. The person coming the greatest distance won a prize. There was a six-mile run and two-mile run. The first runner came in 9:20 from the two-mile run. He was from Roswell. The six-mile runner came in 35 minutes.

The oldest entrant was 68 years old and he was given a prize. Everyone was happy and had a great time.

Laura Lacy and Sammy Jones were united in marriage at the Baptist Church at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 3. A reception was

held at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Lacy. This couple will reside at Deming, NM where he is employed. I wish them many years of happiness together.

Visiting over July 4 with Mr. and Mrs. Garvice Jobe were their three daughters. Sherry Jobe of Albuquerque, Sandy Wilson of San Jose, CA, and Sarah Norman and daughter Amanda of Miles City, Montana.

Bart McDonough, who was band instructor in our school for 12 years, played the Star Spangled Banner at the rodeo on the Fourth. We appreciate him and was glad to have him with us. He left in 1973. He has lived in Grants these last five years, but hopes to return to this area. He received his 25-year pin in the Masonic Lodge in Carrizozo in 1971. He loves our area. He would like to make Lincoln County his home. His daughter is grown and married and lives in Colorado Springs, CO.

It was good to see him. He visited many of his friends while here.

The Brownie and Girl Scout Troops, along with their leaders, Leanna Longbotham, Vicki Hall and Cathleen Massey, spent several days in the World of The Universe Day Camp in Gavilan Canyon, returning home each night, June 21-25. The night of the 24th they spent the night there. They report a great informative time.

All of last week remodeling has gone on at our post office. Eighty new boxes have been added. That proves we are growing. There is space left for future growth.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Crawford of Tatum, NM, was passing through Capitan June 30 and wanted to wish Margaret Rensch a "Happy Birthday."

Happy birthday wishes and many more ahead to Lorene Ferguson whose day was June 23, and Cathleen Massey, June 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Crain and family have moved into their new trailer home located south of Capitan, across the arroyo. His stepfather, Vance Kitchen, died in June. His mother will come and visit them soon.

Ruth Davis and family left July 6 for Brownwood, TX, for a week's vacation.

The Curtis Payne family and the Bud Payne family went camping in the Capitan Mountains last weekend.

Jim and Betty Williams of Lubbock, TX, visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wright last Friday. They are friends long standing and had not seen each other for years.

John LaMay, a life-time resident of Capitan, died last Friday after a lingering illness. He was buried at Angus Tuesday, July 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hobbs

enjoyed having their son, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hobbs, Misty, Wendy, Johnnie Mae and Brandy, from Ruidoso and El Paso. Also Mr. Ann Sherrill and Denise and Chesna Riley, Amber and Amanda from Portales; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hobbs from Lovington; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hobbs and two children of Ruidoso; and Mrs. Pansy Maxna and her 81-year-old mother, Dede Morris of Roswell and Arizona. Wesley Noack of Lovington is

visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hobbs.

June 30 Capitan received four-tenths of an inch of slow rain which was enjoyed and appreciated, but that is all. It was great. Ft. Stanton, Lincoln and part of the Capitan Mountains received a long slow rain too. Much more than we had. It was great to be in and breath that cool refreshing atmosphere. There have been clouds since but no moisture.

## Livestock Board ups its fees

SANTA FE—Citing money problems, the Livestock Board voted unanimously to raise revenue through fee increases on inspections, a service charge on all livestock consignments and a \$50 charge for new brands.

Board members meeting in regular monthly session heard a still dismal financial report and as member S.G. Cobb said, "it's raise revenue or cut services."

A 5-cent fee increase on cattle and hides becomes effective July 1. A 10-cent fee increase on horse inspection and a 2-cent fee increase on sheep and pelts also goes into effect July 1. The increases will raise inspection fees from 30-cents a head to 35-cents a head on cattle, board chairman Bill McIlhenny said. The increase on horses goes from 30-cents to 40-cents a head and on sheep the pelts from 10-cents to 12-cents. Hide inspection goes up from 25 to 30-cents.

Board members voted on and approved a charge of \$2 on all consignments of livestock going to auction markets to cover the cost of inspection on the new telephone permit system. The board agreed that with \$2 being paid "out in the country" when cattle are inspected, a service fee on consignments moved through the telephone permit system should also be charged. The \$2 service fee on all consignments was passed

unanimously and goes into effect July 1.

A year ago notice for brand renewals was sent by the board, executive director Dogie Jones said. To date most of the renewals have come in but there are still some to go. The cost of brand paperwork and handling is high, Jones said, and it is time consuming to have the renewals drag on. Board members, after discussing the problem, moved to charge \$50 on all new brands and to declare any brand that has not been renewed by now as a new brand and subject to the \$50 charge.

Even with the additional revenue from the increased fees charges, the board agreed that other avenues will have to be found to overcome the cost of doing business and providing the type of service in health and theft protection the livestock industry wants. McIlhenny said areas still to be looked at are the cost of nuisance calls about loose livestock, the way inspection districts are arranged and the cost of paper for all items of business.

State veterinarian Robert Pyles told the board that the crapple exposed sheep from an infected flock in Oklahoma have been destroyed and a federal indemnity paid to the owner.

Next board meeting will be in Ruidoso, July 13 and 14.

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## College singers to appear at Angus Church, July 11

"Reflection" from Point Loma College will be singing in concert Sunday, July 11, 6:30 p.m., at the Angus Church of the Nazarene, according to Ken Frey, pastor.

"Reflection" is a select group of six Point Loma College students who represent the college during the school year and summer. They sing at churches, camps, service clubs and community activities.

Mathematics and computer science major Pam Brightup, Yuba City, CA, sings alto and plays piano for the group. From Eureka, CA, Norma Cook is a speech-communication-theory major. Shelley Pound, first soprano, comes from San Jose, and is a church music-youth ministries major. First tenor

David AhSing is from Long Beach, and is an undeclared college major. Fredental major Steve Bland sings baritone-bass and comes from Cupertino. The sixth member of the group, Bob Harrell, also sings baritone-bass and is from Glendora.

"Reflection" offers contemporary gospel music and is one of several music groups from Point Loma College. This college, located in San Diego, is one of eight fully-accredited liberal arts colleges in the United States sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene.

The public is invited to attend this special service and to enjoy additional fellowship time and a meal provided for all at the Convention center on the Nazarene Campgrounds at Angus following the service.

Angus Church of the Nazarene services will be canceled on Wednesday and Sunday, July 14 and 15. This will enable the church fellowship to participate in the Nogal Mesa Ranchmen's camp meeting set for July 14-16.

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# Stampede photos



RONDA Montoya, right, of Capitan was crowned 1982 Lincoln County Fair Queen at the afternoon performance of the Smokey Bear Stampede at Capitan, July 4. First alternate Alice Booky, left, of Hondo was named "queen-in-waiting" for 1983. These two and Missy Jones, Capitan Junior Riding Club Queen, took part in the July 4 parade.



FIRST PLACE in the floats division of the July 4 parade at Capitan went to the Crown Cowbells of Corona for their "Columbia" float. Judges in the parade were Mark Delgado, Fort Stanton; Kandi Payton and Jessie Herd of Capitan. Jack Watson, executive director of Capitan Chamber of Commerce, was parade marshal.



THE FLOAT entered by New Mexico State Smokey Bear Museum placed 2nd in the parade. B&L Pizza's float was 3rd. Most original float honors went to Runnels Stables of Bonita.



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### WHIRLWIND TRIP

Josephine Chavez of Carrizozo, daughter of Mrs. Juanita Chavez, recently returned from an action-packed vacation trip. Her traveling companions were Sister Cecilia Schmitt, IHM, former Zozo resident; Sister Mary from Texas and Sister Philomena from Georgia. Convents along the way were rest stops for most of the trip.

The travelers toured New Mexico, Utah, Colorado and Arizona. They stood at Four Corners, UT, which is also located in CO, AZ and NM! At each state they visited various points of interest. In Arizona they visited at St. Michael's Mission. They walked down a portion of Grand Canyon and other canyons. They drove to the top of the first Hopi Mesa and were invited into many homes.

Among sites visited in Utah were Bryce Canyon and gorgeous Inspiration Point. Colorado visits included Mesa Verde, Spruce Tree Ruins, Sun Temple and Cliff Palace.

Right here in New Mexico, land of enchantment, which is part of the USA, stops included a visit to Sandia Crest via the tramway. They went to Acorna, Laguna, Zuni and Taos Pueblos, where they sampled delicious homemade bread. Sister Cecilia has done much work with the Indian and is familiar with their customs.

They toured Albuquerque's Old Town. In Santa Fe they visited the oldest home in the US and saw the spiral staircase in the church at Loretto Convent. They stopped at the Governor's Mansion, where they caught a glimpse of Princess Anne getting into her car.

### WOMEN'S ALL STARS

On July 10, women baseball players of the county will meet in Fort Stanton at 11 a.m. for the all-star game. Team members from Fort Stanton, Capitan, Ruidoso and Mesalero will participate.

Two all-star teams made up of three women from each team will play Saturday. The "Foxes" from Carrizozo will be represented by Liz Beltran, Sandy Beltran and Pam Beltran. Annette Hill is the alternate. There is no admission to the all-star event at Fort Stanton.

### NOTEWORTHY

County Health Nurse Hazel English will show a film at the Zia Senior Citizen Center on July 13, following lunch. The topic of the film is "Drugs and the Older American." A discussion will follow.

### REUNION PICNIC

Members of the Vidua Vidaurri family enjoyed a July 4 picnic at Bonito Dam. The picnickers munched traditional picnic goodies. Baseball and card playing participants were plentiful.

On hand for the reunion were Mrs. Sabino Vidaurri of Carrizozo, her sons and daughters and their families and friends. Lucio Vidaurri arrived from California for the event. Sabino Vidaurri and a lady friend, Pat, both of Hampton, VA, joined the crowd. Also there were Sabino's sons, Gene and Steve; Steve's wife, Christine, and the couple's month-old daughter, Stephanie Renée, all of Albuquerque.

Mary Chavez who lives in Carrizozo, accompanied her family, Gabe, John and Christine, all of Albuquerque. Mr. and Mrs. S.M. Ortiz of Carrizozo and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ortiz and daughter of Albuquerque attended the picnic. Mr. and Mrs. Chevo Baca and daughter Marina of Carrizozo

were part of the holiday picnic. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baca and daughter, Amanda of Carrizozo joined the group. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Aguilar of El Paso were here to attend the event with their sons, Mark and Matthew.

### SUNDAY DOINGS

Members of this household enjoyed an American-style 4th of July, complete with a parade, a picnic and fireworks display. The picnic menu was the usual fried chicken, beer, chile, watermelon and the peaty ants.

It began in Capitan where we prepared out '64 Chevy for the annual Smokey Bear Stampede parade. Riding down the parade route on our car's hood was 1981 Santa Rita Fiesta Queen, lovely Kelli Vigil. On the car's trunk were this year's queen candidates, Liz Beltran and Christetta Chavez of Carrizozo and Nelma Chavez of Capitan. (Sacred-Heart parish is a mission of St. Rita.)

Meanwhile, after taping the banners on the sides of the '64, I raced in my boot-mobile through a back street to find a position along the parade route to snap pictures for the NEWS. My equipment included an umbrella, a straw hat, two cameras, a Samsonite overnight bag loaded with everything but the kitchen sink. You name it, I carry it.

### SEEK HELP

Son No. 3 was loaned to a float that was short one small boy. Raphael was outfitted with a mask and a tiny American flag. Point of unloading the float participants was not understood in the rush of lining up. After the parade, we tracked down the float in which Raphael rode and discovered that he had wandered off.

Last Sunday, the Village of Capitan became a small city with the addition of lots of vehicles, horses, dogs, people, bicycles and some mean looking bulls. Amid all this commotion was a Carrizozo 2nd grader looking for his family.

Dan Chavez combed one side of Capitan, the float driver assisting. I went in the direction of the rodeo grounds when I ran into state policeman Sgt. Jack Johnson.

"I have a small problem," I told him.

"Zachary?" he asked.

"Not this time," I replied.

Jack and another state policeman began looking for a boy with a blue tee-shirt and blue jeans, traditional wardrobe for all boys Raphael's age. Soon after, Jack drove up to the rodeo

grounds in his state police van. His passenger was Raphael, smiling as always.

We thank the lady float driver for helping us locate "What's-his-name."

### COLORFUL WHITE OAKS

Following the parade we attended a picnic in the mountains with relatives from Alamogordo, Tularosa, Capitan and Carrizozo. After this, my family headed for White Oaks to watch the fireworks display.

The evening was delightful in the tiny town. The fireworks were beautiful and the "Carrizozo Outlaws" played fine tunes at the country-style dance held in back of the museum bar. While adults danced the youngsters ran all over the place enjoying the freedom. The Valley of Fires Lions Club and friends have constructed a fenced-in playground at White Oaks. The area includes a swing set, a sand box and other equipment. I thank the club women for their thoughtfulness.

While we waited for the fireworks display to begin, Carrizozo cowboy Patrick Means, son of Ken and Vickie Means, gave me some tips on how to use a

ropes. It's all in the wrist. Anything a little kid can do I can do better. I told my son Michael to run so I could lasso him . . . missed him. And how was your Fourth of July?

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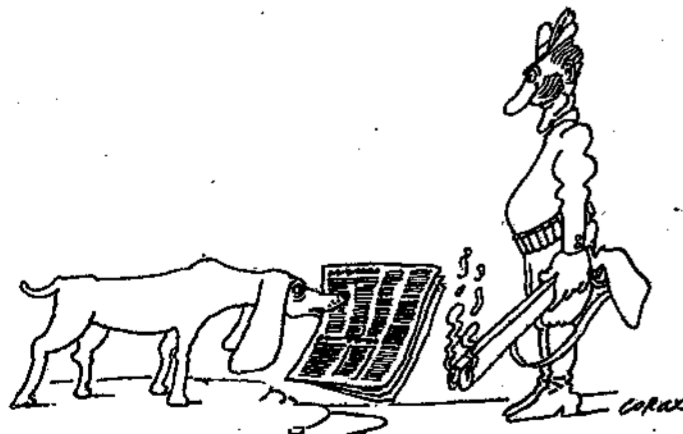
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# Lions (and Lionesses) in the Valley of the Fires?



LEE MAY (in black tie) of the Alamogordo Evening Lions Club, officiated at installation of Carrizozo Lions in a joint ceremony and potluck meal with the local Lioness club. Above, front row, left to right; Joe DeTevis, president; Earnest Piltillo, tall twister; Marvin Rowan, 2nd vice-president; Miles Williams, treasurer. Back row: Lee May, Cecil Furness, Gene Farver, Roy Dow, Lion tamer; and Larry Cramer.



THE VALLEY of Fires Lioness Club members held their installation ceremony at Valley of the Fires State Park last week. Alice May of Alamogordo Desert Lioness officiated. Pictured, front row, left to right: Betty Means, past-president; Billie Payne, treasurer; Beba Furness, board member; Charlotte Rowan, 1st vice-president. Second row: Frances Piltillo, board member; Beulah Moore, secretary; Liz Sambrano, tall twister; Ruth Hawk, president; Susie Neiderstadt and Mildred Baer. Back row: Helen Cramer, Verna Rodman, 2nd vice-president. Not pictured: Amy Burton, board member.

## Republican women

# Mescalero views on water rights

By YVONNE LANELLI  
Wendell Chino, president of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, was the featured speaker at the June 15 meeting of Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County. His speech was the second in a series on the water situation in Lincoln County.

He presented his views of the Indian culture in the context of modern times, saying that "the failure of the non-Indian to understand the Mescalero culture was based on 'frontier days thinking.'"

He explained that the Indian has his own culture, language and religion. "This difference makes social involvements with non-Indians difficult," he said. "These differences lead to bias." He then touched on some popular misconceptions about Indians.

Focal point of his speech was presenting his tribe's position on

water rights in a historical context. He pointed out that the Indian is "the only ethnic group in the United States mentioned in the US Constitution that Congress has the authority to deal with." This results, he said, in a presumption of federal and state laws based on a "disclaimer clause" stating "a state shall never tax or exercise authority over Indian people."

He then cited the Winters Doctrine, dealing with ranchers versus an Indian tribe, wherein the Supreme Court ruled that "all water (that) originates, arises or traverses an Indian Reservation, Indians have prior and paramount rights."

New Mexico's position, he said, was based on the Prior Appropriations Doctrine wherein the first user has first rights.

Questions from the floor dealt with the relationship of the Tribe to private industry and borrowing

capital.

Following his address, FRWLC president Rhonda Johnston presented Chino with a complimentary pen.

After the program, members held a short business meeting.

Johnston announced the appointment of Jackie Rawlins of Ruidoso as Achievement Awards Chairman. Members also discussed a fund-raising barbecue and the category of associate membership.

Penta Pool announced that County GOP headquarters would be open Mondays only, 10-3, until Sept. 1. Volunteers are needed to staff the headquarters during those times. She also reminded that voter registration closes July 20 for the Aug. 31 election.

Fran Hill, GOP candidate for secretary of state, will be in Lincoln County during the July 20 meeting of FRWLC.

Tentative plans call for her to appear in Carrizozo during the lunch hour. FRWLC will also meet in Carrizozo July 20 at 10 a.m. in the county commissioners meeting room in conjunction with their regular meeting. A salad luncheon will follow at the Citizen's State Bank.

Mrs. Hill will also be honored at a covered dish dinner that evening sponsored by FRWLC at the home of Penta and Fred Pool in Hondo, 1/2 of a mile east of the Hondo School on Highway 70. In addition to the covered dish, members will also furnish a cake, pie or other dessert for a "Sweet Things" auction that evening.

The public is invited to both activities July 20 to meet with Mrs. Hill. For further information, contact Johnston at 257-8571 or secretary Dorothy Smith at 354-2499.

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Penasco	2:00-2:30
Mile Post 50	2:45-3:30
Mayhill Ranger Station	4:00-5:15
WEDNESDAY, JULY 14	
Tularosa Community Center	10:00-11:30
Eileen Acres Trailer Pk.	12:00-1:00
Shady Grove Trailer Pk.	1:00-2:00
High Roll Drive-in Grocery	2:30-4:00
Boles Acres, Spaghetti Western Cafe	5:00-6:00
THURSDAY, JULY 15	
Carrizozo Electric Office	9:30-11:00
Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe	11:45-12:45
Ft. Stanton Adm. Office	1:00-1:45
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Domenici's bill, which allows boundary disputes, when parcels are 10 acres or less, to be settled on a local level, has already been favorably reported out of the Senate Agriculture Committee, and is expected to reach the floor of the Senate for a vote sometime next month.

"Government surveyors in the late 1960s conducted improper surveys which were never made official, but left survey markers in

place which were later used by private surveyors in land transactions," Domenici said. "When the Forest Service began its official survey in 1979 with the latest survey technology, thousands of landowners bordering National Forest land found their surveyed boundaries did not match Forest Service borders."

"I at first thought this was limited to a problem with private landowners in Otero County who had land bordering the Lincoln National Forest," Domenici said. "But I have discovered that there are more than 60,000 land border disputes with the possibility of 200,000 additional disputes still as yet unknown since the Forest Service has not yet completed its survey."

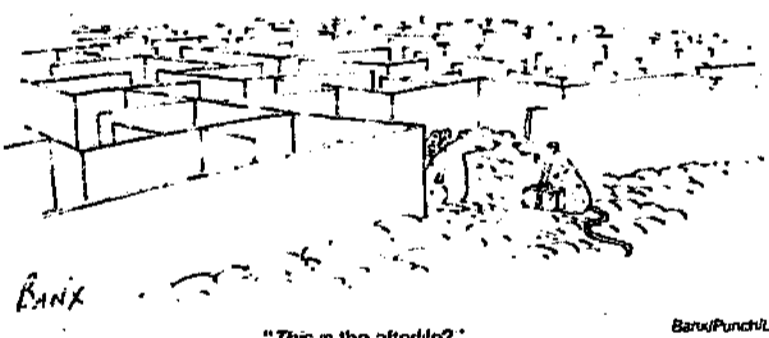
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