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Flood warning

Sheriff Tom Sullivan says the 136-inch snowpack in the mountains could result in heavy floods if the mass is rained on within the next few days. Last bad flood, he said, was in 1979 when the mountains had only 40 inches of snow. He has issued a flood alert, and is studying evacuation procedures.

Broomstick alert

Saturday night, April 30, is Walpurgis Night. This is the eve before May Day when old pagan witches held high revelry on high places. Walpurgis was a female saint concerned with introduction of Christianity into Germany. She died Feb. 25, 779, rest her soul.



INSIDE THE GYM, 8-month-old Julia Anna bounces on dad's tummy while she and her parents, Manuel and Lilly Gonzales, wait out Monday's snowstorm. The family was headed for Denver when the storm trapped them.



FRANK AND MARIAN Pfaff of Milwaukee, WI, and LeRoy and Ruth Daugherty of South Center, Minnesota, were among travelers who ate tamales and other goodies while stranded at the school cafeteria.

Hundreds find shelter here

Snow blizzard paralyzes Carrizozo area

Snow, ice and blizzard conditions paralyzed the Carrizozo area Monday morning, closing highways and stranding hundreds of motorists. Carrizozo was shut off from the outside world except for radio, television and telephone.

Bud Payne, weatherman, reported seven inches of snow on the ground at 2 p.m. Monday. Highways 380 and 54 were closed in all directions. The Lincoln County Sheriff, Dept. and New Mexico State Police were kept busy Monday afternoon and throughout the night rescuing stranded motorists. By noon Monday the Four Winds

Restaurant was jammed with trucks, buses, and automobiles unable to continue to their destinations. All motels were jammed, with hundreds being turned away.

Dr. Jim Miller, superintendent of Carrizozo Public Schools, opened the school and help provide food and shelter for an estimated 250 persons trapped by the blizzard. About 100 stayed overnight, with townspeople organizing the collection of sleeping bags and blankets to make them comfortable.

Highways were reported open but hazardous about 9:30 Monday night and many travelers

opted to take the chance of getting out. However, about 100 persons stayed overnight, mostly elderly people and young families. They were housed in the old gym school cafeteria and the conference room at Dr. Miller's office.

An estimated 250 persons were fed at the school cafeteria Monday. The school provided some of the food. Landa Gibson and Scott Shafer assisted in purchasing additional food. Frances Ortiz was in charge of breakfast Tuesday morning. The Carrizozo Future Farmers of America provided 200 pounds of sausage for the breakfast. Charlene Brown ran the kitchen

and helped serve the food Tuesday. Charlotte Archuleta, cafeteria manager, stayed on the job through the emergency.

The town mobilized to offer their homes for overnight accommodations. Among those organizing efforts to provide blankets and sleeping bags were Joe Orsak, Bob and Verna Rodman, County Manager Suzanne Cox and Arthur Vega. A CETA county employee

Miller and Cox coordinated efforts to secure overnight shelter for travelers in private homes. Rosemary Zink of Carrizozo Health Center was busy providing emergency supplies and medicines, and Hal Sims of Family Pharmacy stayed on call to deliver medicine, including insulin for one traveler.

Members of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Dept. and State Police worked around the clock Monday and early Tuesday rescuing stranded motorists along Highways 380 and 54, picking up motorists along highways toward Corona, Tularosa and Bingham.

Churches marshalled their resources to provide blankets and necessities for the "visitors." The Rev. Harry Riser of the Methodist Church and Fr. David Bergs of Santa Rita Church collected blankets. Sheriff Tom Sullivan

arranged for extra blankets from the county jail. Ray Wells of the Assembly of God arranged to put up several people, and Church of Christ women helped with serving the Tuesday morning breakfast.

Carrizozo Schools closed Monday at 12:30 p.m. and managed to have all the children home by 3 or 3:30 p.m. Schools remain closed Tuesday, with the prospect of them remaining closed indefinitely in view of predictions of another storm due Friday.

Victims of the blizzard were almost tearful in their gratitude toward townspeople who shared their food and shelter.

"Thank God for the people of Carrizozo, and the sheriff's department in particular," an Illinois resident told the NEWS. "Without them we may have died of cold and exposure between here and Corona."

At the emergency shelter at Carrizozo School, Dr. Miller provided his guests with literature about Carrizozo, magazines and newspapers. A limited number of television sets were set up so they could see the Houston-North Carolina basketball championship game played at Albuquerque Monday night.

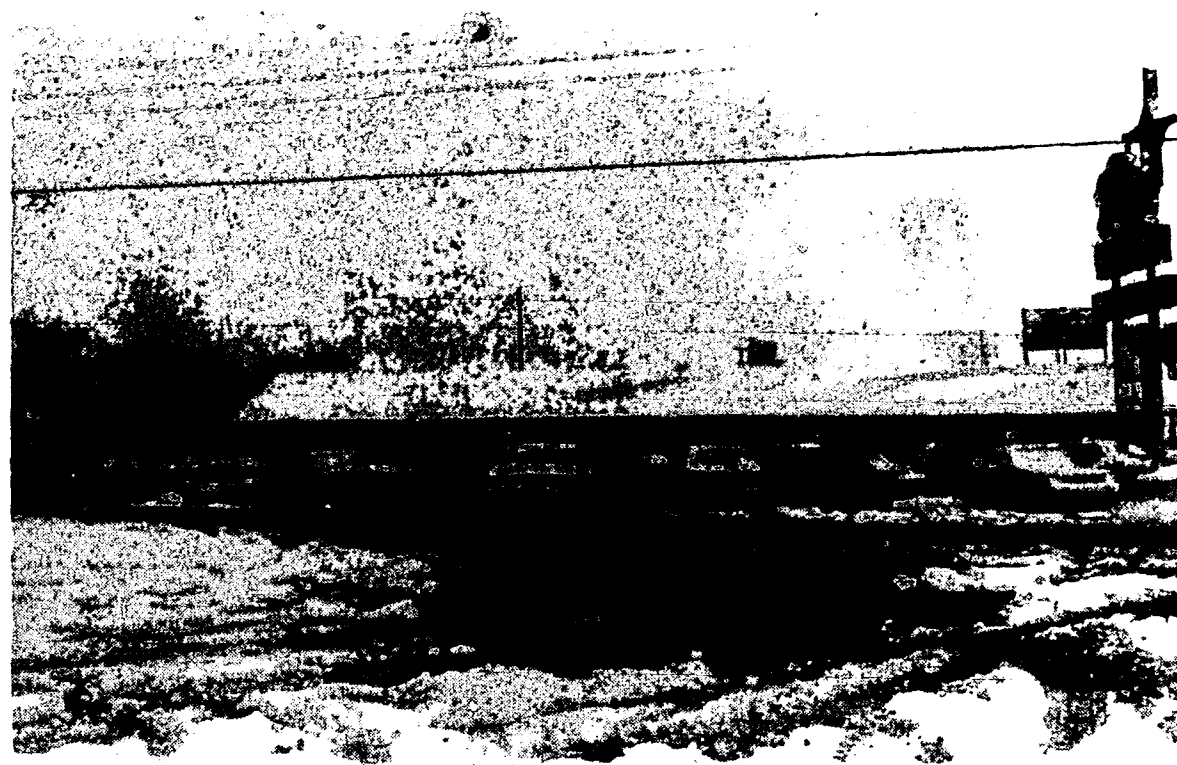
Blowing dust may have been responsible for the death of a

Roswell man Sunday evening on State Road 48 east of Capitan. Willis Malcolm Stanley was pronounced dead at the scene after the driver, Mrs. Joann M. Stanley, 56, the victim's wife, lost control of the vehicle on a sharp turn. Mrs. Stanley was seriously hurt in the accident. Deputy Rudy Saiz assisted New Mexico State Police in the investigation.

A house in Lincoln belonging to Richard Portio was destroyed by fire Monday night about 9:30 o'clock. Neighbors believe the fire started from a wood stove left burning. No one was home at the time of the fire which totally destroyed the frame house.



A SOCORRO NURSERY truck loaded with bagged trees for spring planting had to wait out the storm on Carrizozo's Main Street.



AT THE HEIGHT of Monday's storm, cars, busses and semi-trucks clustered about the Four Winds Restaurant seeking food and shelter.

A SPEEDY GONZALEZ dinner will be served Friday evening, April 8 by the United Methodist Women of Trinity U.M. Church, Carrizozo.

The \$3.00 per plate dinner will be served in Fellowship Hall from 4 to 7 p.m. Chefs assisting will be Scott Shafer, Rev. Harry Riser, and Rosa Chavez.

BLM wilderness study includes Carrizozo's lava flow

The Bureau of Land Management's Roswell District has completed a draft environmental assessment report for two wilderness study areas in Lincoln County, and is seeking public comment on the suitability of these areas for wilderness

designation. Copies of the report are available at no charge from the BLM, P. O. Box 1397, Roswell, NM 88201. The deadline for comments is May 31.

The two areas, Little Black Peak (15,072 acres) and Carrizozo

Lava Flow (10,240 acres), are located on federal public lands on a lava flow west of Carrizozo, New Mexico, north and south of Highway 380. The flow, one of the youngest in the continental United States, is estimated to be less than 1500 years old. Much of the lava

has a fresh, uneroded appearance. However, in comparison to surrounding areas, the lava flow supports a large variety of desert shrubs and grasses. Because of its rugged terrain it has also become a haven to game animals such as mule deer and barbary sheep.

Carrizozo Lava Flow and Little Black Peak are the only remaining areas in southeast New Mexico under consideration for wilderness designation by the BLM.

The draft environmental assessment report (EA) has been

prepared as part of a statewide BLM wilderness study process and is being released for public comment with EA's in other BLM districts. The EA summarizes resource information about the areas, their values, and potential conflicts with other uses of the

land. The report also contains the BLM Roswell Area Manager's preliminary recommendations on the area's wilderness potential.

"We will meet with any individual or group wanting information," said Phil Kirk, area manager for the BLM in Roswell.

By the way

By POLLY CHAVEZ



WINTER RETURNS

Saturday, April 9, is the scheduled date for Carrizozo's Country Club's Second Annual Buzard Day. At the time of this writing, snow continued to fall.

Unless cancelled, activities planned for the Fun Day include a golf scramble for men and women. If the weather does not change, golfers will need snowmobiles to get around the 9-hole course.

VISIT RELATIVES

Some local residents traveled to various parts of New Mexico and Texas to be with relatives for the Easter holiday.

Dorothy and Obie Simmons were in Amarillo, TX, for five days visiting with son O. B., his wife Marilyn and their children Bruce, Kirby, Kimberly and Justin.

Frank and Sandy Baca and son Dino visited in Alamogordo Friday through Sunday in the home of son Frank Jr. and his wife Josephine. Sandy's mother, Sara Herrera, accompanied the Baca family. While there they stopped at Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital to see Jerri Ortega of Carrizozo.

BACK HOME

Bonnie Shepperd is back home after traveling last week to Tijuana, Mexico, for examination and tests at Bio-Medical Center. Doctors there have placed her on a drug-free plan. Bonnie is very enthused with the vitamin, natural food and herb tea treatment that she is following. She says that she is gaining back her strength following surgery and radiation last year.

TIME FLIES

Reading through back issues of the News I came across an item that mentioned a doll show supervised by teacher Catherine Chisholm (now Eaker).

Catherine, now retired, told me this week that she held the doll shows for several years. First grade, which she taught, sponsored the event. Grade school girls of all ages entered their dolls. The entry fees became prize money for the prettiest doll, biggest doll and smallest doll.

In 1955, Donda Jo, daughter of

C. D. and Joyce May, won a prize for displaying the oldest doll, a German made beauty that was 50 years old at the time. Donda Jo is married now and lives in Fruitland, 12 miles out of Farmington. She still has her doll.

Catherine always held her doll shows after Christmas when all the little girls received new dolls. Parents were invited to school to view them.

Carrizozo PTA is sponsoring a doll show on April 15 beginning at 6 p.m. in the old gym. The evening before, April 14, the PTA is conducting a spelling bee for grades 3 and 4 at the multi-purpose room located in the Manire Building.

SNOWED IN

School students were sent home after lunch last Monday because of the weather. As soon as my kids arrived I had them put out the trash, bring in wood and clear the porch of snow.

"It's too cold to work, we want to live in the snow," they complained.

After their chores were half completed I allowed them to play as they looked for caps and gloves.

After their chores were half completed I allowed them to play in the knee high snow drifts. They were in and out all afternoon tracking in snow as they looked for caps and gloves.

The once "gross" cap with the orange stripe was claimed by all four boys.

"Mine," was the answer I heard in quadruple when I inquired about the gloves I found behind the book shelf.

When they got bored of playing in the snow, they came inside to play Chinese checkers and high stakes poker. ("I'll see your homemade chocolate cookie and raise one Twinkie.")

Other activities, like raiding

the refrigerator and fighting like cats and dogs, kept them occupied for the rest of the afternoon.

Later that day while they watched TV, Nat and I went over to the school to see how the stranded travelers from all over the states were getting along.

Adults were lounging on sleeping bags and blankets spread out on the gym floor. Some chatted with each other. Others read magazines and newspapers.

In the cafeteria other travelers sipped coffee, ate sandwiches and sweet rolls. The atmosphere appeared very relaxing. All the strangers were very friendly and polite.

Nat and I ran into Supt. Jim Miller, Principal Dennis Sidebottom and 40 ag teacher Mike Gaines, who were assisting the people with bedding in preparation for an overnight stay.

"Can we spend the night?" Nat and I asked.

"Our kids are driving us crazy at home," we added.

ROADS CLOSED

Geneva Barnes and daughter Noel were unable to return to Tucumcari. They extended their visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Narvaez, Geneva's parents.

Rita Narvaez and sons Pete and Jacob traveled to Albuquerque last Saturday to visit relatives, expecting to return on Monday. The change in weather delayed their return.

Other holiday travelers made it back home before the roads were closed. Joe and Nena Ortiz, Tracey and Mario spent the weekend with son Conrad in Anthony, NM, and are back in Carrizozo. They also visited with relatives and friends in San Elizario and El Paso, TX. Randy Koller of Carrizozo accompanied the Ortiz family on the trip.



ALAMOGORDO DOLL collector Marge Bodwell holds one of her first lady dolls, Dolly Madison. The German-made doll on her right once belonged to Bodwell's grandmother, and dates back to 1850.

Doll show here, April 15

Bodwell dolls an aid to teaching history

Thousands of people, young and old, in all parts of the world make a hobby of collecting dolls.

Women and little girls are not the only ones who enjoy dolls. Even boys may like dolls that look like clowns, Indians, cowboys, astronauts or robots. Adult men are among the people who design, collect and restore dolls.

Doll collecting, a fascinating hobby, can grow into a pleasant occupation. Some collectors own a thousand or more dolls. Growth of interest in dolls is apparent in associations and periodicals available to collectors today.

Some persons specialize in costume dolls that represent all countries. Others collect antique dolls. Costume dolls from foreign lands show how other people dress. Old dolls show how people of long ago lived and what they wore.

Doll enthusiasts will get a glimpse into the art of doll collecting when Marge Bodwell of Alamogordo gives a talk on her antique and 20th century doll collection on April 15. Bodwell's dolls will be the main feature at the PTA-sponsored doll show and display in Carrizozo.

Instead of buying dolls for their collection, some people make their own.

Cloth dolls made by Polly Chavez of Carrizozo will be on display at the PTA doll show. She has made and dressed several dolls especially for the event. The fair and dark "skinned" cloth dolls represent people of Swedish, French, Indian, Mexican and Spanish ancestry.

Chavez, mother of six children, is not "just another woman who makes cloth dolls in her spare time." She is a reporter, photographer and columnist for Lincoln County News of Carrizozo. Her varied hobbies include quilting and calligraphy.

Anyone may display dolls at the April 15 show. No awards will be given. PTA members will be on hand beginning at 5 p.m. to tag

dolls and assign a display area.

Any type of doll may be displayed, including novelty dolls. Novelty dolls are those made from such materials as cork, cornhusks, spools or clothespins.

The doll show will be held at Carrizozo's old gym. Admission is 50 cents. The doors will open at 6 p.m. for viewing of the dolls. The Bodwell presentation will begin at 7 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will be used by PTA for student field trips. The PTA will host a party later this month for students participating in an April 14 spelling bee.



Coming to our Bank

BECAUSE OF THEIR DEDICATION and tireless work, men like Dan W. King, shown here, along with Cap Straley, Roy Shafer, Archie Perkins and a host of others, Highway 54 was finally finished and the last portion of blacktop laid to Robsart, six miles north of Carrizozo, in 1955.

A MAGNIFICENT DEDICATION ceremony was conducted there commemorating the finished road.

DAN W. KING first came to Carrizozo in the early 1930's to be in charge of the local CCC camp.

HIGHWAY 54 wasn't one of the favored highways and these men and many others like them formed a Highway 54 association with members along the entire length of the road, all working at this common goal.

PRESENTLY, AS WE sail along the blacktopped Highway 54, coming to the bank or coming to town or going back to the ranch or where-ever, we are reminded of when the going was rough all along the way. Coming to our bank from a distance away is now smooth sailing, and we hope you can come in soon.

IT IS ALMOST vacation time. Perhaps we can help with a loan so you can go home to visit the folks or a vacationland you've been wanting to go see. If you have a financial problem, pay our bank a call. We may be able to help.



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Vaughn Carrizozo Estancia

New hearings on ranchers' problems pleases Skeen

ROSWELL — Congressman Joe Skeen, says he is "highly pleased" that a US Senate subcommittee plans to hold hearings on the 40-year-old problems that grew out of the government takeover of New Mexico ranches for the establishment of the White Sands Missile Range.

The Senate Public Lands Subcommittee, chaired by US Sen. Malcom Wallop, R-WY, has announced plans to hold such hearings this spring.

"When I got involved in this thing last October, I said everything possible would be done to reach a solution," Skeen said. "The General Accounting Office (GAO) held a hearing in Las Cruces in January at my request to put together all of the facts. I hope their report on the hearing is available in time for Sen. Wallop's hearing."

"The main thing is, though, that we're still moving," he added. This thing has been brewing for 40 years. We're not going to get it solved overnight. But I do think a solution is possible and we're going to keep doing everything we can to keep things moving so that we can find that solution."

When former rancher Dave McDonald and his niece re-occupied the McDonald ranch inside the missile range last October, he asked that Cong. Skeen and then US Sen. Harrison

(Jack) Schmitt come to the ranch to discuss the problems he has had with the government.

The McDonalds ended their occupation after Skeen and Schmitt flew to the missile range to inspect the former McDonald home and discuss the matter with range officials.

"I made a commitment to Dave McDonald that we would keep on this thing," Skeen said. "There are a lot of different aspects because there were a lot of different ranchers affected and some of them have accepted settlements over the years. We may never get everything ironed out, but it won't be because we didn't try."

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Capitan News

By MARGARET RENCH

Grizzly Relays April 9

Carrizozo will host the Grizzly Relays scheduled for Saturday, April 9. The teams participating in the track meet are Capitan, Cloudcroft, Hondo, Lake Arthur, Magdalena, Quemado, Ruidoso, T or C and Tularosa.

shotput, Liz Beltran 27'11 1/2", Stacy Stephenson 25'5", Bonnie Jo Shepperd; discus, Beltran.

Liz Beltran, Christetta Chavez, Mary Jane Ferguson, and Bonnie Jo Shepperd teamed together to run the 400m relay and the 800m medley relay. The Grizzly girls did not place in any relay.

The Grizzlies attended the T or C track meet Saturday, April 2. Tracksters who placed were: John Roueché, 4th in the 300m intermediate hurdles with a time of 42.3 and 3rd in the 110 high hurdles with a time of 15.9. He also ran in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.5 but didn't place; Kevin Wilmore jumped 5'10" for 4th place in the high jumps; Christetta Chavez placed 3rd in the long jump with a 15'9" and again placed 3rd in the 80m hurdles with a time of 12.97.

Other times and distances were: javelin, Duane Zamora, 149'8"; Clarence Beltran 126'; long jump, Alex Serna 17'3"; Troy Hollis 16'10"; Kevin Wilmore 16'8"; 2 mile, Carlos Sanchez 11:18; 800m run, Sanchez 2:14, Jimmy Delgado 2:36.

The Grizzly boys also ran in the 400m, 800m, 1600m relays and the 1600m medley relay, but did not place. Other girl participants were:

There was no school in Capitan today due to this storm. I am glad for those buses need not be out in this weather. It is rough.



"Suddenly Fiona screamed at him like a scalded cat."

Hondo School Fiesta set for April 28-29

The famous Hondo Fiesta Dancers have begun dance practice in preparation for the 31st annual Hondo Fiesta. This year's Fiesta will carry the theme "La Fiesta-Corazon del Valle" (Heart of the Valley).

The Hondo Fiesta is scheduled for the traditional two-night performance on April 28-29 in the Ruidoso High School Gym. The change in location became necessary due to the fire which destroyed the Hondo Valley School complex, including the gym, last June.

This year's Fiesta will be presented with the same level of quality as has been the custom for the past 30 years—beautiful music, customs, decorations and an outstanding Mexican meal. The only change will be the location for this one year only. The additional few miles to Ruidoso, a pleasant 20 minutes valley drive, will enhance the beauty of this famous, annual presentation. Along with the Fiesta, parents will also serve their traditional Mexican dinner beginning at 5 p.m. each night.

The Hondo Valley Public Schools' student body, staff and parents of the valley are working to make this year's Fiesta atmosphere as authentic as possible even though the location has been changed from its historic setting of the past 30 Fiestas.

The fee for the dinner and dancing performance are the same as the past several years.

Speaking of a real blizzard, we are receiving one at this writing — Monday, April 4. We awakened to a few inches of snow and very cold this morning. By 9 a.m. there was seven inches of wet snow. The wind arrived near noon and it keeps snowing as well as drifting. The highway was cleared several times. At this time if one can get to the highway there is an opportunity you might get to town. It is a day to stay in and take care of necessities and let the weather finish its duty. There are drifts and more drifts, and yet it is snowing. Easter Sunday was comfortable with very high winds. Turned colder by night and so we have the worst snowstorm of the season. The moisture is great. Sixteen inches of snow total.

The Capitan Girl Scout Troop and their leaders were guests of the Senior Citizens at a potluck luncheon and Easter Egg hunt. Frances Shaw had charge of the affair. Elaine Beauty of the seniors and Danielle Riska of the Girl Scouts won prizes for finding the most eggs. The Senior Citizens sponsor the Girl Scouts and Frances Shaw is the Senior's Girl Scout representative. Barbara Ward, the senior citizens director, was present and told of the Senior Olympics in May at the Institute in Roswell. She also informed the

group of the eliminations to be held April 13 in the Capitan Center for ping pong and spelling. This is the date for the monthly carry-in dinner and business meeting. Also the drawing for the quilt.

Happy birthdays to Wendy Grimm whose day was March 29, Frances Douglas April 6 and little Jaylen Ware April 6. I wish you many more healthy and happy days for a bright future.

Jaylen Ware was 5 years old April 6. Her parents' anniversary was April 5. Her parents and relatives and friends honored Jaylen with a party for 13 of her little friends, April 2, to celebrate both occasions, and held an Easter egg hunt. May they have many more such happy times.

The week of Capitan spring break, Glenda Booper underwent surgery in Roswell. She is home and convalescing nicely. Do keep up the good work and gain your good health fast. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Turman of Texas, stayed with the children and helped them, care for the home and business.

Walter and Mary Ann Allred are back from Thailand where they spent time as missionaries. They have beautiful slides and will share them with any churches

Tigers show up well at Hagerman

The Capitan Tigers came home with some good individual performances from the track meet at Hagerman last week. Most of the times were slow in the meet run off in high winds and blowing dust. In the boys division, Tim McElhannon took 1st place in the 400 meter run in 54.4 seconds. Todd Proctor placed 2nd in the discus with 129 feet, 4th in the javelin with 140 feet 3 inches, and 5th in the shot put with a throw of 38 feet 2 1/2 inches. In the 100, David

Beavers placed 2nd and Paul Sullivan 5th. Danny Cummins took 5th in the high jump at 5 feet 6 inches. The 400 meter relay team posted the best time in the meet, but was disqualified for a lane violation. In the girls division, Rachel Wilson won the discus toss with a throw of 89 feet 5 inches. Becky Huey placed 5th in the 400 meter run, and the girls placed in the top five in all four relays. Capitan teams will participate at Dexter and Carrizozo this week.

Bike-a-thon in Capitan April 10

There will be a Bike-a-thon in Capitan on April 10 to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. St. Jude's is dedicated to finding a cure for illnesses that take the lives of children around the world, such as leukemia and Hodgkins disease. Danny Thomas founded St. Jude's which accepted its first patient in 1962. Since then it has been going strong giving hope to suffering children and worried families around the world. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is kept running by the donations of people everywhere, and this Bike-a-thon will help bring in much needed funds. Dona Runnels, Capitan Bike-a-thon chairman, has announced

that this year's Bike-a-thon will be held April 10 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. If it should rain, the Bike-a-thon will be the following Sunday. All riders are asked to be at the fairgrounds no later than 1 p.m. so that they may get in as many laps as possible before dark. Anyone wishing to ride may pick up their sponsor forms at the Capitan City Hall, Cummins Grocery, B & L Pizza, Olan's Quick Stop, or from Mrs. Runnels. There will be prizes awarded to riders who bring in the most money, and prizes for those who earn over \$25 and \$75.

Dean Schear wins 1983 Honor Award

Dean Schear of Capitan High School has been named a 1983 winner of a United States National Award bestowed by the United States Achievement Academy. Schear was nominated for the award by Ted Sisneros, history and government teacher at Capitan High School. The award is a prestigious honor given only to a few students. The Academy recognizes less than 10 percent of all American high school students. USAA winners are selected on recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors or other school sponsors along guidelines set forth by the Academy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Schear.

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IN ALAMOGORDO WHITE SANDS MALL IN ALAMOGORDO



BIRDIE WALKER and her cat, Luigi, on the occasion of her 88th birthday on March 15. Friends and neighbors stopped by to enjoy cake and coffee and to offer congratulations on her birthday.

County 4-H wins at Lovington

Lincoln County 4-H Club members took honors, including four first place awards, at the Lovington Invitational Judging Contest held April 2 in Lovington.

The junior livestock judging team placed first. Members are Aaron Russell, Warren Russell and Johnna Patterson. High point

individual was Johnna Patterson; Warren Russell was 5th.

The junior wool judging team of Aaron Russell, Warren Russell, Johnna Patterson and Jonna Gibson, placed first. First high in wool individual was Aaron Russell; Johnna Patterson, 2nd; and Warren Russell, 4th.

The junior horse team placed 3rd overall with Troy Daniels, Gary Means and Marcia Hefker as members. Daniels was 4th high individual and Hefker was 5th. In the senior horse division, Mike Curtiss placed 5th high individual.

The county 4-Hers competed with 28 senior teams, 21 junior teams from the southeastern part of New Mexico, and one out of state team from Plains, TX.

Attending from Lincoln County were Jonna Gibson, Troy Daniels, Marcia and Melody Hefker, Gary Means and Mike Curtiss, all of the Carrizozo Malpais Colts 4-H Club; Johnna Patterson, Hondo 4-H Club; and Warren and Aaron Russell of Corona 4-H Club. Sponsors were Betty Russell, Hoot Gibson and Rich Richardson, county 4-H agent.

Jerry Lewis rites held

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday morning for Jerry Lewis, 35, Carrizozo High School sophomore, at the Santa Rita Catholic Church.

The youth died Sunday of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot from a 22-caliber rifle. His body was found about 9:30 a.m. in his bedroom. No reason has been found for the apparent suicide, other than that he had been despondent the past few days, according to his school friends.

His mother, Mrs. Linda Haller, is employed as administrative secretary to Dr. Jim Miller of Carrizozo Municipal Schools. His father is James Lewis of Midland, TX.

The funeral service was conducted by Fr. David Berga. Burial was in the church cemetery of Santa Rita Catholic Church.

In Lincoln County

Poisoning cases on the increase

Reports of poisonings in Lincoln County rose by 18 percent between 1981 and 1982, but it's not easy to say whether that's good news or bad.

Dr. William Troutman, director of the New Mexico Poison, Drug Information and Medical Crisis Center, said the increase may indicate an actual increase in accidental poisonings, or it might simply indicate that people are becoming more aware of the help they can receive by reporting the problem.

Children four years old and younger accounted for 74 of the 140 people poisoned in the county last year.

Statewide, reported poisonings were up 19.5 percent. A total of 16,900 cases were reported, with children four years old or younger accounting for 9,832 of the victims.

The figures were released by the poison control center in conjunction with President Ronald Reagan's designation of the week of March 20-26 as National Poison Prevention Week. Gov. Toney Anaya has also

proclaimed a statewide poison prevention week for the same period.

During this year's observance, poison centers around the country are encouraging all people to post the telephone number of their local poison control agency, so that help can be reached more quickly in emergencies.

The New Mexico Poison, Drug Information and Medical Crisis Center can be reached 24 hours a day from all parts of the state through its toll-free WATS line: 1-800-432-6866. The number is printed inside the cover of telephone directories, but Troutman said it is advisable to keep the number posted near a telephone, in case the directory is misplaced in a crisis.

Some of the dangerous substances commonly swallowed by children include plants, cosmetics, perfumes and colognes, detergents, aspirin, gasoline and kerosene, according to statistics kept by the poison control center.

Women ex-prisoners of war in first reunion, April 8

Among hundreds of VIPs to be at a Washington, DC, ceremony next April 8 to honor former prisoners of war and MIAs will be up to 80 women who have special status among the more than 90,000 American former POWs.

They too survived POW status.

They include two from New Mexico and eight from Texas, most of whom will make the Washington trip.

The former POWs: Mrs. Dorothy Terrill, Rio Rancho, NM; Mrs. Earlyn B. Harding, Santa Fe, NM; Maj. Adele Foreman, Mrs. Verna V. Hively, Mrs. Gladys A. Giles, Mrs. Minnie L. Stubbs and Mrs. Mary B. Menzies, all of San Antonio, TX; Mrs. Inez M. Moore, San Marcos, TX; Mrs. Edith R. Haynes, Kerrville, TX, and Lt. Col. Hattie R. Brantley, Jefferson, TX.

They will help represent the 60 survivors of 81 women taken prisoner in 1942 when the Japanese completed their takeover of the Philippines. As the only American women ever listed as prisoners of war, the group has been invited to Washington as guests of the Veterans Administration and the Department of Defense to participate in the Pentagon observance of POW-MIA Recognition Day.

The president has designated April 9 as POW-MIA Day. But, for the women, the observance will begin when they arrive at Bolling Air Force Base April 7 for their first reunion since Liberation Day in 1945.

The 67 Army and 11 Navy nurses plus two dietitians and a physical therapist continued their roles of caring for the ill and injured throughout their in-

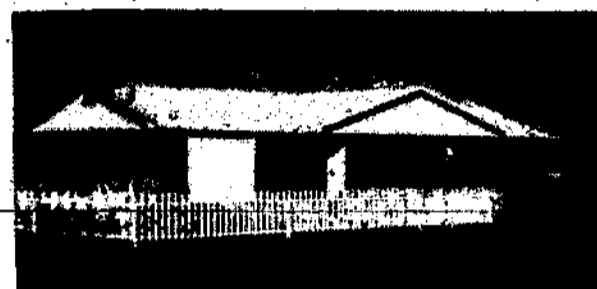
carceration. They worked under fire on Bataan, comforted the wounded and dying in the Malinta tunnel during the siege of Corregidor and stayed with their troops when Corregidor fell on May 6, 1942.

The 81 women were incarcerated in the Santo Tomas prison camp from July 3, 1942, to Jan. 8, 1945. When American troops liberated the Philippines in February 1945, they found that all of the women had miraculously survived.

The Washington reunion for the group will become a reality after months of research by VA's Department of Veterans Benefits. As the head of that VA department, Dorothy Starbuck became interested in the whereabouts of the 81 women while her department was conducting a national outreach program to advise all former POWs of new medical benefits authorized under a 1981 law. Sixty of the 81 were located, and 30 accepted.

In addition to the Pentagon ceremony, the women will be received at the White House, April 8. Receptions are planned by VA Administrator Harry Walters and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. Army Nurses plan a luncheon, Army, Navy and Air Force Nurses will host a reception, the DAV has invited them to their national headquarters to meet Congressional and veterans leaders and AMVETS will host them at their annual Silver Helmet Award Dinner in Baltimore. A tour of Washington landmarks is planned for the group by the Air Force and VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery.

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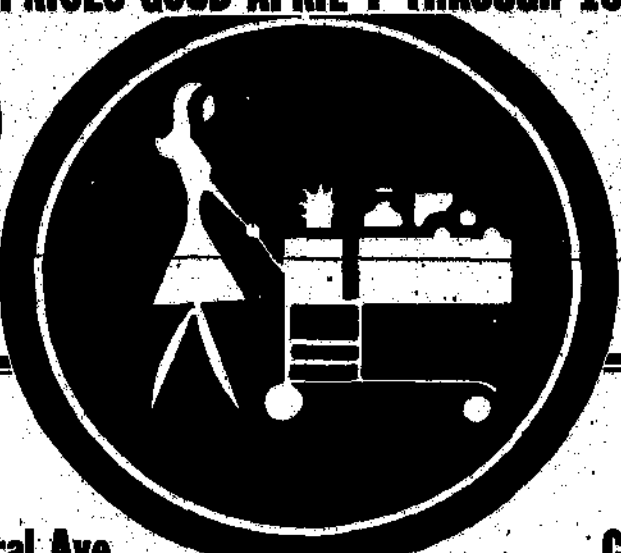
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OLD LINCOLN TOWN

By **JERRY LOCKE**
Bishop Ricardo Ramirez conducted a special service for the elderly and infirm at the San Juan Bautista Church on March 30. The Bishop was assisted by Father Berg of Carrizozo.

The request for poems and songs about Billy the Kid brought several responses. Thank you. One verse received refers to Billy's death at the hand of Pat Garrett. It goes:

But one day he met a man
Who was a whole lot badder
And now he's dead
And we ain't none the sadder

Apparently Billy was not universally liked.

The Lincoln Pageant and Festival Corporation is sponsoring a Trash to Treasure Market on May 29. Put this date on your calendar. Could be worth a trip. Location will be near The Torreon. Oh yes, bricks fell upon me for referring to The Torreon as "an ugly little structure." Still question it winning any photo awards. For those not familiar with Lincoln, Torreon is a small round fort. The early Spanish settlers clustered their jacals (small pole houses) around these structures. This one has three levels and was once surrounded by a high rock wall. The ground level was kept stored with food, water and other supplies while the upper levels were used by sharpshooters to ward off attacking Indians. The high wall formed a small corral and protected the village livestock during a raid.

Constructed about 1850, several of these forts were reportedly built along the Rio Bonito banks. The Torreon in Lincoln is the only one to survive. Even it had almost fallen down by the late 1930s when it was restored.

Attendance at the Courthouse Museum for March was 1447. Surprisingly close to the '82 count of 1444.

Recently had an interesting talk with Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Maes. Mr. Maes tells of his grandmother who lived here as a young girl. She was perhaps 15 or 16 when her marriage was arranged. When the groom was brought to the house for the wedding, two young men were riding in the wagon. The young lady, while peeking through a small window asked her mother "which one am I going to marry?" She had never seen her husband-to-be before that day. She married young Maes and lived happily with him for 60 years.

A house in the Torres Ranch area burned the evening of 4 April. No details available at this time.

EMT course to be held by county

Lincoln County is sponsoring an Emergency Medical Technician Basic Training course, May 10 through Aug. 16.

The classes will be held each Tuesday and Thursday night. Participation will be limited to 20 students to be selected on the following criteria: A willingness to be an active volunteer for one of the Lincoln County Ambulance Services; ability to make a commitment to the course, as no make-up classes can be scheduled; good physical health, able to administer CPR, able to acquire an emergency driver's license and the ability to carry up to 100 pounds—especially in mountainous territory.

Applications may be obtained by contacting the Lincoln County Manager's Office, Lincoln County Courthouse, 648-2337.

A \$30 fee will be charged to cover cost of supplies.

Letters . . .

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"Help make Washington safe for loving"? Or the expenditure of tens of thousands of dollars on a year-long effort by the National Forest Service to extinguish a fire found smoldering in a deposit of giant sloth dung? Or the application of a \$370,599 federal grant to establish half-way houses for homosexual Cuban refugees?

Middle America is being compelled to pay for, and suffer the consequences of, the increasing outrageous policies of a central government which long ago lost sight of its proper constitutional responsibilities. Excessive taxation, oppressive regulation, destructive-inflation, stifling interest rates, brutal unemployment, and the steady erosion of traditional moral values are all part of the price of having freed the federal monolith from the constitutional chains which the Founders of our country forged to keep it under control.

TOM MOODY,
Stockton, CA.

DHS, rah! rah! rah!

EDITOR—With reference to your March 24 OPINION: No sir, you were not wrong in the 1940s! Anyone who survived Dalhart (Texas) High School (as we both did) could have only been guided in the right direction, and I thank them also for helping to flavor your prose so that it satisfies a 1980s need—and may your style of journalism forever flourish.

R. M. BASCOM,
San Jose, CA.



"Maybe we should have appropriated money for a scissors."

OPINION

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Chill Cook-offs. But originality and ingenuity prevailed in Terlingua, and its reputation soared with its new project, the Liar's Contest. Vann Lister won the Silver Tongue award recently for his story about buying a dozen bottles of sokol (fermented cactus juice) from a Mexican moonshiner. He drank one in order to lighten his load, which also lightened his memory, for he forgot where he hid the other 11. A traveling group of schoolteachers came by his house and asked to come in from the cold. Lister lit his fireplace for them — and remembered (too late) where he had hidden the 11 bottles of sokol. His house went sky-high, powered by flaming bottles of cactus juice. "Upon the blast," he told listeners from the back of a pickup truck, "the teachers looked reverentially toward the sky. They thought it was the Second Coming." He won the award, along with the promise of a free car wash. To top off the festivities, Steve Harris, professional river-runner, conducted a 100-yard dash — for smokers only. You see how easy it is to keep from becoming a ghost town?

• "THE Lord Giveth and the Lord Taketh Away" Dept.: Easter Sunday morning was sunny, warm and cloudless. Birds chirped, the buds swelled. It was truly spring. By 3 p.m. winds reached 50 miles an hour with blowing dust and sand. The wind rearranged all the garbage in Lincoln County. Highway visibility was cut to 100 yards. By morning there was an inch of snow on the ground, and by 2 p.m. there was seven inches of snow in Carrizozo and temperatures never got above 26 degrees. Highways were closed in all directions. Stranded travelers swelled the town population, with few accommodations to allow them to wait out the storm. The area fruit crop perished in snow and ice. Moral: be wary of a nice day, for thou knowest not what follows it.

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