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Town meeting

Storm victims express thanks; Spencer stalls UDAG motel plan

The large volume of motorists who sought shelter and food in Carrizozo at the height of the recent snow blizzard gave evidence of the degree of traffic that use not one, but two major highways that cross in Carrizozo.

April 4 and 5 the town of Carrizozo provided relief from the storm to approximately 250 people, many staying overnight. When motels were filled to capacity, private homes and the schools were opened to the travelers on Highways 54 and 380.

One traveler expressed her appreciation through a letter addressed to the city hall Edith R. Crowe of Rio Rancho, NM, requested that the mayor forward her gratitude to members of the community.

"I feel sure, New Mexico—at least one little town—will be afforded a place in the personal journals of people from Mexico to Canada, and California to Massachusetts. Even us Kentuckians, who have recently moved here, feel a bit more easy now that we've found the people are more like back home."

Crowe, appreciative for the way the town came to the aid of travelers, said that had it not been for the efforts of the State Police that saved us from freezing to

death in a snow bank; then, the people of the Four Winds Restaurant, who thawed us out, and fed all of us, we surely wouldn't be here to tell of that adventure."

She goes on to describe the hospitality of local folks: "The school was opened up to us, and set up with cots. The recreational center provided further comforts. For those of us who stayed at the restaurant, we were offered shelter, coffee and food all night long. The atmosphere began to take on a festive hue, and what could have been a harrowing experience, turned out to be a fond memory, with new friends, who we'll probably never see again, but won't ever forget."

Another letter read at Monday's regular town meeting was of another nature.

This one was from Hubert W. Dutton, acting area manager, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Dallas, TX. Dutton informed the mayor that his department has received a second letter from Mr. Weldon Spencer via his attorney, further expressing his opposition to the funding of Carrizozo's UDAG application. Copies of the letter were sent by the attorney to Hubert Quintana, SENMEDD,

Rep. Joe Skeen and Senator Pete Domenici.

Charles E. Hawthorne, attorney and counselor at law, Ruidoso, states in his letter to HUD that his firm has been retained by Spencer to represent him in opposition to the approval of the UDAG application for construction of the Four Winds Motel. (Spencer, who resides in Ruidoso, is the owner of the Crossroads Motel in Carrizozo.)

Hawthorne has reviewed the UDAG application, the rules and regulations and states that it is clear that the application must be denied as it is presently compiled.

A few observations, writes Hawthorne, should be made in regard to the section on the application—Statement of Problems and Objectives: "First, while the major industry in Lincoln County is tourism, Carrizozo is not a part of that tourist industry. The race track, skiing, mountains, hunting and fishing is located in Ruidoso, 38 miles away, and Ruidoso has ample tourist facilities. Carrizozo has never been a tourist center and can not look forward to any of that type of business in the future. The motel trade in Carrizozo is comprised of military and government trade from the White Sands Missile Range, railroad

workers on per diem, and travelers on Highway 380."

He continues, "There is nothing of tourist interest in Carrizozo, especially of enough interest to spend a night. The reality of the situation is that Carrizozo will never be a part of the Lincoln County tourist industry and any statement to the contrary is foolish and unsupportable."

Hawthorne states that there are existing motels in Carrizozo with the exact same amenities outlined in the application and adds that the proposed motel would add nothing to the existing tourist facilities.

He claims that the owners of the proposed motel have either exaggerated the number of employees they will hire or they are so inexperienced that their 10-year projection is inaccurate. According to Hawthorne, Spencer's Carrizozo Motel employs four (4) and is of comparable size to the proposed motel.

The attorney writes that land on which the motel is to be built is not inside the city limits of Carrizozo. (The land is within the town limits.)

Hawthorne's review of the 10-year projection on the application reveals that the proposed motel

will, "either not be a viable business or it will have a negative economic impact on the existing motels in the town."

The attorney's letter to HUD includes a 'Monthly Break-Even Projection' which the attorney labels as exhibit "A" and shows cost projections in the operation of a motel.

Hawthorne says in his letter that since neither of the owners of the proposed motel have ever built, owned, operated or investigated adequately the operation of a motel "they can be forgiven for their error in believing that a motel built at these costs would be profitable."

"The end result would be that the proposed motel would either capture all the business in Carrizozo and the existing motels would go broke, or the proposed motel would go broke. In either case the city of Carrizozo would have several more empty buildings in town and create further unemployment and blight. The negative impact on the existing motel industry in Carrizozo is obvious."

"There are several other more advisable alternative uses for a UDAG to the financing of the construction of a fifth motel in a

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SUZANNE SAUCEDO'S 'UNCLE SAM'

Saucedo wins a state contest

Suzanne Saucedo, 10, Carrizozo, has been awarded top state prize in the grades 5-8 division of the 1982-83 Elmer's National Glue-Craft Contest, "Salute To America."

Suzanne placed first with her glue sculpture of Uncle Sam. A 5th grade student at Carrizozo School, she will receive a Polaroid camera as her prize. Her teacher, William A. Vitany, will receive a checkbook-wallet with 8-digit calculator. Representing the State of New Mexico, Suzanne's project is now eligible for prizes at the national level of the glue-craft competition.

The theme of the glue-craft contest, "Salute To America," was designed to encourage

creative expression and stimulate youthful imaginations. The students used everyday materials and plenty of imagination to create individual projects with patriotic themes. Taking the form of collages, mobiles, sculptures, dimensional posters, box art, their projects depicted the richly varied sights and people of America—from a diorama of scenic San Francisco to a glue-dough sculpture of Betsy Ross.

Sponsored by the Consumer Products Division of Borden, Inc., the national competition was open to all students across the country in two divisions: kindergarten-grade 4; and grades 5-8. Some 30,000 contest kits were requested by interested teachers across the country.

Women of the Southwest

One explains invasion of Range, and why she may do it again

By DONNA SCOGGINS

(Donna Scoggins is a freelance writer in Alamogordo. She plans a book on "Women of the Southwest." One of her first interviews was with Mary McDonald, and this part of her story deals with the McDonalds' return to her uncle Dave's ranch on White Sands Missile Range to draw public attention to the plight of ranchers and miners whose properties have been confiscated by the federal government. Scoggins is interviewing other outstanding women in Lincoln County.)

Mary McDonald's narration of her October 1982 "invasion" of White Sands Missile Range, where her uncle Dave once herded cattle and the Army now herds missiles, leads off this series. Why did she do it?

She admits that her biggest fault is her temper, plus when she thinks something is wrong, she not only says so, but does something about it. If the government had known that, it might have reconsidered notifying Mary that her mine, located on WSMR, was to be taken from her because she had failed to answer their court

order in federal court.

"Well, the papers didn't state that. Just said send your objections. So I got mad and charged them with fraud in federal court." That was in June 1982, and is the Number One reason Mary gives for why she became actively involved in the range controversy. "They made me mad."

That's not all that angered her. She believes the government, the Army Corps of Engineers in particular, has victimized those claimants to ranches and mines on the WSMR, especially the old people. She says, "You cannot justify that to me; you just can-

not." She won't say who "because they'd shoot me on sight, but this one old couple lives on \$290 a month Social Security total, not each, and that's damn hard to do. They live in poverty, all of them, yet they've got property worth millions of dollars."

If Mary gets no money at all for her mine, she can handle that, but she wants "to see Uncle Dave get his money and be able to afford full-time nurses for my aunt," a recent stroke victim.

Dave McDonald's ranch encompasses 28,000 acres, but "he'll get paid for 540 of it, that's all. It's like going in there and telling someone 'I'm going to buy

your entire house, but I'm only going to pay you for the bathroom.' Our point is, we don't want to sell it that bad anyway. And if they don't want to pay what it's worth, fine. Get the hell out!"

Another precipitating factor occurred in August 1982 when Mary and Dave, under military escort, visited his old ranch. Mary smuggled in a couple of cameras, including one with a telephoto lens. What the camera confirmed—someone else's cattle grazing on Dave McDonald's ranch—fired Mary's resolve.

"That's been private grazing, a private ranch, for everybody in the country but the people that

own the land."

"Finally we decided to hell with it. Not because we weren't making progress, but because we don't have another 40 years. It was the only damn way we could figure to get their attention. And when Dave wanted to go, we just went."

It was more complex than that, involving much advance preparation and quite a few people. The very morning that Mary and Dave reoccupied the old ranch, Mary was supposed to be in Cong. Joe Skeen's office at 9 o'clock. But she and Dave had already decided that Oct. 13 was their morning of departure, and if

there had been a leak "they'd think we'd gone to the Skeen meeting." Also in the know were some reporters and photographers from the Albuquerque Journal. A few accompanied them to the ranch house, while others waited outside the range fence, about 12 miles away.

Mary was ready for all contingencies. Packed in her pickup were "two 30-30 rifles and an old 45 hog's leg of granddad's, Dave's father. Plus a 22 rifle that they didn't even know we had." She had already scouted how to actually get on the ranch.

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Total involvement urged

Suicide sparks drive against drug abuse

By P. E. CHAVEZ

Apathy on the part of adults and youth, home situations, peer pressure and lax drunk driving laws were among reasons cited Tuesday by concerned people regarding a problem that plague all communities: alcohol and drug use and abuse by teenagers.

The large crowd of citizens, representing parent, grandparents, school staff, town, county and state law enforcement, church leaders and owners of liquor establishments, attempted to pinpoint the cause of the situation which came to a head following the recent tragic death by suicide of a local youth.

The death focused attention on the community problem of the availability of alcohol and drugs to the teenager. In response to the concerned individuals who inquired about how they can help solve the problem, school administrators organized the Tuesday night meeting for parents and other interested citizens.

Those who spoke about a school-community plan to deal with the problem included Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan; Sgt. Louie Frausto, NMSF, Las Cruces; Paul Gutierrez, counselor, Ruidoso Counseling Center; and Dennis Sidebottom, Carrizozo school principal.

Several of the people in the audience candidly testified how personal drug and alcohol has affected their lives and those around them.

"The problem is not unique to Carrizozo," Sullivan said citing his experience in his work with other law agencies, "But there is a problem here in Carrizozo. We have evidence that there is a significant amount of drugs coming into this town. It's mostly marijuana. And the kids are getting their liquor through their sources—fake IDs and over-21 friends."

Sullivan believes there are no large scale narcotic transactions going on, but was reluctant to discuss any drug investigation

presently being conducted, "We do know who the sources are."

We cannot take any police action on hearsay and without a probable cause to get a search warrant there is nothing that his department can do. The snitch, or informant, system is helpful.

"On the alcohol thing I've talked to bar owners and told them that we will be watching them on sales to minors." Sullivan said the businesses are faced with the problem of fake IDs and over-21 buyers who buy for minors, "I don't think there is any liquor dealers in Carrizozo not intelligent enough to want to risk their license for a 50 cent profit on a 6-pack of beer. I don't think anyone is intentionally selling beer to kids, but we can't watch every drive-in window 24 hours a day. I have visited with establishment owners and have told them we are going to start cracking down on anybody we observe selling liquor to minors." (It is a fourth degree felony to buy or give liquor to minors.)

Sullivan warned that youth in possession of liquor or drugs will be apprehended, and many parents at Tuesday's meeting and others not present may be among those called to the sheriff's office.

"It will draw a little heat, but we can't be selective. We're going to get them all."

His department has inquired about drug literature and films to educate parents. He said there are many ways parents can tell if their youngsters are involved in the drug scene.

Because of the response and concerns voiced at Tuesday's meeting Carrizozo schools will take steps to initiate a substance abuse education program to begin in two weeks when experts will be on hand to address all the problems aired. Sample of drugs and paraphernalia will be displayed for parents.

State Police Sgt. Frausto said that Sullivan, a former colleague in the narcotics enforcement field, was quite thorough in articulating the facts as they exist in the

community. He added that alcohol and drug sources are often students or graduates who make extra money pushing drugs. Fausto said teachers on campus are an effective deterrent in the exchange of drugs.

It is not feasible for police to watch a suspect individual for 24 hours, but concerned people should identify pushers to law enforcement agencies or school administrators. Drug education programs within the schools for students are not entirely successful, it was pointed out.

Parents present indicated that they would like to know from anybody in the community if their child is seen under the influence of alcohol or drug or caught using them.

Sidebottom said that on occasion he has had to approach parents about youth involvement with substances and has been chided by some parents for doing so, often calling him a liar.

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By the way

By POLLY CHAVEZ

ROUND TUIT

What are the illegal drugs being used and how can you help combat their use? When should a citizen consider taking a complaint to a magistrate or small claims court? Classes on these subjects will be among those offered during Homemakers College at New Mexico State University this year.

"If I could just get around to it," is probably what you say to yourself when this annual event comes around.

NMSU leaflets publicizing the event include circular "tuit" designs to encourage people to attend Homemakers College, June 14-17. Both men and women are welcome. This year's program should be of interest to both sexes. Four days of workshops, classes and tours are lined up for the students. Campus lodging and dining will be available. For additional information and details on registration fees call the County Extension office (648-2311).

FORMER RESIDENTS

Weekend house guests in the home of Joel and Jolene Pafford and family were Dale and Linda Housley, former Carrizozo residents. Joel and Dale entered the horseshoe pitching contest held Saturday. Dale and Linda live in Albuquerque, where Dale is a state police sergeant.

VISIT IN CARRIZOZO

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Borgs of Wausau, WI, were in Carrizozo over the Easter holidays. They are parents of Fr. Dave Bergs, pastor of Santa Rita Catholic Church. While here the couple visited with old and new friends at a reception where they were the guests of honor.

BASKET WINNER

The candy filled Easter basket at Erma's Beauty Salon was won by Marge Nickason of Carrizozo.

COMING UP

Thursday, April 14, is the date of a spelling bee sponsored by the PTA. 3rd and 4th graders will compete at 7 p.m. at the multi-purpose room located in the Manire Building at school.

The PTA doll show will be Friday, April 15, in the old gym. Viewing of the dolls begins at 6 p.m. Doll collector Marge Bodwell of Alamogordo presents her program at 7 p.m. Anyone wishing to display a doll or dolls may bring them to the gym.

Ladies Day is Saturday, April 16, at the Church of Christ. There will be three women speakers on hand for the church event which begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m.

Carrizozo's Bike-a-Thon will be held Saturday, April 23. Proceeds of the event are used by St. Jude's Children Hospital which is primarily supported by funds from volunteer contributors. The hospital is the largest childhood cancer research center in the world.

SURE YOU CAN

Now is the time for all quilt makers to take that unfinished quilt out of the closet or other storage area. The Santa Rita Quilting Group is planning to hold its 2nd annual quilt show on Saturday, May 21.

There is plenty of time to finish that quilt you've been meaning to get back to as soon as the holidays were over. If you gave quilts as Christmas gifts, the recipients will loan them to you so that the quilts can be enjoyed by many at the quilt show.

IN APPRECIATION

I want to express the gratitude of my family to all of you who have shown love and kindness during these past days. Thank you for your many cards, flowers, gifts of food and money. We will always remember you.

Jerry has gone and no amount of tears we cry will bring him back. The tears are now for all who knew Jerry and loved him and will miss him. Let the love and concern shown to us at this time be for all the young people of Carrizozo.

For your tears, your prayers and your love, may God bless you.

LINDA HALLER

AN OPEN LETTER TO . . .

James P. Miller, Jr., Ph.D.

Your letter to "Dear Parents", dated April 7, 1983, showed, at best, poor taste in timing. At worst, it was licentious in its innuendo that alcohol-drug abuse was related to a recent tragedy. You deserve a reprimand from the board of education for poor taste; unless you have proof positive anent your alcohol-drug insinuation, you deserve severe censure.

At this year's pre-school workshop and orientation, your principal told the teachers that our community has a problem related to use of alcohol by juveniles. He stated that Carrizozo is fortunate in not having a juvenile drug problem. He promised to solve the alcohol problem if teachers would give him signed evidence, (administrative for "I'll take the credit, you take the blame").

It is respectfully suggested that you set your (school) house in order by reaching agreement among administrators regarding what problem exists, and then utilize the faculty to help define the problem and to devise a clearly stated solution which the community may modify, accept or reject.

It is also suggested that you forego the continued creation of an Imperial Superintendency. Attempts to create an Imperial Presidency did in Richard Nixon, are you less fallible than he?

As Dr. D.D. Ross, nationally eminent Sioux Indian educator and educational leader, stated in 1977, "The schools are agencies for change, not agencies of change".

With all deserved respect,
Wm. L. Cramer

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George James of Corona is dead at 45

George B. Jones, 45, a nine-year resident of Corona and a former 11-year resident of Albuquerque, died Saturday, April 9, in an Albuquerque hospital after a long illness.

He is survived by the widow Charlotte, of the home; a daughter, Donna, of the home; three sons, Olan, a student of New Mexico State University at Las Cruces, Darrell and John, both of the home; two sisters, Glenda Shelton of Las Cruces and Patsy Mulkey of Corona; a brother, Alvin of Los Alamos; and his mother, Mrs. Nettie Bradley of Alamogordo.

Mr. James was an Emergency Medical Technician in Lincoln County, a member of the Trapper Assn. and the Old Time Fiddlers Assn. He was the distributor for Ralston Purina Liquid Livestock feed for eight years.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 11, 1 p.m., at the Claunch Cemetery with the Rev. Armin Weber officiating.

Pallbearers were Nick Bacila, Bill Harviston, Bill Montgomery, Larry Sharp, A. J. Gibbs and Ernest Lueras. Harris-Hanlon Mortuary of Mountainair was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Pioneer rancher claimed

George Straley, pioneer rancher in Lincoln County, was buried at Ancho on Tuesday, April 12.

Mr. Straley arrived in Lincoln County at the age of 10 in 1912, along with his parents and eight brothers and sisters, all of whom have preceded him in death. His entire life was spent on the Straley Ranch at Ancho.

Mr. Straley and his wife Katie Mae were parents of two sons, George L. Straley Jr. (Lee) of Estancia and Harry Straley of Socorro; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial graveside services were conducted by the Rev. Frank Crown of Ruidoso.

Those wishing to establish a memorial for Mr. Straley are invited to contribute to the New Mexico Parkinson Disease Research Center, Albuquerque.

Bike-a-Thon sponsors sought

Riders for the April 23 Bike-a-Thon are now asking Carrizozo citizens to back their efforts by pledging a contribution for each mile they ride.

"The money our riders earn will help continue St. Jude's life-saving study of childhood cancer that has become so important to children all over the world," said Bike-a-Thon chairman Charlene Brown.

"We'll be showing that we care about children by helping this cause," she said. "Please support your rider with a generous pledge, and then help them get the funds to us as soon as the ride is over."

Each rider will be given a lap card when they register at the street by the new gym on Saturday, April 23. Every time they ride through the check point, the card will be initialed. At the end of the ride, each card will be checked and signed to show that the rider earned what the sponsor pledged. Riders will then return to the sponsor to collect the pledge.

"We'll also be giving them a hospital bracelet saying 'I'm

County will hire its own animal control officer

Lincoln County Commissioners agreed to turn over animal control activities in the county to Sheriff Tom Sullivan's office at their regular meeting April 12.

Previously, commissioners had voted to employ Jack Sniadecki of Ruidoso to handle animal control problems in the county at a monthly salary of \$1300 per month. However, since the action was taken two months ago, no formal contract had been signed between Sniadecki and the commissioners, largely due, according to County Manager Suzanne Cox, to the fact that the contract was to be prepared by Dist. Atty. Steve Sanders' office. Because of the pressure of criminal prosecutions, Sanders had not gotten around to drawing the contract.

Sniadecki has not fulfilled the duties of animal control officer pending signing of a contract. In the interim, Sheriff Sullivan has been performing the duties of that office, as he is authorized to do by law. Commissioners believe that Sniadecki should have gone ahead and performed animal control, relying on the good offices and integrity of the commissioners' resolution to guarantee conditions of the contract.

The commissioners will advertise for an animal control officer at a salary of \$900 per month, plus \$300 for vehicle maintenance. He will work directly out of the sheriff's office and be responsible to him.

It was Sullivan who proposed the county employ its own animal control officer, and told commissioners he felt the new employee could do a better job with less cost to the county.

The Town of Carrizozo has also contacted Sullivan with a plan to make him animal control officer for the town as well as the county. Carrizozo has some kennels, but more is needed and repairs are needed to existing ones.

Commissioners voted to increase the sheriff's budget for animal control by \$4,748. This amount is for salary, equipment, vehicle maintenance and enlargement of kennels.

In other action, commissioners approved a contract with Dr. Daniel Blodgett of Tulsa, OK, who will operate the Carrizozo Health Center begin-

ning Aug. 1.

Cancelled opening of bids for an addition to the Ft. Stanton Fire Station when they found more funds had become available, and that plans needed revision.

Accepted a proposal by Ernst & Whinney to perform county audit at a cost of \$9,956.

Approved pay estimate No. 3 to Leeds-Hill-Herkenhoff, Inc., in the amount of \$55,606.10 for construction of the sub-office at Ruidoso.

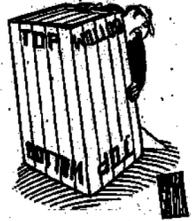
Appointed John Allen Hightower as representative to the New Mexico Association of Counties executive board.

Appointed a Road Review Committee (Terry Bussey, Tranquillo Silva, Hollis Cummins and Herman Otero, alternate) to study Glen Draper's request for road closure at "C"

Hill Subdivision, Capitlan.

Reviewed a letter from Rhonda Strickland, White Oaks, asking for county maintenance of a road in White Oaks area; said request to be included in Cooperative Agreement for 1984-85 to secure 50 percent state funding.

Approved 1983-84 budgets for volunteer fire departments: Hondo \$38,774, Lincoln \$36,608, Nogal \$15,971, Bonita \$39,981, Ft. Stanton \$53,053.



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Register To Win A FREE Bike From Gibson's! Ronald McDonald will announce the winners of one Girl's Bike and one Boy's Bike to be given away at the Grand Opening. See Entry Blank for details.

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Capitan

News

This Monday the sun is shining with cold wind. We had 30 inches of wet snow last week. Everything was paralyzed for several days. At this time the snow has nearly melted. That moisture was great. The White Mountains are truly white. There was much more snow there. The hills and Capitan Mountains too are white. They seem to be holding it. One does not dare to get off the highways as the mud is deep. This was the old-fashioned kind of storm that was much needed.

The Smokey Bear Museum had 2,281 visitors in March.

The Bike-a-thon for St. Jude Hospital in Capitan was cancelled because of poor weather and the lack of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean Earl of Houston, visited the Smokey Bear Museum Saturday. Mr. Earl's father, Dean Earl, was the District Forest Ranger when Smokey was found. Mr. Earl died two years ago. His son and wife did enjoy their visiting at the museum. He is a dentist.

Cathleen Massey left via bus for Amarillo, TX last Wednesday to join her daughter, Cathy Winkler, and son and traveled to Galveston for his checkup which is necessary after a several month period.

Shelby Helms returned this last weekend from his several months work in Alaska. His birthday was April 10, and I wish him many more very happy and healthy ones. Welcome home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hardy and Julie accompanied by their daughter Reba and her friend Linda Foster of Crown Point, enjoyed the Easter weekend with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Richard Scott, and family in Higginbotham, TX, and both of their mothers. The young ladies were unable to return to Crown Point until Wednesday due to the storm.

Bessie Jones left Monday morning for Pecos, TX, to visit her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Bo Worsham.

David and Deborah Cummins spent March 23,30 visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cox, in Lometa, TX.

Maxine Wright left last

Smokey the Bear stamp plan gains

WASHINGTON, DC — The members of the New Mexico Congressional Projects Office, US Senator Pete V. Domenici, US Senator Jeff Bingaman, US Rep. Manuel Lujan Jr., and US Rep. Joe Skeen have joined the crusade to make "Smokey the Bear," the subject of a commemorative stamp.

The members expressed their support for the stamp to William F. Bolger, Postmaster General, the Citizens Advisory Committee, and enlisted the support of Jackson Weaver, a local Washington radio personality who was the "voice" of Smokey the Bear for many years.

Smokey was the name given to a tiny bear cub found clinging to a burned tree following a fire that destroyed thousands of acres of forest in the Capitan Mountains in New Mexico. Smokey lived at the National Zoo for 25 years and when he died in 1975, Congress adopted a resolution to bury him in Capitan at the Smokey Bear Museum.

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Saturday to visit her mother Elsie in Seminole, TX.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Payne celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary April 10. Congratulations, and I wish you many more very happy years together.

Glenda Booher underwent gall bladder and appendectomy surgery in Ruidoso Hospital March 28 and is home feeling much better and improving daily.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Otero's granddaughters' birthdays are all three in April. Michelle Clark, April 8, Sweet Sixteen; Heather Woodell, 3 years, April 10; and Kateri Sanchez, 13 years, April 22. I wish these lovely ladies many more very happy and healthy birthdays.

Leo and Lucy Sturdivant of Crescent Lake, OR, stopped this last week to visit his cousin, Roy Horton, whom he had not seen in 40 years, while they were enroute to Louisiana. They arrived in the middle of the snow storm.

White Oaks

By ROSE VINSON
 Some of you may have noticed the lack of a White Oaks column this week. It was poorly written due to a deep sadness over the death of Jerry Lewis. We extend our sympathies to his family. I'm sure I'm not the only parent who went and took a closer look at my own children. They probably did not understand why I felt the need to hug them close and tell them "I love you."

We here in White Oaks are also deeply saddened over the passing of David Cutler. David was a special person and a good friend. We feel a special bond with his wife, Ula, and were blessed to be allowed to know her and David as well as we did. David will be missed for a long time.

Also we take this opportunity to say "Vayo con Dios, amigo," to Miguel Reyes. Miguel was another special friend to us here. I do not speak any Spanish and Miguel's English was not the best, but we still had long talks and could eventually understand each other.

The livestock here in White

scheduled to meet on May 6 and serious consideration is expected to be given to a Smokey the Bear stamp.

"Smokey, after all, was more than a cartoon character admonishing people to extinguish fires. He became a symbol of courage and honor to children everywhere. We think that after 30-odd years of symbolizing fire prevention, Smokey has earned the right to be the subject of a commemorative stamp.

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Dear Folks:

I just had to write to tell you how much we appreciated your kindness, and efforts towards our comfort during the terrible storm that struck that area on Monday, April 4th.

We braved the elements, and struck out for home about 10:30 Tuesday morning, with well wishes from all of you riding with us. All our prayers were answered, and the Good Lord was riding with us. Only one spot on 380 gave us any trouble, and that was momentarily. The main worry, Red Hill, was clear, and we made it all the way back to Rio Rancho by 2:30 pm.

I'm sure, by now, that all of your travelers from our crowd have left. But, you all will be fondly remembered, and appreciated. Especially, that wonderful potato soup. We've certainly been singing your praises to all that hears our story. What could have been a terrible experience, turned out to be a pleasant adventure. We certainly feel better about moving here from Kentucky, now that we see the people are so much like back home.

Thanks, again. And, may God be with you all.
 Sincerely,
 Edith R. Crow (Ray & Edie-the white '78 Caddy)
 3811 Torrey Pine Road S.E., Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87124

P.S. We hope to make the trip in that direction in about another week or so, and will stop in for lunch. Let's hope the weather is better, and we can make it on to Ruidoso Vacation Resort. Then, perhaps, we'll become neighbors, and I can enjoy your fine food more often.

April 6, 1983

Mary McDonald

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 "There's a gate on the west side and I'd scouted it out the week before. Not very far, but far enough. I knew I could hit that old road, and..."
 An element of humor crept into the last-minute preparations. Someone asked Mary, "Are you scared? 'Cause if you are, we can call this off." She wasn't scared, just nervous about getting everything packed. She confided, "I'm not going to lie to you. I'll probably be scared silly when I get out there." But as it turned out, she wasn't. Most of it she found either "hysterical, because you were laughing so hard at some of the stunts that were going on, or it was boring as hell."

But not for Dave, "because, you see, he was home. He was happy as a clam. What was boring for me was I had to keep watch all the time."

Once on the ranch, Mary and Dave quickly set up housekeeping as if they meant to stay. Dave packed "everything in the world—a saw, a hammer, nails, screwdrivers, barbed wire—everything." Together they boarded up some windows and put plexiglass in others. Dave was a perfectionist, and "everything was cut to fit." For a final touch they installed a door that "even had hinges on it, and a latch." One room "had a little fireplace in it,

White Oaks

Oaks weathered the snow storm rather well this past week thanks to a 18-wheeler loaded with hay that got stuck in front of the Brown Store building. Darkness and deep snow set in before all the hay got put away and the driver of the truck was snowed in at the Slash 3 Ranch for two days. The livestock enjoyed the stay of the truck, I'm sure.

Sheriff Tom Sullivan and Deputy Lerry Bond were of great assistance to a hardheaded independent old gentleman from Iowa who insisted on walking into where his 2-wheel pickup was stuck in the snow just this side of Dose Ranch. The roads were impassable even to most 4-wheelers. They took a couple of 4-wheel drive vehicles and several feet of chain to get him down to the pavement here in White Oaks.

We who live off the paved road greatly appreciate the work and time spent in getting the road cleared so we could get out with our vehicles. Steve and his boss not only plowed through snow drifts, mud and ice but also carried parts to Bob Green to repair his 4-wheel drive that had broken down in the North Pasture. Thanks to you, Steve, and all who were so helpful this past week. We appreciate it.

Mister Roy Acker celebrated his 82nd birthday April 7th. This special day was also his and his wife Jewel's 50th wedding anniversary. Best wishes to you both, you are indeed special people to us here in White Oaks, as you are to each other.

CARD OF THANKS
 We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all our friends and neighbors who showed such kindness and consideration during the long illness and recent death of our beloved son George. God Bless all you wonderful people.
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FFA ranks high at state meet

Carrizozo FFA chapter's Agricultural Mechanics team won first place at the New Mexico FFA Convention in Las Cruces, April 6-9, which qualifies it to compete at the National FFA Convention in November.

Team members were John Hemphill, Adrien Sanchez, Melody Hefker and Charles Zamora. Hemphill was also 3rd high individual in the contest, Hefker was 4th.

The Farm Management Team finished 3rd in the judging. Members are John Hemphill, John Roueche, Gray Gallacher and Timmy Vega. Mike Curtiss, Daryl Lindsay and Troy Hollis, composing the horse team, finished in 8th place among 45 schools that competed in 11 contest areas.

The Meats Team (Mary Jane Ferguson, Geneva Maxwell, Lynn Gallacher and Mike Curtiss) finished 9th. Ferguson also was 2nd high individual. The Poultry Team (Adrien Sanchez, Kenneth Crenshaw, Carlos Sanchez and James Guevara) placed 8th.

The Crops Team (Gray Gallacher, John Roueche, Steve Stearns and Mike Cooper) finished 12th. The Land Team (Gray Gallacher, John Roueche, Steve Stearns and James Guevara) was 15th. The Dairy Team (John Hemphill, Daryl

Lindsay, Kenneth Crenshaw and Timmy Vega) took 17th spot. The Wool Team (Mary Jane Ferguson, Lynn Gallacher, Melody Hefker and Geneva Maxwell) was in 18th place.

Finishing 21 was the Entomology Team consisting of Gray Gallacher, John Roueche, Timmy Vega and Adrien Sanchez. The Livestock Team (Ferguson, Joe Candelaria, Lynn Gallacher and Geneva Maxwell) 24th place.

Overall, Carrizozo finished 13th in the sweepstakes. First place winner was Grady High School.

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At least we think that is what Nora Henn just said! Walter and Nora Henn have been our good customers ever since they were kind enough to take up their permanent residence here with the rest of us. Mona Griego knows that is a genuine Distinguished Service Cross.

Nora is a true Lincoln Countian now and her articles on early-day Lincoln County history are important contributions, truly researched and interesting; as well as her help to Eve Ball on "Indeh." Lynda Sanchez, also helped on "Indeh" and both Nora and Lynda are real supporters of Lincoln County Historical Society.

If you don't already belong to this organization we urge you to now. Walter Henn's pictures of our county and a Walking Tour of Old Lincoln will serve to remind us of the early days here, and are truly wonderful.

The first Lincoln County Bank had John S. Chisum as its president; Alexander A. McSween as vice-president; and John H. Tunstall, cashier. Our bank is proud to be an important part of Lincoln County, and our community room is used almost daily by folks that need a meeting place for various organizations that make this a great county.

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OPINION

● **THOSE** of you who suffered through reading this column 10 years ago may recall that I offered the observation that there is more racism in the United States "today" than ever in the history of the nation. Sure, we have covered its ugliness with various Civil Rights Acts, affirmative action apparatus, racial quotas in hiring, tons of money for blacks and other minorities for every conceivable purpose, and special privileges the Caucasian can pay for but cannot enjoy. On the surface, the people smiled upon each other, and in their hearts they resented and hated blacks who had been "enthroned" by law as a means of compensating them for past injustices. Thrusting this social and economic burden upon whites, who were not even alive when the aforesaid injustices were committed, deepen the chasm between whites and blacks. While whites have been smouldering, blacks have leaped to the advantage and perpetually push for greater and more enriched "bounties" for whatever happened 200 years ago. They became cocky and arrogant to the extent that in Oakland, CA, organized blacks, observing that all local bank presidents in a city that is 60 percent black were white, demanded that 60 percent of Oakland bank presidents should also be black. Color was to be the only criterion. While the effort failed, the issue is among hundreds of others where blacks demand to be "more equal" than their white fellow Americans. It is to the point where whites are in increasing numbers filing race discrimination suits against businesses, unions and government agencies who hire and promote, not on performance or ability, but on race alone. We are a nation wallowing in hypocrisy, bravely proclaiming blacks are equal or better than whites while deep down sensing it isn't so; and angry because the racial shoe is on the other foot. It may be socially and politically divisive, but at least in Chicago, reality has punctured the veneer of hypocrisy and the racial issue is out in the open. In Chicago, the mayor's race which ended Tuesday was black versus white, a battle between blacks and whites for control of the city.

● **THIS IS** being written Sunday, two days before the election, so I don't know who is the new Mayor of Chicago. It doesn't matter whether the white Republican Jewish candidate with some history of mental incompetence wins or whether the black candidate with a history of serving a jail sentence and suffering suspension from the Illinois Bar Assn. for stealing his clients money, wins. I do think it healthy that the race was seen for what it was: white against black. Chicago is the most racially segregated city in America, and it is time its residents, and the nation, faced up to that reality. What happened in Chicago is destined to happen all across the nation, in small towns and large cities, and all the civil rights acts backed up by the armed might of the nation isn't going to prevent such unrest. If Chicago blacks win, blacks across America will demand a black presidential candidate running on their own party by 1988, and probably by 1984. The die is already cast. If we can believe the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who hopes to be the first black president, and says so. If so, what happened in Chicago will be repeated across the land, and we will be reaping the harvest of civil rights legislation that has continued since 1964.

● **ONE OF** the losers in such a conflict will be the Democratic Party. It is largely responsible for civil rights laws and affirmative action programs that made the Democratic Party the party of blacks. If blacks form their own political party for the 1984-1988 national elections, Democrats will lose the margin of support that has made it the dominant party for 40 years. Blacks owe much to the Democratic Party, but no one should be surprised that when the chips are down blacks will go with their own race. Chicago proved that blacks support blacks in an election where race is the factor. It also proved that whites don't support whites to as great a degree. More whites crossed to support a black candidate than blacks crossed to support a white candidate. Is there a better example of racism in action?

● **RACISM IS** as old as mankind. It is flourishing in every nation on earth. It is not going to be erased from a people's culture by any law. It is, after all, no more than pride in one's race. If you don't believe a white "honky" like me, consider the words of Roy Wilkins, executive director, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who said in 1973: "We are proud of our race, of our color, of our history as Americans." One day we will learn to keep our racial pride and at the same time respect each other as individuals and as nothing more than Americans. That time is not yet.

● **I DON'T** know if you can handle two disillusionments in a row, but Dr. Dorothy Tennov, a Connecticut psychologist, interviewed more than 1,000 Americans the past 17 years and comes to this conclusion: Romantic love comes to an end in about three years. "Love is not a bad place to start a marriage, but it's not enough to keep one going," says Dr. M. Ronald Minge, New York psychologist, coming to Tennov's aid. Enjoy your first three years. After that, video games for all! ... In Trier, West Germany, city fathers last week got around to revoking Adolph Hitler's honorary citizenship which the town conferred upon him at the outbreak of World War II. ... Marxist Prime Minister Maurice Bishop of the tiny island of Grenada in the Caribbean, says he has proof the CIA plans to take over his island by force. What CIA? ... The AP reports that in Ayacucho, Peru, 200 communist guerrillas swept into two villages last week and shot or clubbed to death 45 peasants. When may we expect the human rights activists, who cry outrage at alleged atrocities in El Salvador, to complain of this violation of human rights? Because these murderers were Marxists, take my word there will be little mention of it in the press and none at all at the UN. ... James Clary, who works in the General Services Administration in Washington, lost his job for "stupidity" when it was learned that five checks totaling \$1.5 million were left for months in a GSA Auburn, WA, vault. He wasn't fired, of course, but he was transferred to another desk that entails no money-handling. How does a government worker arrange to get fired? ... Lawyers-make-better-lovers note: A man charged with two murders escaped from a Tennessee jail last Thursday with the help of his court-appointed lawyer, Mary Evans of Knoxville, TN, who fell in love with him. All the world would have to find these lovers. ... An Arab sheik has offered to buy Brooke Shields, 17, American actress, for his wife provided she gains 20 pounds. He offered 12 camels. The offer was rejected. The sheik lost face, and World War III is just around the next dune. ...

● **HERE** is the news you have been waiting for. This week's source of possible cancer are the fluorescent lights in your home and office, so say scientists at New York University Medical Center. That, fast on the heels of the insensitive urning who last week was caught trying to sneak cyanide into the town's dwindling supply of Preparation H, is more than a body can stand. Have an eellogodusciohuppokumurious day!



"WHICH ROBBERY DO YOU WANT TO REPORT - THIS REFUND YOU GOTTA PAY ... OR THOSE THUGS WHO TIED YOU UP?"

New Mexico in Washington

NM Senators deplore NCC's meddling with Sandia Labs

By LESTER KINSOLVING
WASHINGTON — At its annual shareholders meeting in Atlanta on April 20, the American Telephonic and Telegraph Corporation will be asked by a National Council of Churches-organized shareholders' resolution not to renew its contract to manage Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque.

This resolution is being introduced by 58 AT&T stockholders including the Episcopal Church, the American Lutheran Church, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the United Methodist Church and the American Baptist Church. (Episcopal Bishop Richard Telesse of Albuquerque is the president of the New Mexico Council of Churches.)

Their resolution "holds that AT&T must encourage public attitude which strictly limits the nuclear military policy which our government adopts in our names."

Similar Council of Churches shareholder resolutions, about an alleged need for safety at Sandia,

were introduced to AT&T in 1982 and 1981. But they were both voted down by a nine-to-one margin of shareholders.

The NCC's Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility this year has organized 22 shareholders' resolutions with 19 companies through 115 church-related agencies or individuals. These resolutions are almost invariably voted down by overwhelming majorities. But the Interfaith Center continues to receive publicity.

This resolution on Sandia has been described by New Mexico's Republican Senator Pete Domenici as:

"A serious mistake. The labs at Sandia are one of the world's most important facilities; one of the premier engineering and physics laboratories in the world. It is managed very well as a non-profit organization. It has been a huge success."

Sen. Domenici went on to tell the Lincoln County News, "The United States is not going to be able unilaterally to get out of the

business of nuclear arms safety and nuclear arms engineering and design. If we could, it would be great. But until we can, the relationship has been an excellent one for our country, and I see no reason why it should be terminated."

Domenici's view was similar to that of his Democratic Senate colleague, Jeff Bingaman, who told the NEWS:

"The arrangement between Sandia and AT&T has worked very well for these many years. And I don't want to do anything to disturb it."

Sandia Laboratories employs 8,000 people, many of whom belong to denominations whose left-wing national headquarters bureaucrats engage in these annual stock-manipulating games. But they and other such church members across the nation have apparently been willing to continue contributing without much expressed concern to their local clergy boards about these annual stockholder shenanigans.

Inside Religion

Bush puzzled by priests who support Marxism

By REV. LESTER KINSOLVING
WASHINGTON — During a closed-door session of the Inter-American Dialogue here, Vice-President George Bush declared that he is unable to understand how priests can reconcile their faith with Marxist ideas and tactics.

Mr. Bush's expressed puzzlement came only one day after Secretary of State George Shultz dared to tell a Senate subcommittee that there are actually "Churchmen who want to see Soviet influence in El Salvador improved. ... When you follow policies bound to result in that effect, that's what you're doing. There is nothing great about the way religion is treated in the Soviet Union."

Vice-President Bush also remarked: "Maybe it makes me a right-wing extremist, but I'm puzzled. I just don't understand."

This alleged lack of vice-presidential understanding about Marxist-inclined clergy apparently touched another of the prominent people present at this occasion: Ambassador Sol Linowitz, architect of the Panama Canal treaties.

Linowitz responded to Bush's expressed — and possibly rhetorical — puzzlement by unlimbering one of the biggest guns in the US Catholic hierarchy's campaign against arms to El Salvador: Notre Dame's famed president, the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, who responded:

"The endemic poverty and social injustice of the region can easily lead priests to make common cause with Marxists or anyone else seeking to change the established order."

Precisely the same argument

did concede that Marxism and Catholicism are irreconcilable on a number of fundamental points, including the fact that "We believe in God, and they don't."

But Hesburgh went on to say that since priests have an obligation to help the poor, it is not difficult to understand why they can work "shoulder-to-shoulder" with the Marxists.

One group of Christians which will have considerable difficulty in understanding such a statement — even from renowned Father Hesburgh — are those who are inmates of the Soviet Union's 1,100 concentration camps or pseudo-medical psychiatric torture hospitals. Such institutions are largely the creation of a one-time theological seminary student, whose concern for the plight of the poor led him eventually to change his name — to Josef Stalin.

Bush speaks of favorite Hesburgh as "one of my favorite people." In like manner, he commended Billy Graham, an equally notable clergyman, who announced himself unable to find any signs of repression in the USSR.

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Letters to the Editor

Hospitality appreciated

EDITOR—May I express gratitude to your blizzard-refuge city of Carrizozo? We were stranded there last Monday and Tuesday, along with many others to whom your town extended warm and generous hospitality. I'd like to commend the high school for the haven it offered, and the generosity of the Four Winds Restaurant and Lounge and the Sands Motel.

To the unknowns-to-us who pulled us up from a snowbank north of your city, and who pushed our car over an icy spot south—we are sincerely grateful.

FRANCES & S. A. DYBOWSKI, Alamogordo.

'More people riding than pushing'

EDITOR—Your OPINION column in the March 24, 1983 issue provides much to comment on. However, I would like to limit my comments to two areas.

That people will organize themselves into societies is understood. What boggles the imagination is that in the name of democracy, people will impose greater restrictions and controls on themselves than they would ever allow an authoritarian government to do. No autocratic government could ever apply the strict zoning regulations we have in Sonoma County that "we the people" have imposed upon ourselves.

In your litany of those who are feeding from the public trough, you did not note that there is probably some duplication, those on Social Security and Medicare are probably the same. However, since you didn't mention those who are presently salaried, and that salary comes from the public, and a good share of those are not needed, the figures are close to accurate.

A friend of mine was fond of saying that "when more people are riding the bus than pushing it, you are in trouble." Well, in this country we have about twice as many riding as pushing, and we are really in trouble.

GENE BRANTLEY, Sebastopol, CA.

He was there

EDITOR—We are subscribers to the Lincoln County News and enjoy the news from that area as we visit there on a regular basis and have property in Lincoln County.

Your editorials are always interesting and to the point of the subject matter. The "OPINION" one in the March 4, 1983 issue (Redress for Japanese-Americans inconvenienced during WWII) was outstanding in my view, as I was an officer in the military unit defending that sector at the time. It is regrettable that more of the news media are not speaking out in this manner. It seems evident that most Americans feel this way.

If you have no objections, I would like to make up some photocopies of your complete comments, with proper source identification, to send to friends, a few politicians and news people in this area.

We will be visiting Lincoln County again later this summer and plan to spend several months a year in that area.

COL. A. L. BIVENS, Honolulu, HI.

Pro-Soviets in Congress

EDITOR—According to The Review of the News magazine of Feb. 2, 60 Congressmen along with over 250 Congressional staff members attended a meeting of the pro-Soviet Institute for Policy Studies. This Washington based think tank kicked off a campaign to seize control of the federal budget process and set the agenda of legislative work in Congress. This was as open a grab for power by a pro-Soviet front as our nation's capital had ever experienced.

What is most disturbing, however, is that the whole I.P.S. Budget Conference demonstrated the extent to which this organization with known ties to the Soviet Union and related hostile foreign powers, has entrenched itself in our nation's Capitol. Its Congressional supporters are now found in influential positions in virtually every Congressional Committee and Sub-Committee, and its sympathizers and contacts are in place in scores of Congressional offices. It may be too late for Congress to put its own house in order.

What then can be done? Certainly the FBI is now afraid to investigate subversion on Capitol Hill on its own authority — even when the pattern is that of a Soviet "active measures" operation. But one solution offers itself. The President could himself authorize an investigation, and make the results known to the American people. Even that cannot be done until President Reagan becomes aware of the gravity of the problem.

HOMER BOYCE, Lodi, CA.

We get the message

EDITOR—Re: your editorial in your March 24 edition in which you mention many things which you do not understand:

Obviously, you are a conservative! A conservative is a selfish, bellicose, predatory boor who cannot understand anything which does not benefit himself personally!

He does not give a damn about his fellow Americans! He is a trouble-maker!

I understand, do you?

HAROLD REYNOLDS, Alamogordo.

No hard feelings

EDITOR—Your apology in an issue of some weeks ago regarding the printing of falsehoods regarding me in school news releases was deeply appreciated.

In your apology, you suggested that the school should apologize, also.

It has been some two months now. There has been no apology from the school.

My sole recourse in search of simple justice seems to be the litigation we discussed in your office. The author of the misleading, perhaps malicious, misinformation regarding my employment and professional affiliation has re-opened a once contractually closed door to litigation.

You seem to be a decent sort, a bit reactionary and outspoken in editorial policy, perhaps, but a decent sort. It is regrettable that you were duped by a self-serving official into a potential role of co-defendant. I bear you no ill will.

W.L. "LARRY" CRAMER, Carrizozo.

MOTEL

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town with more than enough motels already in existence. The gap financing should be used for an industry that will provide jobs for the residents of Carrizozo rather than put residents out of business and jobs," Hawthorne advises.

Spencer's attorney also protests the method used by the town to obtain approval of the application, which includes the charge that the application was not made available to the public in sufficient time before the public hearing.

Hawthorne concludes, "While Carrizozo is in need of new industry, a new motel for a non-existent tourist industry is not the answer. The city is in need of additional utilities before new industry can be attracted to Carrizozo and the UDAG should be used to meet those needs before financing an unnecessary motel."

The attorney's letter to HUD followed one written by Spencer expressing his opposition regarding the UDAG money for Carrizozo.

Spencer's letter to HUD mentions his Carrizozo motel occupancy rates which he felt reflected the over-all slowing

of the national economy and according to Spencer are indicative of the general health of the lodging industry. He says, "It would then seem foolish for the city (Carrizozo) to invest in such an undertaking that is so ill conceived, and will most certainly end in the loss of the UDAG grant."

Spencer who describes himself as an "experienced developer and businessman," tells HUD that on close examination of the Carrizozo UDAG application he will reveal some serious errors.

Mayor Harold Garcia told the trustees last Monday that the council should address the concerns in the Hawthorne and Spencer letters directly to HUD as soon as possible.

Letters refuting the "grossly inaccurate" statement in the letters written to HUD by Hawthorne and Spencer will be sent to HUD by trustees, mayor and town attorney.

Trustee Bobby Dan Crenshaw said that what he resents the most about the accusing letters was the fact that the writers do not live in Carrizozo. Spencer has owned the Crossroads Motel and adjacent Frontier Motel approximately

seven years, but resides in Ruidoso.

Carrizozo's UDAG application in Dallas remains on hold until the council responds to the letters of opposition.

Meanwhile, Harroll H. Adams, Albuquerque certified public accountant, has informed the council that his services will be used by UDAG applicants Willie Silva and Albert Romero to develop an accounting system that will account for the receipts and expenditures of the money during the construction phase and later for the day-to-day

operations.

Pete Campos of Santa Rosa, NM, has acknowledged that his services will be used by Silva and Romero to develop and implement an efficient operational plan, which will include such areas as cost control, a personnel system, supply purchasing, hospitality training and advertising.

Silva, long time resident of Carrizozo, has been the owner and operator of the Four Winds Restaurant and Lounge for many years. Romero, former Lincoln County resident, is auditor for the State of New Mexico.

The April 18 special public meeting concerning the mini-mill has been postponed until further notice. Bill Payne, attorney for Zia Steel, told trustees last Monday that they will approach the council when they are better prepared to go forward with the mini-mill plans.

In other business, Payne told the council that he is seeking a zoning change on behalf of the Reil estate, which he represents. A New York individual is interested in the property, the former Girard Hotel, once a thriving business. A public

hearing is required for a zone change. The change from R-2 (apartment and dwelling) to C-2 (tourist oriented and commercial) is the request sought by the Reil estate. The zoning request will be on the May regular town meeting agenda.

The US Small Business Administration has asked the mayor to proclaim May 8 through May 14 as "Small Business Week." The administration urges all area residents to recognize small businesses as creative resources which contribute greatly to the community.

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Who owns the land?

If you think you own some, brace yourself!

By MAURILIO E. VIGIL
In recent years, renewed claims by ethnic minorities such as Native Americans and Mexican-Americans for land which they claim was illegally taken by federal or state governments have revived the issue of land ownership in American society.

In the 1960s the Alianza Federal de Mercedes laid claim on behalf of many Hispanic claimants to millions of acres of "land grant" land, which claimants said had been arbitrarily taken over by the United States government since the American occupation of New Mexico in 1848.

Later, in the early 1970s, Taos Indians claimed, and eventually secured, the return of the Blue Lake region near Taos, which had been a sacred Taos Pueblo burial ground. Indians, who collectively own over 7 million acres of land in New Mexico (about 9.3 percent of New Mexico land area), have become more assertive in recent years in exercising jurisdiction and control over land accorded them under federal treaties and laws.

The federal government, as

the biggest land owner in New Mexico, has had a great impact on land use policy in the state. The so-called "Sagebrush Rebellion" has thus seen several western states, including New Mexico, institute court suits and promote bills in Congress to turn millions of acres of federal land over to the states. The state itself already owns over 9 million acres — 11.8 percent of the land area.

It may come as some surprise that of the total New Mexico land area, consisting of 121,666 square miles or 78 million acres, only about 85 million acres (45.5 percent) are in private hands.

The issue of land ownership involves different and provocative perspectives. Lawyers are most often concerned with pragmatic issues of true and clear title to land. Clergy most often perceive humans as "temporal" landowners, holding and using land "in trust," but technically only temporary tenants of the almighty landlord. Sociologists and anthropologists are interested in land ownership because of the implications on social structure and cultural values and norms. Laymen perceive land ownership from a

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Write your legislator

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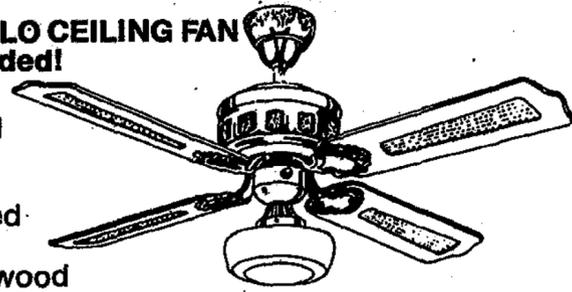
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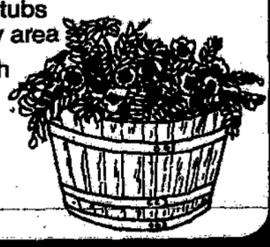
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Drugs . . .

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This has not stopped Sidebottom from informing parents about student use of alcohol and drugs. He continues to keep surveillance over student activities. He would like to make it inconvenient for young people to use alcohol and inconvenient for people to buy and sell drugs in the community.

Gallegos said that to deal with the problem takes a lot of community involvement to combat. He found it unfortunate that a crisis developed before a solution was sought, but was pleased that the meeting was organized.

Gallegos, a recovered alcoholic said that some of the information he heard regarding discipline is true, but not all of it

applies to everybody because not everybody responds to the same thing. "There's different strokes for different folks."

Family involvement, communication, trust and home education is very important in

dealing with the problem, Gallegos said.

"You're too young to drink and your time will come when you can decide to drink, but right now I will decide for you," is the response teenagers of parents who

drink beer should be told, Gallegos said.

His father, a "functioning alcoholic," often shared his alcohol with him as a youngster. Gallegos said his father failed to tell him that one day he would

become addicted.

Even if alcohol is not used in the home, teenagers will go out and experiment. Teenagers should be confronted immediately if alcohol use is suspected, Gallegos advised.

"Start thinking about what you need in this town. You might want to educate bartenders. Parents should know the difference between an alcoholic and a social drinker."

"Law enforcement, parents

and the schools can't do it all. It will take the involvement of the whole community."

Gallegos said people were doing something about the community problem by their presence at Tuesday's meeting.

OLD LINCOLN TOWN

By JERRY LOCKE

Mickey Mendoza was not a Lincolnite but she has many friends in the Bonita Valley. All of our hearts go with George, her husband, and her family. Mickey will sincerely be missed.

Recently came across a part of the 1880 census. Revealed the population: Fort Stanton 118, Lincoln 628, South Fork (Indian Agency) 196, White Oaks 288, Roswell 350. Things change! Only two years later White Oaks was over 1,000 and now look at Roswell.

Snow stilled the activity in Old Lincoln Town this week. Peace reined, hope it continues. Weather postponed the zoning board meeting. It will be held this Wednesday.

Jerri Pace, operator of The Wortley Hotel, has been gadding about the state. First, a Bed and Breakfast Assn. meeting in Santa Fe, she is secretary of this organization. Then, off to Silver City for a meeting which may result in a new tourism agency for Southern New Mexico. This is much needed. Southern New Mexico is at least as endowed as Albuquerque and Northern part of the state but has not received it's fair share of the state advertising dollar, maybe this will change.

Lincoln's postmistress went to a postmasters (postperson) convention at The Inn of The Mountain Gods and got snowed in. Most of the outside events were cancelled but an enjoyable time was had by all. Oh yes, the fence at the old Baca homestead has been completed. A combination rock retained and cedar picket — come, view and give comments.

Lecture-luncheon Saturday

Ladies of the Carrizozo Church of Christ are planning their Ladies Lectureship and luncheon Saturday, April 16, beginning at 9 a.m., at the Church building.

There will be three speakers, Mrs. Alpha Lane, Captain; Mrs. Norma Minnick, Jal; and Mrs. Minnie Fowler, Jal.

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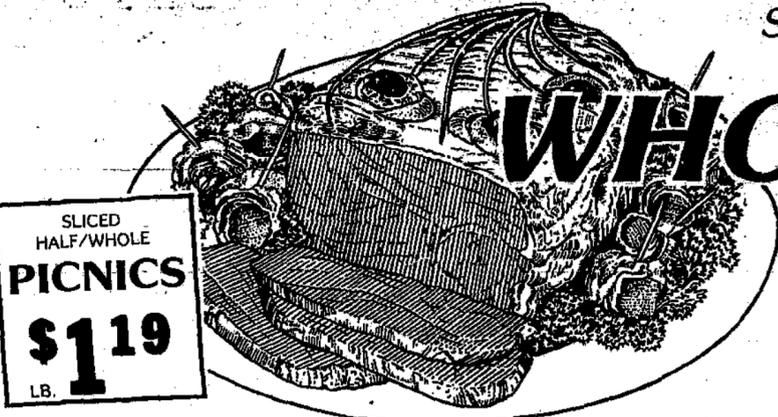
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Bidders are invited to submit proposals for construction work for the schedules listed in the Bidding Schedule of the Bid Form.

Drawings, specifications, and contract documents may be examined, without charge, in the office of The Superintendent, at The School Administrative Building at the above address, where they are on file for public inspection, and the office of Alley-Connell & Associates, Architects, 207 North Washington, Roswell, New Mexico. Bona fide prime bidders may obtain two (2) sets of drawings and specifications from the architect's office in Roswell, New Mexico, P. O. Box 2106, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, upon deposit of \$25.00 per set (plus non-refundable shipping costs). Those who submit prime bids may obtain refund of deposits by returning sets in good condition no more than 14 days after bids have been opened. Those who do not submit prime bids will forfeit deposits unless sets are returned in good condition at least seven (7) days before bids are opened. No partial sets will be issued. Sub-bidders may obtain one (1) set of drawings and specifications from the Architect upon deposit of \$25.00 per set (plus non-refundable shipping costs). The sub-bidders will be refunded their deposit by returning set in good condition no more than 14 days after bids have been opened.

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Bidders are advised that the following is included in the contract:

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The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all informalities. All bids may be held 30 days.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

(s) WALLY FERGUSON
(President Board of Education)

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LEGALS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHAVES COUNTY STATE OF NEW MEXICO

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, on the relation of S. E. Reynolds, State Engineer, and PECOS VALLEY ARTESIAN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT,

Plaintiffs, No. 20294

L. T. LEWIS, et al., UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendants, No. 22600

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, on the relation of S. E. Reynolds, State Engineer, and PECOS VALLEY ARTESIAN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT,

Plaintiffs, CONSOLIDATED RIO HONDO SECTION RIO BONITO SECTION RIO RUIDOSO SECTION

LEGALS

HAGERMAN CANAL CO., et al., Defendants.

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EACH OF YOU is notified that on June 7, 1983, at 9:00 a.m. at the Courthouse of the Fifth Judicial District in Roswell, New Mexico, the Court's Special Master will conduct a hearing to receive any additional evidence of priorities for ditches diverting water from the Rio Hondo, Rio Bonito and Rio Ruidoso and to show cause, if any there be, why the Special Master's Amended Preliminary Priority Report No. 37 should not be made a final Special Master Report to the district court for the Fifth Judicial District pursuant to Rule 53 (e) (1) of the New Mexico Rules of Civil Procedure.

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Special Assistant Attorney General

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ATTORNEY FOR PECOS VALLEY ARTESIAN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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LEGALS

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARJORIE VIRGINIA WHITAKER, Deceased.

No. PB-83-15

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at P. O. Box 462, Capitan, New Mexico 88316, or filed with the Twelfth Judicial District Court, Lincoln County, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

DATED: March 31, 1983

(s) Alton Whittaker
Personal Representative P. O. Box 462 Capitan, NM 88316

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LEGALS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF A. B. KELLEY, Deceased.

No. PB-09-82

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: MAURINE KELLEY, JACK BROCK KELLEY; all unknown heirs of A. B. Kelley, deceased; and all unknown persons claiming any lien upon or right, title or interest in or to the estate of the decedent.

The Personal Representative has filed a Petition for Order of Complete Settlement herein, and on the 23 day of MAY, 1983, at 9:00 a.m., at the District Court of Carrizozo, New Mexico, the court will hear objections thereto, and the court will proceed to determine the heirship of said decedent, the ownership of his estate, the interest of each respective claimant thereto or therein, and the persons entitled to distribution thereof.

McCormick and Forbes, P. O. Box 1718 Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220 are attorneys for the Personal Representative.

JACK BROCK KELLEY

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Mary McDonald

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"I'll tell you what to do. You fix that house, fix these dirt tanks, you put them windmills back up, and you put all that fence back up, and then we'll talk about my cigarette butts."

On Oct. 16 Colonel Duggan informed Mary that Sen. Jack Schmitt and Cong. Joe Skeen were coming to visit the ranch. But when she learned that Bob Jones, president of the New Mexico Cattle Growers' Assn. wasn't coming with them, "because he's not in an official capacity," she was adamant. "Then we aren't leaving!"

The Colonel was dumbfounded. "What do you mean you aren't leaving?" She replied, "I'm not leaving here without Bob Jones. I don't give a damn who you run in here." Mary believed "if Bob came in there and got to see the country, with the congressmen, then we had a lot better shot at it. Plus, if Bob told us that it was time to leave, we'd go."

She later explained that Bob Jones "has our complete trust. If he told us all to go stand on our heads and stack nickels in the courtroom, we'd do it."

On Oct. 16 Mary and Dave came out. The old ranch, which Dave had bought in 1924 and lived on until 1942, had been his home again for 3 days and 3 1/2 nights.

Sometime later Mary received an official letter stating that if she were found again anywhere on the premises she would be arrested, subject to a \$500 fine and six months in jail.

Nevertheless, she feels she and Dave accomplished something worthwhile. "We wanted to be found... that was the point in going in there. We shut it down and they couldn't do a damn thing about it." Neither would she have flinched if faced with a trial. In fact, she really wanted a trial because the charge would have been trespassing, and "it's physically impossible to trespass on your own land."

Until she "invaded" the range, Mary never considered herself a rebel, "but I guess you could say I am now." Dave told Mary's mother, "They thought I was going to be the bad one, until they jumped on Mary, and that was the wrong thing to do."

Since no one knew what would happen once Mary and Dave entered the range, it was a wary step into the unknown, but Mary summarized "a few things that saved us. Number one, we were armed. Number two, we had those reporters with us. Number three, we had the Cattle Growers' representatives and neighboring ranchers sitting right outside that fence. And the fourth thing was those dogs. They were scared to death of them."

As for Mary's own future, "her savings are about to run dry." Her plans are indefinite because she's "got to see what this does first. We're hoping they open up congressional hearings."

As this article goes to press, Denny Gentry, executive vice-president of the New Mexico Cattle Growers' Assn., reports that no date for the hearings will be set.

until the GAO has issued its report, which then must be reviewed by a Senate Subcommittee. Mary's stance? "If the government don't start moving, I'm going back."

And she means it. When Colonel Duggan encountered Mary in Las Cruces in January 1983, he said he hoped to never see her again under the previous circumstances. Mary said, "Get your boss, Secretary Weinberger, to moving on this or you will see me sooner than you think, in the identical situation, only I ain't leaving." Joe Skeen laughingly asked, "Are you threatening them, Mary?" "No," she said, "I didn't utter a threat. Just stated a fact."

If she returns, Dave will go too. "There's no way to keep him out. That's where he wants to die, and he wants to be buried there. That's the way he thinks, and I can't blame him."

Mary believes they are not isolated in their stand. "It's going to be a continual fight, and that's what they have to realize. If some of us die out, some of us get killed, whatever, there's going to be somebody else to do it. In my family, I'm the third generation, and the kids, they're not that big yet, but every damn one of them's going to fight it. I mean they're going to!"

Judge zapped

Gov. Toney Anaya has vetoed a legislative bill that would have provided Lincoln County with a third district judge, as well as judges for three other districts.

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Who owns the land?

variety of perspectives, usually opting for an alternative that justifies their respective claims to the land.

The question of who "owns" the land seems to be a simple straightforward, and an uncontested one. That is, whoever holds clear legal title to a section of area of land owns — in a practical sense — that land.

The simple question of "who owns the land" becomes more complex, however, if one attempts to attach moral, philosophical and value judgments in determining the legitimacy of land "ownership."

In the Southwest where historically many groups have made legitimate claims to the same land, these moral, philosophical and value-laden questions readily emerge, and rightly so in a democratic society that stands on principles of fairness, due process and high moral and humanitarian purpose. It is doubtful that governments would be as tolerant and beneficent as this country has been in modern times to certain groups making claims either for land (as the Taos Pueblos) or for indemnity for land (as the Alaskan Indians in the 1970s). In the United States, the government has been at least nominally concerned with moral or philosophical questions in dealing with different groups about questions of land ownership.

The problem has been that the high moral principles have often given way to pragmatic concerns and the actions of zealous public officials. In implementing policies and programs some officials often disregard the moral principles of fairness in dealing with groups such as Mexican-Americans and Native Americans.

For example, the US Government declared in innumerable treaties with the Native Americans that they owned parcels of land and yet later arbitrarily expropriated that land.

The treaty negotiated between the United States and the Navajo Tribe in 1868, for instance, provided for a larger amount of land than the Navajos eventually retained. Interpretations by the Bureau of Indian Affairs led to some Navajo land being given to the railroad and the state of New Mexico.

Similarly, the United States acknowledged the legitimacy of Spanish and Mexican land claims and yet later subverted those protections in the administration of land claims so that much of the land was lost by Spanish or Mexican "owners."

Because of the nature of the governmental system, questions of land ownership are not always adjudicated or settled with any degree of finality. American governmental institutions — the courts, the legislature, the executive — often find themselves involved in new land claims.

How are courts to decide, given these conditions, who owns the land? There seem to be three criteria of importance that have affected American attitudes generally and judicial decisions specifically on the matter of land ownership. And these criteria further complicate the issue because they are based on different legal perceptions, philosophical attitudes and cultural, normative and value systems. These criteria are: Historical Primacy — One argument is that the group which was on the land first owns it. This seems simple enough. But what happens when the first group with legitimate claim to the land does not view land as a commodity to be owned? In many Native American tribal, religious and cultural conceptions, land was viewed as something like air, space or water that no one person could lay claim to. It was there for the perpetual use and occupancy of the tribe.

Mexico formal land ownership was not a universally accepted practice. It became so only when Spanish and American "interlopers" with their conception of land ownership compelled the Indians of the pueblos to claim formal ownership to the land they had occupied for centuries.

Native Americans were our first conservationists — careful to maintain the delicate balance of nature. True, presumed jurisdictions existed for hunting, farming, and so on, but man was

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"My mother warned me about going into show business."

Who owns the land?

and a Bible on the other, and before the Indian knew it he was left holding the Bible and the trinkets and the Spaniard possessed the land.

Occupancy—Overlapping the first principle is the principle of occupancy. To the Spanish and later to the Mexican citizens who followed the Indian in the Southwest, occupancy was the most important criterion of land ownership. Certainly occupancy was legitimized by a formal patent or grant based on the legal authority of the Spanish crown transmitted through the viceroys and prefects acting as agents of the Spanish monarchs.

However, the main test of legitimacy was occupancy and use of the land. A person or group of people who were given a piece of land could claim that land only as long as it was occupied and used. Once abandoned it reverted to the public domain.

It was not uncommon in the Spanish or Mexican colonial period for the same parcel to be granted to more than one party, especially when the initial grantees abandoned their claim. In this system, due to the main principle of occupancy and the plentiful supply of land for primarily subsistence endeavors,

boundary lines were not rigidly adhered to. Spanish-Mexican property ownership was also tempered by community rights such as the ejido (common land) and community acequias (irrigation) systems.

To the Spanish-Mexican landowner, then, land was basic to his cultural existence. In the pueblo or "community" land grant form, the land was basic to the social, cultural and spiritual existence of the pueblo. Thus the loss of the land to the Spanish-Mexican landowner resulted in the breakup of his traditional culture.

Title—Finally, there is the Anglo-American conception of legal written title to land. In this system, a clear legally documented deed specifying land boundaries which have been officially surveyed and duly recorded with the proper authority (usually the county clerk) is the basic test of land ownership. This gives rise to absentee landlordism where a person can own land but does not always occupy it (as in Hispanic law) or use it (as in Indian custom).

Thus Anglo-American law is at odds with both the Indian conception where land is not to be

owned, and Spanish-Mexican law where it must be occupied. Yet the reality is that we live in a society governed by Anglo-American legal principles, leaving the two former groups to accommodate themselves to that legal system. Fortunately, the legal system is not dogmatic and is receptive to the claims made by certain groups such as Native Americans or Hispanics, either for the land or for indemnity.

The American conception to land ownership, although seemingly based on pure legal standards, has also been influenced by cultural values and norms.

Traditionally in American life property ownership has been associated with basic American values such as private enterprise. The importance of private property to Americans is articulated in the familiar axiom: "A man's home is his castle." Moreover, owning property is part of the American dream, and in the materialistic American culture land ownership is an important measure of a person's success.

In more recent times, however, the sanctity of private property in American society has been challenged. The use of private property, for example, in

a way that adversely affects the rights of other land owners has been challenged successfully. Moreover, the use of private property in a way that endangers the larger community (air, water, and noise pollution, for example) or wastes natural resources (as in the case of environmental impact) has also been challenged.

In the new conception of land ownership the once absolute claims of private landowners have begun to give way to the rights of the larger community.

It is ironic that we in the Southwest have gone full circle. We have evolved from a system where land could not be owned to a system where land is owned in a technical sense. However, one's ownership is severely restricted

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by zoning requirements, subdivision requirements, land use requirements, pollution standards, property taxes, conservation standards, building and construction specifications, and environmental impact regulations, all adopted to protect the interests of the total community over individual property rights.

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