

1.6 million in county \$\$\$ saved

by RUTH HAMMOND

The First National Bank of Lincoln County, formerly Moncor Bank of Ruidoso, was closed on Friday, December 13, 1985.

The Lincoln County Commission learned at that time that of the \$4.3 million in the bank that only a total of \$2.7 million was secured in collateral and insurance. This left the county with \$1.6 million unsecured.

If a county loses money, immediate action has to be taken. The New Mexico Constitution requires that the budget be balanced. The county is not allowed to have a deficit and if county officials see there will be a deficit, services must be cut. The NM Constitution further requires that the county have five months operating cash balance on hand.

Commissioners called an emergency executive session to discuss what actions should be

taken. They met all day Saturday and Sunday to determine their legal position.

According to a news release issued Monday, December 16 by the Lincoln County Commission, the FDIC told them that they were going to pay 30 cents on the dollar, meaning that of the 1.6 million, the county would keep about \$480,000. The remaining \$1,120,000 was in jeopardy.

This began a series of events in which county officials contacted United States Senators Pete Domenici and Jeff Bingaman, United States Representatives Manual Lujan and Joe Skeen, and eventually led to the County Commission meeting with Lincoln County Treasurer Flora Vega and requesting her resignation.

The original bid proposal for banking services for the county was accepted from Moncor Bank

on December 18, 1984 by the county commission. The only other bid proposal received at that time was from Ruidoso State Bank.

Early in the summer of 1985, the county learned of the financial problems that Moncor Bank was experiencing. On June 21, 1985, the commission met with the president of Moncor Bank and demanded that the county bank account be secured 100 percent with Federal Treasury Bills or Notes until such time as Moncor was back on its feet. The Moncor president agreed and immediately the county was given 100 percent collateral for deposits.

The Commission said they would have removed all money from Moncor at that time except they were concerned about starting a run on the bank and causing many local citizens to lose money and as well as a bank

failure.

It was the county's understanding that Moncor was recapitalized and sold to Ameri West Holding Company for Albuquerque Federal Savings and Loan Association this summer. At that time, the name was changed to the First National Bank of Lincoln County.

The county was assured at that time by the management of First National Bank of Lincoln County (formerly Moncor) that the county account was safe and completely secured. As late as November 18, 1985, the county was given written assurances by First National Bank of Lincoln County that the County's account was secured 100 percent by US Government Securities. These securities are kept for safekeeping in the First National Bank of Albuquerque.

The news release states that

"In spite of security offered by the First National Bank of Lincoln County, the county commission on June 21, 1985, directed the Treasurer to keep no more than \$750,000 in the county's checking account at the First National Bank of Lincoln County. Further, on December 4, 1985, the Chairman of the Lincoln County Commission ordered the Treasurer (through the County Manager) to remove one million dollars from all accounts at First National Bank of Lincoln County that is checking and Certificate of Deposits.

After the commission learned on December 13, 1985 about the FDIC's actions in closing the First National Bank of Lincoln County, the emergency executive session was called to discuss the actions they should take.

The news release further states: "We then learned that the

County Treasurer had not followed the Commission directives to reduce the amount in the county's checking accounts to \$750,000 nor had she taken any action to withdraw one million in Certificates of Deposit and checking until the day before the bank failure. We further learned that instead of having a checking account with only \$750,000 in it, we had a checking account of 2.9 million in it. Finally, we learned that the Treasurer failed to keep track of the county's collateral and instead continued depositing money in the First National Bank of Lincoln County in amounts over and above collateral in contradiction of County Commission directives."

"We met all day Saturday and Sunday to determine our legal position. The Treasurer could not tell us how much we had in our account. We had to

obtain information about our accounts from sources other than the Treasurer."

"We did learn, however, that the County was not 100 percent secure. We had a total of 2.7 million in collateral and insurance but we had 4.3 million in the bank in the form of Certificates of Deposit and a checking account. This left us with 1.6 million unsecured.

The county learned that the FDIC had turned down bids of over \$100,000 to purchase the assets of the First National Bank of Lincoln County.

Mel O'Riley, attorney and director of the Bank of Ruidoso met with the county attorney and proposed a plan to save the county's money. The plan called for the two Ruidoso banks to rebid on the assets with the county putting up \$150,000 of the purchase price or premium as it is called by the FDIC. Both Ruidoso banks stood by the county without question and agreed to pay \$75,000 each in order to help protect the county's funds.

Based on these facts the county commission felt it was prudent and reasonable to spend \$150,000 to save over one million dollars and an agreement was reached. The Bank of Ruidoso and the Ruidoso State Bank would obtain the accounts of the failed bank, including the county's account and the county would be paid in full.

It was at this time that county officials contacted the US Senators and US Representatives Domenici and Bingaman. Domenici contacted FDIC officials and obtained an extension of time for the bank opening which permitted the rebidding to take place. The bid of \$300,000 was submitted at 7:20 p.m. Monday, December 16. At 12:36 p.m. the county learned that a third outside bank was also bidding.

First Alamogordo Bancshares Inc was successful and acquired the assets of the bank. This resulted in the county not losing any money and the county did not have to pay the \$150,000 premium.

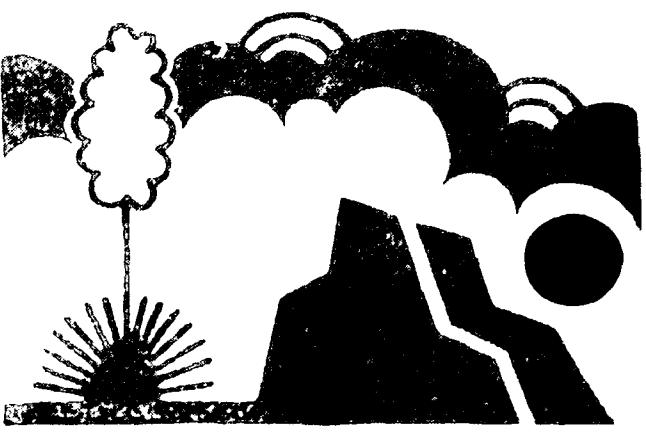
The news release ends with: "On Sunday evening the County Commission met with the County Treasurer and requested her resignation because of facts set out. With or without her resignation, we have taken immediate steps to put a person in the Treasurer's Office to insure that in the future our directives are carried out. We would like to express our deep gratitude to Ruidoso State Bank, Bank of Ruidoso, Senator Pete Domenici, Senator Jeff Bingaman, Representative Joe Skeen and Representative Manual Lujan for the invaluable assistance given the county and for standing by the county when we needed help."

OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM COUNTY TREASURER FLORA VEGA

Since assuming the Office of the Treasurer of Lincoln County on January 1, 1985 I have at all times discharged my duties in a professional, responsible manner. My competence and reliability are substantiated by the Annual Audit of all Lincoln County funds which will be released by the State Auditor's Office and become a matter of public record on December 19, 1985. That report contains absolutely no adverse finding or comment with respect to the financial operations of my office.

The facts contained in the Lincoln County Commission's December 16th press release are incomplete and are consequently both misleading and inaccurate. It is unfortunate that the Commissioners felt pressured into releasing a statement before making a sufficient inquiry into the situation, even a minimal inquiry would have established the propriety of my actions.

I have done nothing which in any way justifies the County Commission's request for my resignation. I will not resign my office, and I will continue to serve the taxpayers of Lincoln County dependably and responsibly.



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IN CRENSHAW TRIAL—

Guilty verdict returned

By RUTH HAMMOND

Kenneth Crenshaw was found guilty of the charge of possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute after a two and a half day trial ending Dec. 12. The jury was out for one hour and 29 minutes before returning the guilty verdict on the 4th degree felony count.

Crenshaw had been charged after a raid on July 19 in which law officers found 167 marijuana plants east of White Oaks. The plants were four to six feet tall. Part of the plants were found on private property and part were found on national forest land.

District Judge Richard Parsons presided at the trial of the state vs Crenshaw and Pam Nicodemus even though an

earlier motion was made to disqualify Parsons.

Assistant District Attorney Harry Wilcox presented the case for the state and attorneys Timothy Padilla and Thomas Tabet of Albuquerque represented Crenshaw and Nicodemus.

Charges against Pam Nicodemus were dismissed at the end of the state's presentation.

During the two and a half day trial, the state called six witnesses and the defense called five witnesses. The manicured products of the plants were entered as evidence. These included seeds, stems, leaves, and everything of the marijuana plants except the mature stocks.

The case of the state vs

Crenshaw has been in district court since his arrest in July.

A motion to suppress the evidence based on an error in description of location of land in section 22 instead of section 27, which are adjoining sections, was heard by Judge Parsons on October 30. The motion was denied.

Motions for continuance and a motion to reconsider the motion to suppress as well as a motion to disqualify Judge Parsons were summarily denied on December 2. The motion for continuance was made by the new attorneys for defendant Crenshaw. Attorneys Padilla and Tabet had just taken over the file in the latter part of November.

The case itself had been

twice postponed at the request of James Askey, then attorney for defendant Crenshaw.

The pre-trial conference was postponed once for the benefit of attorneys Padilla and Tabet. The pre-trial conference itself was held December 4.

Counsel for the defense requested that the jury be polled after the verdict was read by Court Clerk Margo Lindsay. It is a normal procedure in criminal cases.

After the guilty verdict Judge Parsons ordered a presentence report which will take about a month. A pre-sentence report is compiled by the probation and parole officer. It is an in-depth study of the subject of the report, and in theory relates his background, social and social behavior, redeeming virtues and shortcomings.

Bond for Crenshaw was continued.

A date for sentencing has not been set. Penalty for the 4th degree felony is 18 months in the state prison or a fine of \$5,000 or both imprisonment and fine.



SANTA'S HELPERS worked on the decorations at the Lincoln County Courthouse while Santa calmly watched and rested for his long trip next week. Mabel Vega, left, and Mabel Candelaria, are responsible for the lighted night display and eye-catching daylight scene that greets locals and travelers.

DOMENICI—

Commends FDIC

WASHINGTON - Senator Pete Domenici (R-NM) commended the FDIC for its handling of the closing of the First National Bank of Lincoln County and its subsequent merger with the First National Bank of Alamogordo.

"I was gravely concerned when I was advised Saturday by Lincoln County officials that the closing of the First National Bank of Lincoln County could have resulted in a loss of \$1.7 million dollars in county, school, and fire funds that were held by the bank in uninsured accounts, Domenici said.

"We were working against the clock. When I was contacted Saturday, the FDIC supervisors were at the Ruidoso Bank, and

were prepared to pay off the insured accounts," Domenici said.

Domenici contacted the FDIC Chairman in Washington to ask for a time extension so that interested parties could prepare and submit their merger proposals. As a result of Domenici's request, the FDIC reopened and extended the bidding period until 1 p.m. Monday.

Shortly before 1 p.m., Domenici was notified that the First National Bank of Alamogordo was the successful merger partner for the troubled bank, and that the jeopardized county funds were safe.

Domenici said, "I am very pleased that this potential crisis was avoided."



We at the LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS would like to wish you and your entire family (and families), a Very Merry Christmas, and also a blessed Christmas. We hope you may enjoy the Christian unity that all families and friends should enjoy at this special time . . . and make Christmas special for others and young people as well. There is a lot of time to enjoy this week with all . . . and we are lucky to live in a town like Carrizozo, Lincoln County and surrounding areas . . . where enjoying the company of familiar people is a great tradition in itself !!

LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS & STAFF

Santa arrives Saturday

Santa Claus was in Carrizozo at the fire department last Saturday to check out the equipment for his scheduled arrival this Saturday, December 21 at 2 p.m. in Spencer Park. He will have lots of goodies for everyone.

Donations for the goodies may be taken to the United New Mexico Bank. Your help will be appreciated.

Albert Herrera of San Patricio, was the winner of the handmade afghan that was raffled by the Carrizozo Woman's Club. The afghan was crocheted and then embroidered by Rita Vega Pascal for the drawing.

Reminder

NOTICE to our advertisers and correspondents: The News will be printed on Thursday, December 26, as usual but deadline for all copy will be 5 p.m. Monday, December 23. We appreciate your help in making it possible for our employees to spend Christmas eve and Christmas day with their families.



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'Woman of the month'

Dr. Amy Barton was selected as the 'Woman of the Month' by the Carrizozo Woman's Club

Dr. Barton is semi-retired as a family physician. She graduated from the University of

Michigan Medical School in 1937. She was named after an aunt who was a doctor and her family insisted they always knew she would go into medicine because as a child she was always doctoring animals or patching up bird's legs. It was while she was a patient in a hospital at the age of 14 that she did decide on her profession.

Her first practice was in northern California in a ranching and logging area. She returned to her home state in 1943 and came to New Mexico to practice medicine in Roswell in 1972 because she needed to be in a high dry climate.

Dr. Amy came to Carrizozo in 1973 because she wanted to get back in rural farm practice. She still sees a few patients when they can catch her between travels. She loves to travel and just returned from a safari in Kenya.

Dr. Amy Barton was one of the original founders of the American Academy of Family Physicians and is a Fellow of that organization. She is a member of the board of directors of the Area Agency on Aging, a board member of the Carrizozo Country Club, a board member of the Valley of Fires Lioness Club, and a member of the State Medical Society.

She has three children, Charles Blodgett, Kenny Blatt, Emily Boronkay, and one grandchild, Joshua.



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By the way

by Polly Chavez

ANOTHER PARTY

Dion Reynolds, a nephew of Linda Padilla of Capitan accompanied her to Carrizozo to attend Friday's Zia Senior Citizen Center Christmas party. Linda is van driver for Capitan's Senior Citizen Center.

During the party, Dion drew the name of Ralph Forsythe as the winner of the doll house. Ralph is airport manager at Carrizozo.

Posole and tamales were among the holiday goodies enjoyed by the party goers. There was Christmas music, games and pool playing.

FLYING AGAIN

Mark Sloan and wife Maxine recently wrote to Betty Howell to let her know they are fine and happy in Waianae, Hawaii. The Sloans, who ranched in the Claunch area, resided in Las Cruces before going to Hawaii this past summer. Mark attended Carrizozo schools. The Sloan and Roy Shafer families have known each other since then.

After open heart surgery and at the age of 64, when most men are retiring, Mark is flying again. He has launched his 10th

career with his present position as assistant manager of the Hickman Wheeler Aero Club.

He started his flying career as CPT instructor; went into the service as pilot instructor; had the G.I. school with the late Roy Shafer (Betty's father); flew for Game Dept.; US Forest Service; NM Forest Service; and NM State Corporation Comm. He flew for Cutter Flying Service and Bank Securities.

HAPPY IN HAWAII

The Sloans will return to the states after April '86 to rent or sell their house in Las Cruces. "Hawaii is truly a paradise," Marks writes to Betty and encourages her to visit.

The Sloans have two daughters, Deedee, and husband, a US Army general are stationed in Japan. Libby lives in Tulsa, OK and is associated with American Airlines.

REINDEER FARM

Margie Hobby of Polvadera recently visited a friend in Bend, OR. The friend took Margie to see the largest commercial reindeer farm in the country. Margie had never been to one and took many pictures to prove she had been there.

Bend, says Margie, is a beautiful, lake-filled town with lots of hunting, fishing and forests. They frequented a recreation center complete with two olympic-sized pools (one indoor, one outdoor), a weight room, whirlpool and sauna. "I tried out one of those indoor tanning machines which rays are scientifically balanced to help your skin tan, not burn." Sessions are limited from 10 to 20 minutes, depending on skin type.

They also visited Kah-Nee-Ta, an Indian resort at Warm Springs, which has a pool fed by natural hot springs. "It's an odd contest—the water in the pool is teaming, yet there are icicles hanging from the lifeguards chairs," noted Margie.

ACCORDING TO MOORE
"Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer!
Now, Prancer and Vixen! On,

Comet! On, Cupid! On, Dunder and Blitzen!"

Here, just as Santa said them, are the names of the "eight tiny reindeer who drew his "miniature sleigh," according to Clement C. Moore in his poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas."

But, since Moore wrote his poem in 1823, Santa has added a reindeer - the red-nosed Rudolph. Rudolph made his first public appearance in 1939, in the song "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," with words and music by Johnny Marks.

The story of Rudolph, whose red nose made him first a joke and then a hero, seems to have the indefinable appeal that makes a Yuletide tradition: As the other reindeer in the song

predicted, when Rudolph's red nose led the team through a dark, overcast Christmas Eve, it seems likely he'll go down in Yuletide history. Rudolph is a permanent part of the legend and lore of Santa Claus.

HOLY MEANING

The English word for Christmas comes from Cristes Maesse, which means "the Mass of Christmas." Most nations derive their term for Christmas from the lengthy Latin name Festum Nativitatis Domini Nostri Jesu Christi (The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ) or the shorter form Dies Natalis Domini (The Birthday of Our Lord).

In Spain Christmas is called

La Navidad; in Portugal - Natal; and in Italy - Il Natale;

Christmas is called Rozhdestvo Khrista in Russia, and the German word for Christmas, "Weinachten" stands for Holy Night or Blessed Night, referring to the Nativity only by implication.



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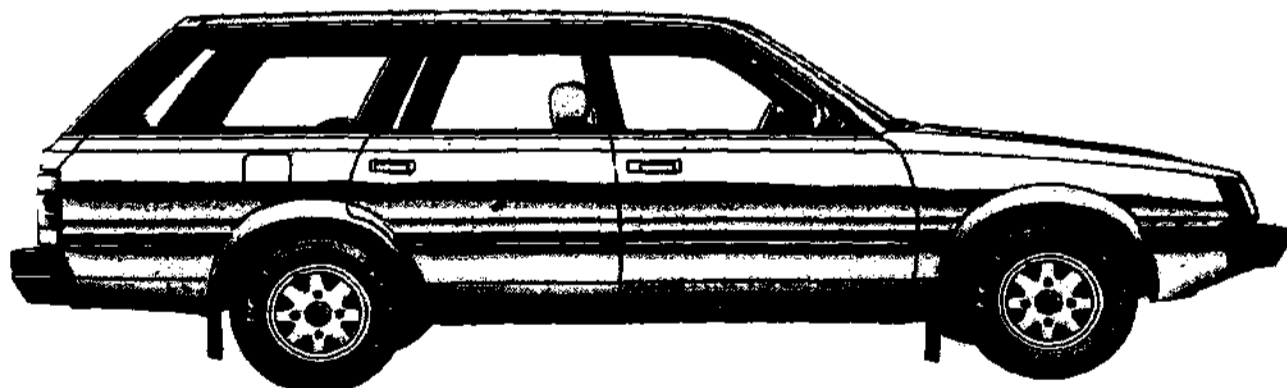
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**MAIL ORDERS WELCOME
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J. McDaniel president

By BARTLEY McDONOUGH
The Capitan Board of Education met in regular session Dec. 12 and transacted the following business: Glenneth Shafer resigned effective Nov. 26. Kathleen LaMay has replaced her as head cook. The school has employed Charlotte Fish as a new cook.

The board elected new officers. James McDaniel will serve as president, Isidro Feralta as vice president and Preston Stone as secretary.

The 1978 Ford Station Wagon will be repaired at a cost of approximately \$900.00 and used again. No bids were received.

Board member Feralta wanted to know why the same substitute teachers seem to be chosen. One principal answered that the caller of the teacher had a lot to do with the selection. It was noted that some possible substitute teachers had not had the required TB Test. The school

supplies this test at no cost to the teacher.

Architect French reported the following: His final cost will be \$478,994.82. Certain insulation improvements have been made in the new library. The gas meter was installed at the borderline of the school property and a line run in. Space heaters were added in the kitchen. Support beams have been improved between the high school and the new library. As requested the ticket booth in the old building was moved. The project should be completed by the weekend of Dec. 21. The contractor mentioned he had a legitimate reason for the few extra days needed to complete the project. The wind blew hard on some days preventing roofing.

The Capitan Schools must comply with the new indoor clean air law. Those wishing to smoke must do so in designated areas. The school must comply with the equal access law. Groups

may use school property but not for personal gain. One must go through the school principals in order to borrow school equipment. Groups may use the school cafeteria but not school commodities.

A followup will be done on certain fire alarms that do not function properly.

Special education teacher Lou King was praised for her excellent work on a handbook for her department. Her work was adopted. King's handbook is being used by the state department of education as an example to other schools.

Funds for the athletic department are "tight" but the school should make it through this school year without any big problems.



LINCOLN COUNTY PIONEER—William Gallacher Sr. passed away Dec. 12 in Ruidoso. This outstanding New Mexico Rancher moved to White Oaks at the age of 3 where his father was a mining engineer. Gallacher was the oldest living alumni of New Mexico State University. He is survived by two daughters - Mrs. Jane Shafer, Mrs. Aime Ferguson, and son Bill Gallacher Jr., 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. The J Cross H Ranch, the family cow and calf operation, is located 20 miles northwest of Carrizozo.

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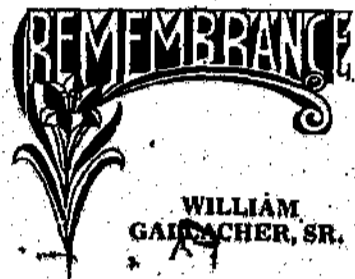
Officers installed

The Canyon CowBelles and guests were treated to a progressive dinner on Dec. 15 at 6:30, starting at the home of Pete and Debbie King for fruit punch, hot spiced apple cider, an array of dips, canapes, and hor d'oeuvres. The main course of beef, vegetables, rolls, and coffee was served at the home of Margaret and Johnson Stearns. The United New Mexico Bank was the last stop, where desserts of cake, pies, cobbler, candy and coffee were served.

President Annie Withers was presented a gift from all of the CowBelles, for her leadership and dedication the past two years. President Withers then told each member to choose an ornament of her choice from the two small trees on the dessert table. Each ornament was different and had been made by the president to show her appreciation of the work and support of each member.

The installation of the new officers was performed by "Minnie Poo-Poo", just off the reservation in her goodwill cast-offs, multi-colored feathered head-dress, yellow facial paint, and beating a mean message on

the tom-toms. Each new officer was presented a bright colored feather for her hair, showing importance. President Jan Barham was given a "pounder" (tommy-hawk) to pound for attention, or maybe scalp the members. First vice president Joyce May, was given a bundle of wood and match to send smoke signals in case of trouble. Second vice president Veda Lou Stephenson was given a peace-pipe to make the members smoke, when there is any quarrelling. Secretary Genevieve Duncan was given a sheep skin with Indian signs painted on it and was told to make good letters. Margaret Stearns, treasurer, was presented a chain necklace with coins and bills tied to it, so she could always have plenty of "wampum" to pay the CowBelle bills. A very funny and unique ceremony, that was a delight for all who saw it, and a big hand for "Minnie Poo-Poo" who did such a good job installing the new officers as she slowly faded into the dark as she went back to her tee-pee. Anyone interested in the services of a good squaw, may contact a CowBelle for references, the price is reasonable.



Services for William Gallacher, 98, of Carrizozo, NM were held 2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 14 at Trinity United Methodist Church, Carrizozo, NM. Harry Riser and Nancy Bowen officiating.

Mr. Gallacher was a rancher in the Carrizozo area and was born April 1, 1887 in Carthage, NM, a coal mining town east of San Antonio, NM. He grew up in White Oaks and graduated from New Mexico State University in 1908 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He was the oldest alumni of that university. He served in the US Army in World War I and was a member of Carrizozo Masonic Lodge No. 41.

Survivors include his wife Edna, son Bill Gallacher, daughter's Jane Shafer and Anne Ferguson, all of Carrizozo, 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers: Scott Shafer, Billy Bob Shafer, Gray Gallacher, Mike Shivers, Matt Ferguson, Dennis Sidebottom. Honorary pallbearers: Albert Roberts, Duff May, Jack Harkley, Johnson Stearns, Leandro Vega, Jim Davenport, and Woody Schlegel.

Interment followed in White Oaks Cemetery. Arrangements by Clarke's Chapel of Roses Mortuary, Ruidoso, NM.

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78-49; (4) Number 5, 70-50; (5) Bomberettes 62-58; (6) Jackie's 53-67; (7) United New Mexico Bank 42-78. High game: Lollie Luera's 209. High series: Mary Greer 532. High team game: Antiques 754. High team series: Rusty Anchor 2161. Pat Schear had a 157 triplicate. (All three games were 157).

Tuesday Mixed League: (1) Team No. 2, 27-17; (2) Lucky Rollers 24-20; (3) Team No. 4, 22-22; (4) Team No. 5, 22-22; (5) Team No. 1, 21-23; (6) Team No. 3, 16-28. High games: Gloria Wheeler 195; Bill Lynch 200; Team No. 1, 491. High series: Gloria Wheeler 532; Gerald Hollis 509; Team No. 1, 1359.

Senior League: Golda Ward 157 - high game. Golda Ward 433 - high series.

Junior League: Sylvia Archuleta 144 - high game. Richard Guevara 160 - high game. Sylvia Archuleta 347 - high series. Richard Guevara 455 - high series.

Thursday Men's League: (1) Rec Center 23-13; (2) Teachers 23-10; (3) Hi-Lo Rollers 20-16; (4) Plains Realty 14-22; (5) Ruidoso State Bank 13-23; (6) Killowatters 12-20. High games: Bob Vallejos 214; Bill Lynch 527 (3 games); Bill Lynch 718 (4 games). Hi-Lo Rollers 869; Hi-Lo Rollers 2500. Teachers and Killowatters did not bowl and standings do not include their match.

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OPINION

Ernest V. Joiner



●WITH Christmas coming down on us like a pile of bricks on a rotten pumpkin, it is time again to remember the stalemated movement to "put Christ back into Christmas." There is a feeling that the event is over-commercialized. And when merchants

can't wait to get Thanksgiving over so the Christmas blitz can begin, who can say Christmas isn't overly commercialized? But don't worry. Christmas has a stormy history, one in which Christianity came to grips with paganism, when it was persecuted and abolished by civil authority, and when it was also condemned because it had turned into a "fun thing" and exploited commercially. There must be something good about Christmas; it could not have survived otherwise.

●DEC. 25 was arbitrarily chosen by the church as the birthdate of Christ. Nobody knew exactly when Jesus was born, nor did they know when He died. Just as they chose Dec. 25 as His birthdate, they chose March 25 as the date of His crucifixion.

●SELECTION of Dec. 25 by church authorities as the day of birth was prompted, at least in part, to coincide with the pagan Mithraic rites that celebrated the birth of the sun. The church had a problem of competing with the Mithraic observance with all the feasting, singing and giving of gifts. So the church, unable to stamp out the Mithraic belief, spiritualized the date as The Nativity of Jesus Christ. The Dec. 25 designation was also chosen because it marked the end of the Roman Saturnalia, a seven-day winter solstice celebration honoring Saturn, the god of agriculture. So, the "If you can't whip 'em, join 'em" theory worked. Although nobody worships Mithra or Saturn any more, the pagan influence of those days are with us yet. Christmas today is a mixture handed down from countless sources—from the Romans, Druids, Celts, Norsemen, Old and Victorian England, Ireland, Germany—and from pagan to modern times.

●TO this day, people in Spain, Mexico and France observe a Saturnalian custom at Christmas. They prepare a Twelfth Night Cake which contains one bean. The person who gets the bean is Bean King for the day. Because they believed in good and evil spirits, some Europeans to this day chant, incantations to old apple trees and fire guns to frighten evil spirits away. They also wear grotesque masks and delight in showing themselves at windows during the Christmas season. They leave only when they have been given gifts. In Bavaria, St. Nicholas visits the homes with a boy dressed like a girl, along with 12 young men wearing animal masks of skins over their heads, and ringing cowbells. In Germany, the last Thursday before Christmas is Knocking Night and groups go door-to-door dressed as animals, ringing cowbells and throwing stones against the houses. Many Irish believe it's lucky to die on Christmas Day because that's when the gates of heaven are wide open and souls can skip purgatory. Lithuanians believe domestic animals talk to each other on Christmas night about how they've been treated. In North Carolina it is a Christmas custom for men to work in pairs to build Old Buck, a creature with a steer's head, the origin of which appears lost in antiquity.

●THE first mention of Christmas was on the Roman Philocalian calendar for AD 354, and first observed in Rome in AD 336. During the Reformation in the 16th century, Christians believed Christmas had become a pagan celebration because people separated the day from religion, doing such things as caroling from house to house and demanding alcoholic wassail, ale, fruit, sugar and sweets. So in the 17th century Oliver Cromwell abolished Christmas in England. Charles II reinstated Christmas in 1660. In 1659, Massachusetts outlawed celebration of Christmas and fixed a fine of five shillings for violating the ban. As late as 1870 Boston public schools were in session on Christmas Day. The first state to proclaim Christmas as a holiday was Alabama, in 1836. Christmas was not a holiday in the US until 1858, proclaimed then largely as a result of an influx of German and Irish immigrants.

●THERE is "another reason" for Christmas celebrants to avoid mistletoe. Ancient Druids believed mistletoe to be a sacred plant, and they gave it to friends at solstice time as good luck charms. In England and the US, the "kissing bunch" is popular. But in Austria it was once a license to "lurk, pounce and kiss" another person. The plant was banned from Christian churches because of a legend—that the Crucifixion cross had been made of mistletoe wood and that the plant shrank, out of shame, to its current small size.

●IN the US we have all but abandoned the yule log, once popular in the Old South. The yule log dates back to the Norsemen, who believed that if the burning log went out, bad luck ensued. The Christmas evergreen tree probably originated in Germany. Called the Paradise Tree, it was decorated with apples and cookies. Apples represented Adam's fall and the cookies spoke to man's salvation through the eucharist.

●RUDOLPH the Red-Nosed Reindeer was born in 1939 sired by Robert L. May. The character was used in an advertising flyer issued by Montgomery Ward & Co. The response was so great that the company doubled the number mailed by 1946. Rudolph became so popular that a music composer, Johnny Marks, wrote a song about Rudolph. It was recorded by Gene Autry and Bing Crosby, and the record has sold more than 50 million copies worldwide. Rudolph became such an institution that as late as 1971 when Santa Claus arrived in Fort Lauderdale, FL by helicopter instead of a sleigh headed by Rudolph, the children rioted, knocked Santa to the ground, and stole all his presents. It doesn't pay to screw around with Christmas legends.

Merry Christmas



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Watch Over Washington

By LES KINSOLVING

A REMEMBRANCE:

Requiem for a coach

I, for one, am very tired of hearing what is attributed to the late Coach Vince Lombardi, as his most celebrated quote: "Winning isn't everything — it's the only thing."

I will grant that the purpose of a football game is to try to win it — otherwise why keep score? But this aphorism, attributed to Lombardi, amounts to a suggestion that the losing team simply no longer exists. It did not win; therefore it does not exist — because "winning is the only thing."

If in any season, a team loses more games than it wins, why should it be awarded any distinctions, such as lettermen's sweaters? For winning, remember, is "the only thing." Here is a new version of French mathematician and philosopher Rene Descartes' classic postulate Cogito ergo sum ("I think therefore I am"): "I win; therefore, I am." But if our team does not win, we do not exist — because "winning is the only thing."

For shouldn't those be fired who were given scholarships because of their football prowess — and who, nevertheless, fail to win more than they lose? They were given thousands of dollars' worth of education, with the intent that they win. But they failed to deliver on their contracts.

They actually do things like this to coaches, even in the oh so pristine Ivy League.

They've just done it to Joe Yukica at Dartmouth and to Jim Garrett at Columbia — although Garrett got himself into big trouble after the season opener. Poor Garrett tried to apply some of his pro football techniques to winless Columbia, whose team he denounced as "addicted to losing" and whose punter he berated, as if the lad's poor punting were the deliberate violation of a business contract.

Columbia for many years retained the services of a beloved coach named Lou Little. His win-loss record is modest-to-shameful according to the Lombardi aphorism of winning is "the only thing." But, unless my recollection is way off, it was Lou Little's Lions who ended the long, long victory streak of Army's invincible Black Knights — when they had a line coach named Vince Lombardi.

Lou Little also produced one of the greatest quarterbacks in pro football history. His name was Sid Luckman, and he knew the assignments of every one of his ten Chicago Bears teammates on every one of 500 plays.

Was Lou Little a loser? A non-existent because "winning is the only thing?" I think not.

Columbia has frequently lost football games throughout its history. But I recall hearing one of the coaches who defeated this Ivy League university tell of one time his team was ahead of Columbia by 30 points, when one of the Lions scored their first touchdown. With nine minutes left, this Columbia running back raced back, shouting: "Come on, you guys! We can still beat 'em!" This incredible optimist is much better known for his talent in professional baseball. For his

New York team, in the sport of baseball, almost always won. He was known as "The Pride of the Yankees." His name: Henry Louis Gehrig.

Ira Berkow, The New York Times sports columnist, wrote a column recently entitled, "Coaches Vanish." He listed this year's casualties. Among them are Foge Fazio at Pitt; Réy Dempsey at Memphis State; Bob Curtis at Bucknell; Gary Darnell at Tennessee Tech; Bill Yung at the University of Texas at El Paso; Emory Ballard at Mississippi State — and Gerry Faust at Notre Dame. Gerry coaches has become an almost inevitable solution to more than two losing seasons. The new coach can generate better attendance.

To be technically correct, Faust wasn't fired. As a spectacularly decent guy, he resigned so that, in his words, Notre Dame would not be dealt in recruiting for 1986. This procedure begins immediately. But, he admitted, "The bottom line is, you've gotta win on the field."

This, and the FOR SALE signs that assorted creeps put up on the lawn of his house in South Bend, will undoubtedly be forever graven in the memory of a thoroughly decent and very devout Catholic layman named Gerry Faust.

So will those people who organized that cleverly named

underground (or under-the-rocks) organization called "Oust Faust." One, who identified himself as one of these was writer Robert Sam Anson in The New York Times.

This was not because Faust was a loser. His teams had, in fact, won more games during his five-year tenure than they had lost.

Consider the very big league in which Notre Dame competes. Dare I say the semi-pros? Or the National Football League's Farm System? Considering this, Faust's record is not bad: 30 wins, 28 losses and 1 tie.

But at Notre Dame, the winning of a mere majority of the games is not enough. No, sir, it is not!

Minnesota's Lou Holtz, who was appointed with obscene speed as Gerry Faust's successor at Notre Dame, is going to find that out fast — if he hasn't already. In order to survive as a coach at Notre Dame, you have to win. Period. That means win them all. Or the Subway Alumni "began eating you for breakfast on Sunday morning."

EDITOR'S NOTE: In addition to being an Anglican priest, an investigative reporter and a radio talk show host, Lester Kinsolving has played and coached football and been an expert commentator on the sports scene.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR—My father, Ted Brazie, is the most honest, caring, and compassionate man anyone could ever know. He has spent his whole life helping others and never asking anything in return. Most of the people he has helped have been the less fortunate with no one of influence to speak in their behalf. He is a World War II veteran, serving during the fighting. He spent 17 years as a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader, taking them on camps in weather that reached 23 degrees below zero, sitting up all night to watch over them, to teach them survival tactics because in this part of the country even a half-hour in the elements could be disastrous. He gave up many summer vacations to take them into the wilderness areas and taught them how to survive if lost. Every scout in his troop advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout through his guidance and dedication. For five years he spent his evenings and weekends going into the slum areas of this city to teach the unemployed high school drop-outs how to lay brick and block and found jobs for them — all of this on his own time and without pay when I am sure he would much rather have been home with his own family. Many of these boys (now men) still feel he was the best friend they ever had because they were from broken homes and didn't have much contact with their own fathers. He was always a devoted father and husband with a deep faith in God which he displayed in his every day lifestyle.

Now, at the age of 63 years, with numerous health problems, "unable to work," he made a mistake — the very first offense. And for this your District Judge Richard Parsons sentenced him to one year in prison despite the fact that a lighter sentence and community service were recommended by two other investigating agents. Is there no one in Lincoln County to speak out on his behalf? What kind of judges and justice do you have?

I want everyone in Lincoln County, New Mexico, to know that I am very, very proud to say that Ted Brazie is "My Dad."

PATRICE BRAZIE
Des Moines, Iowa

EDITOR—I have been a subscriber for several years, and I like the different news items you have from some of the towns in Lincoln County. When I subscribed, I had hoped you would have more vital statistics in it also. Because you are in the county seat, and so near to the courthouse, I had expected to have marriages, divorces, news on the cases disposed of in the courts and deaths, which you do have. However, your two inner pages devoted to the outside correspondents are a very big disappointment to me, and I never read them, nor the right wing letters from the California readers.

I wish this was solely a county paper with news of all of their happenings. Court is now in session, and you have had nothing in there about who was on trial, nor the disposition of the cases. A number of people have voiced the same opinion, so I thought you might consider giving us more county news. If you want those right wingers, please give us local people more of what we want also. I was very glad when Joiner left, hoping you would return to local items. We get all of the outside news we can possibly want, from the larger newspapers, the radio and the TV.

Thank you for your consideration of my letter.

MRS. TOM BABBERS
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ED. NOTE: Thank you for your letter...this is the only way we have of knowing what our readers want...we do try to publish all letters from any of our subscribers—be they from in or out of Lincoln County.

EDITOR—I just want to tell you how much I enjoy Mr. Joiner's "OPINION" in your editorial page.

Being a lifetime Democrat I don't always agree with him, but I enjoy his style for "telling it like he sees it," which is more than those of us in the silent majority have the guts to do.

His writings belong in the National Archives, for never has a man given so much comfort and discomfort to his readers. I use the word discomfort because he can take an event or subject out of context and magnify it as it goes down your throat.

E. V. -Keep it up...

RAMON B. ST. JOHN
Sacramento, CA



Inside the Capitol

By FRED McCAFFREY

SANTA FE—It's "grabby" to ask Santa Claus for too many presents, but lots of folks do it anyway.

That observation isn't limited to private affairs. The same thing goes on in government, as you could have seen here last week when Governor Anaya's proposals on spending for education were being dissected.

He wants lots of dollars, so many that it was easy to picture him as the greedy little kid on Santa's lap, naming off all the toys in the hope that by shooting high he'd assure himself of a good haul when the big day rolls around.

There's nothing new about using that technique while the

budget-making process goes on. That procedure's a lot like union

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Beware of sales pressure tactics

The state tax credits for purchasers of solar equipment will no longer be available after the end of this year. Federal credits may or may not be available. These credits, which can add up to 65 percent of the purchase price of the solar installation, have been a strong incentive for many people to buy solar heating and hot water systems. Because of this, some solar companies appear desperate to make sales now. The

Consumer Affairs Division of the Attorney General's Office is receiving many calls from consumers who complain that they are being pressured into signing contracts to buy solar equipment they neither want nor need.

Take the following story for example.

Ray received an invitation to a seminar to learn all about residential solar energy systems. He decided to go to the seminar

held at the offices of a new dealer in town. There he learned he could save 80 percent on his heating bills with the system they sold. He also learned he could get a state refund and federal tax credits that would pay for half the system's initial cost.

Finally he was offered a big discount on the system but only if he signed a contract that night. The deal was too good to pass up, so Ray made financing arrangements with a salesperson and signed a loan for his own solar energy system. The company provided a contractor to handle installation, and Ray is looking forward to big savings from his low-cost solar energy system.

Ray is about to be very disappointed.

He is about to discover that he paid way too much for a system that won't live up to

energy savings claims. In fact, it won't even fit properly on his house.

In addition, Ray unknowingly signed a second mortgage on his home to pay for the system, and he doesn't even know the payment amount or the percentage rate of his loan. He paid too much for installation and he didn't notice that system repairs and replacement parts were not covered in a warranty.

When Ray wakes up the next morning he may have second thoughts and decide to cancel his order. But it will be too late. There is no three-day cancellation right for contracts signed on the dealer's premises.

Now may be a good time to buy solar. But the purchase of a solar installation, even with the tax credits, is a major investment. Consumers should

approach it with the same amount of care and caution they would use in making any major purchase. They should not let themselves be pressured, hyped or "conned" into buying something that they don't want or need or can't afford. Learn all the facts about systems, costs, dealers, installers, warranties and financial incentives. Don't fall prey to a fast-talking dealer

with a hot offer. For technical and general information on Solar Basics you can contact Michael Hensley of the New Mexico Solar Institute in Las Cruces at 1-800-432-8782 and to file a related complaint, contact the Consumer Protection Division, Attorney General's Office, P. O. Drawer 4508, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1508 or call toll free 1-800-432-2070.

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Inside the Capitol

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reasonably be expected, the other come in unrealistically low, and an acceptable compromise is eventually worked out somewhere in the middle.

This year, however, the Governor was so high in his expectations that they were greeted with consternation.

THE DOLLARS: What the representatives of the Anaya administration have proposed is that the public schools, which get about half the dollars the Legislature appropriates every year, should be given a whopping 30 percent increase in the next fiscal year. As for the post-secondary institutions, which get another 20 percent of our annual expenditure, Anaya wants their take upped by 20 percent.

Those proposals would be looked on as high even in a year when the state had lots of bucks—and it's sure not in that condition now.

One trouble with acting in his fashion is that it can be misleading. Maybe out there somewhere there is a group of schoolteachers or even a

university president who, hearing these big numbers, starts dreaming about them as though they might become reality.

They won't—certainly not this year, when we are not even able to pay the state's bills without juggling the books to find extra money the regular tax system is not yielding us.

Out of that badly misnamed "summit meeting" the Governor and legislative leaders are having this week, new dollar figures for the schools will emerge. Whatever they are, they will be much shrunken from these targets the Governor has given us to shoot at.

MOTIVATION: Those who are critical of Anaya for even suggesting such largess at this time incline to resent him for misleading some trusting souls—if there are any such left during his third year in office.

Some go on to ask why he would even mount such a charade.

Opinions differ. One says he wants to curry favor with the school people and put legislators in a bad light as the rightist bad guys. Another says he simply took the numbers the educators came up with and put them out as his own. Without so much as applying a sharp pencil to them anywhere. The third one holds that he is flat fed up with his job and so ended up saying something like this: "What the hell. Nobody around here pays any attention to what I say anyway. That makes my side of it just a phony show, so let's get on with it."

Whatever led him to do this, he set a starting point for negotiations that is wildly beyond anything the state can possibly afford.

Mule deer relocated

SANTA FE, NM — Fifteen New Mexico mule deer were on their way to Mexico Sunday (Dec. 8) after being captured on the Diamond A Ranch near Tinney, 45 miles west of Roswell. The deer were healthy and included three bucks and 12 does, said Jeff Pederson, Department of Game and Fish.

Biologists hope the deer will form the nucleus of new herds in the Sierra Madre, which mule deer once inhabited. The project is under the direction of the University of Nuevo Leon, which is underwriting the direct costs of New Mexico's capture and transport, estimated at \$6,000.

The capture began Sunday after minor helicopter problems were solved, Pederson said. Department personnel, ranch hands and New Mexico State University students set up linear nets, into which the deer were driven by helicopter. The deer were given a calming drug to reduce stress. They were placed in wooden crates with a block of ice to keep them cool and hay to bed in for the drive to Mexico, south of Monterrey near Iurbide. Once there, a helicopter was to lift the crates into a 2,500-acre enclosure in the Sierra Madre, where the deer were to be released.

The capture operation was completed about noon Sunday. Scott Weems, Roswell

veterinarian, monitored each deer until the crews left for Mexico Sunday. All deer were ear tagged and certified healthy, Pederson said. Six department personnel and an NMSU graduate student were to drive straight through to Mexico via

Laredo, Texas, to minimize trauma to the deer. They expected the drive to take about 24 hours.

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Free boughs and greens are available along the Sunspot Road. A free use permit is needed and may be obtained at the Supervisor's Office at 11th and New York Avenue in Alamogordo or any Ranger District.

New winter hours will be effective December 23 at the Supervisor's Office, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Roads on the Smokey Bear

Ranger District near Ruidoso are clear but will be icy in shaded areas. Trails in lower elevations are muddy and are snow packed in higher elevations. Skiing at Ski Apache is good to excellent with 28 inches of snow. For more information call (505) 257-9001. Three Rivers Campground located between Carrizozo and Tularosa east of US 64 is open all year. All other campgrounds are closed. Information number for this District is (505) 257-4095.

All campgrounds on the Cloudcroft Ranger District are closed. Roads are slick and icy in spots especially in the early a.m. Secondary roads are icy. Rim B Fuelwood Area is closed. Rim A Fuelwood Area is open. Information number is (505) 682-2551.

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TO ASC BOARD—

Pfingsten elected

The results of the Lincoln County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service election held November 18 to December 2 are as follows:

—Fred W. Pfingsten - Elected for a three (3) year term.

—Preston Stone - Elected for a one (1) year term.

—Paul Chavez-Elected for a one (1) year term.

A county committee organization meeting was held on December 16 to select the 1986 officers which will assume office on January 1, 1986 and will consist of these committee persons.

Ronald L. Merritt-Chairman.
 Billy K. Stephenson-Vice-Chairman.
 Fred W. Pfingsten-Member.
 Preston Stone-First Alternate.
 Paul Chavez-Second Alternate.

The county ASC committee is responsible for the overall direction of the operations, the county ASCS offices and the administration of the various farm programs at the county level.



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KINDERGARTEN:
 1) Heather Wooddell, Capitan Elementary
 2) Sarah Kirkegaard, Nob Hill Elementary
 3) Jennifer (No last name), Nob Hill Elementary

FIRST GRADE:
 1) J.R. Montoya, Nob Hill Elementary
 2) Cody Turnbow, Capitan Elementary
 3) Julie Barham, Carrizozo Elementary

SECOND GRADE:
 1) Jaylen Ware, Capitan Elementary
 2) Jessica Sparks, White Mountain Elementary
 3) Sabih Smith, White Mountain Elementary

THIRD GRADE:
 1) Stanley W. Redding, White Mountain Elementary
 2) Ann Trammell, White Mountain Elementary
 3) Michael Jon Fish, Capitan Elementary

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Capitan News

by Margaret Rench

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas with the Prince of Peace at your side.

Last week was vicious with its cold temperatures. For days it stood at 10 degrees. Snow arrived with three inches Thursday morning and it became a blizzard and those cold temperatures held until Sunday when 20 degrees started the day. There is still

some left.

How about the outside Christmas lighting contest for the residential in the Capitan city limits. Are we getting the applications at B & L Pizza-Bonnie McEuen, Kay Strickland at the gas office in Capitan, Norman Renfro at Smokey Bear Restaurant and there are some at the city hall. First prize-set of

Smokey Bear Medallion; 2nd - \$25 and 3rd - \$15. Judged Sat., Dec. 21. Lets give cheer. All our businesses are decorated and they do look very nice.

The Community Development Council will meet in Ruidoso on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 17 and 18, 1985 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ruidoso City Council Chambers.

Shelly Eldridge, who is attending the Western College in Snyder, TX, has arrived to spend the holidays with her parents.

Sammy Castillo and Glynn Story of the New Mexico State College are now home for the Christmas holidays.

Newly elected officers of the Masonic Lodge No. 41 in Carrizozo are Bill MacVeigh, Jr. - Master; Bartley McDonough - Senior Warden; Billy Bob Shafer - Jr. Warden; Sr. Deacon - Ralph Dunlap; Jr. Deacon - Woody Schlegel; Sr. Stewart - Bob Shafer; Jr. Stewart - Jake Harris; Secretary - Johnson Stearns; Treasurer - Bill Gallacher; Jr. Tiler - Wes Lindsay and Marshall - Jack Forrester.

The installation will be Dec. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge Hall in Carrizozo. The installing officer is Johnson Stearns and the installation marshal is Jack Forrester.

Visa Elliott Kuen, 87, passed away in Albuquerque at St. Joseph Hospital. The Duner Mortuary of Tucumcari took care of the funeral which was held in her hometown of Tucumcari, where she was laid to rest. Her granddaughter Mrs. Linda Wright lives in Capitan. Visa was a school teacher in Mesqalara some time ago.

William Gallacher, 98, passed away Thursday night at the Ruidoso hospital. Dec. 11. Rev. Harry Risner and Rev. Nancy Bowen officiated at the church services. Albert Hudson, 91, conducted the Masonic rites at the grave in White Oaks Sat., Dec. 14.

Mr. Gallacher was Master of Masonic Lodge No. 41 in Carrizozo in 1934. He was a good man and a successful rancher near Carrizozo. He will be remembered and missed as he was loved by everyone.

Another good man who was Stanley Jones of Ruidoso, passed away Monday, Dec. 7, at home of a heart attack at the age of 80 years. He was laid to rest there in the Ruidoso cemetery. He was contractor there for years and well known and loved. The community deeply feels his passing.

The Capitan boys placed 4th, beating Ft. Sumner, then losing to the eventual tournament champs, Floyd. In the game for 3rd and 4th, Santa Fe Prep came out on top, leaving the Tigers in 4th place. There were a lot of Capitan fans in Floyd to cheer on the Tigers and their attendance was appreciated.

Due to the bad weather last week there were only 80 registered visitors at the Smokey Bear Museum from Dec. 9-15. Do watch for the luminarias there soon.

Remember folks - the Cowbells have Brand kerchiefs, napkins and cookbooks at the Smokey Bear Museum.

Last Saturday the Jr. Rodeo Club held a meeting at the Fair Building and gave all of their participants an award. A large crowd was in attendance.

The Capitan Branch Bank of Ruidoso was closed Monday due to frozen, bursted water pipes which flooded the building.

The Capitan Senior Citizens Christmas dinner with turkey and all of the trimmings was held Wed., Dec. 11 with a good attendance of 50 seniors. The rooms were festive with Christmas decorations and a lovely tree. The work of Iris Crane and five young people of the Music Dept. of the city schools with the director, Mr. Valenzuela, sang Christmas songs for the group. The Senior Citizens thank everyone for their support and they do wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Salazar of Long Beach, CA are visiting relatives in the Lincoln Valley.

Kay West will arrive home Dec. 22 to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. West.

Fred Payton and Karen Blair were united in marriage last Thursday night December 12, 1985.

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TOP PASSER & RECEIVER in Class A Football this season were Capitan's Troy Padilla on the left and Troy Keller. These athletes received their plaques at the athletic banquet Dec. 5 sponsored by the Capitan Athletic Booster Club.

TIGERETTES WIN TOURNEY—

Tiger sports

The Capitan Tigers and the Tigerettes participated in the Floyd Tournament last weekend. The Tigerettes defeated San Jon Lady Coyotes 50-47 in the championship game to win their division of the tournament. San Jon held a 4 point advantage at halftime but a big 4th quarter held it away for the Tigerettes. Tracy Herd led the way with 18 points, Becky Huey helped out with 15 points and Jana Harris with 12. Herd, Huey, and Harris were selected to the all tournament team.

The Tigerettes started things off by defeating Carrizozo in a close one 27-26. Tracy Herd was credited with 14 points. She was followed by Becky Huey with 10 points. Judy Vega found the hoop for 9 points and Marcella Sandoval and Karen Baroz each had 8 points for the Lady Grizzlies.

The Tigerettes qualified for the championship game by downing the Lady Cardinals from Eunice 50-48. Eunice dominated the 1st three quarters. The girls from Capitan outscored Eunice in the 4th quarter 19-5 to take the victory. Tracy Herd had a real big game for the Tigerettes burning the hoop for 25 points. The other teams in this tournament included Santa Fe Prep, Ft. Sumner, Dora and the host team.

The Tiger Boys Varsity won their first game of the tournament defeating Ft. Sumner 46-41. John Parker set the pace for the Tigers scoring 13 points. Troy Keller followed with 12 points.

The Floyd Broncos do not play football. Basketball is their game—probably all year long. In their second game the Tigers took it on the chin by the score of — Floyd 72, Capitan 56. Troy Keller led the way for the Tigers with 14 points. It was John Parker with 10 and Ronnie Sanchez with 8 points. D. Smith was a "hoss" for Floyd with 29 points.

In their 3rd game of the tournament Ronnie Sanchez got hot with 19 points. The other scoring punch for the Tigers just wasn't there and Santa Fe Prep won this one 53-37. Troy Keller and John Parker were named to the all tournament team.

Tigerette coach Zale Woodward was happy to have won the tournament but had this to say: "We've got a long way to go but I'm pleased with our progress."



Christmas Wishes

A most Merry Holiday to all our friends, old and new.
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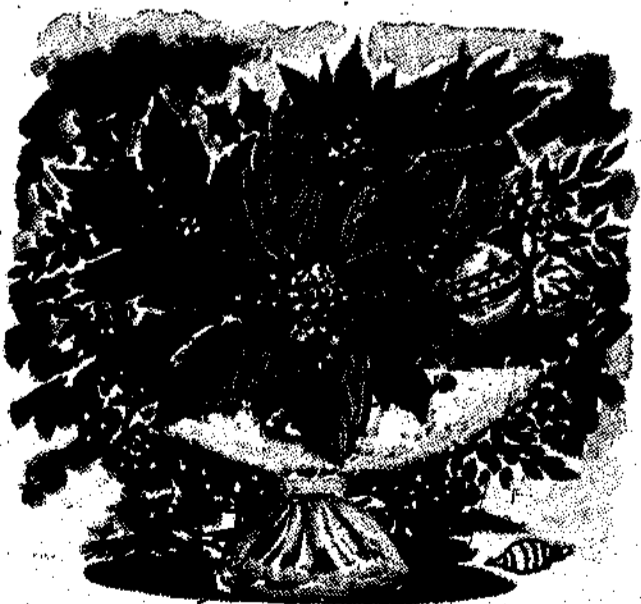
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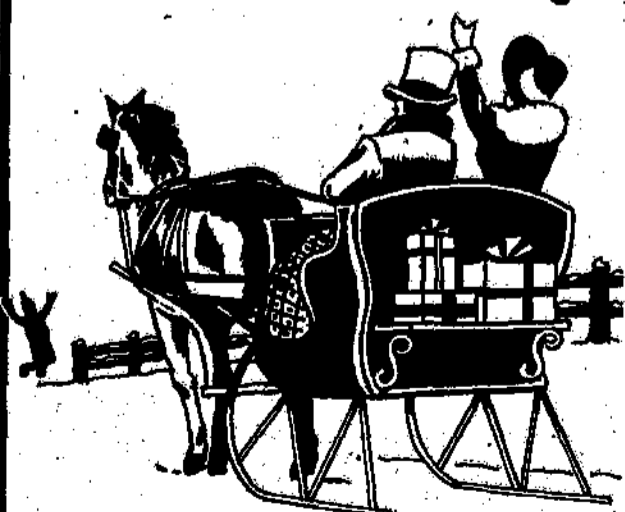


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OUTSTANDING TIGERS—Shown holding their plaques are Chris Peralta (left) - outstanding back for the 1985 football season in Captain and Doug Eckland - outstanding lineman. These plaques will remain in the trophy case at the school.

HONOR ROLL—

C'zozo schools

- 2nd & 6 WEEKS
 5th Grade: Scott Brown, Cory Collins, Amy Funk ++, Gail Journey, Nathan Portillo,
 6th Grade: Brett Barham, Raphael Chavez, Allen Fitzpatrick, Cheryl Hightower ++, Coby Sims ++, LeeRoy Zamora,

- James Silva ++,
 7th Grade: Nicole DeBerge, Loren Patterson, Jennifer Vinson, Laurie Zamora ++,
 8th Grade: Michael Chavez, Ruben Gallegos, Lisa Hightower, Denise Hill, Rachel Monreal, Connie Najer, Abe Padilla, Valerie Padilla, Suzanne Saucedo,
 9th Grade: Jonna Gibson, Cathy Najer, Leah Patterson ++, Linda Silva, Jeanna Sims ++, Fred Vega ++,
 10th Grade: Clarica Carpenter, Craig Collins, Tom Giordano, Benji Herrera, Carl Luera, Marcella Sandoval, John Saucedo ++,
 11th Grade: Timmy Baum, Gina Gonzales, Melissa Greer, Jamie Patterson,
 12th Grade: Kenneth Crenshaw, Ruben Zamora.

School records broken

The following state records were broken in New Mexico high school football this year:
 Consecutive state championships - Clovis - 5. Old record 4 by Clovis, Artesia and Carrizozo.
 Consecutive district wins - 38 - Silver City. Old record 35 by Silver City.
 Points scored, season 232 - Brian Beckham, Jal. Old record 34 by Paul Arnold, NMMI, 1963.
 Passing yards, season - 2,130 - Johnny Sarabia, Thoreau. Old record 2,073 by Billy Rucker, Gallup, 1961.
 Pass receptions, season - 60 - Troy Keller, Capitan. Old record 53 by Anthony Llamas, Rio Grande, 1979.

++Denotes all A's!!!

TIGER—

Sports banquet

By BARTLEY McDONOUGH
 A nice crowd attended the 1985 Capitan Fall Sports Banquet December 5. The Capitan Athletic Booster Club should be complimented for putting on an excellent banquet.

Football players receiving awards were: Nico Najer, Jay Eldridge, Will Griggs, Ronald Joiner, Clay Layher, Mike Lunny, John Parker, Julian Romero, Michael Chavez, Jeffrey Clements, Jeramey McCarty, Mike Shanks, Tina Gallegos, Clay Guck, Anthony Sanchez, Robbie Runnels, and Greg Smith.

Other players recognized included: Ty Paul - hustle, Troy Keller - leading Class A receiver in New Mexico, Chris Peralta - outstanding back, leading scorer with 45 points - leading rusher, Doug Eckland - leading tackler and lineman, Troy Padilla - leading passer in Class A Football for the 1985 season. Coach Woodward mentioned that just a very few points separated the Tigers from having a winning season. Woodward was proud of his players.

Volleyball players recognized by Coach MacVeigh were: Leslie Guck, Joan Leslie, Michelle Nevarez, Stephanie Stowe, Johnna Patterson, Robyn Peralta, Chantille Points, Brenda Griego, Kateri Sanchez, Stacy Cox, Sarah Dockery, Sherry Gowan, Gina Griego, Kimberly Huey, Della Joiner, Coleen Knipe, Amber Lovelace, Marnie McDaniel, and Tyana Trollinger.

The three H's dominated the special awards department. Tracy Herd was recognized for her 89 percent setting average. Jana Harris for her blocking and for her outstanding spiker (86 percent) along with being the leading defensive player. Huey was selected to the South "All-Star" team in a game to be played next June.

Junior high volleyball players recognized by Coach Bizzell were: Shannon Harris, Danielle Riska, Marsha Nevarez, Tennie Trollinger, Tonya Payton, LaShauna Tillotson, Kim Eckland, Tammy Longbotham, Kelly Racher, Inez Quinones, Charity Underwood, Shirley Tibbitt, Pauline Montes, Michelle Tate, Karie Cox, Lesley LaRue, Nanette Boyd, Sonia Sanchez, Victoria Sedillo, Cindy Castillo, Danica Sime, Jennifer Lacy, Sheila Montoya, Kristen Beeman, Crystal Torres, Kerri Runnels, Kim Griego, Jackie Leslie, and Chyleen Smith.

Coach Bizzell informed the crowd that all girls play in every match. He was proud of the fact that he has twice as many girls out for volleyball than any of the opponents they faced. Bizzell's team enjoyed a 11-7 season.

Coach Woodward and his junior high football players: Nathan Anaya, Daniel Booher,

Keith Carter, Roman Jeter, Mike Luna, Victor Meza, John Norlander, Brian Parker, Guy Payne, Ronald Reynolds, Alex Romero, Warren Russell, Chad Seals, Chris Shanks, Clifford Simpson, Rudolpho Chavez, Tommie Cox, Nathan Fuchs, Ernie Gallegos, Robert Griego, Rodney Griego, Heath Huey, Gerry Kinnick, Heath LaMay, Jim Leslie, James McCarty, Larry McEuen, Jackie McNeal, Roger Smith, Sean Seay, Paul

Whipple, Nick Whited, and Nathan Roybal.
 Varsity cheerleaders recognized by sponsor Ronnie Silva were: Wendy Tate, Michelle Holmes, Valerie Garner, Corina Sedillo, Paula McClain, Jody Scott-Mascot, Veronica Roybal - elementary cheerleader.

Sherry Ford recognized the following junior high cheerleaders: Marsha Nevarez, Cindy Castillo, Kim Eckland, Kerri Runnels, Nanette Boyd, LaShauna Tillotson, Sheila Montoya, and Sonia Sanchez.

Participation awards were presented to the high school players from the booster club by President Don Eckland.

The following adults were praised for their work during the football season: Richard Phillips, Joe David Cummings, and Mike Points - chain gang and down marker, Tom Guck - announcer, and Hob Lucero - scorekeeper.

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Crown CowBelles met Wednesday morning, Dec. 11 at the home of Mrs. Melvin Johnson with 10 members present. Due to the absence of officers

because of the snow storm secretary Lee Sultemeier presided. Installation of officers was postponed until the January meeting. The meeting will be

Jan. 9 at the recreation room with lunch at the school cafeteria. Carol Wells and Lee Sultemeier will be coffee hostesses.

The meeting date was changed from the second Wednesday of the month to the first Thursday except for the next meeting which will be the second Thursday.

A Christmas gift of \$50 each was sent to Boys and Girls Ranches.

The Cow Dog books are for sale by Carol McConnell and Lee Sultemeier.

Owen Hardware and Corona Trading Co. have the recipe entry card for the Mexican-Indian International cookbook. This is a chance for everyone to get their favorite chili recipes into print.

Mike, Renee and Julie Kessler are proud to announce the arrival of a new family member, 6 lbs. 6 oz. April Dawn, born early Sunday, Dec. 15 in Alamogordo, one day after her father's birthday. The baby has one sister, Jewel Marie.

On display at the Sharp Ranch is a plaque won by Melissa Sharp at the American Royal Stock Show last month in Kansas City. The lamb raised here by the Sharps is Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Market Lamb Crossbreed.

The Cardinal Booster Club has announced the winners of the \$50 drawings as Morgan Maxwell for November and Jacob Caldwell for December. The club will meet early in January to organize meals for the visiting basketball teams.

Congratulations to Dan Bell who brought home the first place trophy for the basketball free throw Saturday in Ruidoso.

Cedar Temple No. 28 Pythian Sisters met Monday for lunch at the home of Leta Sharp. Members exchanged gifts and postponed the election of officers until next month. The sale of fruit cakes was reported to be going well. Mrs. Jean McGuire accompanied Lee Shumate from Roswell to attend the party. Mrs. Nora Smith was another guest. Mrs. Shumate said that her husband remains hospitalized but hopes to be home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Holleyman, Lois Ann and Lon, returned Monday afternoon from Las Vegas and the PRCA national finals.

Merry Christmas One and All.



THESE CORONA students competed at the county level of the Elks National "Hoop Shoot" Contest last Saturday in Ruidoso. Nancy Riley took first place in her age group; Russel Lueras; Dan Bell, first place; Blossom Rodriguez; Reina Arellanes, first place; Garrett Marshall, Local Runner-Up. First place winners will compete in the District Contest at Lordsburg on Feb. 8th.



CARRIZOSO GRIZZLIES named "Honorable Mention" to the 'All District' football team were Richard Guevara, soph. Brian Sanchez, junior, and Robert Guevara, soph.



RECOGNIZED at the fall athletic banquet as the two top volleyball players for the Carrizozo Grizzly varsity team were Liz Beltran, sr., offense, and Judy Vega, soph., defense.



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Dear Santa,
Please Bring me a car, and I want a bear. My sister wants a car.
Thank you,
Juan Warner
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
I want a 3 wheeler and a stomper, bottle of glue and a wrench. Renee wants a doll and Rynn wants a stomper.
Thank you
Shad Roper
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
Bring me some toys, and some for Darrel, too.
Thank you
Eric Chavez
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
I have been good boy. I want a robot. I have been the best boy I could be. I want a gobot bike with yearplay annoucents. How are you doing?
Thomas Means
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want a Cabbage Patch, a Teddy Rockspin and a My Pony L.
Love,
Katie Hightower
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a Teddy Rockspin. I want a robot to play with.
Love,
Dewayne Langley
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
Please, bring me some toys a cabbage patch, Please bring Tabitha a rabbit, Jr. a BB gun, Sina a my little pony and a watch, and Adam a little car.
Thank You,
Tamantha Means
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good. Please bring me a rope, carebear, robe, a toy Santa, and a stroller, Cody would like a 3wheeler, rope, Brody wants a three wheeler, too.
Thank you,
Tristy Moore
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
I want a Care bear, a car, and a toy rabbit. Gavon wants a toy monkey. Please, bring my sisters something, too.
Thank you
Lee Sumpter
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
I want a new belt cause my dog chewed my old one and some boots. My sister Christy wants a "real baby"
Thank you
Jesse Brown
Carrizozo, NM

Senor Santo Clos,
espero que usted este bien. yo estoy bien y he si do mocha cholabera. me puede traer un benajito de quera yun. caro de pilas y una pistola con funja tambie quero un caballito de quera estodo con mucho carino.
Placido Montes Carballo.
Carrizozo, NM



Christmas Wishes
A most Merry Holiday to all our friends, old and new.
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THE CHAVEZ FAMILY
Carrizozo, NM



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Carrizozo, NM
Holiday Cheer
May every moment of your Holiday be filled with joy.
Roy's Gift Gallery & Flowers

Dear Santa,
Hi! I want a big foot.
Thank you
Jonathan Coleman
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie doll and house and Lee wants a Transformer or a remote control car.
Thank you
Amanda Greer
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl I want a bike and a Teddy Rock spin.
Love,
Michelle S.
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Amanda Baca and I fell down and broke. I am a very good girl.
Thank you
Amanda Baca
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
Hi! I already wrote to you when I was at Grandma's Just wanted to say hi! again.
Love
Tiffany Mitchell
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want Teddy Rockspin, wagon, snowcone, machine, and a puppy.
Love,
Michael
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
Thank you, for the Christmas tree. I want some presents and so does Joseph my little brother.
Thank you
Annette Nickless
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
I always get sick on cartoon days and Sundays. I don't know why. I would like a He-Man.
Thank you
Cole McMahan
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, BB gun.
Love
Kenneth Groy
Carrizozo, NM



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FIRST PLACE WINNERS in their respective division in the state beef poster contest in Carrizozo were Claudia Lopez, Jimmy Apodaca, and Trini Langworthy. The local contest was sponsored by the Canyon Cowbelles and the state contest was sponsored by the New Mexico Cowbelles. The theme for the contest was "Any time is prime time for beef." Rachel Monreal of Carrizozo received a check for \$25 for her state winning poster in her division.



Cheery Wishes
May the Christmas Spirit remain within your hearts throughout the coming year. We hope to always be there to serve you.
Lincoln County Abstract Co.
Carrizozo, NM



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
Knowing you and your family is a delight! We hope to have the pleasure of continuing to serve our friends and neighbors. Here's wishing you all a Merry Christmas.
CARRIZOZO REC CENTER
648-2235




HAPPY HOLIDAYS
We extend our warmest wishes to all our friends and patrons.
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Carrizozo, NM



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KIM



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Carrizozo, NM



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More letters

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl I want
a Care Bear.

Love,
Naomi
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this
year. I would like a robot.

Love,
John
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa Bud
I have been a good boy. I
want a real motorcycle, with
keys and a basketball.

Love,
Bud
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
I have been A good boy.
Tyra

Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy today.
Don't you think I deserve a new
bicycle and a new He Man with
clothes on.

Love,
Tyval Jade Parkhurst
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
I been a good girl. I want a
snowcone.

Love,
Alleen
Carrizozo

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this
year. I want a football.

Love,
Wayne
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
I have helped mom and dad. I
want a jewelry set.

Love,
Molly
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie house and a
Teddy Rockspin.

Love,
Amanda
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
I like your work shop. I have
been a good girl this year. I want
a Real Baby with ten birth
announcements. How are you doing?

Love,
Keri
Carrizozo, NM

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy all
year. I have helped my teacher
by being good. I would like GI Joe
Guns and Granade for Christ-
mas. I will leave you hot cocoa
and cookies.

Love,
Samson Monserrate
Capitan, NM
1st grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy all
year. I have helped my Dad chop
wood. I would like clothes and a
bike for Christmas. I will leave
hot cocoa and cookies.

Love,
Francisco Nanez,
1st Grade,
Capitan

Dear Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus! IS he
good? I would like football suit
and I wold like some gold! And
Love Britt

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy all
year. I have helped my Mom by
cleaning my room. I would like
guns for Christmas. I will leave
you hot cocoa and cookies.

Love,
Nolan LaRue,
1st grade
Capitan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy all
year. I have helped my Mom by
picking up outside. I would like a
jet and a bike for Christmas. I
will leave you hot cocoa and
cookies. Love, Shane Carpenter
1st grade, Capitan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy all
year. I have helped my Dad
carry firewood. I would like a
bike and kneepads for Christmas.
I will Leave you hot cocoa and
cookies.

Love,
Justo Quintana
1st Grade
Capitan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl all
year. I have helped my Mom by
cleaning my room. I would like a
doll and a bike for Christmas. I
will leave hot cocoa and cookies
for you.

Love,
Rashelle Hollinger
1st Grade
Capitan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl all
year. I have helped my Mom by
picking-up leaves. I would like a
pony and a stuffed bear for
Christmas. I will leave you hot
cocoa and cookies.

Love,
Mandi Aldaz
1st grade,
Capitan.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy all
year. I have helped my Mom by
cleaning my room. I would like
Power Wheeles and a bike for
Christmas. I will leave you hot
cocoa and cookies.

Love,
Justin Wright,
1st grade,
Capitan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl all
year. I have helped my Mom with
the dishes. I would like a Cab-
bage Patch and shoes for
Christmas. I will leave you hot
cocoa and cookies.

Love,
And Griego,
1st grade
Capitan



Christmas Greetings

To- You and Yours

from-
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Chamber of Commerce



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(+) TO DATE



"GOLDEN HELMETS"—the top football awards for the 1985 Grizzly season went to seniors Gabriel Chavez, lineman, and Kenneth Crenshaw, running back. Coach Willie Gallegos, center, made the presentations at the fall athletic banquet.



JAMIE PATTERSON, was named Carrizozo "Student of the Week" because she is a good math student, a hard worker, makes up work missed when absent, and is a very conscientious young lady. She is junior class president, FFA president, and plays volleyball for the Grizzlies. Her hobby is photography, and special interests are botany and agriculture. She was on the meats judging team, that went to Kansas City. Her parents are Jim and Mariann Patterson.

Two more !!

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy all year. I have helped my Mom by cleaning my bedroom. I would like a robot and santa for Christmas. I will leave you hot cocoa and cookies.

Love,
Adam Doing
1st grade
Capitan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy all year. I have helped my Dad fix our blue truck. I would like Sky Striker and a 4x4 pickup truck for Christmas. I will leave you hot cocoa and cookies.

Love,
Shawn McEuen
1st grade
Capitan

Everyone is invited to
CANDLE-LIGHT SERVICE
Nogal Presbyterian Church
Friday Evening Dec. 20th
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I have been a good boy all year. I have helped my Mom by cleaning my room. I would like a Power Tron and a Sky Striker for Christmas. I will leave you hot cocoa and cookies.

Love,
Logan Howe
1st grade
Capitan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy all year. I have helped my Mom by doing the dishes. I would like a Cabbage Patch and a bike for Christmas. I will leave you hot cocoa and cookies. Love, Thomas Roybal, 1st grade, Capitan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl all year. I have helped my Mom by helping with the dishes. I would like a Cabbage Patch and shoes for Christmas. I will leave you hot cocoa and cookies.

Love,
Amalia Sanchez
1st grade
Capitan

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy all year. I have helped my Mom and my sister take care of the baby. I would like a Camouflage Cabbage Patch for Christmas. I will leave you hot cocoa and cookies.

Love,
Monty Tibbit
1st Grade
Capitan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl all year. I have helped my Mom by getting things for her when she's sick. I would like a toy santa and a doll for Christmas - I will leave you hot cocoa and cookies.

Love,
Crista Damron
1st grade,
Capitan



TOMMY ESCAMILLA made "All Tournament Team" at the Floyd tournament last week. He scored 67 points in three games. Carrizozo lost in the first round to Dora 60 to 52, then beat Eunice in the second round 76 to 68 and lost a heartbreaker in the third round to Fort Sumner 42 to 40. The next game for the Grizzlies will be December 20 at Lake Arthur, boys and girls varsity, game time 6 p.m.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom God is pleased."
— Luke 2:14

—Come celebrate with us the birth of the Prince of Peace at a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Tuesday, December 24.

CAPITAN UNITED METHODIST - 6:30 PM
The church is located at the corner of 3rd & White Oaks in Capitan.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST - 7:45 PM
Trinity is located at 1000 'D' in Carrizozo, across from the schools.

Everyone is welcome,
Nancy R. Bowen, Pastor

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Merry Christmas !!



TOWN COUNCIL: Mayor Harold Garcia, Trustee Patsy Sanchez, Mayor pro-tem Bob Hemphill, and Trustee Eddie O'Brien. Picture not available for Trustee Jim Payne.



POLICE DEPARTMENT: Adam Montez, patrolman, Chief C. A. "Choncho" Morales, Clerk Rosemary Gallegos, and Richard Baker, patrolman.



TOWN HALL: Town Clerk Carol Schlarb and Assistant Town Clerk Albert LaFave.

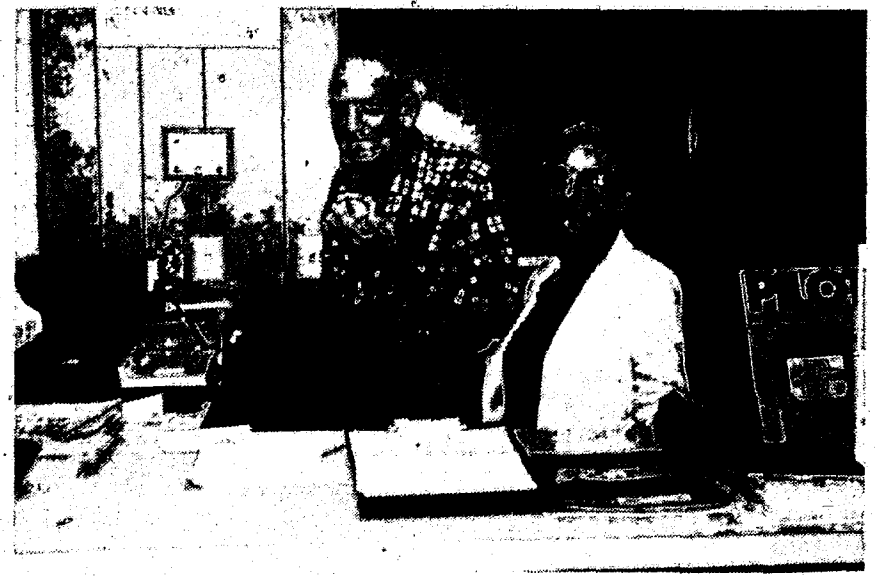


MAINTENANCE: Town Foreman Faustino Gallegos, and crew; Manuel Vigil, Chris Monrreal, and Carlos Gallegos.

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All
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VO LUNTEER FIREMEN: Chief Albert Najar, Michael Monrreal, Moises Sambrano, Danny Narvaez, David Zamora, Leroy Zamora, Joe Armstrong, Gilbert Barela, Raymond Lueras, and 14 more not available for the picture.



AIRPORT: Resident managers Ralph and Dory Forsythe.

Not pictured.
BILL G. PAYNE
Municipal Judge