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TV interviews Samuels, Luna

Randy Escamilla of KOBR-TV, Roswell, was in Ruidoso Dec. 29 to interview Lincoln County Sheriff Don Samuels concerning the Jimmy Luna case. Later in the day Escamilla came to Carrizozo to interview Luna.

The segment concerning the firing and re-instatement of Luna will be telecast today at 6 p.m. on Channel 8 in Roswell and on Channel 4 in Albuquerque.

Escamilla's questions centered around the reasons for Luna's dismissal and subsequent re-instatement by the county commissioners.

Free rides offered by town police

Carrizozo Mayor Bob Hemphill announced that free rides home are being offered to anyone who has had too much to drink or feels they have had too much to drink during the New Year's holiday season.

The program is being offered by the Carrizozo police department to provide safe driving for everyone.

Call 648-2342 for the free complimentary ride.

School elections registration rules explained

Lincoln County Clerk Fran Siddens announced that voters must be registered by 5 p.m. Jan. 5 to be eligible to vote in the special school elections slated for Capitan and Hondo on Feb. 2.

The special elections for Capitan School District 28 and Hondo School District 20 will have only one question on the ballot concerning a tax levy to be allocated to the school districts.

Contact the county clerk's office at 648-2394 for answers to questions on any election procedure.

Back to normal

The Lincoln County News will resume its regular Thursday publication with the next issue. Happy New Year!

Lighting contest winners

The home of Nick Serna and Anne Collins placed first in the Christmas lighting contest held in Carrizozo. They received \$50 for their winning decorations.

Greg Hancock received \$30 for 2nd place and the home of Bill and Elizabeth MacVeigh was 3rd for \$20.

The annual contest is sponsored by the Carrizozo

Chamber of Commerce. Judges this year were Mary Chavez, Mary Funk, Nena Vega and Al Whittaker Jr.

The Lincoln County courthouse received the travelling trophy for the winning commercial entry.

Lighting contest chairman Debbie King noted that special recognition goes to Ray Wells for making Nogal shine with his colorful display of lights.



CARRIZOZO CHAMBER of Commerce president Betty Howell (left) presents \$50 for first place in the Christmas lighting contest to Anne Collins. Greg Hancock placed 2nd and Bill and Elizabeth MacVeigh's home took 3rd in the event sponsored by the chamber of commerce.



SENIOR CITIZENS will travel in style and comfort in the new mini-van that was delivered Dec. 21 to Zia Senior Center in Carrizozo. From left: Bill Karn, Zia project director Barbara Ward, Ralph Dunlap, Zia secretary Rose Lueras and John Hightower. The county commissioners inspected the mini-van during a recess of the Dec. 22 commission meeting.

Voter apathy in Ruidoso

Lackluster election looms, unless . . .

By J.A. 'AJ' JUNGE

Jan. 5, 1988 will be a most important day for the citizens of Ruidoso. That is the last day for those who aspire to a place on the Ruidoso City Council to sign up for the job.

As of 5 p.m. on that day the slate of candidates will be set and, if past elections can be the judge, a series of

lackluster, poorly attended "Meet the Candidates" meetings will commence.

The date, Jan. 5, sort of sneaked up on most of us who were thinking that this important date was several weeks into the future. However, the results will be the same regardless of the time remaining with little or no effect on the candidates who sign up. The next election will produce about the same interest or lack of it as had been true of past elections.

Basically we have two problems.

First, when qualified candidates are asked if they intend to run for office their answers generally fall into the following: (1) Are you crazy? (2) Are you kidding? (3) I don't have the time (4) I won't fight the present leadership and (5) No way will I run.

Most of those expressing these objections are the most vehement in criticizing the present administration. These comments, made over the morning's coffee, are critical without being constructive and without any effort on the part of the criticiser to find a solution.

Among the business community there are many good prospects for the council. Those with proven track records over many years; some as yet in business, others retired but active. Some imagine that they are too old to carry the burden of the administration. To those I say, "Poor excuse" believe you me!

The second problem deals with the low turnout at the polls. When less than 50 percent of the voters show up at the polling place the whole process of representation goes awry. When less than 25 persons turn out for the "Meet the Candidates" meetings this is a case of apathy in its truest form. Inertia, indifference, more simply put "Don't give a dam," that's the general attitude of the citizens of Ruidoso. If this opinion is wrong it would be great to be proven wrong in the oncoming

ment had previously been formally submitted to the commissioners and changes were needed in certain items. The lease agreement with the changes was not presented at the special meeting.

Apparently the lease agreement had been discussed previously during the executive session held at the Nov. 24 meeting. That executive session had been called for the purposes of discussing personnel and litigation, according to the minutes of that meeting.

Results of the Nov. 24 executive session included a statement that the commissioners discussed having special meetings with the hospital board concerning the lease agreement, time and place to be announced.

The transcript is confusing throughout, but at one point Siddens asks, "Chairman Hightower, for purposes of the record, since I'm not familiar with what you're talking about, and I'm sure these minutes are not going to make much sense, would you like to give a background on what it is you are talking about?"

Hightower responded, "It's a new lease agreement with the Lincoln County Medical Center or SCHS for the Lincoln County Medical Center, the change being brought about because of acquisition of land nearby. Right?"

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Municipal candidates: file by Tuesday, Jan. 5

Persons planning to be candidates in the municipal elections to be held March 1 must file their declaration of candidacy on Tuesday, Jan. 5, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to be certified candidates. The declarations of candidacy forms are available at city hall.

A total of 15 positions in Lincoln County are to be filled in the municipal elections. Capitan, Carrizozo and Corona each have two positions for

trustees for four-year terms. Ruidoso has one position for councilor for a two-year term, three positions for councilors for four-year terms and one position for municipal judge for a four-year term. Ruidoso Downs has positions for three trustees for four-year terms and one position for municipal judge for a four-year term.

To become a certified candidate a person must file the declaration of candidacy and a certified copy of the candidate's current affidavit of voter registration or a triplicate copy of current affidavit of voter registration stamped by the county clerk. The candidate's voter

registration must contain a street address or a rural route number and not a post office box. This identical resident address must be on the declaration of candidacy.

Candidates may file for only one position and a person may not run for more than one office.

If a person is unable to personally appear to file a declaration of candidacy on Jan. 5 a representative may file for the candidate by virtue of a written affidavit of authorization signed by the candidate, notarized and presented to the municipal clerk.

Happy New Year! Taxes going up!

On Jan. 1, 1988 New Mexico withholding tax rates will increase. The income tax rates, however, will not increase. New Mexico employees will see an average of \$7 to \$8 per month more withheld from their paychecks in 1988 than in 1987.

The increase is necessary to make withholding amounts commensurate with the

amount of income tax owed for as many people as possible, and to that end the Taxation and Revenue Department has revised its withholding tax tables three times since 1986. "The 1988 tables are about as close as we're going to get," says Robert Olcott, a research and statistics analyst for the department, but he points out some taxpayers still may be underwithheld.

Where's the lease?

Siddens 'highly offended' at flap over minutes

By Ruth Hammond

"I was highly offended," Fran Siddens said of the discussion over minutes of the county commission meeting. "I feel like my integrity was being questioned."

The discussion took the better part of an hour during the Dec. 22 county commission meeting after commissioners Ralph Dunlap and Bill Karn asked Lincoln County Clerk Siddens to make changes in the minutes of the Nov. 24 meeting.

Siddens explained to the commissioners that the official minutes were typed on 'minute paper' with the pages numbered and ready to go into the official minute book that is kept in the county clerk's office. Any amendments to the minutes will be noted in the current meeting as is standard procedure for minutes of meetings.

Siddens prepares a draft copy of the minutes and sends them to the commissioners 10 days after the meeting. The draft copy of the minutes is prepared from the tape recording made of the meetings.

"If the commissioners wish the minutes to be more explicit regarding any agenda item, I am more than happy to review the tape and if that action did in fact happen I will incorporate it into the body of the minutes," Siddens said.

"The same is true of deletions. If the action was taken and is part of the record, that act will remain in the minutes regardless of the request," Siddens continued, "I can only record what did happen, not what was intended, not what they wished had happened."

Siddens has been county clerk for three years, and said this is the first time during her two terms of office this sort of disagreement has occurred.

"Knowing my job as well as I do, I know the importance of accurate minutes. It is the only record that will be accepted in a court of law," she said. "I feel it is my responsibility as record keeper to determine what is pertinent to the action taken and omit petty animosities and leave out words spoken in anger or in the heat of the moment if they have no effect on the action taken."

Among the minutes being

questioned by the commissioners were those of the Nov. 24 regular meeting, the special meeting Dec. 2 and the special meeting Dec. 10 for the Jimmy Luna personnel hearing.

The minutes of the special meeting held Dec. 2 at the sub-office in Ruidoso consisted of one page typed by Siddens and another nine-page transcript of the proceedings furnished by Joseph W. Edwards, official court reporter.

The two items on the agenda for the special meeting were (1) Lincoln County Medical Center lease, and (2) Alto Paving Assessment: change order and bonding release.

Concerning the Lincoln County Medical Center lease, Siddens states in the minutes, "Because of lack of background information on this matter, and as there is no reference of research data available pertaining to this matter, and because when asked for explanatory reference none was given, I, Fran Siddens, Lincoln County Clerk, did request and received a certified transcript of the tape of record pertinent to Agenda Item No. 1."

The transcript as furnished by Edwards was transcribed from the tape recording of the meeting.

According to the transcript, the lease agree-



LIKE MANY VILLAGERS in Corona, Roy Bradley helped shovel snow last week after two separate storms blanketed the town. Roy is son of Dick and Dorothy Bradley, and here he is clearing the walk in front of the Corona Senior Citizens Center where his mother works.

By the way

By P.E. Chavez



HERE'S TO YOU

Let's begin the New Year with a toast:
 "May all your troubles during the coming year be as short-lived as your New Year's resolutions."
 New Year's Day is celebrated as a holiday in almost every country. Church services are held, with parties before or after them.
 New Year's is a time of gaiety in the Orient. Homes are decorated and friends give each other gifts.
 In Europe, the day is celebrated by family parties, the giving of gifts, and visiting with friends.
 In the United States parties are held on New Year's Eve to "watch" the old year out."
 Even the earliest of the ancient nations had customs that celebrated New Year's Day. The Chinese, Egyptian, Jewish, Roman and Mohammedan years all began at different times. But the first day of each year was marked with elaborate ceremonies.

CLEANING THE SLATE

In Ancient Rome, the first day of the year was given over to honoring Janus, the god of gates and doors and of beginnings and endings. The month of January was named after this god. Janus had two faces, and looked both ahead and backward. On the first day of the year the Roman people looked back to what had happened during the past year and thought of what the coming year might bring.
 The early English took over many of the Roman New Year customs. Later, English people followed the customs of cleaning the chimneys on

Year's Day. This was supposed to bring good luck to the household during the coming year.
 Today, we say "cleaning the slate," instead of "cleaning the chimney." This means making resolutions to correct faults and bad habits, and resolving to make the new year better.

PARTY TALK

The following is a collection of useless information which may or may not go in one ear and out the other:
 Good Resolutions: things that go in one ear and out the other.
 Buffet Dinner: occasioned by the guests outnumbering the chairs.
 Buffet: French for making a pig of yourself.
 Canape: a sandwich cut into 24 pieces.
 Hors D'Oeuvres: a ham sandwich cut into 40 pieces.
 Casserole: a method used by ingenious cooks to get rid of leftover leftovers.
 Sandwich Spread: what you get from eating between meals.
 Will Power: the ability to eat one salted peanut.
 Overeating: what makes you thick to your stomach.
 Overweight: just desserts.
 Conversation: a form of communication in which some men never stop to think and many women never think to stop.
 Good Storyteller: a person who has a good memory and hopes other people haven't.
 Wit: what we would have said if we had thought of it.
 Snob: one who in climbing the ladder of success kisses the feet of the one ahead of him and kicks the head of the one

following him.
 Gossip: what no one claims to like but everyone enjoys.
 Smokers: people who claim that the more they fume, the less they fret.
 Bartender: a guy in a white suit who brings you into contact with the spirit world.
 Cocktail: an ice cube with an alcohol rub.
 Cocktail Party: an affair where everybody talks and nobody listens.
 Lost Weekend: the shortest distance between two plints.
 Holiday: a day off followed by an off day.
 Coffee: the morning hafta.
 New Year Resolution: something that proves most of our weaknesses are too strong for us.

BLAST OF JANUARY

"Blasts of January would blow you through and through" - William Shakespeare.
 Perhaps William had a head cold when he penned the preceding quote. A head cold could be defined as a drip tease.
 Let's get serious.
 Sneezes, coughs, scratchy throats and drippy noses—that is what many men, women and children face in 1988. There is no vaccine to prevent this universal affliction.
 To lessen the chance of catching a cold this winter:
 Try to avoid overheated places. Warm, dry air in homes, offices, schools and factories affects the mucus membranes of the upper respiratory tract, making them more susceptible to infection.
 Avoid stress. Stress can alter the body's hormonal balance, increasing susceptibility to infection.
 Don't smoke. Smokers' colds last longer and lead to more serious complications than nonsmokers.
 Wash hands frequently. Cold viruses can survive for several hours and healthy people can pick them up when they touch tables, telephones and other smooth surfaces.
 Despite precautions, should you come down with a cold: Rest. Drink plenty of fluids. Take aspirin and vitamin. Be on the lookout for signs of secondary infections which require a visit to the doctor or health center. Cold sufferers treated with hot chicken soup show a marked improvement. Very good for you, but bad for the chicken.

Bingham rancher earns an award

Ken Lacy of Capitan was chosen by the Society of Range Management as this year's recipient of the "Excellence in Grazing Management Award" for Southwestern New Mexico. This award is presented yearly to a rancher in each quadrant of the state who has best exhibited the ability to improve the rangeland resource through innovative and progressive range management decisions.

Lacy operates the Lacy Ranch which is located about 7 miles northeast of Bingham, NM. He has worked closely with the Soil Conservation Service and the Bureau of Land Management over the years while implementing his range management program.

He is a cooperator with the Socorro Soil and Water Conservation District and was chosen as their outstanding cooperator in 1985.



KEN LACY (far right, with plaque) receives his award from Pat Shaver, left, president of the New Mexico section of the Society of Range Management. Present were Mrs. Lacy and daughter Rachel.



CHASE BURTON enjoys a new horn during a Christmas party last week at Corona Elementary School.

Siddens offended . . . (Cont'd from P. 1)

At this point LCMC administrator Steve Keller said, "Correct."

Later it was stated that SCHS is Southwest Community Health Services, Presbyterian Hospital, Albuquerque and Karn stated, "The acquisition of land in this particular clause has nothing to do with the lease with the hospital. The acquisition of land is not the county's; it is SCHS, so . . ."

Hightower then said, "So, that's what brought about the need for a new lease."

When questioned if the acquisition of land has nothing to do with this lease, why the county is getting a new lease because of acquisition of land, Karn said, "And the lease,

itself, is between us and the hospital." Later he said, "Or the lease to the hospital and acquisition of land isn't the county's. It's something that they're doing which ties into the lease."

Karn made the motion to accept the lease, "that we reviewed at our last meeting subject to the changes that we also mentioned where the county has that one year."

Siddens told the NEWS that she had not signed a copy of the lease and that she had not seen a copy of the lease. The copy was not attached to the minutes of the Dec. 2 meeting and was not in the minute book in the clerk's office as of Dec. 27.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Thursday, December 31

Near Year's Eve. Please drive carefully. The life you save may be a Lincoln County News subscriber.
 Friday, January 1, 1988

New Year's Day. Remember to date your checks 1988.

Saturday, January 2

Carrizozo Grizzly A&B basketball teams (boys and girls) vs Magdalena at Magdalena, 2 p.m.

Capitan Tiger basketball teams (A&B girls, B boys) vs Dexter at Dexter, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 5

Carrizozo Lion's Club meets at 7 p.m. at Four Winds Restaurant in Carrizozo.

Corona Cardinals basketball teams (boys, girls and JV) vs Lake Arthur at Lake Arthur, 4:30 p.m.

Capitan Tiger C basketball team vs Ruidoso 9th grade at Ruidoso at 3 p.m.

Capitan Tiger junior high basketball teams (A&B girls, A&B boys) vs Ruidoso at Capitan, 3 p.m.

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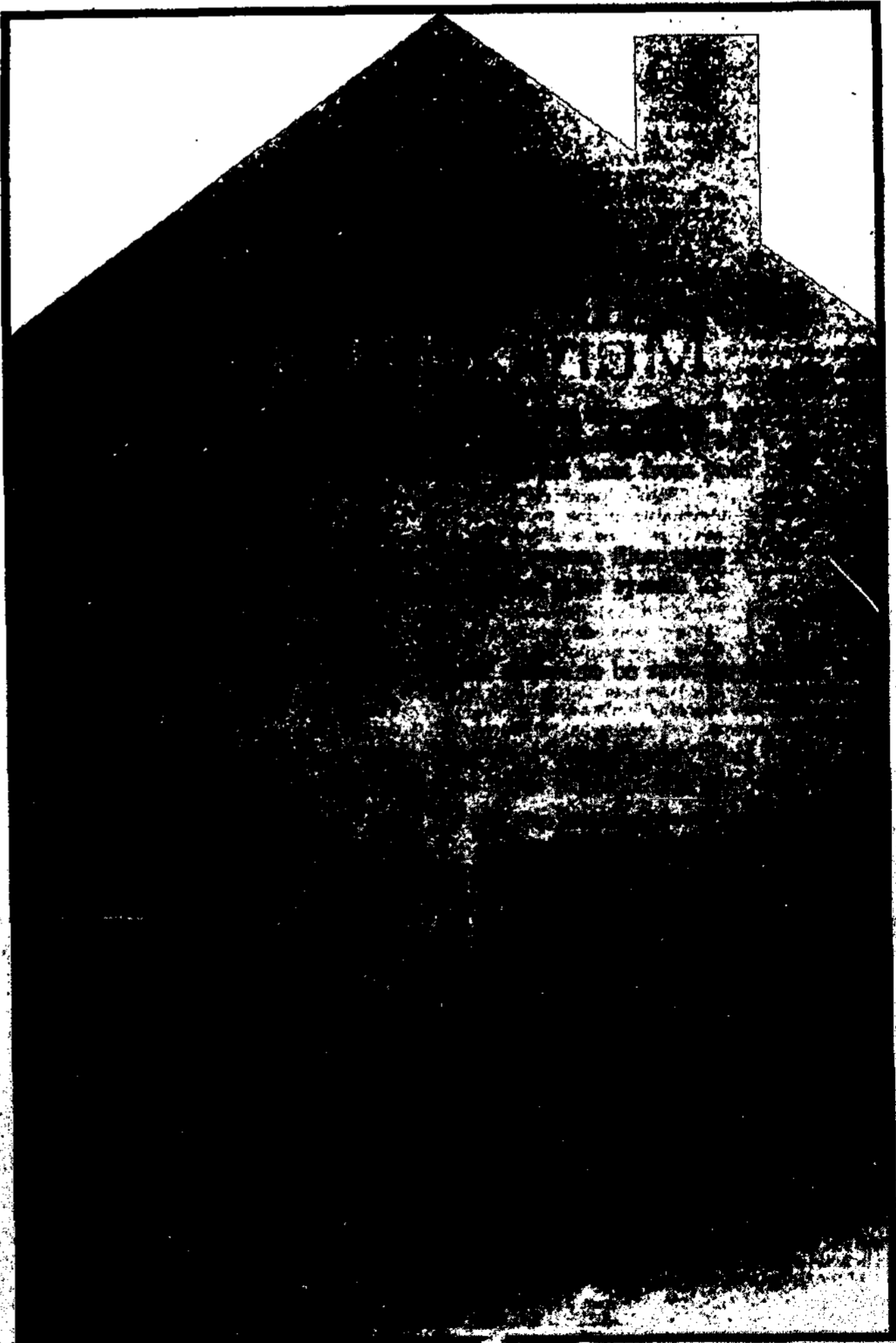
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SCENES FROM "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King," a Christmas program presented by students of Capitán Elementary School on Dec. 18.



Capitan News

By Margaret Rench

Winter was with us for a White Christmas, then another five inches of dry snow arrived Saturday night with terrific high wind and cold through Sunday.

Happy New Year with good health and prosperity to all.

The Smokey Bear Museum had 192 registered visitors, Dec. 21-27. They were closed from noon at Christmas eve to Dec. 28 due to snowstorm.

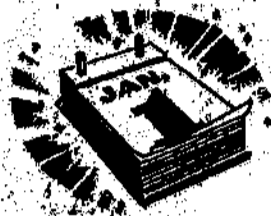
In the contest lighting, the Capitán Mart won 1st in commercial. I do not know any of the others at this time, but will advise you next week.

B & L Pizza held open house Dec. 23, and many enjoyed it.

Gerald Dean Sr. slipped on

ice Friday, Dec. 18, broke a hip, and underwent surgery Monday Dec. 21. He will remain in the Ruidoso hospital for two weeks or more. Gerald, I wish you good and complete recovery. All of our prayers are working for you.

The Roundtable Club's Christmas party was held at the home of Toni Otero. The rooms were decorated in the holiday mode, with a huge tree brilliantly lit. During the meal, members were entertained



Welcome

A bright spot on any calendar... the first of the New Year. Hope it marks the beginning of one that is filled with life's most precious joys.

with two songs sung by Ryan and Heather Wooddell, the hostess' grandchildren. Santa Claus made an appearance and helped give the gifts. He added much to the merriment of the party. Amolene McIntosh and Hattie Phillips couldn't be with them. The gifts for the residents of the Care Center were all wrapped and ready to be delivered before Christmas Day. Toni Otero was assisted by her daughters Patty Wooddell and Esther Flanagan. The January meeting will be at the home of Bessie Jones.

The Curtis Payne family spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Payne in Carrizozo.

Late Monday evening, Dec. 21, the fire department was called to a fire at the trailer home of Skip Burgess,

parked on the Robert Bunnels property. It was a total loss.

the joy and happiness they have given us.

Mrs. Bench had a delightful Christmas eve at the home of Doris Founds and her lovely family and Christmas day with the Albert Muse family. The happiness and merriment of both of those great families gave me lasting joy.

Guests of Mrs. Bench were Albert Paul, his wife Leona Paul, Mrs. Paul's granddaughters, Leona and two grandsons, Leona, Lee, Ty Paul, Albert's grandsons Gale Paul, Santa Monica, CA; also, Mr. and Mrs. Austin McClain of Roswell all day Christmas Eve.

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Open meeting resolution approved by town council

Routine business was conducted at the Dec. 16 Carrizozo town council meeting.

Two resolutions were approved, Paul Samora was appointed as a full-time employee and an executive session was held for personnel and pending litigation.

The open meeting resolution was approved. Three days notice is required for regular meetings, 24-hour notice is required for special meetings with notices to be posted at city hall and six prominent places in town, and an emergency meeting may be called at any time for the public welfare and safety of the people.

The 1988 holiday

schedule for city employees was approved. The schedule is the same as the state calendar with the exception that the town also provides a Governor's Day off for employees once a year, usually the employee's birthday. To be taken, five day notice is required prior to the day taken off.

Trustee Linda Haller reported that she had attended the South Central Mountain RCD meeting at Holloman Air Force Base and toured the primate lab. She noted that the baby chimpanzees are valued at \$15,000 each due to the 24-hour-a-day care provided and that older chimpanzees are not valued as high as the babies.

Mayor Bob Hemphill reported that the highway department had discussed with town officials a state project that will start at the bottom of the overpass on Highway 380 and go for 4.1 miles through the malpais. Proposed changes in the highway, such as closing some streets entering the highway and making other streets enter the highway at a 90 degree angle were discussed.

Hemphill said he had attended the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposal meeting in Roswell and he had the paperwork for the town to apply for a CDBG grant in the next grant cycle.

A special meeting will be held Dec. 29 at 5 p.m. for public input for people to let the town know what they want the town to apply for in the CDBG grant. The town council will make a decision in January based on the public input.

The town has accepted a

non-directional beacon from the Ruidoso Airport tentative upon the town having the money to install the beacon.

Hemphill presented a copy of the Ruidoso Village water policy for trustees to look at and consider adopting some of the policies into Carrizozo's water policy. The minimum fee is greater, the rates are higher and Ruidoso's policy includes placing a lien on the property when water bills are not paid.

Applications for highway co-op funds are due Jan. 8. The two streets suggested for the application were 12th Street and E Street.

The town approved the use of the meeting room at city hall on Dec. 23, 29 and 30 for the sobriety conference and certification for law enforcement officers.

A new police car has been ordered on the GSA (state) contract. The unit is to be delivered in April.

After an executive session for personnel and pending litigation it was announced the litigation has been referred to the city attorney.

Paul Samora was appointed to a full-time position with the maintenance and street crew. The full-time appointment was made because his probation period was complete.

Trustees approved a one-time pay increase of \$100 to town employees.

Bowling results

The Monday Night Roadrunner bowling league action for Dec. 14 was postponed due to the big snow.

Results of the make-up bowling session for that week and team standings: United New Mexico, Means Motor Supply, Rusty Anchor and Family Pharmacy.

Individual high scores: scratch game, Bonnie McEuen 163; handicap game, Cheryl Sparks 238; scratch series, Debbie King 505; handicap series, Debbie King 637.

Team high scores: scratch game, United New Mexico 611; handicap game, No Name 809; scratch series, United New Mexico 1,747; handicap series, United New Mexico 2,432.

Team standings for Dec. 21: United New Mexico, Rusty Anchor, Family Pharmacy and Means Motor Supply.

Individual high scores: scratch game, Ina Hooten 204; handicap game, Ina Hooten 255; series scratch, Debbie King 537; handicap series, Mignon Sims 690.

Team high scores: scratch game, United New Mexico 647; handicap game, United New Mexico 839; scratch series, United New Mexico 1,857; handicap series, United New Mexico 2,433.

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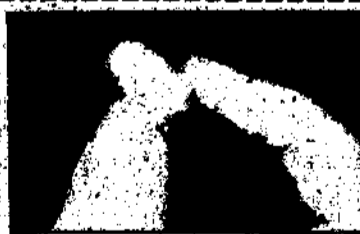
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CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS adorned the doors in the county courthouse for the contest that was judged by the county commissioners on Dec. 22. The winning door was that of county treasurer Shirley Goodloe. It depicted a nativity scene complete with a tape recording of the first Christmas.

Ernest V. Joiner's

OPINION

● Congress is crowing that in the waning days before Christmas, it mustered guts enough to pass a \$30 billion deficit reduction bill; which, according to Cong. Joe Skeen, is the first step toward real budget cuts. Nonsense, as always. There will be no budget cutting nor will there be any federal debt reduction as long as the Congress is responsible for such action. For example, the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law, ostensibly enacted to balance the budget, has been violated every day of the past budget year. For that crime, congressmen should have spent Christmas in prison.

● That isn't all. There has been a balanced budget law since 1976 when congress passed Public Law 94-435 which states, "Beginning with fiscal year 1981, the total budget outlays of the federal government shall not exceed its receipts." This law was passed by both houses and signed by the president. Then congress immediately violated the law, for which its members should have spent Christmas in prison.

● That isn't all. In 1980 congress reaffirmed its commitment to a balanced budget by passing Public Law 96-389 which reads, "The Congress reaffirms its commitment that beginning with Fiscal Year 1981, the total budget outlays of the federal government shall not exceed its receipts." Congress immediately violated that law, for which its members should have spent Christmas in prison.

● Congress is trying desperately to put Col. Oliver North, Admiral Poindexter and other figures in the Iran/Contra controversy behind bars, along with the president, for having allegedly violated the Boland Amendment enacted by congress. But no move is being made to put congressmen in prison for their violation of an equally legal and binding law, passed by the congress and signed by the president. Congressmen are also alarmed, upset and outraged that the president "may have" violated the War Powers Act, passed by congress, in connection with the Persian Gulf affair. But congressmen will not discuss their going to prison for violating of another legal and binding law, passed by this same congress and signed by the president. Can you conjure up in your imagination a greater case of hypocrisy than congressmen holding others to their laws but refusing to abide by legal and binding laws they impose upon themselves? So, they are liars, hypocrites and criminals, and deserve to be in prison.

● Happy New Year to Wisconsin legislators who are considering paying high school girls \$10,000 each not to get pregnant during their tenure in high school. Under the plan, 100 freshman girls at high schools in Milwaukee would each get \$10,000 if they graduated and went on to college without getting pregnant. Reason magazine has raised an interesting question: If a woman who exchanges sex for money is a prostitute, what does one call a woman who takes money for not having sex.

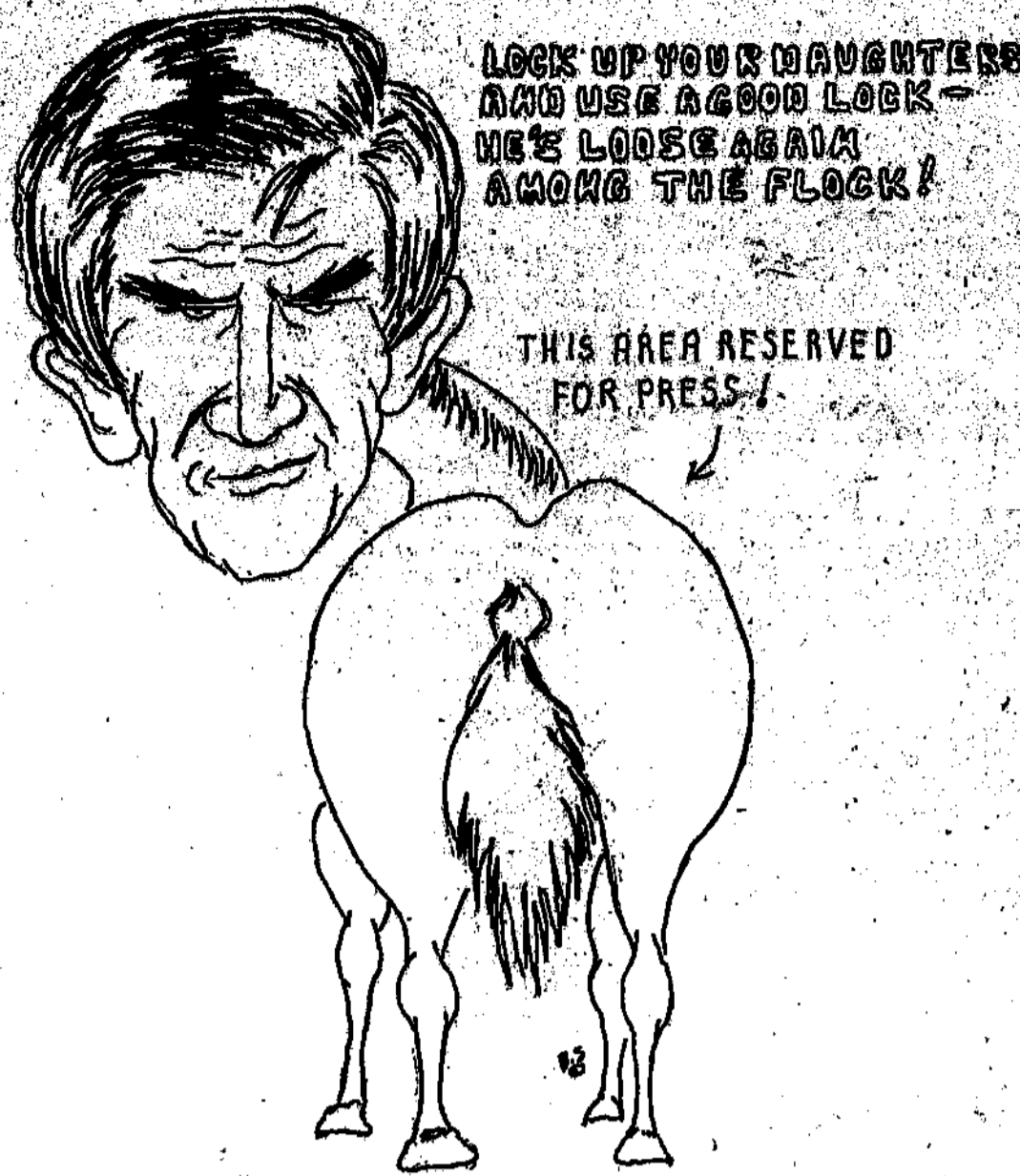
● New Year greeting to residents of Anson, TX where, except for three days at Christmastime, public dancing is prohibited by an ordinance passed in 1933. Back then, local researchers found that unwed mothers and fathers began their trek down the road of sin on the dance floor.

● High crimes and misdemeanors by states, probably inspired by antics on the federal level: In Paramus, NJ three business owners have been served with summonses for flying oversized US flags. In New Orleans, the American Civil Liberties Union has begun a campaign to stop transportation companies from offering free rides to priests and nuns on street cars and buses. In New Jersey, police set up a uniformed dummy in a patrol car in an attempt to slow down traffic. Somebody stole it. In Alaska, Continental Bank gives a free 44 Magnum to anyone taking out a one-year \$10,000 certificate of deposit. Upset Connecticut officials have refused Russell Reynaga's request for a set of vanity auto plates that says "Stupid." The state DMV thinks motorists may think the term applies to the DMV and not to the car's driver.

● Two cuffs to the ears of Civil Liberties Union honchos who continue to claim that even uttering the word God in school is a violation of the nation's principle of separation of church and state. In fact, religion is a vital, inseparable part of history. History cannot be taught without references to religion. The US Supreme Court has ruled that only the teaching of religion in public schools is unconstitutional. It has never ruled that teaching about religion is unconstitutional. In 1963, the US Supreme Court ruled in a case dealing with prayers and Bible reading in public schools. Justice Tom C. Clark wrote the majority opinion for the court. That decision reads in part: "It might well be said that one's education is not complete without a study of comparative religion or the history of religion and its relationship to the advancement of civilization. It certainly may be said that the Bible is worthy of study for its literary and historic qualities. Nothing we have said here indicates that study of the Bible or of religion, when presented objectively as part of a secular program of education, may not be effected consistent with the First Amendment." That ruling has not been changed. Then what's the ACLU raging about?

● Contrast what the US Supreme Court said in 1963 with the fact that prayer at high school graduation ceremonies has been ruled unconstitutional by the California Supreme Court. In all this rhetoric about the principle of "separation of church and state," remember that the US Constitution makes no reference to such a principle. All and everything that Constitution says about religion is contained in part of one sentence in the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. . . ." First, congress had no hand in sanctioning prayer at high school graduations in California. Second, if Congress had made such a law it would have been unconstitutional. Third, if California had imposed such a restriction it would have been unconstitutional.

(Cont'd on opposite column)



Inside the Capitol

By Jay Miller

SANTA FE—'Tis the time for New Year's resolutions. And since some of New Mexico's newsmakers may be too busy to take care of that duty, herewith are some suggestions.

Gov. Garrey Carruthers—to develop the follow-through necessary to implement those innovative ideas which won him recognition in the Dec. 21 issue of US News and World Report.

Sen. Pete Domenici—to stay in good health so he can continue his masterful representation of New Mexico.

Maralyn Budke—to get up the nerve to ask for at least a 10 percent pay hike above the current dollar-a-year she makes for serving as the governor's chief of staff.

Sen. Les Houston—to develop a winning personality to complement his hard work and genius for strategizing.

PERA Director Leonard Valdes—to develop the assertiveness necessary to convince the Public Employee Retirement Board not to take actions he thinks are off the mark (or off the wall).

National Guard Adjutant General Ed Baca—to find a Republican somewhere in his family tree so he can convince the governor he is "refraining from partisan politics."

Santa Fe Mayor Sam Pick—to take a self-defense course to help him hold his own in arguments with the Santa Fe art community.

Rep. Max Coll—to get a haircut.

Gloria Tristani and Ymelda Dixon—to put on a bang-up celebration to honor their father Dennis Chavez on the hundredth anniversary of his birth, Apr. 8, 1988.

Santa Fe County Democrat Chairman Robert Rivera—to get a Santa Fe address and telephone number.

Former Inside the Capitol columnist Fred McCaffrey—to find a Caribbean Island that will appreciate his talents.

Jesse Jackson—to keep it a secret from the New Mexico voters that former Gov. Tony Anaya is one of his top national presidential campaign advisors.

Lobbyist Odis Echols—to keep it a little quieter the next time he throws a three-day bash for legislators at Angel Fire.

Economic Development and Tourism boss Mick Jenkins—to learn enough about what he is supposed to do to realize that his department is in trouble.

The New Mexican

newspaper—to think twice before censoring any more Doonesbury comic strips.

The Legislative Finance Committee—to get its act together on the state budget before the end of the 1988 Legislature.

Vice-President George Bush—to develop the ability to talk tough without it sounding staged.

Arizona Gov. Evan Mecham—to quit looking for new races, colors and creeds to insult.

Movie producer Roger Vadim—to never let the world

know that he shot a smut movie on property belonging to the state of New Mexico.

Lt. Gov. Jack Stahl—to cultivate the wisdom of Solomon and patience of Job as he presides over an even more unruly Senate in 1988.

And for Attorney General Hal Stratton—Eal doesn't see why it is necessary for him to make resolutions. Besides, the Constitution does not speak to them.

A happy and prosperous New Year to everyone.

Help available for the family crisis victim

Family violence is a major public health problem, touching the lives of women, men, elderly and children. It is probably the least reported and least prosecuted crime in America. More women suffer injuries that bring them to the hospital as a result of battering than auto accidents, muggings and rape combined.

Help for these victims is available in Lincoln County at the Family Crisis Center located in Ruidoso. It is a subsidiary of the Refuge in Roswell.

Betsy Siler, coordinator of the Family Crisis Center, explained that the program is for people throughout the county including those in Corona, Carrizozo and Capitan. She said the center will make necessary arrangements to suit the needs of persons in other parts of the county.

"The purpose of the program is for someone in need in Lincoln County to get the services," Siler said. She suggested victims and/or potential victims call the hotline number, 257-7365, and leave a phone number where they can be reached. The call will be answered by the Ruidoso police and forwarded on to the center.

Persons needing the service or just wanting information are urged to call at any time as the hotline is a 24-hour-a-day service. Calls will be returned by volunteer advocates who are available 24 hours a day.

An advocate's job is to listen and help. Advocates do not make decisions for people but will help them make their own decisions. "Many times people call

and talk. They don't need to give their names," Siler said. "If the victim decides to leave the situation we can place them in a temporary shelter in Ruidoso or make long-term arrangements. The needs are tailored to meet the needs of each person."

Siler explained that women are usually the victims in family violence situations. "Men in our society are more able to deal with explosive circumstances," she said. "The expectation of women is to be peace-makers."

"If a woman is in danger she should call a law enforcement agency," Siler continued. "They will inform the Family Crisis Center." She noted that the program does not require anyone to file charges and does not require anyone to have bruises as evidence of a beating. "Emotional battering is also a problem," she said.

Support groups are available where needed, as are individual and family counseling groups. Other services include information and educational programs, emergency shelter and referrals to other agencies.

Domestic violence may seem to be random incidents but there is a pattern beginning with the tension-building phase, continuing to the acute-battering incident followed by the loving-contrite phase.

The tension-building phase is the period when the tension rises and the woman senses this and attempts to calm the batterer by being nurturing and compliant. As the tension rises control is rapidly lost and the woman will become exhausted from the constant stress and

Some questions on tolerance

EDITOR—Mr. Reimann, (Letters, Dec. 23) rails against the "political demagoguery" that questions the patriotism of those whose political views are different after questioning the quantity of brain possessed by those who don't oppose the "right radical garbage" written on the Opinion page of Lincoln County News. Come on, is one okay and not the other?

He also writes that the "democratic process requires tolerance." But his letter shows little if any tolerance for those who choose to adhere to "right wing" ideas and opinions in preference to those of the "moderate" or "left wing." While on the subject of tolerance, I would like to ask some questions.

Does a belief in tolerance mean that we must stand idly by while many of our citizens, from Congress to the person in the street, ignorantly advocate allowing our historically proven Soviet enemies to encircle us and place their iron boot upon a tountry on our mainland?

Does tolerance mean that we sit in silence and let a lifestyle that has been physically proven to be wrong, as well as the largest spreader of the 100 percent fatal AIDS virus, be tolerated and offered as a normal alternate lifestyle protected by law, and its practitioners favored over by politicians and potential American Presidents?

Does tolerance mean that we agree with the unconstitutional usurpation of states rights in Roe vs. Wade and allow unborn babies to be cut, burned or sucked from the wombs of women who prefer murder as a method of birth control to the readily available contraceptives or abstinence?

Is it tolerance to eagerly assist those who want sexual rights without sexual responsibility?

I could go on, but being tolerant of Mr. Joiner's time and space will conclude by stating that I have spoken to him twice on the phone requesting information as to his sources, and he has graciously accommodated me. I have purchased his paper and shared his column with some friends. I find it a welcome change from the liberal ultra-permissive views put forth by most of the media.

Keep up the good work, Mr. Joiner!

TOM KENYON, Ruidoso Downs.

Opinion . . . (Cont'd from opposite column)

tional because congress didn't impose it, and only congress is prohibited from doing so. Fourth, a prayer at graduation doth not constitute "an establishment of religion." Fifth, the Constitution does not mandate any "separation of church and state" in the first place. How any simple sentence can be distorted, changed in meaning, and made to be something it neither says nor intended to say, can only be explained by admitting we are a nation of fools unprofitably led by humanistic idiots.

Happy New Year

withdraw more and more from the batterer. He usually becomes more oppressive toward her as he observes her withdrawal.

The acute-battering incident occurs when the process ceases to respond to any controls. It is characterized by the uncontrollable discharge of tensions that have built up during phase one and is relatively brief.

The loving-contrite phase is usually but not always characterized by extremely loving behavior on the part of the batterer. He knows he has gone too far and he tries to make it up to her. He begs her forgiveness and promises her that he will never do it again. Her reinforcement for staying in the relationship is feeling loved and cared for again.

Most women report that before they know it the calm loving behavior gives way to little abusive incidents and the tension building recurs. This a new cycle of battering behavior begins. The three phases can vary in both time and intensity for the same couple or between different couples.

Understanding the three phases can help the victim

predict the batterer's behavior and thus protect herself better.

The solution to the problem is the placement of priority on the prevention of family violence and the human suffering, injury and deaths which result. Counseling, shelter and support services are available at the Family Crisis Center to help try to prevent these incidents from happening in Lincoln County.

Siler has placed small green pamphlets in various locations in the county listing the hotline number and suggestions to victims such as planning ahead and what to do after an attack.

Information on the back of the pamphlet states that New Mexico House Bill 615 provides important remedies for victims of domestic violence which include police assistance, transportation to shelter or medical facility, help in retrieving essential personal belongings, help in regaining possession of dwelling and arrest of the spouser.

More information is available on house bill 615 at the Family Crisis Center. All services are free as the center is a non-profit corporation.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO ALL

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CARRIZO GRIZZLY Basketball Schedule 1987-88

DATE	OPPONENT	BOYS	GIRLS	TIME	PLACE
Nov. 24	Hondo	A	A	8:00 pm	Here
Dec. 1	Capitan	B		5:00 pm	Here
Dec. 1	Tularosa		AAA	8:30 pm	There
Dec. 4	Alamogordo	AAA		6:00 pm	Here
Dec. 5	Capitan JV	B	B	TBA	There
	Tournament				
Dec. 8	Tularosa	B		3:00 pm	Here
Dec. 10/11/12	Floyd Tournament	A	A	TBA	There
Dec. 17	Magdalena	A	A	8:45 pm	Here
Jan. 2, 1988	Magdalena	AAA	AAA	2:00 pm	There
Jan. 7/8/9	Smokey Bear	A	A	TBA	There
	Tournament				
Jan. 14	Capitan	AAA		8:00 pm	Here
Jan. 15	Cloudcroft	AAA	A	4:30 pm	There
Jan. 15	Corona	A/JrHI	A	4:30 pm	Here
Jan. 19	Vaughn	AAA	A	4:00 pm	Here
Jan. 22	Mountainair	AAA	A	4:00 pm	There
Jan. 23	Capitan		AAA	6:00 pm	Here
Jan. 27	Tularosa	B		3:00 pm	There
Jan. 29	Pt. Sumner	AAA	A	4:30 pm	There
Jan. 30	Capitan	AAA	AAA	2:00 pm	There
Feb. 5	Mountainair	AAA	A	4:00 pm	Here
Feb. 8	Vaughn	AAA	A	4:30 pm	There
Feb. 8	Capitan	B		3:00 pm	There
Feb. 9	Alamogordo	A	A	5:00 pm	There
Feb. 12	Pt. Sumner	AAA	A	4:30 pm	Here
Feb. 13	Corona	A/JrHI	A	4:30 pm	There

CARRIZO JUNIOR HIGH Basketball Schedule 1987-88

DATE	OPPONENT	BOYS	TIME	PLACE
Dec. 1	Capitan	7&8	3:00 pm	Here
Dec. 12	T or C	7&8	1:00 pm	Here
Dec. 14	Capitan	7&8	4:00 pm	Here
Jan. 12, 1988	T or C	7&8	4:00 pm	There
Jan. 13	Tularosa	7&8	3:00 pm	There
Jan. 16	Corona	8	4:30 pm	Here
Jan. 19	Capitan	7&8	4:00 pm	There
Jan. 20	Tularosa	7&8	3:00 pm	Here
Jan. 26	Corona	8	5:00 pm	There
Feb. 5	Capitan	7&8	3:00 pm	There
Feb. 18	Corona	8	4:30 pm	There
Feb. 20	T or C Tournament	8	TBA	There

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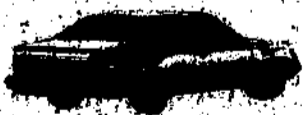
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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO
No. CV-87-203

SUN COUNTRY SAVINGS BANK OF NEW MEXICO, F.S.B., a federally chartered savings bank,
Plaintiff,
v.
WILLIAM R. PARKS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, BUREAU OF TAXATION AND REVENUE, JAMES E. LARKIN, LINDA C. LARKIN,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO: Defendant William R. Parks
STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named defendant:

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a First Amended Complaint against you in a civil action being the above-entitled and numbered cause, the general object thereof to foreclose Plaintiff's interest in that certain Mortgage, Adjustable Rate Rider and Condominium Rider, all dated October 15, 1985, recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on November 26, 1985, at Mortgage Book 131, Pages 755-761, Rec. No. 85-12682; and, in that certain Second Mortgage, Adjustable Rate Rider and Condominium Rider, all dated October 15, 1985, recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on November 26, 1985, at Mortgage Book 131, Pages 757-761, Rec. No. 85-12683; granting Sun Country mortgage liens to secure repayment of indebtedness) in and to certain real property located at 1230 Mechem Drive (commonly referred to as "Unit 28, The Springs Condominiums") in the City of Ruidoso, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico.

IN ADDITION, the general object of the First Amended Complaint filed by Plaintiff on December 9, 1987,

is to foreclose Sun Country's purchase money security interest in the furnishings of the condominium unit.

UNLESS YOU ENTER YOUR APPEARANCE in said cause on or before the 12th day of February, 1988, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Name and Address of Plaintiff's Attorney: **FRANCHINI, WAGNER, OLIVER, FRANCHINI & CURTIS**, Scott Oliver, Esq., 707 Broadway, N.E., Suite 100, P.O. Box 25167, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125-5167.

WITNESS the Honorable **RICHARD A. PARSONS** (Division III), District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of said county, this 14th day of December, 1987.

MARGO LINDSAY, CLERK, TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
By: Elizabeth Luera, Deputy.

(SEAL)

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. CV-87-199

SUN COUNTRY SAVINGS BANK OF NEW MEXICO, F.S.B., a federally chartered savings bank,
Plaintiff,

v.
MATTHEW M. ESTES and KRISTINE MARIE ESTES, his wife,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO: Defendants **MATTHEW M. ESTES and KRISTINE MARIE ESTES**
STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named defendants:

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a First Amended Complaint against you in a civil action being the above-entitled and numbered cause, the general object thereof to foreclose Plaintiff's interest in that certain Mortgage, Adjustable Rate Rider and Condominium Rider, all dated October 31, 1985, recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on November 26, 1985, at Mortgage Book 131, Pages 741-747, Rec. No. 85-12679; and, that certain Second Mortgage, Adjustable Rate Rider and Condominium Rider, all dated October 31, 1985, recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on November 26, 1985, at Mortgage Book 131, Pages 748-754, Rec. No. 85-12680, granting Sun Country mortgage liens to secure repayment of indebtedness) in and to certain real property located at 1230 Mechem Drive (commonly referred to as "Unit 30, The Springs Condominiums") in the City of Ruidoso, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico.

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PROCLAMATION AND RESOLUTION OF A SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Hondo Valley School District No. 20 in the county of Lincoln and the State of New Mexico has determined to submit to the voter's the question for a special tax levy in the amount of two dollars (\$2.00) per each one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of net taxable value of property allocated to the School District under the Property Tax Code and the purpose herein after specified and provided in the "Public School Capital Improvement Act" (22-25-10 N.M.S.A. 1987 Compilation.)

RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Hondo Valley School District No. 20 constituting the governing Board of said District, in the county of Lincoln and the State of New Mexico:

A special election shall be held on Tuesday the 2nd day of February, 1988, at which time there shall be submitted to the qualified registered electors of the Hondo Valley School District No. 20 the following questions:

"Shall the Board of Education of the Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20, Lincoln County, State of New Mexico, impose a property tax of two dollars (\$2.00) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) upon the net taxable value of property allocated to the School District under the property tax years of 1988, 1989, 1990 for:

- 1. erecting, remodeling, making additions to, providing equipment for or furnishing public school buildings;
- 2. purchasing or improving public school grounds; and
- 3. maintenance of public school buildings or public school grounds, exclusive of salary expenses of school district employees.

Precincts in this school district shall be consolidated for this election.

polling place - gymnasium-Hondo Valley Schools.

Date & Time - February 2, 1988, from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Absentee Voting - in the office of the Lincoln County Clerk.

Registration date - 5:00 P.M., January 5, 1988.

Passed and adopted - November 17, 1987.

JIMMY McRIGUE, President of the Board, District No. 20, Hondo Valley Schools.

ATTEST:

Alberte Montez, Secretary, Board of Education, Hondo Valley Schools, District No. 20.

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PROCLAMACION Y RESOLUCION DE ELECCION ESPECIAL DE ESCUELA

Por Cuanto, la Mesa de Educacion distrito de escuela del Valle Hondo No. 20 el Condado del Lincoln y el Estado de Nuevo Mexico ha determinado a someter a los votantes la cuestion para un impuesto leva una cantidad de dos pesos (2.00) por cada Mil pesos (1,000.00) del el Impuesto que se pueden cargar por Valor de propiedades asignacion para el distrito de escuela debajo delCodigo del Impuesto de propiedad y el proposito aqui dentro despues especificar y proporcionar en acto de mejoramientos del escuela publica (22-25-10 N.M.S.A. 1987 Compilation.)

Declararse por la Mesa de Educacion el distrito de la escuela del Valle del Hondo No. 20 Constituyendo la Mesa de gobierno de tal distrito, en el Condado de Lincoln Estado de Nuevo Mexico:

Una eleccion especial tiene que ser defendido el Martes el dia 2 (segundo) dia de Febrero, 1988, ha igual tiempo allí time que ser asomado par los electores hallitudo registrado del distrito de escuela de Valle del Hondo No. 20 las siguiente Cuestiones:

"Debe la Mesa de Educacion de el distrito del Escuela Publica del Valle Hondo No. 20, Condado Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico imponer un Impuesto de propiedad de (\$2.00) por Mil pesos (\$1,000.00) Sobri el neto valor que se puede cargar de la propiedad que esta distribuido para el Distrito de Escuela debajo delCodigo de Impuestos de propiedad par los anos de Impuestos de propiedad por 1988, 1989, 1990 por:

- 1. Construir, reconstruir, anadidura, para prevenir equipaje para o Trastas y muebles par edificios de escuela publica;
- 2. Comprár o Mejorando terrenos de escuela publica; y
- 3. Mantener ededifios de la escuela publica y terrenos de escuela publica, exclusivo de gastos de sueldo del los empleados del distrito de escuela.

Distrito electoral en este distrito de escuela sera Consolidado para esta eleccion.

HISTORIO electoral-Gimnasio Escuela Valle Hondo.
Fecha y Tiempo - Febrero 2, 1988 de las 7:00 A.M. a la manana asta las 7:00 P.M. de la tarde.

Votando Ausencia-En la oficina de la Escribana del Condado de Lincoln.

Linea de Fecha de Reglstró - 5:00 P.M. de la tarde. Enero 5, 1988.

Promulgado y adoptado - November 17, 1987.

JIMMIE McRIGUE, President Distrito de Escuela No. 20, Escuela del Valle Hondo.

Atestacion: **Alberte Montez,** Secretario, Mesa de Educacion, Escuelas de Valle Hondo, Distrito No. 20.

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Best Wishes
A New Year opens many doors. Here's hoping you find your personal key to happiness and contentment.

ON MY OWN by Pat Kite
Swatting beaus

My children always want me to get married again. "But you have to wait until we are grown up and leave home," a daughter decrees.

She doesn't have to tell me that. Single parent kids eliminate beaus faster than the Brave Little Tailor swatted flies.

For example, a hapless fellow comes to the door and is greeted by my four daughters, lined up in an inspection row. He braves the gauntlet, and I introduce him to the kids. One asks suspiciously, "Have you known my mother very long?" insinuating I'm sneaking around having a good time when I should be home trying to be a decent parent.

"We met last week," the fellow replies. Now I'm the one getting glared at. I lecture the kids continuously on not getting into a car with strangers, and here I am, setting a terrible example.

Date and I escape from the house. Littlest kid follows us down the driveway. "You don't have to kiss him goodnight if you don't want to," she shouts for benefit of the neighbors.

If the fellow isn't eliminated at that point, he usually is by evening's close. Into the house he comes, a nice enough chap, at 11 p.m., for a post-date cup of coffee. My second daughter has apparently been appointed by her sisters

as guardian for the night.

"Hi, mom," she says, sneering at her intended victim. "Isn't it past your bedtime?" I mention. "I slept already," she says.

The gent and I sit at the table sipping coffee. The kid sits at the table too, ostensibly reading a schoolbook. However she is not turning the pages. Instead she is chewing two pieces of double bubble gum, chew, chew, chomp, chomp. Ever so often she blows a big bubble, pop, splat.

Midnight. Her head starts falling onto the table. The gent figures, aha, it's time to sneak a little kiss. He moves his chair ever so slightly. The kid snaps to attention and stares at her book some more. Chomp, chomp, chomp, pop.

1 a.m. The gent is getting desperate. "Doesn't she ever go to sleep?" He asks. "No," I reply.

2 a.m. "Well, I guess I ought to be going," he mentions. The kid leaps up, grabs his jacket from a nearby chair and hands it to him. Then she runs to the front door and holds it widely open. It is 50 degrees outside, and blasts of ice air come whistling in. The kid is obviously ready to remain at her post forever, freezing us all to death if the gent doesn't leave. He does. Nor does he ever look back.

"It's not that we don't want you to be happy, mother,"

the kids say. "But: (1) couldn't you pick someone who isn't quite so ugly? We didn't think you were that desperate. (2) I'll bet he drinks. You always said you didn't like drunks. Have you changed your mind? Or (3) Do what you like. After all, at your age, you should know what you're getting yourself into. But if it was me, I'd stay away from people who look like perverts."

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SANTA CLAUS waved to the crowd during the Christmas program last week at Corona Elementary School.

Corona's Christmas with a southwestern flavor

Sights and sounds of a holiday season with a southwestern flavor dominated the Corona Elementary School Christmas program last week.

Narrators Mike Smith and Ace Swift introduced "Christmas in New Mexico" by explaining that traditions from Anglo, Hispanic, and Indian cultures are all apparent in New Mexico.

Students from kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades rendered their versions of traditional Christmas music. A seraped John Gnatkowski, as "The Little Drummer Boy" entertained the Holy family (Monica Alirez and Brad Wheeler). He was accompanied on the piano by his sister, Callie. The group also sang "Jingle Bells" and "Up on the Housetop" as "out jumped good old Santa," Roy Bradley.

3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade performances included a choral recitation of "A Visit

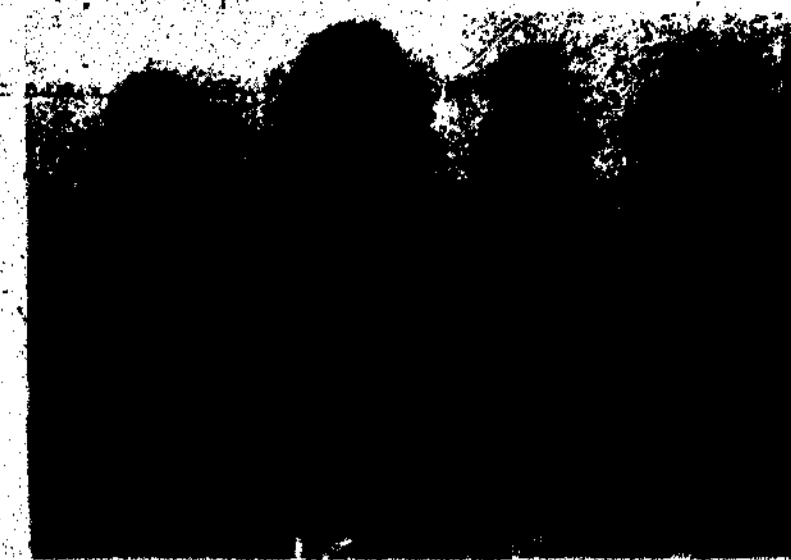
from Saint Nicholas," followed by the traditional "Twelve Days of Christmas." In keeping with the southwestern theme, the students then sang a New Mexico version which called for "my true love" to receive among numerous gifts chile ristras, beef burritos, and a road runner in a pine tree. Everyone was wished holiday greetings when the entire elementary student body sang "Feliz Navidad."

Corona Supt. Lucille King concluded the program with thanks to pianist Thomasene Romans and elementary faculty members Betty Ann Bell, Jeannette Gibbs, Stephanie Sours and Irma Bryan for their work in putting together the program.



Joyous New Year

R-r-ring! Don't want to alarm you, but the New Year is about to start. Enjoy! Enjoy!



CORONA GIRLS' basketball team members are (back) Tina Aaron, Denise Lightfoot, Julie Furgason and Traci Kelley; (front) Callie Young, Alethea Knight, Michelle Hendricks and Mary Romero. Not pictured is Sandra Copeland.

Corona basketball resumes Jan. 5

Corona basketball teams will resume their season on Jan. 5 at Lake Arthur.

Both teams have had inconsistent performances thus far, but girls coach Jamie Widner has high hopes for his team this season. "We played so well against Hatch (in the Weed Tournament.) They beat everybody else by 20 points, and we lost by only one point. That showed me that the Corona girls can play well with anybody; it can be a good season."

Boys coach G. Ray Johnson is excited about his team's season. Johnson allowed that his boys got off to a slow start after an extended football season obstructed the onset of regular basketball practices. At the Cliff Tournament, Tommy Mulkey was chosen to the All Tournament team.

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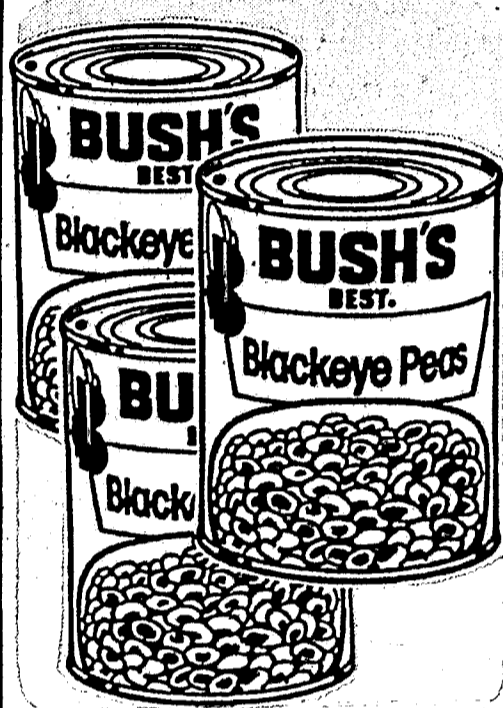
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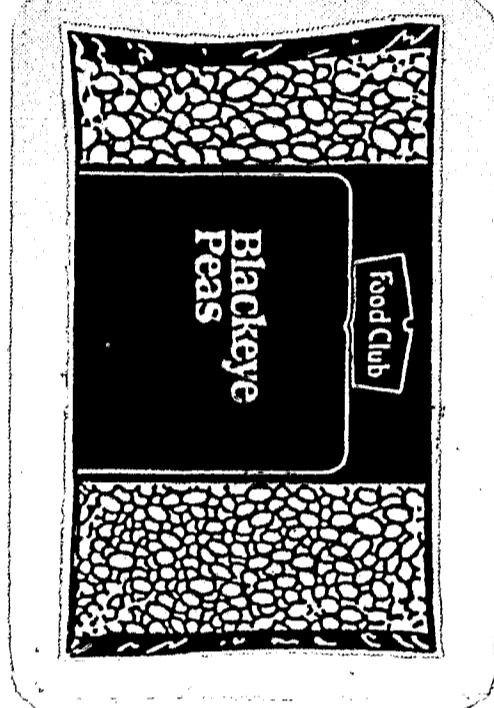
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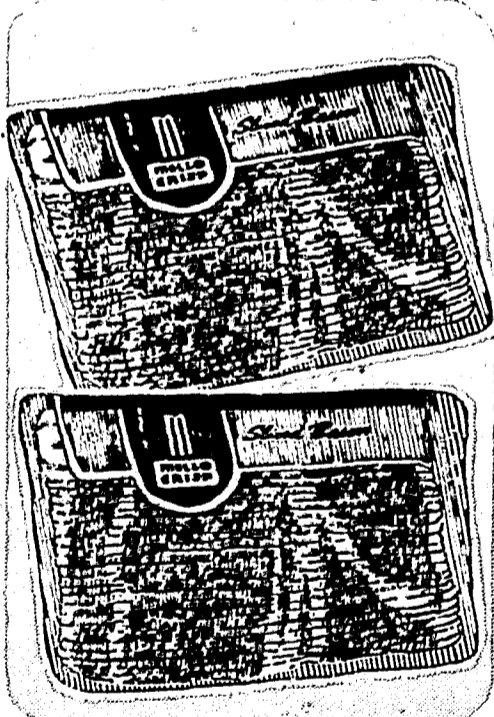
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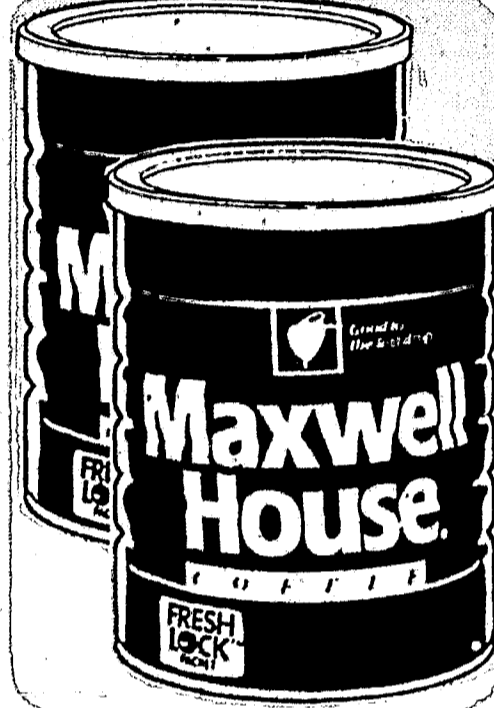
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