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County Commissioners

Courthouse expansion, legal fees highlight meeting

By RUTH HAMMOND

Lincoln County Commissioners met April 14 at the courthouse in Carrizozo.

Regular business included a request to improve the road from the entrance to Salazar Canyon to the highway, bid

openings for architect services, a road closure request, two road opening requests, approval of fire district budgets, approval of the audit contract, road acceptances, discussion of a proposed safety policy, a report by Stanley J. French, architect, for expansion of

county buildings and grant of easement with the Capitan school district.

After an executive session approval of a lawyer's contract with Gary Mitchell, there was a notice of termination of a contract with attorney Steven Sanders for legal services.

—Road superintendent Earl Krieg reported that it is still muddy on Cedar Creek road but that the department has started stockpiling materials for the work. Hightower said, "We need to do the work on Cedar Creek as soon as we can even if we have to pull people off other jobs."

—Joe Jackson made the formal request for improvements on the Salazar Canyon road. He said the cattle guard has sunk and the section of the road entering the highway is dangerous. He also said it is a school bus approach.

—Bids for architect services were received from Kevin Georges & Associates, Stanley J. French, Architect A.I.A., and Conron & Woods, Architects. The proposals will be reviewed by commissioners and awarded later.

—Hubert Quintana of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development

District asked for a joint powers agreement with Chavez County for emergency funding and development application for the Hondo water suit, if money should become available. Commissioners agreed.

—Steve Massey of SENMEDD reported that 15 proposals for consultant were received for the Community Development Block Grant project for Fort Stanton. He explained the study to be completed with CDBG money is for historic preservation, an economic development plan for two abandoned buildings and he recommended that Williams Co., Austin, TX be awarded the bid.

Massey said the plan is to promote Fort Stanton, get cost estimates for restoring, conduct a market strategy and look at different uses for Fort Stanton if it is closed as a hospital. He explained that this is not a plan to close the

hospital but is a complement for the hospital. Commissioners accepted Williams Co. as consultant.

—A road review committee was appointed to consider the request to close part of county road E-031 near Corona and the request to open two school bus routes in Capitan. The road review committee will be Israel Miranda, Bill Rawlins, and Mack Bell with Leota Pfingsten named as alternate.

—Several senior citizens who participated in the 1986 senior olympics and a group of senior citizens from Corona attended the meeting and expressed their thanks to the commission through project director Barbara Ward.

—Commissioners proclaimed May 1987 as Older American Month "in honor and appreciation of the contribution the older Americans

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Carrizozo Town Council

Tentative schedule for Phase 2 paving received

Carrizozo Mayor Bob Hemphill presented a tentative schedule for Phase 2 of the street paving project during the April 14 town council meeting.

The tentative schedule had been submitted by Hubert Quintana of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District. SENMEDD will be administrator for the project.

The schedule calls for a publication date of April 2 (which has been completed) with the comment period to extend through April 22, a publication date of April 23 for release of the CDBG (Community Block Grant) funds with comment period to extend through May 6, a publication date of May 7 for request for engineer proposals, all requests for proposal (RFP) due in city hall by 4:30 p.m. on May 18, a special meeting on May 22 to open RFPs and awarding of RFPs to be at the regular meeting on May 26.

Hemphill announced that Santa Fe refuses to allow the two paving projects to be "rolled together" which will make the entire process take longer than had been planned. He explained that tentative schedule can possibly be changed.

During regular business, Hemphill proclaimed May as Older Americans Month.

—Verna Rodman reported that the guy wire on Lava Loop had been removed but that a part of it is sticking out of the ground and could cause a flat tire. She requested a determination of the boundary in order for her to put up her fence.

—The lease for the golf course was discussed. Several changes were suggested that are to be incorporated in the actual lease that will be brought before the council at a later meeting.

—Woody Schlegel requested a variance on lots 5 and 6, Block 35 of McDonald Addition which is in the 600 block of B Street, to place three mobile homes on two lots. The mayor suggested the request for a variance be worded to apply to the property instead of the owner. No decision was made.

—Trustee Linda Haller reported that plans are continuing for Clean-Up Day to be April 25. Haller and Trustee Albert Baca are co-chairman for the annual event to beautify and clean up Carrizozo.

—The first budget workshop will be held April 23

at 4:30 p.m. in city hall.

—Election brochures were approved by the council and will be sent to the printer.

—Two proposals for the audit were taken under advisement. An award will be made at the April 23 meeting.

—Letters to the mayor included a request from a young man in Italy for information about Carrizozo to help with his studies.

Knowles visits Capitan

By BART McDONOUGH

State Representative Dick Knowles, District 57, visited the meeting of the Capitan City Council, April 13. Capitan is on the western edge of his district.

Knowles reported that he had been instrumental in obtaining \$45,000 from the state legislature for the following: \$15,000 each for mini-vans in Corona and Carrizozo and \$15,000 for the addition to the center in Capitan. All three of these projects are for the Zia Senior Citizens.

Knowles also informed those present that there is \$1.98 million available this fiscal year and \$5 million the next fiscal year for a road from Ruidoso to the new Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. He said that a revolving fund will be set up in the amount of \$400,000 to be used for water and sewer projects in the state. Knowles at one point stated "We're going to take care of the roads in this state." Knowles praised Governor Carruthers. He feels that Carruthers has a chance to be a great governor. Representative Ben Hall of Ruidoso was also present.

A joint powers agreement with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department was approved by the council. Chief Deputy Rex Skellett stated that the \$25 a day for prisoner care was to be charged only for prisoners picked up under Capitan municipal ordinances. Skellett praised the Capitan Police Department and said the sheriff's department would continue to work closely with these two officers.

A beer and wine license for Armando's Restaurant was approved by the council.

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Hightower responds to critics of his county administration

The April 14 meeting of the Lincoln County Commission began with a statement by commission chairman John A. Hightower about some controversial issues concerning Lincoln County government, and was followed later in the meeting by questions about the contract with Gary Mitchell for legal services.

The following prepared statement was read by Hightower. It brought no response from the packed meeting room.

As Chairman of the Lincoln County Commission I feel compelled to make a statement concerning some controversial issues concerning Lincoln County government.

(1) SHERIFF'S OFFICE vs MANAGER'S OFFICE. We had a problem concerning vouchers. It is my belief that this has been solved.

(2) HARASSMENT OF SHERIFF. Each elected official has certain responsibilities. We as commissioners are charged with budget control, spending the tax money, and among other things are responsible for the county's liability. No matter who causes the county to be sued it is the commissioners who shoulder the final blame as well as coming up with the money to satisfy any claim. We have laws, regulations, and ordinances which must be followed to the letter in order to avoid these possible claims. We rely on the county attorney to guide us to keep us out of trouble. Some confidential infractions have been brought to the sheriff's attention in an effort to assist him in doing his job according to law. We have at no time intended to harass the sheriff in any way. Our intent has been to fulfill our duties and assist the sheriff. We are in this game together, and I sincerely hope that the sheriff can come to believe that we have a sincere desire to help. Let's play this game by

the same rules in a spirit of cooperation.

(3) HARASSMENT OF THE CLERK. This is ridiculous. If Fran feels harassed I'm at a loss to understand it. Although I disagree with her decision regarding the wallet and the charge to the county for filing the Alto Paving Districts papers, at the same time I respect her decision and her desires to do her job right. I'm proud of Fran and the way she runs her office. I pledge my support to her in any matter in which my position might be of help.

(4) TIMELY PAYMENT OF BILLS. (accusations made by the Airport Commission) I invite anyone to come and look at the records. They are public property. Every piece of correspondence coming into this office is stamped with a DATE RECEIVED. The warrants have a date when issued. A recent case which brought criticism was a large payment to Tricon Kent, the airport contractor. The contract specifies payment by a certain date. This particular payment was due March 30. We received the statement on March 30. The bookkeeping department hurriedly wrote the check and I made a special trip to town to sign it. The delay in paying their bills is not in our office.

Many unwarranted attacks are launched against our county manager. I give her my undivided vote of confidence. She is extremely knowledgeable about county government. She is a tough administrator. If the answer to your question is no she will tell you point blank. I believe her to be one of the best managers in the State of New Mexico. If not the best, you'll never find a more dedicated, hardworking employee anywhere. Time spent on the job is no factor to her. I'm glad she is not paid by the hour or draws overtime, or the county would go broke paying her. She has put together

an excellent staff from Mario, the two Mabels, on up through Martha, Petra, Mignon and Barbara. I love everyone of them and have the utmost confidence in them. My deepest gratitude goes out to them. I gladly assume responsibility for everything they do in their jobs.

I sought this job because I thought I could do a good job. I'm trying very hard. I believe my six years past experience is an asset to the county. It is a pleasure for me to serve with two gentlemen of the caliber of Ralph Dunlap and Bill Karn. We appeal to everyone in Lincoln County to put this bickering behind us and get on with our jobs. To all elected officials, please! Let's all pull in the same direction. The office of the commissioners is ready to assist you.

Bowling tourney is May 3

A benefit bowling tournament will be held Sunday, May 3, at the Carrizozo Recreation Center in Carrizozo. Proceeds will go to defray expenses of the Lincoln County Senior Olympics.

The tournament is open to anyone age 14 and over. Bowling will take place 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Trophies will be awarded. Entry fee is \$7.

In May 1986 the Lincoln County Senior Citizens sent 22 Senior Olympians to New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell and came back with 18 awards. The first place winners this year will be sent to the National Senior Olympics in St. Louis, MO, June 27—July 2.

The event is sponsored by Senior Citizens Centers in Carrizozo, Capitan and Corona.

Capitan's Easter services

The 3rd Annual Capitan Community Easter Sunrise Service will be conducted April 19 at 7 a.m. at the Capitan High School football field. Tim Worrell, director of the Lone Tree Bible Ranch, will be guest speaker.

Following the service a continental breakfast will be served in the foyer of the multipurpose building.

Music will be provided by the Capitan United Methodist Church Choir, various soloists, and a Christian band known as God's Country. Those interested in bringing doughnuts, rolls, juices, coffee, etc., contact Daylene Huey at 354-2246.

The community is invited to share in this celebration.

RC&D meets April 21

Area legislators have been invited to attend the April 21 meeting of the South Central Mountain RC&D that will be held in the Carrizozo Woman's Club building. Legislators have been invited to review new legislation that will be of particular interest to the RC&D.

The agenda will also include a special report on the latest developments of the Alamogordo Municipal and Industrial Water Supply project, a review of the state highway department's five year plan and development of a strategy for revising the RC&D area long range plan.

An important item in the RC&D area long range plan is to re-establish sponsoring membership. The state planning office no longer exists, and there may be new eligible organizations that should be offered sponsorship.

Also included in the meeting will be consideration of the most expeditious and effective way of revising the area plan; such as, should committees address the total needs based on smaller areas such as soil and water conservation districts or counties. The decision will be up to the council.

Members of the Carrizozo Woman's Club will prepare the meal for a cost of \$5.50 per person. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

Easter services in Carrizozo

The First Baptist Church of Carrizozo will conduct an Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. on Easter Day.

The service will be conducted at the West Side of the football field in Carrizozo. Following the service there will be breakfast served in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Should the weather be bad, the sunrise service will be held in the church.

The community is invited to share in worship and celebration of the Resurrection.

ARC meets April 27

The Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) of Lincoln County will meet at 7 p.m. on April 27 at New Horizons Development Center in Carrizozo. The public is invited to attend.

Program for the meeting will be "Special Education in the Public School" presented by Lucille King, director of special education in the Capitan schools.

Secretary of State Vigil-Giron honored

New Mexico Secretary of State Rebecca Vigil-Giron has been selected Outstanding Young Woman of America for New Mexico this year.

Vigil-Giron was nominated once before for the honor, in 1983. This year she was chosen to represent New Mexico among the Outstanding Young Women of America.

Women selected for the honor are recognized for their professional achievement and community service, whose time, talents and dedication have enriched the quality of American life.

Vigil-Giron graduated from Taos High School in 1972 and from New Mexico Highlands University with a degree in elementary education and French.

She worked eight years for the Public Service Company of New Mexico. She is secretary of the state Young Democrats and a national committee woman.

Vigil was also president of

the Bernalillo County Young Democrats and a New Mexico ward and precinct official for the state Democrat Party.

She was elected Secretary of State in 1986.



VIGIL-GIRON

Land, planning dominates Ruidoso Council meeting

Discussion of the planning and disposition of land at the current airport dominated the agenda at Tuesday's meeting of the Ruidoso Village Council. Councillors approved a contract with Architectural Research Consultants (ARC) for developing a master plan for the land.

ARC had balked at accepting the negotiated price of \$25,000 when the village added more stipulations to the contract. However, Village Attorney John Underwood said that in the end the village got all it asked for.

The councillors also discussed the possible sale of 125,000 square feet of the airport tract to the U.S. Postal Service for the construction of a new post office. Matco Real Estate of Littleton, CO has proposed a contract with the village calling for an eight-month option on a 300'x400' tract for the building.

There was some question about the wording of the contract as it calls for a purchase price to be determined by an "independent appraisal acceptable to both parties." Underwood referred to an "independent appraiser" during the discussion. Councillor Ray Carpenter pointed out that there was a difference between the two.

Carpenter said, "It looks to me that we could refuse to accept any appraisal that we

didn't like." Underwood said it was a point that would need to be clarified before the contract was finalized.

The council also heard a report from David Smith who was asked to assess the feasibility of using the old Rocky Mountain Builders Supply building as an events center. Smith outlined the limitations and possibilities of the building.

"One of the chief benefits of this building," he said, "is that it is available for use now and it adjoins property owned by the village, the current airport land."

Smith said the building could accommodate up to 1,000 people and could be used for events such as car shows, art shows and indoor-outdoor events without much modification. Other activities such as indoor sports and concerts would require improvements in heating, lighting and restroom facilities.

Councillor Victor Alonso said, "This would put us in the conventions business right away. The chief obstacle would be financing." He asked about the purchase price and was referred to Peggy Jordan, who was in the audience. Jordan said the asking price was \$585,000, but that it was negotiable and asked that the council discuss it with her in executive session.

Underwood said the funds could be raised through the issuance of bonds or the village could enter into a lease-purchase agreement for the property. Carpenter asked the matter be included in a call for executive session.

The council opened bids for the annual fiscal audit, and accepted a bid for \$12,200 from Varley and Assoc. Councillors also accepted a single bid for a fuel management system in the amount of \$13,562.80 from Cline Pump Co. Estimates for the system were over \$16,000.

The council passed a resolution regarding the budget for the village. Certain changes were made after the resignation of former Village Manager Jim Hine. Alonso commented that, "This places (Village Clerk) Leon Eggleston squarely in the drivers seat." Councillors also passed a routine resolution regarding

notices of public meetings.

Mayor Lloyd Davis recommended the appointment of five new commissioners for the newly organized Parks and Adult Recreation Commission. The persons recommended and approved by the council were W. L. Rucker, Charlotte Jarrett, Lem Willard, Betty Odell and James Stevens.

The council then adjourned to executive session to discuss pending litigation and acquisition of real property.

Ruidoso Downs

Harris, Buchanan trade barbs at Downs trustee meeting

The Ruidoso Downs Village Board of Trustees Monday night turned down Mayor Jake Harris' request to represent the village on the Sierra Blanca Airport Commission. Trustee Laverne Cole moved to approve the request, but the motion died for lack of a second.

Harris had asked that the board allow him to replace Trustee Conrad Buchanan, whose term on the commission expires March 19. Harris said that it would probably be his last effort in politics. Trustees J.L. Wilson and Jacquelyn Branum both said they had received many calls in support of Buchanan and expressed their desire to let him continue to serve.

Buchanan pointed out that according to the existing charter he would continue to serve as representative for Ruidoso Downs until someone else was appointed. He said he felt the commission was at a critical juncture at this time, and that a change might disrupt the efforts of the commission.

Buchanan then asked for input from the board on specific items in a new charter proposal drawn up by the attorney for the Village of Ruidoso. Harris attempted to block any discussion of the proposal, apparently in reprisal for the board's refusal to let him represent the village.

The first item that Buchanan asked about was whether the board liked the idea of representation on the commission being distributed according to population. The new charter would assign one member for each entity with a population of 0 to 4,000; two members for each entity with a population of 4,000 to 6,000; and three members for any entity with over 6,000 population.

"The point of this is to get more members on the commission," said Buchanan. Currently Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Capitan, Mesalero, and Lincoln County each have one member. All decisions must be approved by all the members—any member can stop action on a matter with just... one vote. Under the new system, a two-thirds majority would be required for a decision to be made.

Trustees directed Buchanan to vote against the arrangement, fearing that the village would not be adequately represented. The board was also concerned about the distribution of fiscal liability if the airport loses money. Buchanan told the board that those details still had to be worked out.

Mayor Harris tried to block any vote on the matter, telling Buchanan that he was out of order in asking for a vote. Harris said, "Anything that comes before this board should be brought up by the mayor. As the mayor, I run these meetings, and your request is out of order. You'll have to get it put on the agenda for the next meeting."

Trustee Wilson said that he'd be happy to vote on it, giving Buchanan the feeling of the board. Defeated, Harris asked for assurance that it was not a vote for official policy. Buchanan said that it was not. "It just need to know what your feelings are so I have something to go on."

The board also directed Buchanan to vote against ar-

Lincoln Ramblings

By Rosalie Dunlap

The spring thaw has been on for several weeks in the mountains with all the late winter snows. It has made all the rivers run heavy. In Roswell all the rivers were running too.

Phyllis Zumwalt, Hondo; Inez Marrs, Jan LaRue and Mona McEuen, Capitan; Rosalie Dunlap, Lincoln; Charlotte Hill, Ruidoso and Lincoln; County home economics agent, attended the District IV Home Extension Club meeting in Hobbs last

week. Zumwalt was re-elected district vice president and Inez Marrs was elected to the state nominating committee.

Following the judging and business meeting, a turkey dinner was served by the Hobbs Methodist women.

In the afternoon, three workshops, The ABCs of a nursery, taxes and "How to" were held.

The Lincoln County clubs brought home 22 ribbons.

These winners will go on to the state meeting in Las Cruces in June.

Mrs. Pam McArthur hosted the PEO of Roswell at her home Thursday. Her co-hostess were Mary Helen Skeen and Sue Graham. There were 17 ladies present.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, Donnie Seak and son Chad, Rosina Locke and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dunlap attended the State Historical Society meeting in Roswell Friday and Saturday.

David Kirkpatrick presented a program on the McSween Dig. It was one of the many interesting topics covered, such as the Coronado Dig, Mexican War, and

Soldiers Hill Massacre near Silver City.

On Friday evening, members and guests were treated to a barbecue on South Springs Ranch, along with music by Smiley Mauldin and friends.

Everyone had a great time looking at all the books for sale and probably like us, spend more than we should.

One of the highlights was seeing Marc Simmons. Marc was severely injured in a car accident last year. He still suffers from paralysis of his left arm caused by nerve damage. He is able to get around with his wheelchair and walker.

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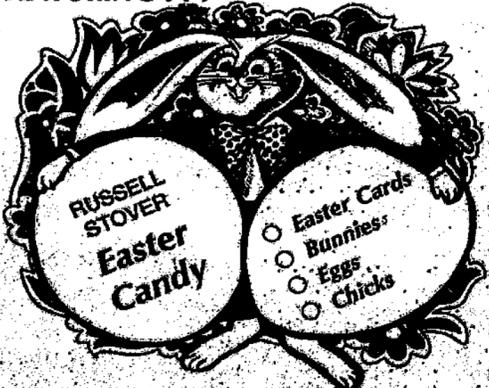
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County Commission...

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have made in building this great country."

—Capitan sophomore Gina Grigo, who has been elected as one of New Mexico's state FHA officer, asked for any financial support that can be provided to help with her costs to attend the national FHA convention in Washington, DC in July.

Commissioners responded by saying they are not allowed to use county money for donations but did agree to pass a resolution asking citizens to contribute money for this trip. Boykin-Siddens Real Estate made the first donation of \$100.

—The fire district budgets were approved for the county volunteer fire departments. The budgets were applications to participate in the 1987 fire protection fund distribution.

—The contract for audit services to be provided by Donald R. Wingfield, Certified Public Accountant, was accepted. Bids had been opened at the March 24 meeting and were sent to the state auditor for approval. The audit will be for the fiscal year from July 1, 1986 through June 30, 1987. The audit is to be conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the state auditor's rules and regulations.

The audit report is due in the office of the state auditor on or before Nov. 30, 1987. Five copies of the audit are to be sent to the state auditor and 12 copies are to be delivered to the county. Cost of the audit is not to exceed \$10,480. This amount includes \$600 for that portion of the audit which covers federal funds, according to the state approved contract.

—During approval of the accounts payable register and the payroll register Audean Franklin asked the commission, "Under what contracts do we pay Gary Mitchell?"

Hightower responded, "We are required to go out for bid for legal services." He then said the three-year contract would be reviewed during executive session. He explained that all copies of contracts are available to the public.

Franklin countered with, "I asked for a copy and all I

received was a copy of the Lewis water suit."

County Manager Suzanne Cox explained that the county had hired two attorneys last year, with Gary Mitchell to handle all new county business and Steven Sanders to handle the paving assessment district and the El Paso water suit, which were old county business.

In response to Franklin's statement that she would "like to see the contract," Hightower said that the money they (the attorneys) receive is public record.

During this exchange concerning legal fees paid by the county, Mitchell said that he donates a lot of time to the county and Hightower said, "Mr. Mitchell does not charge for a lot of what he does."

Glen Ellison asked, "How do we have access to the payroll, etc.?"

Cox replied, "Come to my office."

It was also stated that the audit is available to the public.

—Roads were accepted in High Mesa Subdivision, unit 4 and Deer Park Meadows subdivision, unit 1-6.

—A lengthy discussion was held concerning the proposed safety policy. The policy is to be reworked and then distributed through the departments.

—Stanley J. French, architect, presented a proposed plan for expansion of county buildings. He said the most logical way to go is to close 3rd Street and expand the building to the north where there is an unlimited amount of space available.

He explained that the original plan to make the courthouse a two-story building may not work since there are settlement cracks in the building.

Ellison asked the commission if they were considering a bond issue to enlarge the courthouse. Hightower responded that the plans are for consideration-only and that the commission will look at the plans to see what will fit in with the budget.

Hightower said some of the minor plans for expansion may be started as soon as next year. One of these plans is to expand the clerk's office out into the existing courtyard. The space could be utilized for storage and possibly a room for microfilming records.

—Treasurer Shirley Goodloe said her office is using short-term investments and they are watched daily to get the best interest for the county. She also said that she had invited the Sierra Blanca Airport Commission to "come over" and see how warrants are handled. She said she would like for them to understand how money is handled in her office.

—Mitchell recommended and the commissioners approved a grant easement with the Capitan school district. Mitchell said the agreement should be attested by the clerk and the county manager should hold the agreement un-

til the school agrees to move or pay for moving objects from the area affected by the easement.

—The performance bond of \$2,836,563 was accepted from McCarty Construction provided that it includes all areas of the assessment district.

—Another item not on the agenda was presented by Mitchell, concerning the county holding a lien on property in Monjeau Estates. Mitchell said, "That way if he (the county) build roads (in Monjeau Estates) we can foreclose on the property and use that money to do it." \$50,000 worth of property is pledged.

—Commissioners Bill Karn suggested that the Planning and Zoning Commission make some recommendations about zoning on the entire distance of the road to the airport.

—An executive session was held for personnel, litigation and contract. Action was taken after the executive session:

(1) Agreement to file inter se petition on the Lewis water case.

(2) Agreement to accept the grievance committee report. The report was confidential and followed a meeting by the grievance committee on April 10.

(3) Contract with Gary Mitchell was approved for another year.

(4) Agreement to terminate contract with Steven Sanders. The commissioners will give 30 days notice before June 30 to keep the contract from going on into another year.

—Commissioners instructed Mitchell to draft a proposed lease of county property to be submitted at the next meeting.



ELECTED Grandmaster of Masons in New Mexico March 16 at the annual Grand Lodge Communication was Ray D. Carpenter of Ruidoso.

Serger seminar by Carrizozo FHA, April 20

The Carrizozo FHA is sponsoring a serger presentation by the owner of a fabric store in Tucuman. The presentation will be on Monday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Carrizozo High School home economics room.

Sergers will be explained and demonstrated on a T-shirt and skirt. The skirt will be finished with the new drawing elastic. Sweatshirts decorated with various methods, such as conchos, nailheads, studs, beads, applique, iron-ons and glitter will be on display, as well as some creative self-fabric belts.

The class is free and open to anyone who is interested.

"Every nation has the government it deserves."
Joseph de Maistre



JUDI SIDEBOTTOM

Judi Sidebottom is Woman of the Month

Judi Sidebottom was selected as Woman of the Month for April by the Carrizozo Woman's Club.

Woman of the Month is a program to recognize outstanding women in the areas of the arts, business and the professions, labor, community service, education, science and sports.

Judi is guidance counselor for grades K through 12 at Carrizozo Municipal Schools. She taught math for eight years before becoming guidance counselor six years ago. She is also the varsity cheerleading sponsor and is the junior class sponsor this year.

She earned her bachelor degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1970, and her masters degree in 1974 from Miami University in Oxford,

OH. She is a member of the Carrizozo Woman's Club, secretary for People for Kids (PFK), a member of Santa Rita Church and a member of the Canyon CowBelles. Her professional organization memberships include New Mexico Education Association and National Education Association.

Judi and Dennis Sidebottom were married in 1971. They have two daughters, Sarah 10 and Katie 6.

Woman of the Month is an important part of "Celebrate Women," a program started by the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1965 to promote excellence for women. This program helps focus attention on exceptional women and their contributions.

Woman's Club sponsors blood drive April 28

Carrizozo Woman's Club President Sue Stearns' special project this year is a blood drive to be held April 28 in the club building, 2 to 6 p.m.

Final plans for the blood drive were made at the April 9 meeting of the club. Stearns explained that donated blood is distributed to various community medical facilities, and that as many as four patients can be helped by one blood donation. The goal set is for 30 donations.

In other business, Judi Sidebottom was presented as the Woman of the Month for April. A book will be donated in her name to the Carrizozo School Library to be read by students.

—Plans were made to honor the Woman of the Year at a salad supper meeting scheduled for May 5 at 6 p.m. in the Woman's Club building. Selection of the Woman of the Year will be by secret ballot. Secret pals will also be revealed at that meeting.

—Hal Sims, chairman of the Carrizozo Economic Development Committee, presented the program on community involvement in Plan A of the Carrizozo Economic Development projection. He also explained the newly adopted weed ordinance and said that attitudes are changing in Carrizozo and more people have a positive attitude about the town. He cited examples of areas of the community that are being cleaned in an effort to help.

—The Woman's Club selected Main Street and street signs as part of their com-

munity improvement project.

—Nancy LaFayette explained the photo project. The money-making project calls for members to sell coupons for a 10 by 13 family portrait mounted on canvas. The portraits will be taken June 13 with appointments to be made for each family and confirmed by LaFayette.

—State convention will be held April 24-25 in Hobbs. Stearns will attend.

—The following officers

were elected: parliamentarian, Nancy LaFayette; treasurer, Helen Lock; secretary, Lucy Rickman; vice-president, Linda Brown and president, Sue Stearns.

Brief

Pvt. Clay B. LaRue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith LaRue of Capitan, has completed basic training at Fort Bliss, TX. He is a 1982 graduate of Capitan High School.

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OPINION

The breast-beating has begun over last week's criticism of some county officials... as it always does. Turn to Letters to the Editor and read Pat Sullivan's response...

This country is losing its capacity to produce and it is losing to foreign competition. A principal reason is the greed and avarice of organized labor. In the auto industry alone, domestic car manufacturers have to pay labor costs three to five times that paid by foreign car manufacturers...

For years, enclaves of idiosyncrasy around the country have been declaring their towns and counties nuclear-free zones. Some have gone so far as to make it illegal for local governments to do business with any company that plays any part, however small, in the production of nuclear arms...

Now comes the Presbyterian Church Foundation and Board of Pensions, which has voted to sell all stocks of corporations in its two-billion-dollar portfolio that have anything to do with the defense of the United States!

A local sport is calling someone a person doesn't like and threatening to kill him or her. As editor here I have been honored with two death threats in the past year. Recently the sheriff received two such threats and his secretary was the recipient of one...

Shake hands with Dale Lowdermilk of Montecito, CA, president of a new (and overdue) organization called NOT SAFE (National Organization Taunting Safety and Fairness Everywhere)...

Speaking of which, Glen Ellison is rumored to be circulating a petition to urge Lincoln County Commissioners to employ Attorney James R. Askew in its temporary legal staff...

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Watch Over

WASHINGTON

Requiem for a murdered friend

I will never forget the first time I saw Bill Weisslich in action.

He was the District Attorney of Marin County, California. And in addition to the usual coefficient of county crimes, he had to prosecute all of the murders and other crimes in San Quentin Prison, where I served in the Protestant Chaplain's office...

His fellow district attorneys throughout California had prevailed on Bill to testify at a legislative hearing at the State Capitol in Sacramento against a bill to abolish capital punishment...

My silent acknowledgment that he had one of the best brains I had ever seen in action made him even more of a formidable antagonist when, in later years, we frequently debated each other.

It got so that we could almost anticipate each other's arguments. And on one occasion, I was in a Marin County courtroom, against Bill, and accompanying the sister of a death row inmate...

Even this did not destroy what grew, quite miraculously, into one of my most cherished friendships — particularly after one occasion when Bill and I both arrived for our debate accompanied by our wives. And like lawyers often do — to the horror of their respective clients — after tearing each other apart in court, they take each other to lunch.

Rosemary Weisslich is a very beautiful, exceptionally high-spirited, enormously entertaining and beguiling person, who loved to argue as much as her husband. And so our relationship grew into great enjoyment and affection, as we agreed to disagree agreeably.

Then one day I saw in the newspaper that Malcolm Schlette, whom Bill had prosecuted and sent to prison for arson — and who was a suspect in another case of arson which resulted in the death of eight people — had been heard to say to another inmate that he intended to kill Bill Weisslich.

That was 20 years ago, as I recall, in 1967, and I immediately telephoned and invited the Weisslichs to come and stay with us until this creature was apprehended. Bill expressed his deep gratitude but noted that there was already a police guard.

Sometime times through the years he mentioned this gesture of ours, which I am sure they would have made to us, had our lives been imperiled.

After we moved to Washington in 1973, the Weisslichs visited us, and whenever we returned to California, we visited them. After retiring from the district attorney's office, he was appointed chairman of the board of trustees of the California State Universities. In private practice, Bill thrived and prospered, because he was an absolutely superb trial lawyer.

Then, on the afternoon of Nov. 18 last year, he was in his office waiting for an appointment with a "Mr. Kauffman." At the appointed time of 4 p.m., a man appeared wearing a black hat and a black raincoat. This rather bizarre-looking stranger approached the receptionist, drew a .45 pistol with a 14-inch silencer, advised the receptionist that she would not be hurt if she led him to Weisslich — and then saw that Bill's office door was ajar.

Bill was at his desk, unarmed. In a second, he recognized the face of this unannounced intruder. It was the same Malcolm Schlette whom he had sent to prison for arson more than 30 years ago, the same person who had so often threatened to kill him and other law enforcement officers that it had become an obsession.

In the next second, this cowardly wretch put a bullet through Bill's forehead and another bullet through his thorax. Schlette, who was 72 years old, then walked out of the law office and got into a van. Terrified witnesses recalled that he had what looked like a hand grenade tied around his neck, along with four sticks of simulated dynamite strapped to his body.

One witness was able to note the license number of this van, which soon ran into an afternoon traffic jam. With the police closing in, Schlette drank cyanide and died. The hand grenade was determined to have been a fake by an Army bomb disposal unit, which had flown in by helicopter from the Presidio of San Francisco.

Inside the van, they found a note: "I take full credit and responsibility for killing Bill Weisslich."

During our visit to California in 1985, we visited the Weisslichs. Bill, as he so often did, remembered my offer of hospitality when Schlette had threatened to kill him so many years earlier. And Bill added: "They've paroled this guy, even though he made written and oral threats to kill me and other people. He went back to prison when they found he had purchased all kinds of weapons. But now they've paroled him."

I reminded Bill that while we may disagree on the death penalty, I am certainly not in favor of easy parole — or any parole whatever for a person like Schlette.

"We've got easy parole, too," said Bill, who found the policies of Governor Jerry Brown and Chief Justice Rose Bird to be absolutely appalling. Rosemary Weisslich wrote a personal letter to Jerry Brown, pleading with him that he not allow the release of this man who had so often threatened to murder her husband. But all she received from this allegedly compassionate liberal Governor Brown was a form letter, reminding her of Schlette's legal rights.

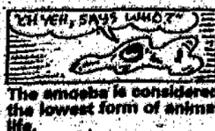
This creature had repeatedly violated his parole. Finally Federal Judge Marilyn Patel turned Schlette loose with five years probation. They had found a diary of hate and a death list — but no matter. This federal judge turned him loose.

Will Judge Marilyn Patel have to bear any consequences for this atrocious and lethal misjudgment? No, she will not — and neither will ex-Governor Moonbeams Brown, who was once the guest speaker at the Rev. Jim Jones' Peoples Temple, one of whose leaders Brown appointed to a state board. That Patel and Brown receive no recompense but a badly troubled conscience — if that — is a damnable outrage, even as Rosemary Weisslich spent last Christmas in mourning.

Ask a lawyer, no charge!

ALBUQUERQUE—The State Bar of New Mexico and the Young Lawyer's Division, in celebration of Law Day USA, which is observed nationally on May 1, is offering an opportunity for residents of the state of New Mexico to phone in their questions to an attorney on Saturday, May 2. Attorneys will be answering the phones at the State Bar office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Residents may call 842-6132 (Albuquerque) or the State Bar's toll-free number at 1-800-432-6976 from anywhere in the state.

Informational pamphlets on making a will, landlord-tenant relations, divorce in New Mexico, adopting a child, and other common legal problems will be mailed free upon request, together with a resource sheet of where to obtain further legal assistance. Remember, the numbers to call are 842-6132 or In-state WATS 1-800-432-6976.



The snicker is considered the lowest form of animal life.

Inside the Capitol

SANTA FE—In every organization, somebody has to play the heavy.

One of my elders made that clear to me many years ago. As I recall it now, the phrase for which "SOB" is shorthand came into his description of one person no institution can get along without.

Who does that job in the administration of Governor Garrey Carruthers?

Whoever that person is, it's certainly not the top man. Being the sort of guy who does dirty jobs like the firing of incompetents is certainly not his way—which is putting it mildly. This is a man who has taken "Be Pleasant At Any Cost" as the motto of his term in office. Being tough with people is not "upbeat," and he's apparently determined to be that no matter what.

No, this is clearly a man who hires the heavy work done, so he can specialize in the pleasant tasks. But whom has he actually put on the payroll for that tougher purpose?

ETHOS: Commentators on the business scene have in recent years discovered something they call "corporate culture." The phrase is used to suggest that what is acceptable behavior in one firm is not necessarily acceptable in another; and that workers in every company had better get a grip on what's okay to do in the institution they work for, as opposed to what might go in another.

The same thing is true of political operations.

The modus operandi in the governor's office during Bruce King's two terms there, needless to say, was totally different from the way things are done there at the present time. The contrast in "corporate culture" between the old cowboy's ways and those of the mob of Junior League ladies Carruthers has gathered around him could hardly be more dramatic. Sometimes one could arrive at the conclusion that Carruthers doesn't so much have a staff as a group of pom-pom girls, named

mostly because of their ability to whip up enthusiasm no matter what the circumstances.

But who among them handles the really tough stuff?

CANDIDATE: Some of those who have penetrated the secrets behind the double doors in the Governor's Suite (and that doesn't include many news people; the area has been declared off-limits to us) suggest that the Carruthers chief of staff, Maralyn Budcke, may be the person who has shouldered the task of being the SOB.

That's not to suggest anything like the fact that she is Shirley Scarafioti to Carruthers' Tony Anaya. The Anaya-Scarafioti relationship was unique, and we should not look to see it recapitulated in our time.

But certain phone calls that have been made to those who speak about them to reporters later do suggest that Maralyn may be the person to whom the governor delegates such tasks as giving citizens inevitable bad news.

There is no doubt in my mind that Budcke has the courage to address herself to the unpleasant acts that must be performed if government is to function. Though I would not for a moment suggest she enjoys being unpleasant, I know enough of her record to be convinced that she faces up to reality. That quality is as rare among governmental types as it is among business persons, which is part of the reason so many businesses go bust.

Still, one remembers that, at her own insistence, Maralyn is being paid the magnificent salary of only one dollar per year. Surely acting as the essential executioner for a governor is worth a whole lot more than that.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

J.S. not listed

EDITOR—I have been tempted to write to you before, but knowing the extent you have gone to in the past to vent your wrath, I have hesitated to draw further scorn upon myself and the rest of my family. However, I no longer care how you use your influence as a newspaperman. I do think your ethics should be questioned.

What kind of person would write and sign a letter "Name Withheld?" Could it have been the sheriff's secretary, or perhaps the sheriff himself? What kind of a newspaper would print such a letter?

Did you know there is no J.S. Hernandez (reference the April 9 Letter to the Editor) on the voter registration roles in Lincoln County? He is not listed in the phone book, nor does he own property in the county. Could this be an alias of our district judge?

If indeed there is a conspiracy going on in this county, I think it would be fairer to say it is against our family. Let me suggest that the elected officials mentioned get down to running their offices and quit starting rumors and crying on the shoulders of others.

For the sake of the people in Lincoln County, we are not interested in seeing the sheriff's office deteriorate. My husband worked hard to build the sheriff's department into a respected law enforcement agency. He certainly wouldn't want to be a party to seeing it destroyed. If you had checked the facts you would know that according to New Mexico law Tom could not be appointed to any elected position in county government during the next two years.

Our family is not purposely controversial so, please, unless we do something truly newsworthy, leave us alone. Proud to sign my real name.

PAT SULLIVAN, Capitan, NM.

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Sierra Blanca Regional Airport

New era of travel begins with opening of airport

Skiers, horse racing enthusiasts and fans of southern New Mexico will soon enjoy safe and easy access by air to the Ruidoso resort area, thanks to the construction of the new Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

The Sierra Blanca Regional Airport will be located 12 miles outside Ruidoso and has a projected opening date of early November 1987. The airport is being designed to feed into the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. A longer 8,000 foot runway and new location will enable commercial DC-9 and 737 jets as

well as smaller private aircraft to fly into the Ruidoso area.

The current airport which serves the Ruidoso area is thought to be inadequate by many, according to Fred Heckman, project manager and chief executive officer for the airport.

"The existing airport is considered dangerous because of its location at the bottom of a canyon causing the airport to have a short runway and poor approach pattern," Heckman said.

The new airport construction allowing commercial

airline service will mark the beginning of a new era of travel for this southern New Mexico resort area and its surrounding communities. Currently, travelers to the area must fly into El Paso, the nearest airport and a three-hour drive from Ruidoso.

The Sierra Blanca Regional Airport will become a full-service facility absorbing the three rental car companies, fuel, mechanical operations and aircraft parking capabilities currently offered at the old airport. The new airport will provide service to commercial, private, corporate and charter aircraft.

"Ruidoso is a year-round resort area that hosts the world's richest quarter horse race annually. Ruidoso Downs racing season lasts from mid-May to Labor Day and accommodates quarter horse as well as thoroughbred racing," John Jeffers, executive director of the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce, said.

"We have well over 70 lodging facilities in the Ruidoso area and over 640 acres of skiing at Ski Apache on Sierra Blanca. It is another step in our growth to have a better, more efficient and safer airport for our visitors," Jeffers continued.

The Sierra Blanca Airport is supported by funds from the federal and state government as well as several area governments. The Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, Capitan, the Mescalero Apache Tribe, Ruidoso Downs, the State of New Mexico and the Federal Aviation Administration have all donated funds in a cooperative effort toward completion of the airport.

Special Occasions Stamps Booklet

The U.S. Postal Service will issue a \$2.20 Special Occasions stamps booklet in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 20. The booklet will contain a single pane of 10 multicolored 22-cent stamps carrying the messages "Congratulations," "Happy Birthday!" (each of which will be featured twice, with the remaining designs shown once), "Best Wishes," "Thank You," "Get Well," "Keep in Touch," "Love You, Mother!" and "Love You, Dad!" The stamps are classified as special issues because they will remain on sale for a longer period of time than commemoratives. The Postal Service unveiled the entire book - pane of 10 stamps last September 30 at the annual convention of the Greeting Card Association in Napa, California.

The development of the unique Special Occasions booklet was prompted by requests to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee for stamps bearing meaningful "messages," matching the thoughts expressed in cards and letters, which could be used for special events such as Father's and Mother's Days, birthdays, weddings, and graduations.

Oren Sherman of Boston, Massachusetts, created the designs under the art direction of Richard D. Sheaff, a design coordinator for the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee. Jack

Williams of the Postal Service served as the program manager for the project.

Procedures for ordering first-day cancellations are as follows:

Customers Affixing Stamps: The Postal Service encourages customers to purchase the Special Occasions stamps and affix them to their envelopes. Covers bearing stamps will receive preferential service. Customers should address envelopes on the right side at least 1/2 inch up from the bottom and affix stamps in the upper right corner approximately 1/4 inch from the top and right edges. Requests must be postmarked by May 20 and addressed: Customer-Affixed Envelopes, Special Occasions Stamps, Atlanta, GA 30304-9991.

Postal Service Affixing Stamps: Except for affixing stamps and addressing orders, follow the procedures above. The price is \$2.20 per booklet pane of stamps requested and only full panes will be affixed.

When preparing envelopes, customers must consider the full pane size (indicated in technical data above). Post Offices will accept personal checks in the exact amount up to the limit of 50 covers. Customers should not send cash as payment. Orders must be postmarked by May 20 and addressed: Special Occasions Stamps, Postmaster, Atlanta, GA 30304-9992.



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These stamps will be available at the post office in Carrizozo.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Not related

EDITOR—My remarks are directed to a letter in the paper April 9, 1987 from a J.S. Hernandez, Ruidoso, and a brief comment or two in the OPINION Column.

I have lived in Lincoln County since 1917 and have always been proud of the wonderful people who have chosen to live in this part of New Mexico. Recently I have begun to wonder what has happened to these good law-abiding people, I for one, resent J.S. Hernandez reference to our three well qualified and respected commissioners as "meeting every month to conduct their three-ring circus." There are laws and regulations that the commissioners are obliged to adhere to in conducting their business meetings, which I am sure do not please the "special favors seekers." We elected these men to this office; take a look at "The Golden Rule" and let them take care of our business without all this un-called-for criticism.

Mr. E.V. Joiner's remarks in the OPINION column about the harassment of the sheriff is taken as a tongue-in-cheek comment; surely he couldn't be serious! No, Mr. Joiner, is not related to our family.

MARY L. JOINER,
Hondo.

Opinion. . . (Cont'd from P. 4)

solve a lot of fiscal problems for lawyers. Last week a reader pointed out that Attorney Gary Mitchell was paid nearly \$9,000 for advising the county from January to March. Yesterday the county commissioners paid Attorney Steve Sanders the sum of \$89,000 for legal advice on the Special Paving District. Askew, it appears, is being robbed.

Knowles. . . (Cont'd from P. 1)

Clerk Janet Keel is to check on insurance for the July 4 parade sponsored by the Capitan Chamber of Commerce. If there are no major changes it will be handled the same as last year.

The low bid of \$4,583.81 to audit the books was approved. This bid was from accountant Roy Woodard of Clovis.

Engineer Jack Atkins reported that the water project is 10 to 15 thousand dollars under budget. Concrete for the 500,000 gallon tank east of town has been poured. The village will soon have electricity to the well site. The council was informed that water from the new well should be flowing through Capitan water pipes by the middle of June if the weather cooperates.

Susan Ludwick will have to pay a \$298.00 water bill on properly in Hideaway Hills she recently repossessed. There will be no late charges.



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CARRIZO CHEMISTRY STUDENTS placed 2nd at the Math-Science Bowl held in Ruidoso April 8. From left: Pete Narvaez, Melissa Greer and John Saucedo. Craig Collins, not pictured, was also a member of the chemistry team.

Ruidoso Convention

Cattlemen hear provisions of new immigration law

The New Mexico Cattle Growers Association's second quarterly meeting was held this past week in Ruidoso, with approximately 160 members attending. Of little surprise was the degree of interest shown in the nation's new immigration law.

Anne Estrada of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), gave an outline of procedures and fine points of the new law, which will provide amnesty for undocumented workers who can prove they entered the United States before Jan. 1, 1982.

Special agricultural workers, or undocumented workers who have worked in the United States harvesting perishable crops are covered by specific legalization in the new law. Cattlemen have been lobbying Congress heavily the past few weeks to overturn a Department of Labor regulation which seeks to exclude cattle interests by defining seasonal and non-seasonal workers. Cattlemen feel that the Labor Department regulation circumvents the intent of Congress.

In the meantime, the INS says it will allow illegal aliens to work in this country until Sept. 1, according to the New York Times. Employers will be notified by the agency that it does not plan to impose sanctions against those who employ illegal aliens until

Sept. 1 if the aliens can assure the employers that they expect to be granted legal status under the nation's new immigration law.

The INS is seeking to reverse the trend of employers firing many of their workers to avoid sanctions. There will be an 18-month grace period before the INS enforces sanctions against agricultural employers. Search warrants will be required before INS agents are allowed to enter private agricultural properties.

In other business, the association reviewed the past legislative session and asked members to write Gov. Caruthers to line item veto several bills and support others. In the only resolution passed by the group, cattlemen struck out at their parent National Cattlemen's Association

In the Service

Air Force Airman Roy D. Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray D. Carpenter of Ruidoso, has arrived for duty with the 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, the Philippines. Carpenter, a munitions systems specialist, is a 1983 graduate of Artesia High School, New Mexico,

By the way

By P.E. Chavez



EDIBLE FILM

A University of Wisconsin food chemistry professor has developed an idea that can keep the crust dry on frozen pizza. Moist tomatoes, sauce and cheese can get soggy and the professor's idea to separate the crust from the rest of the pizza is a thin film that would encase the dough.

You eat the film along with the pizza. The edible film is tasteless and is made up of cellulose, lipid fats and beeswax. Yummy?

STRUCK IT RICH

Remember Sandy, "Another World" soap opera actor? Many local people know that he was Christopher Rich, son of Mary (Rich) Adams, former Carrizozo resident and editor of the Lincoln County News.

Chris has the rare distinction, according to TV Guide's Grapevine, of being in two series on different networks. On NBC's Sweet Surrender, he's Vaughn Parker, best friends with an architect and his wife; and on ABC's The Charmings, he plays Prince Charming.

Chris has had no scheduling conflict because Surrender has already finished taping its six-episode run.

QUILTING BEE

The old in Mississippi long for the good old days. Families stayed together and the younger never strayed far from home.

In Merigold (pop. 475), two dozen women, average age 80, meet every Wednesday in a quilting bee at the United Methodist Church. They talk about children and grandchildren.

One is Mrs. Evelyn

Speakes, 75, mother of former Reagan spokesman Larry Speakes. Speakes left the White House for Wall Street in January. A picture of a quilt that hung in Speakes White House office is a reminder to the stitchers.

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FUZZY ALIEN

Alf, NBC's outcast from the planet Melmac, will become a cartoon character on NBC's Saturday morning schedule. Also a script is being written for an ALF movie. Both will probably be about the alien's adventures in the Tanner household.

ALF's ratings keep improving and sales of dolls and posters are booming. The ALF poster is reported to be outselling Bon Jovi and Top Gun. ALF will soon be seen on pajamas, lunch boxes, bedspreads and t-shirts.

SKEPTICISM

A little boy, after attending Sunday school, was asked by his mother what he learned.

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wouldn't have believed it either!"

White Oaks Historical Association to meet

The White Oaks Historical Association will meet in the White Oaks School at 8 p.m. on April 24 for a covered dish dinner and meeting.

Bessie Leslie, president of the WOHA asks that anyone interested in helping restore the White Oaks School please attend. She said that there are materials for the west room ceiling and walls, and volunteers are needed to help with the work. Plans are for the west room to be used as a museum.

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Capitan News

By Margaret Rench

All of last week was cold and very windy. Sunshine ended Sunday night. More terrific wind, one-tenth of an inch of light rain and more cold wind. This Monday is very cold and windy.

I wish everyone the most joyful and happy Easter. May God bless all of you.

The Southern Trinity Baptist Church is holding a revival April 13-17.

All churches in Capitan will unite at the football field at 7 a.m. Easter Sunday morning for sunrise services. Refreshments will be at the multipurpose building afterwards. They are asking that you bring cinnamon rolls, doughnuts, cookies, etc. Remember to do that, and enjoy it all.

There will be Easter vacation Friday through Sunday. School takes up Monday morning as usual.

Remember: Clean-Up Day for Capitan is April 25. That is for the Village of

Capitan only, not Lincoln County. Please bring last month's water bill to show you qualify.

I am proud of the FFA judging teams that went to Las Cruces. Capitan won second in wool judging and fifth in poultry. That is good. Just keep up the good work.

There were 543 registered visitors at the Smokey Bear Museum April 5-12. They were from Mexico, France, Chile and Germany, which is pleasing. Thirty-five students on a field trip from UNM visited Friday. A group of 12 Boy Scouts from Corrales, NM enjoyed it there Saturday.

Capitan was reported as having strong runners in the track meet competition in Carrizozo last weekend. I like to hear this, and would enjoy if someone would inform me of their progress. The children need us to acknowledge their accomplishments.

Remember this: The Cinderella Pageant will be held at the Elks Lodge in

Ruidoso May 2. You have until this Thursday, April 16, to respond in the talent. The last practice will be held Sunday, April 26 at 2 p.m.

John Mayer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mayer of Capitan, a sophomore in UNM studying political science, was home last weekend visiting his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wright went to Albuquerque last Thursday for his last check up on recent heart surgery. Pronounced O.K. and could go to work. Good news.

Happy birthday to Dennis Wood who's day was Sunday, April 12. Good health and happiness for years to come.

Dustin Martin, son of Mark and Lisa Martin, had his 3rd birthday Monday, April 6. He celebrated with a party at his home Sunday, April 5, attended by many friends and relatives.

Monday, April 13, many homes celebrated the birthday of a great-grandfather, Cathleen Massey, with many friends and relatives attending.

Word has been received that a buyer has come forward for the Ross Flatley Ranch. More will follow later.

There is a man here at this time who is planning to put up a metal building between the Senior Citizen Center and Highway 37 to house "Ranchers & Feed Supply."

I want my readers to know I am on the ball constantly for news. We need the news of all of us. I understand the weather has kept people in. Just remember, I am on duty and want to hear from you, all of you. Come forward.

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A NICE crowd enjoyed the elementary school music concert April 8 in Capitan. Dick Valenzuela is their teacher. Some students wore colorful costumes.



THESE CAPITAN Lady Tigers are shown displaying the 1st place trophy they brought home last weekend from the Tularosa Rose Relays. From the left: Cindy Castillo, Lesley LaRue and Nanette Boyd.

School board makes new appointments

The Capitan Board of Education at its April 8 stated meeting, approved Tom Guck and Deon Cox as community volunteers to assist with the girls track program.

Marie Griego was approved to be junior high cheerleader sponsor for the 1987-88 school year. William Morris was approved as a special education teacher.

The board adopted the special education manual for Region IX.

Board members decided to use the Omni Spike-top Vibra Whirl Surface on the new track to be constructed soon.

The resignation of High School Principal Jay Dark was accepted effective June 12. The resignations of teachers Elaine Howe and Suse Townsend were also accepted. Coach Zale Woodward's contract was not renewed.

It was learned that interim superintendent L.C. Cozzens and bookkeeper Joan Pumphrey would be attending a budget workshop April 13 and 14.

High school student Gina Griego will receive \$600 from the board to help defray costs to the National FHA Convention in Washington, DC July 19-23.

The school board will meet in closed executive ses-

ion April 16 to discuss filling the position of school superintendent. There will be a special meeting on April 23 to discuss the budget. This is scheduled for 7 p.m. The next stated meeting of the Board is May 14 at 7:30 p.m. The Board meets in the old elementary school building.



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Hondo Valley News

By PAM McARTHUR

Congratulations to the following Hondo students for making Honor Roll on the third nine weeks school work:

SENIORS—A, Patricia Chavez; B, Gail Aragon, Peggy Candelaria, Frank McTeigue, Jeannie Mohr, Eli Polaco and Edwin Prudencio.

JUNIORS—A, Sherry Zinn; B, Melissa Candelaria, Adolph Herrera, Patrick Kelly and Tito Montoya.

SOPHOMORES—B, Val Avila, Charlie Chavez, Camille Gomez, Levi Lueras, Stacey Maez and David McTeigue.

FRESHMAN—A, Angie Romero; B, Katina Chavez, Kevin Gomez, Bobby Jo McTeigue and Marshall Provencio.

8th GRADE—B, Roberta Chavez, Leonad Corona, Esteban Estraba, Monique Polaco, Danny Salcido and Anita Torres.

7th GRADE—A, Celena Copeland; B, Faustina Baca, Eddie DeBaca and Ricky Montez.

After living the past year in Louisiana, the Curtis McTeigue family is home again in Tinnie. Welcome back, Curtis, Kim, C.J. and Derick.

A procession of Palms was held Sunday morning at St. Anne's Church, Glenco. Dan Storm narrated and Father Burdette Stampley read the Passion of Christ while parishioners responded as the crowd of Jerusalem. Several congregations of the Episcopal Church of Lincoln County will participate in the Great Vigil of Easter at St. Anne's which begins at 8 p.m. Holy Saturday, April 18, with a fire being lit in the courtyard and worshippers entering the darkened church. Visitors are invited.

Seventeen members of P.E.O. Chapter B, Roswell, met for a "Time to Relax" in the country last Thursday. Co-hostesses were Mary Helen Skeen, of Picocho, Sue Graham, of Lincoln, and myself.

The Valley Water Rights struggle continues as residents and users proceed through the next step of legal red tape, assisted by the Office of the State Engineer. The latest phase involves any hearings between individuals using the stream system. Deadline for these local objections is April 23, at which time they must be filed in Fifth Judicial Court in Roswell by 5 p.m.

Applications for superintendent are being considered by the Hondo School Board. Next regular meeting is set for Tuesday, April 21.

Riverside Lounge announces "Spring Fling" dances every Saturday and Sunday nights during the month of April. Music is provided by Los Magnificos.

Tucking a soft, cute little "Puffalump" chicken into an Easter basket for my granddaughter, I am reminded of all the years when her mother and uncle excitedly searched for colored eggs on Easter Sunday mornings. It was a real trick just to get up earlier than those two. One year, at daybreak, I looked out at my sleepy-headed husband making his rounds through the irises and tulips. Following at a discreet pace was our neighbors' basset hound. Ears dragging through the grass, the old dog was sniffing out and scarfing up eggs, shells and all. Ol' Duke smelled like sulphur for a whole week.

HOPE is a four-lettered word we need to hear more often. Happy Easter to all!

Capitan track wins at Tularosa Rose Relays

The Capitan Lady Tigers captured 1st place at the Tularosa Rose Relays last weekend. The Tiger boys placed 2nd behind Dexter.

BOYS DIVISION
400m relay, 2nd, 47.38, Eckland, Lum, Tino Gallegos, Eldridge; 100m dash, 1st, 22.14, Jay Eldridge; 110 H.H., 4th, 19.11, John Parker; 800m relay, 4th, 1:45.94, Lum, Gallegos, Frey, Layher; 200m dash, 1st, 24.85, Jay Eldridge; 800m run, 1st, 2:12.37, John Parker; 300 I.H., 4th, 45.16, Parker; 1600m medley relay, 3rd, 4:19.61, Lum, Layher, Frey and Gallegos; 1600m relay, 1st, 3:54.38, Parker, Gallegos, Lum, Eldridge; shot put, 1st, 45.37, Clay Layher; 2nd, 40.75, Eckland; Javelin, 2nd, 145.2, Mike Lum; high jump, 4th, 5'7", John Parker; discs, 2nd, 118.97, Layher; 3rd, 112.9, Doug Eckland.

Team results in this division: 1. Dexter, 2. Capitan, 3. Tularosa, 4. Clouderoff, 5. Carrizozo, 6. Weed, 7. Hondo.

GIRLS DIVISION HIGH SCHOOL
400m dash, 1st, 1:03.94, Nanette Boyd, Lovi Emberrlin, 1:13.97, Joy Miano; 1:12.02; shot put, 1st, 32.11, T. Trillingas; Katherine Sanchez, 37.7, Lesley LaRue, 23.9; discs, 1st, 85.77, Lesley LaRue, Lashana Tillotson, 75.4; T. Trillingas, 52.7; 400m relay, 2nd, 3:10, Gina Griego, Katherine San-

chez, Cindy Castillo, Nanette Boyd; 100m high hurdles, 1st, 19.25, Cindy Castillo, Robyn Peralta, 4th, 20.81, Kim Eckland, 21.43; 100m dash, 1st, 13.30, Boyd, 3rd, 14.24, Gina Griego, R. Peralta, 14.97; 1800m run, Eckland, 7:05, Rummels, 7:33, Marsha Nevarres, 8:30; 800m relay, 2nd, 2:02.33, Peralta, Tillotson, Grimaud, Griego; 300m hurdles, 1st, 55.53, Katherine Sanchez, 2nd, H.O.L.I.T., Tyana Trillingas, 5th, 1:04.70, Lisa Maldonado; 800m dash, 2nd, 2:32.04, Valency Zumwalt, 3rd, 2:55.88, Kim Eckland, Lori Emberrlin; 2:40.10; 1600 medley relay, 2nd, 4:51.34, Griego, Tillotson, Grimaud, LaRue; 200m dash, 5th, 31.28, Cindy Castillo, Joy Miano; 32.27, Robyn Peralta, 31.03; 2200m run, 4th, 16.13, Kerri Rummels, Jessica Livingston, 17.32, Lisa Maldonado, 18.22; 1800m relay, 2nd, 4:44.64, Sanchez, Grimaud, Castillo, Boyd; long jump, 1st, 15.80, Nanette Boyd, Gina Griego, 15; K. Sanchez, 14.9.

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS
High jump, 2nd, 4.2, Jennifer Eldridge; 400m dash, Mickey Griego, 1:14.76, J. Eldridge, 1:21.83, V. Propence,

1:32.37; 400m relay, 3rd, 59.65, Emberrlin, Danica Sims, J. Eldridge, Crystal Dalton; discs, 1st, 62, Victoria Sedillo, 5th, 58.6, Angela Schryer, Vanessa Propence, 34.9; 100m low hurdles, 5th, 23.45 (rel), Brand Peralta, M. Dye, 24.3 (rel); 100m dash, L. Longbottom, 15.03, Jennifer Neuman, 16.44, J. Eldridge, 16.71; 1800m run, Anna Cargo, 8:35, Amber Carrino, 7:44; 800m relay, 3rd, 2:27.23, Brand Peralta, D. Sims, Crystal Dalton, Terri Peralta; 300m low hurdles, April Layher, 1:07.29, Marie Dye, 1:03.81; 800m dash, 5th, 3:25.32, Mickey Griego, V. Propence, 3:48.73, A. Carrino; 3:28.02; 1600m medley relay, 2nd, 6:32.71, C. Dalton, V. Sedillo, T. Peralta, Anna Cargo; 200m dash, 6th, Danica Sims, 32.82, Marie Dye, 34.27; 1600m relay, 3rd, 6:16.08, Neuman, B. Peralta, J. Eldridge, Terri Peralta.

April 16, high school track, Clouderoff Mountain Top Relays, to be run on Tularosa track.
April 17, NO SCHOOL.
April 18, Junior High to Ruidoso Relays, High School to Lions Relays in Santa Rosa.
April 23, High School spring concert, 7 p.m.

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THIS CARRIZOSO biology team took first place in the Lincoln County Science-Math Bowl held in Ruidoso April 8. From left: Leah Patterson, Cathy Najar, Marcia Hafker, Fred Vega, D'rese Aguilar and Jeanna Sims.

Corona News

Crown CowBelles met Thursday, April 2 in the home of Loretta Proctor. Some members spent a long day working on the quilt which some lucky person will be awarded at the Lincoln County Fair. They stopped only for a brief business meeting and a lunch of pita bread with beef, salads and desserts. A few returned the next day to finish the quilting. The second quilt, to be given to the person accepting the most \$1 donations, was taken to the Latham home to be completed.

Nell Eddington, newest member, was here from Anthony, and Bunky Keyes was a guest. President JoAnn Proctor announced the \$50 given toward the FFA ad in the Lincoln County News, a good article on the accomplishments of the FFA in Corona High School. A gift to Boys-Girls Ranch was sent in memory of Mrs. Nancy Ranney. One hundred dollars was voted for the Lincoln County 4-H Council. Julie Furgason and Tracy Kelly are the Corona delegates to Washington and the Citizenship Focus. Denise Lightfoot is an alternate. Money was voted to buy flash cards to help in judging a beef carcass.

Suzie Maness will help with the Beef Cookoff in Albuquerque, May 23. She will take

with her a Bundt cake and 15 hot pads made by Eve Latham, Myra Richards and Mrs. Maness to be used as favors. Mrs. Latham, Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Maness volunteered to attend the CowBelle Executive Committee meeting April 3 to be held during the quarterly Cattle Grower Convention.

Frances Fuller, treasurer chest chairman, announced the receipt of donations in the amount of \$81. The basket and contents are on display at Owen Hardware. Loretta Proctor is tacking a pretty quilt for it.

Members have offered jerky and brownies for FFA students and all the school faculty to mark Ag Day.

Ruby Davidson will draw an allowance for cards and stamps. Mrs. Davidson, Sunshine chairman for several years, protested this action saying it has been her contribution to the local. Crown will get two permits for booths at the summer festival the second Saturday in August.

Juanita Owen, scholarship chairman, will report at the next meeting. Esther Johnson, Elaine Steele and Jaunita Sultemeler were named to investigate possibilities for associate memberships. The president announced that the

Crown handbook will soon be ready. New guidelines are being proposed for the selection of Fathers of the Year and CowBelle of the Year. The May meeting will be at the Latham home May 7; the October meeting with Mrs. Steele.

Gerald Cosby called Thursday evening to report on his progress with a new heart. Mr. and Mrs. Cosby had been in Albuquerque for his checkup and had come over to spend the night with Elsie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer DeVaney.

The American Legion Auxiliary held its regular meeting April 7 in the Legion Building. The main purpose of the meeting was to finalize plans for their white elephant and bake sale to be held Friday, April 17, in the school recreation room. Doors will open at 8 a.m. This is to raise funds for auxiliary projects. Help, contributions and attendance will be appreciated.

Mrs. Lee Roy Owen accompanied her husband to the Village Cafe Friday evening. She thought she was being treated to a hamburger after a hard day of ranch work. She was greeted by balloons, lighted birthday cake, a dozen red roses and many friends wishing her a happy birthday. After opening her gifts, the time was spent in visiting and enjoying a wide variety of finger foods, the cake, punch and coffee. Hostesses were Josie Trimble, Marcella Chavez and Jackie Johnson.

Rogene Alford is recuperating at home after a week in a Roswell hospital for abdominal surgery.

Charles Porter is home from the VA Hospital after surgery on his face. He will return after Easter for an operation on his eye.

Fara DuBois Green was seriously injured in a landing mishap Sunday afternoon in El Paso. Her plane is a total loss. Mr. Green suffered cuts on the head and bruises. Fara's leg will require several operations and a year on crutches.

"The country of every man is that one where he lives best." Aristophanes

Corona track teams do well at Melrose

Corona track teams opened the 1987 season Saturday at Melrose.

"We had a pretty good showing for the first meet," commented Coach G. Ray Johnson, who feels the Cardinals were able to get some experience and work out some

problems before going to district meets.

Junior high girls Alethea Knight, Nancy Riley, Tina Clements, Callie Young and Michelle Hendricks got their first meet experience, and Johnson expressed his satisfaction with their first efforts.

Results of the Melrose meet:

Junior High Boys—100m. Dan Bell, 2nd; 1600m. Randy Lealy, 3rd; 800m. James Miller, 4th; long jump. Dan Bell, 3rd; pole vault. Owen, 2nd; Bell, 3rd; 400m relay. D. Bell, K. Lealy, S. Owen, Emmet Sultemeler, 4th; 110 high hurdles. S. Owen, 2nd; 300 mt. high hurdles. D. Bell, 3rd, S. Owen, 5th.

The junior high track team placed 4th in overall team standings at the meet.

Senior High Girls—200m. Denise Lightfoot, 3rd, Beverly Bell, 4th; high jump. Lightfoot, 1st, (4'10"); long jump.

Bell, 1st, (4'10"); 300m hurdles. Tracie Kelley, 4th; 100m hurdles. Lightfoot, 1st; mile medley relay. B. Bell, D. Lightfoot, T. Kelley, Mary Romero, 5th; 4 mile. Mary Romero, 2nd.

The girls placed 4th in overall team standings.

Senior High Boys—800m. relay. Tommy Mulkey, Tye Lightfoot, Chad Brown, Lee Land, 5th; 110 mt. high hurdles. T. Mulkey, 5th; L. Land, 6th; javelin. T. Lightfoot, 6th; 300 mt. high hurdles. T. Mulkey, 6th.

The Corona thinclads travel to Tatum today (Thursday) and Fort Sumner on Saturday.

OBITUARY

RALPH CHEE JR.

Ralph Chee Jr. of Mescalero died suddenly, April 7 in Ruidoso.

Mr. Chee was born March 1, 1930 in Mescalero, and was a member of the Mescalero Reformed Church. He attended the Phoenix Indian Bible College, and had worked as a foreman for the CGI and was a BIA policeman. He was a prominent figure in several of Eve Ball's books.

Survivors include his daughters, Jia Evans, Ella Shanta and Beverdene Chee, all of Mescalero; sisters, Ethelene Botella, Olive Rose Smith, Blanche Chee, and Amy Shosh, all of Mescalero; brothers, Harold Chee, Clifford Chee, and Nathaniel Chee, all of Mescalero; 10 grand-

children and one great-grandchild.

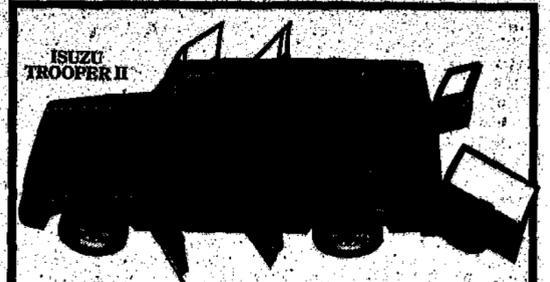
Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 10, in the Mescalero Reformed Church with Rev. Robert Schut officiating. Burial followed in the Mescalero Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Kevin Chee, Jovian Smith, Karl Botella, George LaPaz, Terrol Chee and Ed Sanchez. Honorary bearers were Harold Chee, Clifford Chee, Nathaniel Chee, Hobnathan Chee, Carlyle Connie, Eugene Botella, Alvin V. Treas, Meredith Tismolot, Maurice Kanseah and Virgil Reynolds.

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An eyewitness account of Billy the Kid's escape at Lincoln

By CHRIS HARKEY

(Eyewitnesses to the escape of Billy the Kid from the Lincoln County courthouse are few. One such eyewitness was G. Gauss of Lincoln, who recounted details of the murders and escape of the Kid or the Lincoln County Leader, a weekly newspaper. A letter from Gauss to his friend William Caffrey, editor of the Leader, dated Jan. 15, 1890, was published in the March 1, 1890 edition of the Leader, published at White Oaks. With so many conflicting stories, and with romanticizing of the Kid's story by many authors and movie script writers, Mr. Gauss' testimony should correct many historical inaccuracies. What follows is Gauss' eyewitness account of the affair, extracted from his letter published in the Leader.)

DEAR MAJOR:

You promised to the readers of your LEADER that I would tell all I know about the escape of Bill the Kid from the county jail at Lincoln after killing the two deputy sheriffs. I would have done so long before this had I not been slightly indisposed during the holidays.

Once upon a time, it was, if I mistake not, in the month of April 1880, 1881, or perhaps 1882, whilst Mr. Sam. Wortley, the now possessor of a rich coal mine at Salado, and myself, were raising a vegetable garden behind the courthouse in Lincoln, that Billy the Kid was brought back from Dona Ana County, where he was traced, for murder and sentenced to be hanged in Lincoln. About a week after the date I am writing about, he killed his two keepers and escaped. As the County had no jail then he was kept under guard in the upper story of the courthouse. Sam. and myself lived in a house together, behind the courthouse.

That memorable day I came out of my room, whence I had gone to light my pipe, and was crossing the yard behind the courthouse, when I heard a shot fired, a tussle up stairs in the court house, somebody hurrying down stairs, and deputy sheriff Bell emerging from the door running toward me. He ran right into my arms, expired the same moment, and I laid him down, dead. That I was in a hurry to secure assistance, or perhaps to save myself, everybody will believe.

When I arrived at the garden gate leading to the street, in front of the court house, I saw the other deputy sheriff, Olinger, coming out of the hotel opposite, with the other four or five county prisoners where they had taken their dinner I called to him to come quick. He did so, leaving his prisoners in front of the hotel.

When he had come close up to me, and while standing not more than a yard apart, I told him that I was just after laying Bell dead on the ground in the yard behind, and before he could reply, he was struck by a well directed shot fired from a window above us, and fell dead at my feet.

I ran for my life to reach my room and safety, when Billy the Kid called to me: "Don't run, I would'nt hurt you—I am alone, and master, not only of the court house, but also of the town; for I will allow nobody to come near us You go," he said, "and saddle one of Judge Leonard's horses, and I will clear out as soon as I can have the shackles loosened from my legs." With a little prospecting pick I had thrown to him through the window he was working for at least an hour, and could not accomplish more than to free one leg, and he came to the conclusion to await a better chance, tie one shackle to his waist-belt, and start out.

Meanwhile I had saddled a small skittish pony belonging to Billy Burt, as there was no other horse available, and had also, by Billy's command, tied a pair of red blankets behind the saddle.

I came near forgetting to say, that whilst I was busy saddling, and Mr. Billy Kid trying hard to get his shackle off, my partner, Mr. Sam. Wortley, appeared in the door leading from the garden where he had been at work, into the yard, and that when he saw the two sheriffs lying dead he did not know whether to go in or retreat, but on the assurance of Billy the Kid that he would not hurt him he went in and made himself generally useful.

When Billy went down stairs at last, on passing the body of Bell, he said, "I'm sorry I had to kill him but could'nt help it." On passing the body of Olinger he gave him a tip with his boot, saying, "You are not going to round me up again."

We went out together where I had tied up the pony, and he told me to tell the owner of same, Billy Burt, that he would send it back next day. I, for my part, did'nt much believe in this promise, but, sure enough, next morning, the pony arrived safe and sound, trail-a-long lariat, at the court house in Lincoln.

And so Billy the Kid started out that evening, after he had shaken hands with everybody around and after having had a little difficulty in mounting on account of the shackle on his leg, he went on his way rejoicing. That he was afterwards killed at Ft. Sumner by Pat. Garrett, is known to everybody.

In conclusion, I would like to say, that I have lately seen an article in a newspaper in which Mr. Pat. Garrett is said to have expressed himself that whenever a friend introduced him to a stranger, the latter will generally reply, "Ah, very glad to get acquainted, Mr. Garrett—you are the man who killed Billy the Kid," and therefore he often wishes that Billy had got the better of him.

It is possible, and does it not look very much like it, that Mr. Pat. Garrett is sorry for having killed Billy—perhaps his conscience troubles him. If this should be the case I will tell him one way thro' which he may perhaps find a little consolation.

Let him turn over to Sam. Wortley and myself half of the money he made killing Billy the Kid, let him join a church no matter of what denomination, and we will promise to take on our shoulders half of the sin, if there was any committed, and in the bargain we promise to intercede for him, on the "other side of Jordan," and use our best endeavors to secure forgiveness for his other short and long comings on this sphere.

This bargain Mr. Garrett should be very willing to make

with us, as had we done our duty, as some ignorant people say to this day, and have killed Billy the Kid, instead of letting him get away, he would not have had the precious game, for killing of which he pocketed such a big pile of lucre, and also, it might tranquilize his conscience to some degree.

In regard to the guilt or innocence of Billy the Kid I will here state, that Billy himself, in many conversations I had with him during the two or three years I was acquainted with him prior to his death, never denied that he was in the habit of stealing cattle from John Chisum, of Roswell, against whom he professed to have a claim, for wages I believe, which Chisum refused to pay, and hence he was determined to secure himself.

He always said to me that he had never killed anybody, and would never do so except in self defense.

A couple of years before his tragic end he told me that during the time he was an outlaw in the Capitan Mountains all of Pat. Garrett's

deputies who tried to round him up were once in partnership with him stealing cattle from John Chisum.

I do not now recollect for what murder Billy the Kid was tried and sentenced to death, but let me tell your readers that the late Judge Leonard, who defended him at his trial in Dona Ana County, often told me that he was condemned by a prejudiced jury, solely because his name was Billy the Kid, under which name many heinous crimes had been committed by Mexicans and outlaws from Texas to other States imported to this county, not by Billy the Kid, but by the principals of the then fighting two parties, which contest, was called the "Lincoln County War," and left innumerable graves all over the county.

Who will blame Billy the Kid for killing his two guards at the time of his escape from Lincoln, whilst he himself was to be hung up the week following?—This is the only murder I know of Billy ever committing. I did not blame him then—I don't blame him now. Life is sweet.



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Lincoln County sheep producers will receive about \$10,000 in incentive payments earned on 1986 sales of wool and unshorn lambs, according to Fred W. Pfingsten, chairman of the Lincoln County ASC Committee.

The 1986 support price for wool is \$1.78 per pound and the national average for 1986 was 66.8 cents a pound. The 1986 payment rate is 166.5 percent based on the 1986 nationwide marketings.

The 1986 payment rate is \$4.45 per hundred-weight for unshorn lambs marketed during 1986.

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 1115

IN THE MATTER OF INDEPENDENT COMPANY SETTLEMENTS IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Mexico State Corporation Commission will hold a public hearing to consider certain proposed rate changes of Continental Telephone Company of the West (CTCW) and other telephone companies in New Mexico.

On December 31, 1986, the Commission ordered telephone companies providing in-state long distance service to file proposed rate changes for in-state long distance services, for local exchange services, and for other service offerings in order to help offset revenue changes to be experienced as a result of Commission ordered changes in procedures by which telephone companies are compensated for providing in-state long distance service.

In accordance with the Commission's December 31, 1986 order, CTCW has requested commission approval for amendments to its tariffs to increase rates and charges for CTCW's Intra-LATA Interexchange Special Access Service, and certain local service offerings, including basic local exchange service. While CTCW has not asked the Commission for increases in its in-state long distance rates or in all of its local service rates, such increases could be ordered by the Commission.

The public hearing will be held commencing at 9:30 A.M. on April 27, 1987, in the Corporation Commission Hearing Room, Fourth Floor, P.E.R.A. Building at the corner of Old Santa Fe Trail and Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Copies of the company's proposed tariff amendments are available for inspection during regular business hours at the business offices of CTCW in Espanola, Ruidoso and Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, and at the office of the General Counsel, State Corporation Commission, P.E.R.A. Building, Room 440, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE WEST

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NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED OR DESIGNATED DEFENDANTS:

WILLIAM C. WALIZER; EARL ROGERS.

GREETINGS:

You and each of you are hereby notified that DENNIS LOVERIN, as Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Cause No. CV-87-47, Division III, wherein you are named or designated as Defendants and wherein the said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service of process upon you.

The general object of said action is to obtain judgment and to foreclose Plaintiff's lien as to a certain Guer Mobile Home, I.D. Number 83248126A172479, situated in Traller Space No. 25, Cherokee Mobile Village, Ruidoso, New Mexico, owned by Defendant, William C. Waltzer.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Preliminary Budget Hearing for Lincoln County Government will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 1987, at 9:00 A.M., in the Commission Meeting Room at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

JOHN A. HIGHTOWER, CHAIRMAN.

Published in the Lincoln County News on April 16, 1987.

The name and post office address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is as follows: Bill G. Payne, 707 Mechem, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this 24th day of March, 1987.

MARGO LINDSAY, District Court Clerk.

(D.C. SEAL)

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NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED OR DESIGNATED DEFENDANTS:

ANDY OROSCO; CLYDE GIDEON; CITIZENS SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

GREETINGS:

You and each of you are hereby notified that DENNIS LOVERIN, as Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Cause No. CV-87-48, Division III, wherein you are named or designated as Defendants, and wherein the said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service of process upon you.

The general object of said action is to obtain judgment and to foreclose judgment and lien as to a certain Barcroft Mobile Home, I.D. Number A6024586, situated in Traller Space No. 76, Cherokee Mobile Village, Ruidoso, New Mexico, owned by Defendant, Andy Orosco.

You and each of you are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in the said cause on or before the 8th day of May, 1987, judgment will be rendered against you and each of you by default, and the relief prayed for in the Complaint for Money Due and Foreclosure will be granted.

The name and post office address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is as follows: Bill G. Payne, 707 Mechem, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this 24th day of March, 1987.

MARGO LINDSAY, District Court Clerk.

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CAUSE NO. CV-114-77

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

OF

WILLIE D. SILVA, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL REPORT AND ACCOUNT

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:

FRANCES PERALTA, SUSIE ARCHULETA, TRANQUILINO SILVA, LIVORIO SILVA, ADDIE NAJAR, LORENZO M. SILVA, DOROTHY SILVA, SYLVIA S. SERNA, FRED SILVA, JR., DOROTHY JANE JENNINGS, JOE EDWARD SILVA, ALFRED SILVA, JR., JAMES SILVA, EDDIE SILVA, ARGENIA LUERAS, HENRY SILVA, CHARLIE LESLIE, MYRTLE OSBORN, JESSIE TORRANCE, BETTY HUFFMAN, JOHNNY LESLIE, LILLY GERRARD, ESTELLA CHAVEZ, DORA MUNOZ, GILBERT SILVA, and HENRY SILVA and all unknown heirs of WILLIE D. SILVA, deceased; and all persons claiming any lien upon, or right, title or interest in or to the estate of said decedent.

You are notified that Tranquilino Silva has filed in the above entitled matter his verified Final Report and Account as Administrator of the Estate of Willie D. Silva, deceased; and that on the 15th day of May, 1987, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., at the District Courtroom, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, the above named Court will hear objections to said Final Report and Account and will settle the same, and will proceed to determine the heirs of said deceased person.

You are notified that Tranquilino Silva has filed in the above entitled matter his verified Final Report and Account as Administrator of the Estate of Willie D. Silva, deceased; and that on the 15th day of May, 1987, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., at the District Courtroom, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, the above named Court will hear objections to said Final Report and Account and will settle the same, and will proceed to determine the heirs of said deceased person.

person, the ownership of his estate, the interest of each respective claimant therein or therein, and the persons entitled to distribution thereof.

Attorney for said Administrator is: Bill G. Payne, 707 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court at Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, this 31st day of March, 1987.

MARGO E. LINDSEY, District Court Clerk

(D.C. SEAL)

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RESOLUTION NO. 87-2 (BOND ELECTION RESOLUTION AND NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING)

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Carrizozo (herein the "Board" and "Town", respectively) in the County of Lincoln and State of New Mexico, has determined to submit to a vote the question of the issuance of its general obligation bonds in the maximum amount and for the purpose hereinafter specified, as permitted by Chapter 3, Article 30, NMSA 1978, and the Bond Election Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY (I.E., THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES) OF THE TOWN OF CARRIZOZO, NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A special election shall be held in the Town on Tuesday, May 19, 1987, at which there shall be submitted to the qualified registered electors of the Town and to the qualified, registered nonresident municipal electors as hereinafter defined, the following question:

Shall the Town of Carrizozo, New Mexico, be authorized to issue its general obligation bonds, in one series or more, in an amount of not exceeding \$150,000 for the purpose of constructing and purchasing a system for supplying water for the Town, said bonds to be payable from general (ad valorem) taxes (except to the extent other moneys are available therefor), and to bear interest and mature and to be issued upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may determine?

Section 2. The polls for said election will be opened at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the said election and will be closed at 7:00 p.m. The two Lincoln County General Election Precincts located within the Town, i.e., Nos. 3 and 4, shall be consolidated for this election so that the entire Town shall constitute a single consolidated election precinct for such election and electors shall vote at the Town Hall, 100 5th Street, in Carrizozo, New Mexico. Nonresident municipal electors shall vote at a separate polling place which shall also be located at the Town Hall.

Section 3. No ballot on the general obligation bond question shall be received by any precinct board unless the person offering to vote is a registered, qualified elector of the Town or a registered, qualified nonresident municipal elector as herein provided. A registered, nonresident municipal elector means any person who, on the day of election, is a qualified, registered elector of Lincoln County, but who is a resident of that portion of Lincoln County which is outside of the Carrizozo Town limits, who has paid a property tax on property located within the Town of Carrizozo during the year preceding the election, and has filed with the office of the Town Clerk of Carrizozo a certificate of eligibility announcing such person's intention to vote at such election on the question of creating municipal debt. A nonresident municipal elector also must file a certificate of eligibility with the Town Clerk not more than 60 nor less than 15 days before the date of the election, i.e., on or after March 20, 1987 but no later than May 4, 1987.

Section 4. The registration books of Lincoln County shall be closed by the County Clerk at 5 p.m. on April 7, 1987. Any person otherwise eligible to vote as a qualified elector or qualified nonresident municipal elector and not currently registered, may register prior to such time at the office of the County Clerk, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, or at the office of any deputy registration officer appointed by the County Board of Registration.

Section 5. Absentee voting shall be permitted in the manner

authorized by Sections 3-9-1 through 3-9-16, NMSA 1978. Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained from the office of the Carrizozo Town Clerk, Town Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico; but at 5:00 p.m. on May 14, 1987, the Clerk is required to destroy unused absentee ballots, so that completed applications must be returned to the Clerk prior to such time. The absentee voters' polling place will be located at the Carrizozo Town Hall, 100 5th Street in the Town.

Section 6. Voting machines shall be used for this special election except for the absentee voters' polling place and the nonresident municipal electors' polling place, at which paper ballots shall be used.

Section 7. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees will meet in open, regular session at the Town Hall, in Carrizozo, New Mexico, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 1987, to formally accept the certificate of results of such election and take other action relating thereto.

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED, this February 24, 1987.

ROBERT E. HEMPHILL, Mayor.

(SEAL)

ATTEST: CAROL SCHLARB, Clerk.

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RESOLUCION NO. 87-2 (RESOLUCION DE LA ELECCION DE BONOS Y NOTICIA DE LA JUNTA DEL CONSEJO)

POR CUANTO, el Consejo de Depositarios de la Ciudad de Carrizozo (de aqui en adelante el "Consejo" y la "Ciudad", respectivamente) en el Condado de Lincoln y Estado de Nuevo Mexico, ha determinado que somitira a votacion la pregunta de la emision de sus bonos de obligacion general en la cantidad maxima y para el proposito de agua, en adelante especificado, como esta permitido por Capitulo 3, Articulo 30, NMSA 1978, y el Acta de la Eleccion de Bonos.

AHORA, POR ESTA, SEA RESUELTO POR EL CUERPO GOBERNANTE (ES DECIR, EL CONSEJO DE DEPOSITARIOS) DE LA CIUDAD DE CARRIZOZO, NUEVO MEXICO:

Seccion 1. Una eleccion especial tendra lugar en la Ciudad el martes, 19 de mayo de 1987 en la cual sera sometida a los electores calificados, registrados de la Ciudad y a los electores municipales no-residentes, calificados, registrados como estan por esta definidos, la siguiente pregunta:

Se autorizada la Ciudad de Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico, a emitir bonos de obligacion general, en una serie o mas, en una cantidad a no exceder \$150,000 para el proposito de construir y comprar un sistema para proveer agua para la Ciudad, dichos bonos a ser pagables de impuestos generales (ad valorem) (excepto al grado que otro dinero sea disponible por esto), y a ganar interes y a madurar y a ser emitidos bajo tales terminos y condiciones como determine el Consejo de Depositarios?

Seccion 2. Los parajes para dicha eleccion se abran a las 8:00 a.m. el dia de dicha eleccion y se cerraran a las 7:00 p.m. Los dos Precintos de Eleccion General del Condado de Lincoln que estan dentro de la Ciudad, es decir, Nos. 3 y 4, seran consolidados para esta eleccion para que toda la Ciudad pueda ser un solo precinto de eleccion consolidado para esta eleccion y los electores votaran en el Town Hall, 100 5th Street, en Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico.

Seccion 3. Ningun boleto sobre la pregunta del bono de obligacion general sera recibido por ningun consejo de precinto a menos de que la persona que esta ofreciendose a votar es un elector registrado, calificado como esta por esta provelo. Un elector municipal registrado, no-residente quiere decir una persona que, el dia de la eleccion, es un elector calificado, registrado del Condado de Lincoln, pero que es un residente de esa porcion del Condado de Lincoln que esta fuera de los limites de la Ciudad de Carrizozo, que ha pagado un impuesto de propiedad sobre propiedad que esta localizada den-

tro de la Ciudad de Carrizozo durante el ano anterior a la eleccion, y que haya registrado con la oficina del Escribano de la Ciudad de Carrizozo un certificado de elegibilidad anunciando la intencion de dicha persona a votar en dicha eleccion sobre la pregunta de crear una deuda municipal. Un elector municipal no-residente tambien debe registrar un certificado de elegibilidad con el Escribano de la Ciudad no mas de 60 y no menos de 15 dias antes de la fecha de la eleccion, es decir, el 20 de marzo o antes pero a no mas tardar el 4 de mayo de 1987.

Seccion 4. Los libros de registracion del Condado de Lincoln seran cerrados por el Escribano del Condado a las 5:00 p.m. el 7 de abril de 1987. Una persona otra manera elegible a votar como elector calificado o elector municipal calificado, no-residente y que no esta corrientemente registrado, puede registrarse antes de dicho tiempo en la oficina del Escribano del Condado, Casa de Corte del Condado de Lincoln, Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico, o en la oficina de cualquier oficial de registracion diputado apunado por el Consejo de Registracion del Condado.

Seccion 5. Votacion por ausentes sera permitido en la manera autorizado por Secciones 3-9-1 hasta 3-9-16, NMSA 1978. Aplicaciones para boletas de ausentes pueden ser obtenidos de la oficina del Escribano de la Ciudad de Carrizozo, Town Hall, Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico; pero a las 5:00 p.m. el 14 de mayo de 1987, el Escribano esta requirido a destruir boletas de ausentes no-usados, asi que aplicaciones completas deben ser regresadas al Escribano antes de dicho tiempo. El paraje de votacion para votantes ausentes esta en el Town Hall de Carrizozo, 100 5th Street en la Ciudad.

Seccion 6. Maquinas de votacion se usaran para esta eleccion especial excepto por el paraje de votacion de votantes ausentes y el paraje de votacion para los electores municipales no-residentes, en los cuales se usaran boletas de papel.

Seccion 7. NOTICIA ES POR ESTA DADA que el Consejo de Depositarios se juntara en una sesion regular, abierta en el Town Hall, en Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico, a las 6:00 p.m. el martes, 26 de mayo de 1987, para formalmente aceptar el certificado de los resultados de

dicha eleccion y tomar cualquier otra accion relacionada a esta. PASADA, ADOPTADA, FIR- MADA Y APROBADA este 24 de febrero de 1987.

(4) ROBERT E. HEMPHILL, Alcalde.

(SELLO) Atestigo: (5) CAROL SCHLARB, Escribano.

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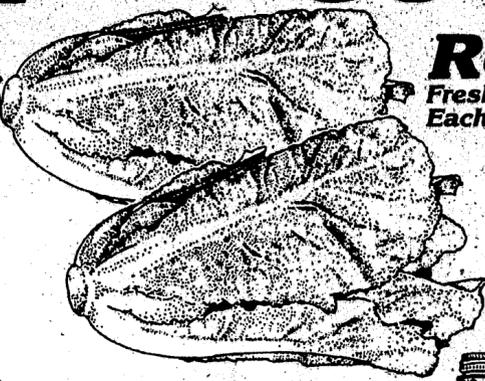
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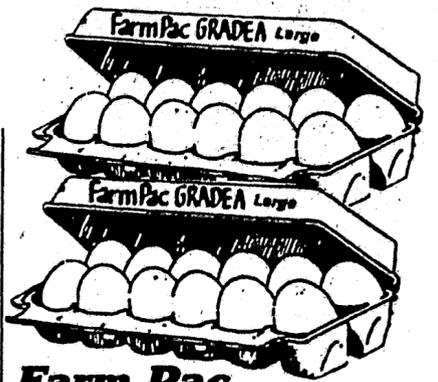
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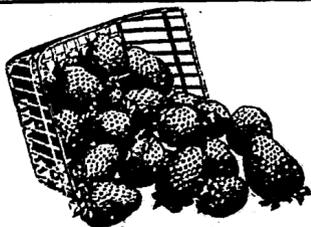
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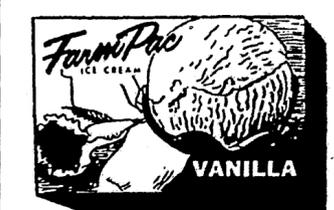
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Lb. **1.49**

Decker All Meat Franks
12 Oz. **.99**

**Mrs. Paul's Battered Fish
Filets**
24 Oz. **2.69**

Booth Cod or Perch Filets
16 Oz. **1.98**

Sweet Corn
Fancy Large Ears
Each 5 For **1.00**

**Ruffles Brand Potato
Chips**
6 1/2 Oz. Pkg. **.89**

Del Monte Golden Corn
No Salt Whole Kernel, Creamstyle
Creamstyle No Salt
17 Oz. Can 2 For **.79**

**Del Monte Early Green Peas
or No Salt Peas**
17 Oz. Can 2 For **.79**

Del Monte Fruit Cocktail
Assorted Styles
16-17 Oz. Can **.69**

Del Monte Pear Halves
Reg. or Lite
16 Oz. Can **.79**

Crisco Shortening
Reg. or Butter
3 Lb. Can **1.98**

Gold Medal Flour
All Varieties
5 Lb. Bag **.89**

Betty Crocker Stuffing Mix
Assorted Flavors
6 Oz. Pkg. **.89**

**Food Club Hamburger Dill
Pickles**
16 Oz. Jar **.59**

**Food Club Sweet Pickle
Relish**
16 Oz. Jar **.69**

Pillsbury Plus Cake Mix
All Varieties
18 1/2 Oz. Pkg. **.69**

Price's Skin Milk
1/2 Gal. Ctn. **.98**

Price's Cottage Cheese
12 Oz. Ctn. **.69**

Food Club Butter
1 Lb. Quarters **1.79**

Farm Pac White Bread
Homestyle or Thin Sliced
1 1/2 Lb. Lbs. **.39**

Kitchen Pride Desert Cups
4 Ct. **.49**

**Kitchen Pride Angel Food
Ring**
13 Oz. Pkg. **1.49**

**Puffs Facial
Tissue**
Assorted Colors
175 Ct. **.68**

**Scope
Mouthwash**
Reg. or Peppermint
40 Oz. **3.99**

Prell Shampoo/Conditioner
Normal/Dry
Normal/Oily
16 Oz. **2.19**

**Alka Seltzer Extra
Strength**
24's **2.19**