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## Color guard leads Santa parade

The famed Holloman Color Guard is scheduled to lead the parade through Carrizozo Saturday at 1 p.m. The parade is sponsored by the Carrizozo volunteer fire department and will feature Santa Claus as the guest of honor riding in a horse-drawn wagon.

Everyone is invited to join in the parade which will begin at the fire station and make its way through town to Spencer Park. Anyone interested in being in the parade should contact Fire Chief Albert Najjar or any volunteer fireman.

## Decoration contest is Dec. 23

Debbie King, chairman of the Christmas decorating contest sponsored by the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce, announced that judging for the contest will be held Dec. 23.

A traveling trophy will be presented to the winner in the commercial or business category. The Lincoln County courthouse received the trophy last year.

Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be presented in the residential category.

## Water pressure tests postponed

The water pressure tests that were to be conducted Monday and Tuesday in Carrizozo were postponed due to the bad weather.

Engineers from Wilson and Company in Albuquerque were unable to get to Carrizozo because of bad weather and road closures.

The water tanks are being filled again this week and water pressure is good in the town. The second week in January is the tentative date for the water pressure tests and inspection of water tanks. Notices will be posted when the water pressure is to drop again.

# New airport opened with lots of 'hoopla'

The Sierra Blanca Regional Airport is officially open. A bright yellow plane made it official by swooping down for a colorful ribbon cutting during grand opening ceremonies held Friday.

Balloons filled the air as the plane cut the red, white and blue ribbon stretched across the runway. Dignitaries joined the crowd in cheering as the long-awaited airport became a reality.

Sierra Blanca Airport Commission chairman Bill

Karn led the program which included the first landing of Mesa Airlines to inaugurate daily service to the airport.

The Ruidoso school band added to the festivities celebrating the completion of a 20-year effort to build a safe airport on the Fort Stanton mesa to serve all of Lincoln County.

Milestones through the years were noted in speeches made by those helping make the special opening a day to remember. County officials,

state officials, and federal government officials, as well as Federal Aviation Administration representatives, participated in the ceremony.

Invitations were extended to everyone involved with the airport and a reception was held at the Ruidoso Financial Center after the grand opening ceremony.

SBRA is located 15 miles northeast of Ruidoso on Fort Stanton road and has a runway 8,100 feet long, offering capability for commercial air

traffic. Mesa Airlines will have two daily round-trip flights connecting SBRA with Albuquerque, Roswell and Dallas.

Air Ruidoso, a privately owned airline, is already servicing the area with flights to Albuquerque, El Paso and Alamogordo with connecting

flights from Carrizozo Municipal Airport. Refreshments and entertainment were the order of the day for the festive proceedings.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE Ben Hall, at Friday's Sierra Blanca Regional Airport grand opening read a message from Governor Garrey Carruthers. Hall was present a year ago at the ground breaking for the 8,100-foot runway that will "connect Lincoln County to the world," according to Barbara DiPaolo, president of Ruidoso Hondo Valley C of C.

## DA, US attorney, Forest Service cited

# Lietzman charges conspiracy, civil rights violation in new lawsuit

By Ruth Hammond

Carolyn Lietzman is filing charges against the US attorney's office, the US Forest Service and District Attorney James Weldon, charging them with conspiracy as well as

violating her civil rights by denying her the chance to prosecute in court the criminal charges filed in the O'Bar O trespass case.

According to state statutes, criminal actions must be prosecuted by the district attorney or a duly appointed

prosecutor appointed by the district attorney for the judicial district in which the court is located.

Weldon dismissed the case with prejudice on Nov. 10. Dismissing a case with prejudice means the case cannot be refilled.

Lietzman was outraged when told of the dismissal but has the option of pursuing the case in a civil action.

"Civil action in no way compensates for a criminal action," Lietzman stated, but did say she would pursue the case in civil action.

The case began Aug. 19 when Lietzman placed two forest service employees under citizens arrest for trespassing on her property. She found them grading her pasture.

The state entered the case Sept. 23 when assistant district attorney Harry Wilcox Jr. filed an amended complaint charging criminal trespass. The case was removed to federal court, and at a hearing on Oct. 22 the federal court directed the state to file a motion to remand the case back to state court.

Wilcox filed the motion but was told by Weldon on Oct. 27 to dismiss the case. Wilcox said that he could not in good conscience dismiss the case, "because of my moral values and because I felt it would violate the professional code of responsibility to which all lawyers are duty-bound to follow."

Lietzman did not want the case dismissed and filed a petition for a writ of mandamus asking for a preliminary injunction restraining the district attorney from dismissing the case. The petition was denied by District Judge Richard Parsons.

Weldon's dismissal of the case came before the federal court had sufficient time to rule on the motion to remand the case back to state court.

Two days after dismissing the case Weldon asked Wilcox to resign effective not later than Dec. 11, 1987 and said, "As of that date, your appointment as assistant district attorney will be terminated."

Wilcox told the NEWS, "The main reason I had a problem with dismissing the case was due to a telephone conversation between him (Weldon) and myself wherein he stated to me that he was getting pressure from the United States Attorney's office and from the United States Forest Service to dismiss, and further stated that any affiliation with the Lietzman name would be political suicide."

## Sheriff/commissioners feud continues

# Luna reinstated as deputy sheriff; Samuels objects

"Mr. Luna will not be reinstated," Sheriff Don Samuels stated after hearing the decision of Lincoln County Commissioners to reinstate sheriff deputy Jimmie Luna.

The decision was made following an open grievance hearing before the county commissioners on Dec. 10. It was the unanimous decision and order of the commissioners that Luna be reinstated with full pay, all benefits and to his former position from the date of termination Sept. 4, 1987.

Further, it was ordered that all employee misconduct reports, disciplinary actions, correction notices, poor performance evaluations and termination letters regarding the incidents in the hearing be purged and removed from his personnel file and not be used as the basis for any evaluations or personnel actions detrimental to Luna.

Samuels objected to the hearing and presented a motion for continuance because his attorney Daniel A. Bryant was not present. The motion stated that the notice of hearing was received by Bryant on Dec. 7.

A letter from Bryant's secretary, Gail Wimberly, asking that the hearing be rescheduled was dated Dec. 3 and received by the county Dec. 4.

During the hearing Elizabeth Simpson, attorney for Luna, requested that certain documents relevant to the termination be produced by the sheriff.

"The records will not be produced," Samuels said and later in the proceedings when asked again to produce the documents, stated, "If I need to refuse again for the record, I will. The records will not be produced until I receive advice from legal counsel."

Simpson stated that Luna was terminated with no verbal or written reprimands and no evaluations.

"Under the personnel ordinance and the constitution, before he is fired, he is entitled to know why he is being fired. This was not done," Simpson said. "The termination was unconstitutional." She further stated that the termination was a violation of the personnel ordinance.

Samuels declined to make an opening statement and said, "I feel we are here illegally. I will have no witnesses. I will have no comments."

Simpson entered an officer's daily report into evidence as an exhibit. County attorney Gary Mitchell asked Samuels if he objected to admitting the evidence.

"I have objections to the

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## NEWS will publish on Dec. 23

The Lincoln County News, regularly scheduled to be published Dec. 24, will come out on Dec. 23, a day earlier, to permit readers to receive the paper before Christmas.

The NEWS will be closed Dec. 24 to allow employees to be with their families.

Advertisers and correspondents are alerted to have their copy in a day earlier for the Christmas week edition.

## Commentary

# Ruidoso spends \$3 million without any taxpayer input

By J.A. "AL" JUNGE

It was a foregone conclusion that the Eagle Creek water transmission line would be approved for construction when the Ruidoso City Council met Nov. 24. Spending taxpayers funds amounting to \$768,000 on a project, which some have questioned, passed by a 3-2 vote with Councilmen James and Pirelli voting "no."

After James concluded his objections I requested recognition to address the issue. Mayor Davis asked if my name was on the agenda. The answer was obviously "no" since the mayor had a copy of the meeting agenda before him attesting to the fact that my name was not on it. I attempted to explain why it was almost impossible to be placed on the agenda since the agenda was closed on Thursday at noon, prior to the council meeting on the following Tuesday. Until the agenda was published in the local news on Thursday no one knew what was included in the agenda unless a call was made to city hall before noon on Thursday. Mayor Davis, interrupted at this point to allow me to continue.

I explained to the council that I wanted to reflect the history of the Eagle Creek Well Project from 1964 to date.

As in the past, I questioned the advisability of spending \$3,000,000 on the Eagle Creek Project without direct consultation and approval of taxpayers. I questioned the decision to construct a pipeline, build a road, and construct an underground electrical power system solely based on some contrived promise made to the US Forest Service sometime in the past by, as yet unknown individuals, giving Ruidoso the right to drill the Eagle Creek Wells.

Who made this agreement? When was it made? Why were the taxpayers kept in the dark?

When I commented on the fact that the only agreement of record was a "use permit" dated March 19, 1966 by the Forest Service and dated nearly two years after the wells were completed, Mayor Davis concluded my remarks by commenting, in part, "I don't want to listen any longer, have heard it 15 times, I was not here."

No, Mr. Mayor, you were not mayor prior to March 1966; however, that is not the point. What is asked (1) Who authorized the agreement with the Forest Service? (2) When was the agreement made? (3) Why was it made?

The Eagle Creek Well Project started prior to his election as mayor in March 1966.

However, he should be aware of the situation and how it developed to the point where a lot of money has been spent during his time in office.

A simple answer to the foregoing questions would suffice.

Now, about the matter of the agenda.

As previously stated, the agenda closes at noon on Wednesday prior to the council meeting on the following Tuesday. The local news publishes the agenda on Thursday, the next day. Unless an interested party would call the city hall by noon on Wednesday items appearing on the agenda could not be determined until published in the local paper. It would be too late at this point to get on the agenda to speak on an item appearing on the agenda. Changes have been made recently in the agenda makeup which has done much to eliminate any participation by those wishing to speak on a subject.

The New Mexico Municipal League's "Pocket Guide for New Mexico Officials" sets forth some practical and standard procedures for agenda preparation and administration. The partici-

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JIMMIE LUNA has been reinstated as a sheriff deputy following a grievance hearing before the county commission on Dec. 10. With Luna are his wife Mary (left) and attorney Elizabeth Simpson.

# Capitan board approves tax increase election

The Capitan Board of Education on Dec. 10 approved a resolution calling for an election Feb. 2. At issue is a 2 mil levy per assessed \$1,000 valuation. If approved, the levy would be in effect through 1990. Al Clemmons, represented Quinn and Company.

The revenue generated, some \$65,000 a year, would be used for the following: work on the bleachers, tile, drainage, storage in the old gym. The lighting on stage and leaks in the new gym. Repair leakage, and storage in the high school. More computers would be purchased for labs. A facility is needed for such a lab. The tile in the cafeteria needs some work.

Architect Jim French reported that the entire new sports complex could be completed by the next board meeting.

The board approved Carol Turner as a new 6th grade teacher to alleviate the overload at this grade level. Placed under contract were Darlene Herrera in special education and JoAnne Jackson, speech in special education.

Stephanie Stowe was approved as an aide for the Ft. Stanton class. Lee Ann Longbottom will be a new aide for kindergarten.

The high school student handbook was approved and will become a part of school board policy. Capitan students will no longer be allowed to take correspondence courses if the subject is offered by the Capitan Schools.

The board is looking at a

gifted program out of Duke University. The board is also looking at a math program whereby gifted students may pace themselves. A student must have an IQ of 134 before being considered for the gifted program.

A college prep course will be implemented next semester.

Supt. Scott Childress talked about the water drainage problem on the west end of town. He estimated the total cost to be \$20,881. Sixty percent of the cost would be assumed by the state highway department. The remaining 40 percent would be split evenly between the Capitan Schools and

the Village of Capitan.

The actual crossing at Highway 48 will go out for bid when the easement situation is cleared up.

During the meeting board member Tom Trost made the point that taxes will not go up because of the 2 mil levy.

The board asked for an 80 day report. After various factors are weighed, the school enrollment for monetary purposes stands at 503.5.

It was noted that driver education is not an elective course. Supt. Childress has applied for a waiver so students can receive credit for this class.



CAROLYN LIETZMAN and Harry Wilcox Jr. were married in a private ceremony at the O Bar O Ranch on Dec. 14. Wilcox's son Tres and daughter Candace attended the wedding. The nuptials were performed by Rev. Sloan Humphries and Rev. Patricia Humphries.

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

Tuesday, December 22

Lincoln County Commission meets at 9 a.m. at courthouse in Carrizozo.

The Corona school will present "A New Mexico Christmas" in the Corona auditorium at 1 p.m.

Valley of Fires Lions club meets at 1:30 at R.E.A. building.

Wednesday, December 23

The NEWS is printed. Judging for the residential and commercial Christmas decorating contest in Carrizozo sponsored by the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce.

Friday, December 25

Christmas!

## OBITUARY

GEORGIANNA CISCO

Georgianna Cisco, 29, died Dec. 9 at the home in Anadarko, OK.

Prayer service was held at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at La Grone Funeral Chapel. Funeral Services were at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14 at Mescalero Reformed Church with Bob Scott of the church

officiating. Burial was in Mescalero Cemetery.

## Feud continues . . . .

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whole proceedings," Samuels responded.

Luna, who has been in law enforcement for 20 years and was Torrance County undersheriff from 1981-84, began his employment with the Lincoln County Sheriff's department on Jan. 2, 1985.

Problems between Samuels and Luna were evident when Luna requested a grievance hearing with the sheriff on March 28.

Luna requested a formal hearing on June 2. The hearing was closed to the public and was held before the county personnel board. Results of that hearing were that the sheriff and Luna were to meet and attempt to resolve their problems. They were supposed to report back to the personnel board within 15 days.

Samuels terminated Luna Sept. 4. Luna filed on Sept. 8 a request that Samuels review his termination and send to Luna the sheriff's written decision within seven days as required by the personnel ordinance.

On Sept. 16 the attorneys agreed on a procedure which necessitated the delay of a formal hearing in order to do proper discovery. Apparently, there was no further communication between the parties after Simpson requested of Bryant to provide certain information on Sept. 25.

Luna requested a hearing before the board of county commissioners regarding the termination of his employment. The request was made Nov. 16. Public notice was advertised of the hearing on Nov. 23 and the legal notice was in the Dec. 8 issue of the Lincoln County News and the Ruidoso News.

During the hearing Samuels refused to ask questions of any of the witnesses.

Richard Ness, president of the New Mexico Sheriffs' and Police Association, testified that Luna performed excellently during his four years as undersheriff. Ness was sheriff of Torrance County 1981-84 and hired Luna as undersheriff for both terms of office.

Throughout the proceedings commissioners John Hightower, Ralph Dutilap and Bill Karn asked questions of witnesses, termination proceedings and alleged incidents.

Before making a public decision in the matter, Karn stated that his reason for not granting the continuance was because, "It appears that everyone had over seven days notice." The personnel ordinance requires that hearings be held within a specified time.

Commissioners had up to 48 hours in which to make a decision. Luna had requested to be reinstated with back pay and to have a clean personnel file with no reprimands. The written report of findings and conclusions was available within the required time.

A petition with 139 signatures was presented to county commissioners stating that Luna was a "very good law officer and that he has performed his duties in a very professional manner." The petition was accepted by commissioners at the close of the grievance hearing.

"We will appreciate any consideration you may give him in getting re-instated," The petition stated.

Immediately after hearing the decision to reinstate Luna, Samuels made his statement that, "Mr. Luna will not be reinstated," and left the room.

Luna reported for work at 8 a.m., Dec. 11.

## Commentary . . . .

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Not of those in the audience is covered under item 4 in the handbook. Item 4 means that the matter is the fourth item to appear on an agenda. At this point anyone in the audience can be recognized to speak on any subject.

Item 4, Responses from Audience, has disappeared from the Ruidoso City Council agenda. It no longer exists. I have been told that this was done with council approval. In the place of item 4 an agenda item 11 now appears at the bottom of the council's agenda. Titled "New Business and Visitors Who Wish to be Recognized," this is a poor substitution for those who have been forced to wait through the entire council meeting to be

able to speak. As a result, no one speaks and the council is relieved of listening to anyone who wishes to take a part in their government.

The points made in the Municipal Guide Book tend to encourage participation in council meetings—not to discourage participation.

The number attending council meetings has been on a steady decrease for a longtime, and this is regrettable. We need to improve this situation and to take whatever steps are necessary to do so.

Reinstatement of item 4, Responses from the Audience, would be a good start in the right direction.

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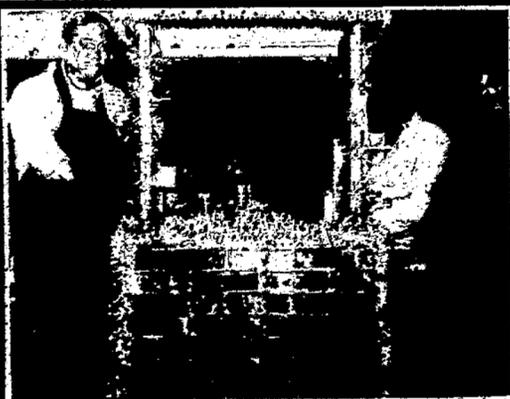
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## Card Of Thanks

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The Otero family



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High winds, heavy snow, bitter cold

# Blizzard paralyzes county; town opens doors to stranded motorists



"4 N. S. CLOSED; 380 E and 380 W, not advised to travel," was the message posted at the school cafeteria by State Police Sunday evening in Carrizozo. Passengers and drivers of the Greyhound bus were among more than 50 stranded motorists who found shelter at the school.

The blizzard that hit New Mexico this past weekend caused hazardous driving conditions and roads were closed in the Lincoln County area. More than 50 motorists were stranded in Carrizozo Sunday night and had to seek shelter in the Carrizozo school cafeteria. Temperatures plunged as low as 14 degrees below zero in the county.

Motels were filled beyond capacity, leaving motorists no choice but to contact the sheriff's office for emergency housing. The first people arrived at the school about 6 p.m. with more arriving by 7 p.m. School cafeteria manager Charlotte Archuleta said there were 45 to 50 people in the cafeteria by morning. A Greyhound bus arrived between 9 and 10 p.m. with 20 people.

Archuleta prepared a meal Sunday evening and breakfast Monday morning for those using the temporary shelter. Blankets and sleeping bags were provided by area residents.

Elaine McClure of Ruidoso was one of the motorists unable to get home. She works at Ruidoso schools as cafeteria manager and while in Carrizozo helped Archuleta prepare meals. She also provided sausage for the breakfast.

School Supt. Danny Burnett opened Clegg Hall and the library for the comfort of stranded motorists. Coffee was served all night and a VCR and tapes for them to watch helped make the situation better.

A family of four from El Paso stayed at Zia Senior Citizens Center all night. The motels filled earlier in the day and in many cases were doubling up some of the truck drivers and other people will-

ing to share rooms.

A bus load of basketball players from Socorro spent Saturday night and Sunday night in Carrizozo. They had attended a tournament in Roswell and made it to Carrizozo before road conditions forced them to stop.

A group of 44 foreign exchange students from all over the world, and their Rotary Club sponsors, had been attending a conference in Alamogordo and also made it to Carrizozo before road conditions stopped them Sunday.

Both groups were housed in the Four Winds Motel with as many as six people to a room. Many of them had sleeping bags and blankets.

Driving conditions in Carrizozo were also bad. Mayor Bob Hemphill used a city police car to taxi people where necessary and directed people to the school for the temporary shelter. Policeman Gilbert Archuleta assisted with taxi service, directing people to the school and pulling people out of the snow.

Streets were being cleared by city crews as well as Gary Lovelace, Johnnie Morales and Rusty Leslie of the Captain-Carrizozo Natural

Gas Association.

The sheriff's department reported there were many emergency calls from people unable to get out in the Ruidoso Subdivisions. Snow drifts caused by the wind was the main problem.

The county road department reported that roads should be clear by the end of the week.

The weatherman is not cooperating, and is calling for another storm to hit the area today.



CHARLOTTE ARCHULETA, Angelo Vega, left and Rick Emmons, right, were among volunteers who helped prepare a rib-sticking breakfast complete with homemade biscuits for people stranded in Carrizozo.

## Bowling results

Team standings for the Monday Night Roadrunner bowling league for the week of Dec. 7: Means Motor Supply, Rusty Anchor, United New Mexico and Family Pharmacy.

Individual high scores: scratch game, Ellie Bannister 208; handicap game, Ellie Bannister 245; scratch series, Sue Stearns 527; handicap series, Sue Stearns 632.

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CARRIZOZO STUDENTS of the Month received certificates from PFK (People for Kids) president Rosemary Shafer (center). Students of the month were (from left) Lisa Hightower, Veronica Sainz and Christi Brown.

## Students of the month honored

Carrizozo teachers have selected Veronica Sainz, Christi Brown and Lisa Hightower as students of the month for December. The program is sponsored by People for Kids (PFK) to honor outstanding students in elementary, mid-school and high school. Each student will receive a certificate in recognition of the award.

First grade student Veronica Sainz is the elementary student of the month. She was chosen because of her progress in language arts and math. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Sainz.

Christi Brown is the mid-school student of the month. She is in 5th grade and gets along well with other students knows how to set priorities and accomplishes what she sets out to do. Her parents are Charlene and Gordon Brown.

Tenth grade student Lisa Hightower was selected because of her academic excellence, dependability and cheerful nature. She is active in PTA and basketball. Her parents are Beth and Gary Hightower.

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This is not to denigrate your contribution to human happiness over the past 1600 years. Let's face it. Times have changed. This wholesale distribution of gifts has, in this country at least, been pre-empted by state and federal governments. You must be aware that for years Uncle Sam, hereinafter referred to as US, also goes by the name of Santa Claus. Changed conditions and burgeoning population require that Christmas giving be done on each day of the year, something your elves and eight reindeer cannot accomplish. Too, your paltry gifts of apples, nuts, neckties, candy and cheap goodies are inconsistent with the more sophisticated and extravagant tastes of our 250 million people. Unfortunately for you, the practice of leaving gifts only to good and deserving children is contrary to public policy in that it discriminates against those who, through no fault of their own, are bad. US has determined that it is neither moral nor legal under recently enacted law to so discriminate.

Quite a dossier has been compiled, the substance of which is that you have violated just about every legal and moral requirement to which US is dedicated. For example, the American Civil Liberties Union complains that your visits occur on the alleged birthday of Jesus Christ, a Christian deity. Jews, Moslems, Buddhists and Hare Krishnas are not included, thus violating the federal constitution's admonishment against religious preferences.

Also, St. Nicholas (to use one of your many aliases), you are white in addition to being Christian; presumably a male heterosexual since there has been no forthright declaration of your having ever come out of the closet; and you administer to more white children than non-white, a nasty form of apartheid up with which this nation will no longer put. In short, you're a redneck.

Your sleigh does not have ICC approval as an interstate carrier, and only a high regard for past good work has kept you from prosecution. The IRS has not approved your operation as a non-profit, charitable institution. Working those eight reindeer, whose average age is more than 75 years, violates the new Declaration of Animal Rights of the United Nations, to which this country is bound. You know, of course, that working elves and reindeer more than eight daylight hours without double time holiday pay is verboten. OSHA wants a word with you about the lack of seat belts on your sleigh and no approved emission control on those reindeer. And take that red light bulb off Rudolph's nose and stick it in his rear, where it belongs.

You are also dropping gifts in Rhodesia without government approval, and you have some explaining to do for having supplied that kid in Albuquerque with a copy of "Little Black Sambo." The EPA's anti-pollution team is investigating the incident of reindeer droppings in the punch bowl at an outdoor Christmas Eve party in Miami last year. Really!

The real reasons for discontinuing your services is not only your many infractions. First, the Carter Administration applies its human rights program selectively and elastically. Only your good heart, good intentions and respect for past performance has saved you from condemnation. Second, your operation is antiquated and non-automated. You can no longer meet the competition of federal, state and local governments that "gifted" the American people to the tune of \$286 billion during 1976. By 1976 our Santa Claus-by-Government had more than 1,000 different federal agencies engaged in gifting even more to US's many supplicants. The modus operandi must boggle your mind. The system is called "redistribution" of the entire national wealth. It consists of picking the pockets of working, producing citizens and stuffing the loot into the stockings of the non-producers. It makes your one-man operation look as silly as Lillian Gish in the ring with Mohammed Ali.

You have done the best you could. Your creation of dispensing joy and happiness to so many is not forgotten. Which is why you are not in jail already. We are not unaware of your early days as Bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor. At that time you solved the murder of three children whose bodies were hidden in barrels of salt. Nor are we insensitive to your kindly intervention in the affairs of a rich man who, through his generosity, lost his fortune and could not provide dowries for his three daughters. Without dowry no girl could marry, and would be forced into a sinful life. Your goodness in restoring the dowries from the coffers of your church is evidence of a good heart. It was also embezzlement, but no matter.

Through the years you have served as the special guardian of children, maidens, merchants, sailors—and even thieves; and as patron saint of Russia, Greece and many European cities. One of your great contributions is the three balls that identify pawnshops, symbolic of the three murdered boys and the three rescued maidens. Good work, but you are well past the mandatory retirement age. When we put our most experienced, qualified and gifted citizens out to pasture at 85, what excuse do we have for keeping you on at the age of 1600?

You may retire, Santa, but don't go too far away. Sometime you will be called upon again to bring joy to the certifiable good kids and stern discipline to those who are not. Let's call it temporary retirement, a hedge against the time when Santa Claus-by-Government has bankrupted the country. Already, New York City has defaulted on its obligations, instigated by playing Santa Claus to everybody. Of course, the left-winged defenders of New York don't call it default; they call it by another name, moratorium. And last week Cleveland became the second city to default for the

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**Commentary**

**Education: thoughts on the problem and the solution**

By CORNELIUS U. MORGAN

The primary right to educate is bestowed on parents by the Creator and no government or constitution can abrogate that right. After all, who educated children before there was a formal school? Parents.

But the control of education over many generations has passed from parents to almost exclusively the state. In the infancy of our nation everyone went to a private school chosen by their parents.

The public schools were established specifically to educate the poor who couldn't afford private education. These schools were funded then as they are today, primarily with the taxes paid by the middle class. As the cost of education constantly escalates, the exodus of the middle class from the private to the public schools continues until today we are on the verge of having exclusively public schools. Since the public school authorities now have a captive group, they can mold any kind of a society that is their pleasure by what they teach our children and we parents don't have any say in the matter.

The federal government, at least partially controlled by the National Education Association, has nearly accomplished its first major step in the establishment of the all-powerful federal state. This goal will be achieved when they have absolute control over education in America. This is the same method the Nazis used to attain complete control of the German people.

There is only one way to loosen this stranglehold that government has on education and that is by purging government from education. Since this is such a complex problem, the first step would be to stop all federal funding of education. Oh, no! You can't do that, the liberals will protest—what about federal grants to students for their college education?

When I see these Marxist-run state universities giving college credits to students for demonstrating against the very government that is supporting their college education, I say let them earn the money for college like their fathers and grandfathers did by first serving their country before they go to college. They then won't be ingratitude be biting the hand that feeds them.

The cry from the liberals will then be, "How will the state governments make up these funds?" The state governments, of course, are closer to the control of the taxpayers and the states, in order to get taxpayers approval, will now be more willing to listen to them. One way state governments can rid itself of many albatross around the taxpayers necks is to sell some of their assets, such as state-owned institutions of higher learning to the private sector.

This would also be a way of getting government out of education. This alone will not make up the funds stopped by the federal government. The state will have to get these funds from taxpayers, who will be in a much better bargaining position to sue for a quality education for their children.

The first thing taxpayers should insist on in their bargaining with the state is to again make civil service unions illegal. This is the only way you can rid education of the greatest evil in the United States today, the National Education Association.

The second step would be to obtain equitable funding by the state for both the private and public sectors in education. Without the effective competition from the private sector the public sector will never have the incentive to improve their horrible educational system.

Since the National Education Association is the largest union and most powerful political force in our country today, I would now like to focus my comments on the biggest boil on the rump of our society, the modern day union.

The turn of the century ushered in the dawn of the industrial revolution and also the age of the rugged individualists who defied the laws of both God and man in their oppression of the working man. The establishment of the factory started about this time.

The factory worker in those days worked 16 hours a day in order to eke out a bare existence for himself and his family. Children also labored in these factories, as there were no child labor laws. At that time there was no one the laborer could turn to with his grievances against management.

Just before the turn of the century my grandfather and uncles labored in the mines of Western Maryland to sustain their families. At that time if a man was killed in the mine, his family received no compensation as a result of his death. But if a mule was killed, the company was reimbursed \$50 by the insurance company. Incidentally, one of my uncles was killed in a cave-in. So you can understand why I am not naturally against unions. On the contrary, I realize they are a very necessary entity to protect the rights of workers from an abusive management.

The story of labor unions today is quite a different story than when they were originally instituted. Today, Big Labor has been infiltrated by organized crime as can be readily seen by the arson of the Dupont Plaza in San Juan by a union thug that killed nearly a hundred people. This arson wouldn't have happened if our traitorous Congress had passed

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**Slow-learning Americans**

EDITOR—Back in 1956 the Senate Judiciary Committee's Internal Security Subcommittee analyzed the treacherous Soviet treaty record. The study was based on a review of nearly one thousand bilateral and multilateral treaties and agreements into which the Soviets entered since 1917.

According to then Senator James Eastland, the Soviets have broken their word to virtually every country to which they have ever given a signed promise. It signed treaties of nonaggression with neighboring states and then absorbed those states. It signed promises to refrain from revolutionary activity inside the countries with which it sought "friendship" and then broke those promises. It was violating the first agreement it ever signed with the United States at the very moment the Soviet envoy was putting his signature to that agreement, and is still violating that same agreement. It broke the promises it made to Western nations during previous meetings "at the summit" in Teheran and Valta. It keeps no international promises at all unless doing so is clearly advantageous to the Soviet Union.

Part of Senator Eastland's statement reads as follows: "Communism is not an evil thing only because it has been controlled by evil men since it rose to power in 1917. It is organically evil. You must renounce bourgeois morality, you must become an evil man before you can become a good Communist. You must be a liar, a cheat, and probably a spy before you can represent a Communist nation in international diplomacy. You must have no regard for honor when you sign an agreement on behalf of your country, than a forger does when he puts his name on a check."

That evaluation remains as justified today as it was when it was written. For 70 years, the Soviets have broken every agreement they have made, whenever it served their interests to do so. They have consistently made it clear by word and deed that they view treaties, and summit meetings as simply strategic steps in their overall plan to control the planet.

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Inside the  
**Capitol**  
By Jay Miller

SANTA FE—The Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee has "thoroughly discussed" issuing a commemorative postage stamp honoring former US Sen. Dennis Chavez of New Mexico and does not feel a stamp recommendation is warranted.

The committee feels that "being the first native-born Hispanic US Senator was just not enough," according to Belmont Parris, the committee chairman.

Perhaps the stamp committee might be a bit insensitive. Sen. Chavez was so much more than just the first Hispanic senator in Congress. He was the highest-ranking Hispanic in the federal government for over 30 years. This man, who was too poor to attend high school but who managed through self-study to be admitted to the prestigious Georgetown Law School, has provided a source of pride and inspiration to the underprivileged throughout our nation.

As Richard Baker, the official historian of the US Senate and a scholar who has published widely on 20th century Senate history, puts it, "The story of his rise from dirt-poor poverty to a position of great national influence deserves the widest possible telling."

According to Baker, Chavez was also the sponsor of the first national health care insurance program, which served as the forerunner to medicare.

He earned national prominence in his 20-year quest to establish a permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission to eliminate racial discrimination in the work place.

As chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Works for 12 years soon after World War II, Chavez oversaw numerous federal projects, including the chartering of the interstate highway system.

As chairman of the Senate Appropriations Defense Subcommittee, Chavez had responsibility for more than half of all funds appropriated each year by Congress. In this role he was able to solve a baffling problem for the military while striking a blow for women's right and pay equity.

The Army was faced with a serious shortage of nurses in the early months of World War II. Chavez suggested that they pay women nurses the same as they were paying Army officers of equal grade. And, what do you know, it worked.

El Senador was a champion of all the disadvantaged and mistreated—the poor,

minorities, women and those who came under the vicious attacks of US Sen. Joe McCarthy.

At a time when no one dared speak out for fear of being labeled a communist, himself, Chavez rose on the Senate floor in May of 1950 and delivered what an international news service termed one of the blitziest attacks in senate history.

The following day, Democrat "strategists" hinted that Chavez' slashing floor attack against Sen. McCarthy was the opening barrage of an all-out counter offensive.

But, when contacted by the press, Chavez said he hadn't talked to anyone. "What I do, I do on my own volition and I take the responsibility for it," the senator declared.

The Chavez daughters are not going to give up in their quest to see that their father is properly honored by the country he served so loyally. They have asked for a reconsideration by the stamp committee. With the help of New Mexico's Congressional delegation it has been included on the committee's agenda for its January meeting.

Gloria Chavez Tristani and Ymelda Chavez Dixon have provided me with a list of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee members. It contains five stamp collectors, four artists and two educators. Could it be that they are more interested in artistic ideas than in honoring our great citizens?

The two educators are Dr. Virginia Noelke, a history professor at Angelo State University and John Sawyer III, superintendent of schools in Kingwood, TX.

I don't know them and am not sure they are any more sensitive or educable than the rest of the committee, but I have written them in an effort to prevail upon their sense of history and of what can be done for educationally disadvantaged and minority students to see what it is possible to achieve in this great country of ours.

The only name I recognized on the committee list was Richard Phelps, head basketball coach at the University of Notre Dame. It seems "Digger" is a stamp collector.

In case you are interested in doing a little of your own lobbying, committee members can be contacted in care of the US Postal Service, 473 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20260-3500.

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

same reason. There will be others. Then you will be welcomed once more, even with those corny neckties. Your elves and reindeer will again fascinate little children and bring them joy. And nobody will complain that your annual visit coincides with Christmas.

"Charles Hanson Towne caught the magic of Santa Claus a long time ago when he spoke of your simple gifts: 'The gaudy red ribbon about the simplest gift causes that gift to take on a merit which it did not possess before; and just as a single rose may light up a room, so one word on a card, written in sincerity, may brighten the dimmest winter day.'

"You've never let us down. We all have memories of our childhood when we tingled in wide-eyed wonderment at the thought of Jolly Saint Nick clambering, down the chimney and leaving all the goodies we asked for; and some we didn't ask for, in letters written days before telling him how good we had been all year. I do not believe that the innocence of childhood has ever left us. That makes me certain you'll be back some day, once our feet are back on the ground."

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# By the way

By P.E. Chavez

## POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCES

The weather was perfect—sunny, slight breeze. The master of ceremonies was busy as a bee lining up the speakers.

Politicians, taxpayers and others mingled and chatted at the new airport located 15 miles northeast of Ruidoso on Fort Stanton road.

The Ruidoso School band played impromptu tunes and sang: "Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!"

A model of a future airport terminal building was displayed at the long table, soon to be lined with federal, state, county and local officials or their representatives.

A scrumptious cake decorated to look like an airport runway, complete with tiny plastic planes, awaited the crowd who skipped their noon meal to attend the ceremonies which did not begin at 12:30 p.m. as scheduled.

Finally two dignitaries arrived, their place coming to a stop just feet from the crowd.

Television crews and newspaper reporter-photographers rushed forward as the tardy air travelers made their way out of the plane.

And then the grand opening ceremonies for the new Sierra Blanca Regional Airport began with a plane performing air tricks which included the ribbon cutting.

The Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce and Ruidoso Greeters released red, white and blue balloons.

Ruidoso Boy Scouts, Ruidoso American Legion and Ruidoso VFW provided patriotic touches.

Heads were lowered and a prayer recited.

And then the speeches commenced.

Of all the speeches made at Friday's affair, the speech opener that caught my attention was that of Wendell Chino: "I could have thrown a wrench on all this. . ."

**STRANDED MOTORISTS**  
Hearty helpings of homemade biscuits, honey, sausage and scrambled eggs and coffee were provided Monday morning to travelers

## Commentary...

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ed the Hobbs Bill that was designed to rein in union violence.

Big Labor is using almost unlimited forced union dues to support their candidates for office in their mad rush to establish the all-powerful federal state, the deified state. The deified state will control our every activity from the cradle to the grave and it will allow us to live only as long as it considers us a service to that state.

Camelus U. Morgan is Lincoln County News subscriber in Baltimore, MD.

stranded in Carrizozo due to Sunday's snowstorm.

The breakfast was served at Carrizozo's school cafeteria where overnight shelter was made available when local motels were filled.

Carrizozo school maintenance worker Nat Chavez turned up the heat and helped other volunteers ready the building for people of all ages, including an infant.

Carrizozo town policemen assisted motorists and escorted them to the school and to the Zia Senior Citizens Center where other stranded motorists found shelter during the storm.

Elaine McClure of Ruidoso was among the people at the cafeteria. She and her husband were headed home from Albuquerque when the weather forced them to stay overnight in Carrizozo.

Elaine grabbed an apron and assisted Charlotte Archuleta and other volunteers at the cafeteria. (There was no school Monday due to the weather.)

While the two women cooked and visited they discovered that they had lots in common. Elaine is food services director for Ruidoso schools and Charlotte is the supervisor at Carrizozo's school cafeteria.

## REWIND THE LOG

Trying to figure out what to get someone for Christmas that already has everything?

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## Capitan approves \$370,000 projects

The Capitan Village Council at its meeting Dec. 14 approved JJ's Companies, Inc. of Ruidoso to construct one new water tank and refurbish another tank. This will be done at a cost of \$147,935.84.

The council also approved MCC Corporation of Albuquerque for pipeline construction and the installation of a booster pump. The cost for this project is \$221,515.

The council formally accepted a grant for \$1,036 to be used by the EMTs.

The Village of Capitan will purchase a new Dodge ¾-ton pickup truck through the state purchasing agency for \$11,422. This will be a 4-wheel drive vehicle.

Engineers will have recommendations concerning the filter plant at the next council meeting, Jan. 11. The P&Z proposals will be re-scheduled.

Mayor Benny Coker and trustees Dave Strickland, Kelly Beavers, Norman Renfro and Dr. David Rouleau spent 14 minutes in executive session.



Next from creator Steven Siporin: A video chapel of stained glass and organ music.

## DUE NEXT SPRING

According to USA Weekend, a Sunday newspaper insert magazine, Hunter S. Thompson is the guru of gonzo journalism. Thompson writes a weekly column for the San Francisco Examiner and writes for Bathroom Journal magazine and is working on a novel about an old job, managing an adult theater.

Thompson, 48, the model for the "Doonesbury" cartoon character Duke, gave an interview only after a CBS reporter mowed the writer's lawn. A collection of Thompson's Examiner column is due next spring.

## Seaman's Best Wishes



AT TUESDAY'S Carrizozo Christmas play Santa (Sarah Funk) revealed that a snowmobile is no way to deliver toys and turned to her trusty reindeer. Providing horse-power to St. Nick were, standing, l. to r., Danielle DeBerg, Debbie Bond and Jamie Torison. Kneeling, from the left, Amanda Vega, Wayne Downs, Zachary Chavez and Billy Sheehan.



THE SPIRIT OF Christmas was evident as band members played traditional yuletide tunes at the Carrizozo Christmas program. Shown here are Cory Collins, alto sax; Lenny Beltran, trumpet; Cheryl Hightower, trumpet; and in the background, Alfred Medina, trombone.

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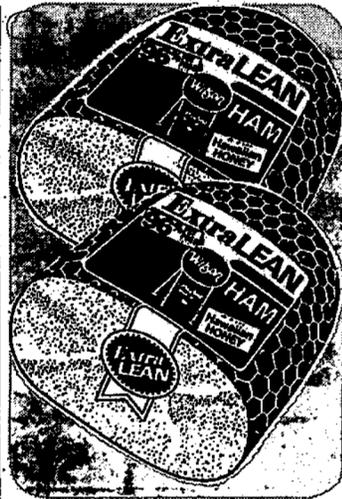
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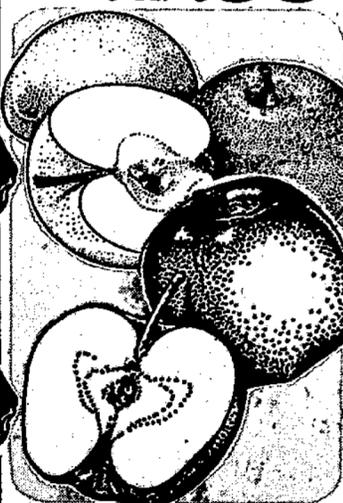
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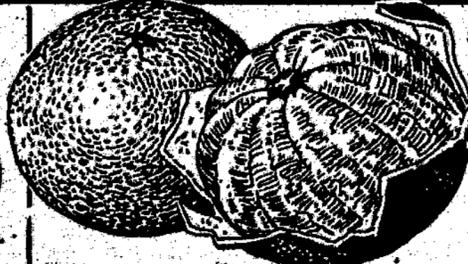
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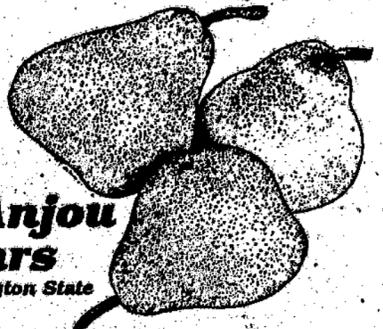
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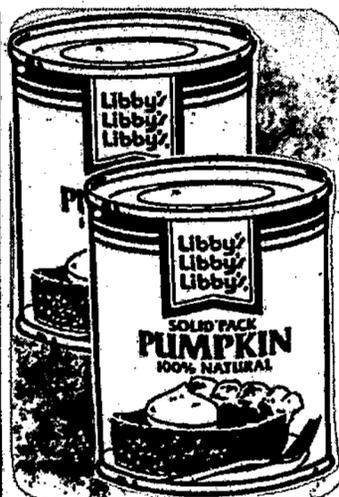
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SANDRA JANE Copeland of Mountainair, was one of 27 4-H'ers receiving \$750 scholarships from Santa Fe Railway and the Gulf Central Pipelines at the National 4-H Congress held recently in Chicago. Robert E. Gehrt, director-public relations for Santa Fe Southern Pacific Corporation at Chicago, presented awards to scholarship winners.

# Santa Fe scholarships won by two 4-H'ers

Two New Mexico high school seniors who excelled in beef and achievement projects, have been named winners of \$750 4-H scholarships donated by Santa Fe Railway. Sandra Copeland, 17, Mountainair, and Kristin Copeland, 17, of Albuquerque, also received educational awards from Santa Fe Railway to attend the 66th National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Dec. 5-10. The two are among 27 scholarship winners who come from states served by the railroad or are sponsored by the Gulf Central Pipeline Company, a Santa Fe Railway company. The winners were

selected by the Cooperative Extension System and awards arranged by National 4-H Council. Sandra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Copeland, plans to become a veterinarian. She is an eight-year 4-H'er. The Lincoln County girl

excelled in the beef program and showed the grand champion Hereford and champion heifer of all breeds at the New Mexico State Fair. She has built up her own herd of Hereford registered cattle. Currently New Mexico's "Hereford Queen," she has been active in the National

Junior Hereford Association. Her other projects have included gardening, food-nutrition, clothing, leathercraft and junior leadership. Kristin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Copeland, plans a career in broadcast communications. She is a six-year 4-H'er.

The Bernalillo County girl incorporated her horse and dog care and training projects into her work in the achievement project. She began caring for horses that neighbors stabled at her home, then used five horses in her 4-H project, as she rode to numerous honors.

## New livestock pens for Corona school

Corona School board approved two livestock pens to be built at the southwest corner of a proposed vocational agriculture farm in Corona during its regular meeting last week.

The board will continue to investigate the legalities involved in a land swap which would enable the district to develop a farm near Corona 4-H arena.

In the meantime, students will proceed to build the pens using donated materials. According to Vocational Agriculture teacher Jamie Widner, the pens are needed to house three animals that have already been donated to the Corona vocational agriculture department. Discussion of the farm also included contractual agreements which would outline rules and fees for use of the farm by students.

The board approved a revised corporal punishment policy which is to include an introductory paragraph offering parents the option of vetoing corporal punishment for their child. The option must be exercised in compliance with procedures set forth in the policy.

Former Corona resident Dexil Rold offered two buildings and the surrounding land to the district to be used as needed. The board voted to accept the property with a clear deed.

Building maintenance and improvements were again discussed. Supt. Lucille King reported that estimates for cedar siding on teacherages were lower than steel siding or stucco. The board voted to start installing the cedar siding on a "per house" basis. King also reported that the gym roof had been tarred; she had voiced her concern for the new gym floor when the roof began to leak.

King also reported on the Task Force meeting on consolidation and its recommendations to be made to the Legislative Study Committee. One recommendation is that the issue of consolidation be addressed on an individual district basis. King urged residents to write their legislators voicing their opposition to consolidation.

Elementary head teacher Betty Ann Bell announced that Callie Gnatkowski and Wanda Miller were chosen Citizens of the Month. The Corona Christmas program will be Tues., Dec. 22 at 1 p.m.

In miscellaneous business, a general discussion about the school calendar and specifically the Christmas holiday schedule was held. King noted that the school calendar could not be changed for this year but that parents could voice their preferences for the next school year when that calendar is set.

### Obituary

RUFUS LANIER HARDY JR.

Rufus Lanier Hardy Jr. of Capitan died Monday, Dec. 7 in Ruidoso. He was 47.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10 at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses with Minister Jon Vaughn officiating. Burial was at Capitan Cemetery under direction of La Grone Funeral Chapel.

Mr. Hardy was born Dec. 11, 1939 in Eunice, NM. He was a lineman for Otero County Electric Company for 16 years and had been a resident of Capitan for 16 years.

He is survived by his wife, Molly Mitchell Hardy; three daughters, Reba Marshall, Portales, NM; and Laura Scott and Julie Hardy, both of Capitan; two brothers, W.F. Hardy, Yucca Valley, CA and Darden Hardy, Norman, OK; and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Buckley Zumwalt, Mark Martin, Mike Testerman, Richard Hollis, David Brooks and Jeff McGarvey.

### Capitan News

by Margaret Rench

The first snowstorm arrived in our area Saturday night, Dec. 12 and continued through Sunday with 8 inches of wet snow and below zero temperature. Monday, all highways were closed and nothing was moving. Good morning merry sunshine this Tuesday morning; 6 degrees near noon. The traffic is starting. This was great moisture. Report is that Ruidoso received 29 inches of snow.

There will not be any bingo games on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

The Christmas lights through Capitan proper are pretty but few. Let's have a little cheer, let the lights shine, it costs so little and reaches so many.

Thank you, dear ladies of the Capitan Church of Christ, for your delicious Christmas treats. May God always bless you.

This community was saddened by the sudden and unexpected death of R.L. Hardy at 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7. Another of our good conscientious citizens is gone. He was sincere and loved by all who knew him. He was laid to rest in the Capitan Cemetery Thursday, Dec. 10. His lovely wife Molly, three daughters and two grandsons survive. I extend my sincere sympathy to them.

### A Corona Christmas

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## Capitan selects

The 1987-88 Capitan High School Mock Trial Team was selected during tryouts Nov. 12. Eighteen students tried for six new spots on the team.

Students trying for a lawyer's position had to prepare an opening statement and present it, or they had to prepare as a witness and be examined by the lawyer coach as to their knowledge of testimony. All the tryouts were done before Ron Harris, of Ruidoso, the team's lawyer coach.

Joining holdovers Marnie McDaniel and Tiffany Huffman were Jerry Kinnick, Karie Cox, Gina Griego,

Johnny Castillo, and LaShauna Tillotson will travel with the team and film the events. Tillotson and Melanie Whitaker are alternates.

The team will begin preparing both sides of a case (plaintiff and defense) and will compete in practice rounds before going to the regional competition in Roswell March 19. The top 20 teams from all the regionals go to state competition in Albuquerque April 8-9.

Small schools compete with the large schools throughout the state as there are no class distinctions.

Lincoln County News, December 17, 1987, Page 2. The team will travel with the team and film the events. Tillotson and Melanie Whitaker are alternates.

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### Cotton Classic Tournament

## Lady Tigers win 1st, boys settle for 2nd

By BART McDONOUGH

Both the Capitan Lady Tigers and varsity boys advanced to the finals of the Cotton Classic played last weekend in Hagerman. Lady Tigers won their end of the tournament. The boys settled for 2nd place.

The Lady Tigers defeated the Artesia JV in 1st round action 84-34. Colynn Washburn led the Tiger attack with 15 points, Lora McKay was close behind with 14 points followed by Kateri Sanchez with 10 points.

Despite 21 points by Lightfoot in 2nd round action, the Capitan girls shot down the Corona Cardinals 57-40. Lora McKay led the way for the Tigers with 16 points.

Washburn helped out with 12 points.

The championship game was dominated by Capitan as the girls defeated Hagerman 53-42. Lora McKay hit 11 of 17 from the field to lead the Tigers with 22 points. Marnie McDaniel hit in double figures with 10 points.

Kateri Sanchez, Lora McKay, and Colynn Washburn were selected to the all-tournament team.

Marnie McDaniel is averaging 10 rebounds a game thus far this season. Freshman Leslie LaRue is averaging 8 rebounds per game. Nita Hale and Kim Huey are getting a lot of playing time on the points and wings. Kateri Sanchez sets up the attack and has an average of 8 points a game.

The Corona Lady Cardinals placed 4th in the tournament, and the Hondo Lady Eagles were 7th.

The Capitan boys defeated Corona in 1st round 70-60. Tino Gallegos led the Tigers with 21 points. Warren Russell helped

out with 12 points. Mulkey burned the hoop with 30 points and Bell found the range for 14 points for the losers.

Capitan defeated the NMMI JV 52-38 and advanced to the championship game. John McKay hit 12 points to lead the Tigers. Tino Gallegos and Anthony Sanchez had 9 points each.

A big 2nd quarter by the Bobcats helped Hagerman win their own tournament. It was Hagerman 69, Capitan 49. Sanchez and Shanks led the losing cause with 10 points each.

The Lincoln County boys selected to the all-tournament team included Tino Gallegos and Anthony Sanchez from Capitan; Tommy Mulkey and Dan Bell from Corona; and David McEligue, Hondo. The Corona Cardinals won the consolation bracket.

The Capitan girls play two games at home Friday beginning at 5 p.m. Elida visits Capitan on Saturday for games beginning at 2 p.m.

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**Obituary**  
**FRANCES FRITZ HALE**  
Frances Fritz Hale, 84, of Glencoe died Dec. 10 at the Ruidoso Care Center.  
Rosary was at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 and the Mass at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at St. Eleagnors Catholic Church with Fr. Dave Bergs officiating. Burial followed at Hale Cemetery under direction of La Grone Funeral Chapel.  
She was born June 15, 1903 at Spring Ranch in Hondo, NM and had been a Lincoln County resident all her life. She was a retired school teacher, rancher and farmer.  
She is survived by two daughters, Kathryn Williams of Glencoe and Nancy Porter of Ruidoso Downs; a sister,

Louise Ferguson of Capitan; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.  
Pallbearers were Neale Williams, Mike McCarty, Borde Williams, Grady Eldridge, Wally Ferguson, Bill Ferguson and Charlie Kiker.

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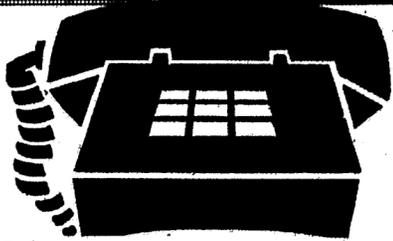
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Every year the Lincoln County 4-H holds an Awards Banquet in order to recognize some outstanding individuals. This year's banquet was held in Carrizozo. The evening's activities began with a welcome from County Council President Sandra Copeland. Following this, John Torrison presented the invocation, Brett Barham led the pledge of allegiance and Cheryl Hightower led the 4-H

pledge. Miss Copeland introduced all ambassadors, diplomats and officers on the state and national level who were present.

"Highlights" of the past year were described by the county council officers, Sandra Copeland, Warren Russell, Kelli Rogers, Lisa Hightower, Leah and Jamie Patterson, along with some help from Dawn Hill and Sarah Dockery.

Awards were then presented by the council officers in the project areas. There were awards given 35 different project areas. Outstanding awards are given for over-all participation for the past year based on one's record book. Outstanding novice boy and girl went to Troy and Tracy Stone Jr.; boy and girl, Brett Barham and Cheryl Hightower; senior boy and girl, Emmett Sultemeier and Lisa Hightower.

The next four awards were: leadership, Warren Russell; citizenship, Sandra Copeland; agriculture, Troy Stone; achievement, Tracy Stone. The Citizenship Washington Focus Delegates were announced: Leah Patterson, Tye Lightfoot, Warren Russell, Emmett Sultemeier and Marcia Hecker as alternate.

Troy Regan, state song and recreation leader, spoke about leadership in 4-H and

played a few fun games. Following dinner the banquet ended with installation of new County Council Officers: Warren Russell, president; Lisa Hightower, vice-president; Kelly Racher, secretary; Kelli Rogers, treasurer; Sarah Dockery, reporter; Dan Bell, parliamentarian.

## On My Own . . . by Pat Kite

Trashy excitement

One of the more exciting events in my single person life is trying to fit two weeks worth of garbage into one week's worth of garbage can.

Nothing this thrilling ever occurred when I had a husband earning enough to pay for two-can supreme service. The assorted flotsam and jetsam from one mother, one father and four kids, all fit more or less boringly into huge green plastoid containers hidden outside my garage. Only ever so often did a few jollies occur, such as when I requested sweetly, "Please take out the trash," and hubby replied, "My mother didn't raise me to take out garbage, you take it out," etc. But when hubby bought a white garbage can and left, even this minor diversion ceased.

Life stayed dull as long as I tried keeping up social appearances with two garbage cans, a phenomenon allowing me to elegantly carry out the trash in designer paper bags while clad in heels and formal gown.

But then rates got raised again, and hair-raising one-can thrills reentered my life.

The trash gets picked up on Thursday, so the next three days are merely half-empty anticipatory ones. But Sunday night a daughter usually decides to clean out her room, possibly so she can find her bed. This fills the can almost to the full line.

On Monday, I carry out a

soggy paper bag filled with overcooked spaghetti, undercooked banana nut bread, moldy onions and terminal lettuce. Fruit flies flitter around my nose as I organize the odorous mess just above the can's brim. At this fun stage, I merely get to shove with my arm, perhaps only getting smashed lettuce and vampire goop up to my wrist.

By Tuesday, I try to contain my fluttering heart. But it doesn't do any good. At 11 p.m., safe from prying eyes, I carry out batches of broken glass, bottles, boxes and ants. The snails squish musically as I step on them, do, re, me, fa. I get vampire goop up to both elbows this time, plus what is either smashed tomatoes or smashed slugs. It's enough to make a person choke.

Wednesday makes my week. Clad in pajamas and curler cap, I wait until the clock strikes midnight, then utter the ritual shriek, "Oh, my gosh, the garbage man comes tomorrow!" I dance out in my bunny slippers, carrying a disintegrating paper bag containing leaky things. I place it on top of the overflowing pile.

After I push for a while, toning my muscles, I get on a footstool purchased especially for this purpose. From here, I climb into the garbage can and start stomping. Sometimes I sing "Whistle While You Work," or even an aria from "La Boheme."

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