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## Prisoner hanged in jail

Robert Glenn Vine, 35, was found hanged in his jail cell in the Lincoln County Jail in Carrizozo on Feb. 12. Vine had been in jail since Jan. 30 on six counts of issuance of worthless checks and violation of probation.

Sheriff Don Samuels reported that the apparent suicide would be investigated by the district attorney's office and the state police. A suicide note was found.

Leandro Vega of the district attorney's office said the autopsy report showed that death was attributed to hanging. Vega also said that the investigation revealed no foul play. State police officer Steve Standridge assisted Vega with the investigation.

Jail logs indicate that Vine had been checked at 9:55 and was found hanged at 10:30 a.m. jailer Russell Beckley.

According to Samuels, Vines reportedly tore up a sheet to use for the hanging.

## Lincoln County War, Phase 4

# Civil rights suit in federal court against county, sheriff

By Ruth Hammond

A complaint for violations of civil rights and defamation was filed in federal court Feb. 11. Attorney Elizabeth E. Simpson of Albuquerque filed the suit on behalf of plaintiffs Ronald Harrison, Jimmie Luna, Orlando Montes and Lerry Bond.

Named as defendants were Lincoln County and Sheriff Don Samuels as well as sheriff department employees Undersheriff Rex Skellett, Sgt. Max Watson, Sgt. Oscar Villado, Lt. Paul Wersich and Sgt. Herman MacArthur, in their individual and official capacities.

The complaint alleges that defendants Samuels, Skellett, Watson, Villado, Wersich and MacArthur have individually and jointly conspired to deprive plaintiffs of their constitutional rights. The complaint alleges defendants have engaged in a politically motivated campaign against plaintiffs including harassment, suspension, termination, slander, libel and threats of violence against Luna and Montes because Luna and Montes supported candidates opposing Samuels in his bid for the office of county sheriff; against Bond because Bond supported a candidate opposing Samuels and then ran against him; and against Harrison because Harrison began associating with Luna, Montes and Bond.

The complaint alleges that defendants thereby abridged plaintiff's First Amendment rights and in the process deprived plaintiffs of property and liberty without due process of law, and libeled, slandered and defamed plaintiffs.

Facts in the complaint are listed in 55 paragraphs of the total 101 paragraphs in the 16-page document. Among such facts are allegations that Samuels, after taking office Jan. 1, 1987, immediately

began a campaign to harass and force the resignation of Luna, Montes and Bond who had been employed as deputy sheriffs prior to Samuels taking office and had supported Samuel's opponents in the primary and general elections.

In March 1987 Bond was suspended by Samuels for 10 working days and was to be placed on 90 days probation after his return. Bond filed a grievance pursuant to the Lincoln County personnel ordinance. The Personnel Board reduced his suspension to three days and ordered that Bond's personnel file be cleared of disciplinary actions and eliminated the 90-day probationary period.

Samuels allegedly asked Luna to resign in February 1987 and Luna refused. The complaint alleges that during the first three months of 1987 Luna was assigned on several occasions to incidents involving dangerous situations. Back-up officers were not assigned on those occasions and when other officers requested to be permitted to provide back-up for Luna they were instructed not to do so.

Further allegations of attempts to discredit Luna and Luna's ability to avert the attempt to discredit him were included. The harassment continued and Luna filed a grievance. The personnel board decided that the sheriff should meet with Luna to attempt to resolve the problem. The sheriff failed to meet with Luna.

Harrison was asked by Samuels to begin work in early March 1987 even though there was at that time no open position. Harrison was equipped as a deputy and performed the duties of a deputy for several weeks without pay until he was put on the payroll March 19.

After being accused of relaying information to other deputies and being told he could no longer patronize a particular restaurant, Har-

risson filed a grievance. In the course of the grievance hearing Harrison and Samuels agreed that Harrison would be reinstated and would initially perform only animal control duties. According to the agreement between Samuels and Harrison, Harrison was to receive additional training and after such training be given the duties of a deputy sheriff.

After Harrison's reinstatement, the complaint states, he was subjected to constant harassment by defendants and in one instance was told he must work nine hours in order to be paid for eight hours. Harrison has not received training except for three calls he made with Wersich.

Bond and Montes attended a regular meeting of the Lincoln County commissioners in November to discuss their situation in the sheriff's office. At a meeting on Jan. 8, 1988, Villado stated to all of the deputies that those deputies taking matters to the county commissioners "would find themselves in the woods with the kicked out of them."

Other allegations include slanderous statements made to the United States Marshal's office by Samuels and MacArthur regarding Montes; and Bond's being placed on administrative leave for failure to qualify on firearms during the year even though other officers who had not qualified that year had not been placed on administrative leave. Bond did participate in a qualifying firearm exercise.

Count I in the complaint states that defendants' actions are in violation of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution as incorporated in the 14th Amendment and defendants are therefore liable for the damages resulting from their actions.

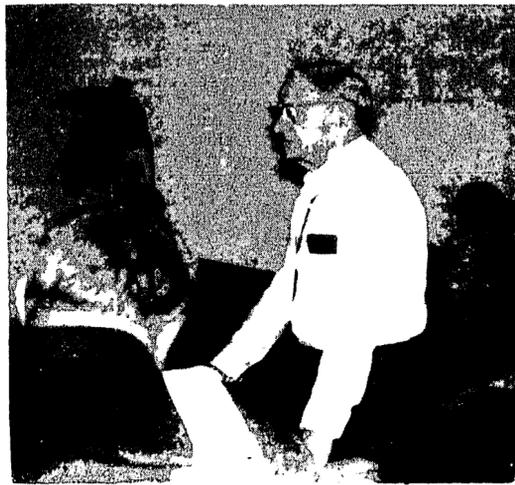
Count II states that defendant Lincoln County having control over the individual defendants failed to prevent

them from violating plaintiff's constitutional rights and it is therefore liable.

Count III states that defendants' actions of conspiracy are in violation and defendants are therefore liable to plaintiffs for the resulting damages.

Count IV states that Lincoln County is liable for plaintiffs' damages on the count of libel, slander and defamation of character. In the course of the actions listed, the complaint alleges that defendants have publicized slanderous statements orally and in writing regarding the professional and personal lives of

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A COMPLAINT for defamation has been filed against Joe McKnight (standing) for statements he made about Charlie Cox regarding the murders of McKnight's son and daughter-in-law, Thomas P. "Cotton" McKnight and Judy McKnight. Some of the statements were made during a news conference on Aug. 23, 1985 when this picture was taken.

## Charlie Cox files defamation suit against Joe McKnight

Charlie Cox has filed a complaint for defamation against Joe McKnight. Cox was Lincoln County undersheriff from 1983-86 and helped with the investigation of the murders of Thomas P. "Cotton" McKnight and his wife Judy McKnight. Joe McKnight is the father of Thomas McKnight.

The complaint states that on or about Nov. 15, 1984 Cox was assigned as part of his employment with the sheriff's department to investigate the murders. He continued with the investigation throughout the remainder of his employ-

ment with the sheriff's department, and the investigation is on-going at this time.

The complaint states that on or about Aug. 23, 1985, McKnight gave an interview with KOB television regarding his beliefs as to the events that transpired during and after the murders.

McKnight stated on television that Cox was either the murderer or was withholding evidence regarding knowledge Cox had gained during his investigation.

The complaint alleges that McKnight knew, at the time he made these libelous

statements on a statewide television network, that many people would hear these statements regarding Cox and the content of these statements would harm Cox both professionally and personally.

The complaint further alleges that McKnight, without any regard for Cox made said libelous and defamatory statements on television for the specific purpose of injuring the reputation of Cox.

Allegations continued with information that on Aug. 9, 1985 McKnight entered into a

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## Attorney General asked to assist

# Grand jury may get a special investigator

District Judge Richard A. Parsons has requested that the State Attorney General's office assist the court by conducting a preliminary inquiry to determine whether the petition, either directly or indirectly, alleges matters upon which a grand jury may act in the matter of the investigation of the county commissioners, county manager and county attorney.

The petition, signed by 510 verified voters of Lincoln County was presented in district court on Jan. 26 calling for the convening of a grand jury to investigate county officials.

In the request to the AG's office, Judge Parsons states, "The District Attorney has informed me that his office is not adequately staffed to investigate the matters alleged in the Jan. 26 petition."

Judge Parsons request also states, "It is not clear to the Court, from the face of the petition, whether it alleges matters with that degree of specificity upon which a grand jury may lawfully act. I am, therefore, calling a grand jury on Feb. 22 and I plan to instruct the jury with the general charge contained in the

Uniform Jury Instruction 14-8001."

A total of 150 registered voters in Lincoln County have

been notified to appear at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 22 in district court in Carrizozo to begin qualifying for the grand jury.

## \$120,000 package

# Capitan School gets a pleasant surprise

The Capitan School Board of Education learned at its meeting Feb. 11 that it will have an additional \$119,528 in revenue from the state, due to an increase in enrollment.

The Capitan Schools intend to spend this additional money in the following manner: The sum of \$66,528 will be used for personnel and fringes. The remaining \$53,000 will be used for repairs, utilities, hurdles, weights, other equipment, and the purchase of a tractor. A portion will also be used in the diagnostic field.

Mayor Benny Coker and village attorney Don Dutton were present. A joint powers agreement between the Capitan Schools and the Village of Capitan was signed.

The board of education approved the co-op agreement with the state highway department.

The total cost of the flood control project on the west end of Capitan was set at \$23,045. The state highway department will pay for 60 percent, or \$13,827. This figure will remain constant. The split between the school and the village comes to \$4,609 for each entity. If this figure were to change, the school and the village would split it evenly. The school will be the fiscal agent.

Capitan Schools has in its schedule an additional 60 hours over the state minimum. This amounts to about 10 additional days. As a result, the school will not have

to make up days lost because of bad weather. The contractor for the sports complex has agreed to take care of everything on the "punch list."

The contracts for principals Larry DeWees and Jerry Newsom were approved through June 30, 1990. The salary for both is negotiable.

DeWees praised the successful agreement between the booster club and the junior class. Under this set-up the booster club operates the concession stand at athletic events and splits the profit evenly with the junior class. The junior class cleans the gym as part of its responsibility.

## Students of the month are named

Carrizozo students of the month for February have been selected. The program to honor outstanding students

each month is sponsored by PFK (People for Kids.) Each student receives a certificate of recognition and other gifts.



STUDENTS OF THE month at Carrizozo are J.R. Portillo, Jenny Northrup and Leah Patterson. Barbie Roper presented the trio their certificates on behalf of Carrizozo PFK (People for Kids).

J.R. Portillo is the elementary student of the month. He is in 2nd grade, a good worker, always smiling and always helpful and friendly. His grandparents are Joe and Sophie Portillo.

Jenny Northrup is the mid-school student of the month. She gives 100 percent in her school work, is courteous and helpful to her teachers and fellow students and is well liked by everyone. She is in 5th grade. Her parents are John and Carol Northrup.

Leah Patterson, 11th grade, is high school student of the month. She is hard-working, conscientious, cooperative and responsible. Her parents are Jim and Mariann Patterson.

## Hall to speak

State Representative Ben Hall will be guest speaker Feb. 23 when the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County meet at Nottingham's Pub at 11 a.m.

# By the way

By P.E. Chavez



## EDUCATING PARENTS

"Parents have a lot of clout—we don't even realize how much clout—if we unite," said Frances Cases, coordinator of the Socorro for a Drug-Free Youth (SDFY) parent education program. Cases recently was hired by SDFY, formerly Socorro Chemical Abuse Task-Force, to provide information, training, referral services and literature to interested parents, students and anyone else who wants help, or wants to help. Cases will also work to link local churches, parent groups, and civic organizations for a drug-free youth.

Cases was hired through a grant that came to the Families in Action Program, a state group of which SDFY is the local organization. She has an office in the county health clinic, where she will be available to help parents, and to lend a caring ear. "Listening is half of counseling," Cases says in a story in the *Defensor Chieftain*, which serves Socorro and Catron counties.

She said parents often hate to admit that their children may be involved with drugs, because parents think to admit is to admit failure, when to her it means they're asking for help.

Cases feels she is qualified for the position of SDFY coordinator because she's a parent who has had the same drug-related problems that most parents have.

When faced with these problems, she had to sit down and say, "What is more important? Trying to go out and get the help and information I need to cope, or stay home and be overwhelmed by it?"

"We've just been asleep too long. We're not knowledgeable enough. We sat

by the wayside, hoping that traffic controls, police, teachers, could handle it, but drug prevention has to start at home," Cases says.

Cases believes parents and the community can make a difference stressing that she can't do it alone and that she needs the community's support.

## DRUG CHOICE: BOOZE

President Reagan in his State of the Union address last month proudly cited the survey that showed a sharp drop in the number of teenagers who had used cocaine and other drugs in the past year.

*TIME* magazine (Feb. 15, 1988) in an article, "When Parents Just Say No," says that the president did not mention the untold American failure: "despite tougher law enforcement, widespread publicity and sweeping educational campaigns, alcohol remains the drug of choice among today's high school students, and its popularity continues unabated."

The same survey revealed that only 26 percent of the high school seniors taking the survey believed daily drinking would threaten their health or

safety, despite ample evidence that alcohol is implicated in the majority of teenage car crashes, as well as many suicides and murders.

*TIME*: "Meanwhile, a growing number of parents, faced with the reality that good kids most often die of bad judgment, are wondering... Why can't we keep our children from drinking? Many are beginning to conclude that the greatest obstacles are not the kids but the permissive attitudes of all too many other parents."

According to the *TIME* article some parents find sterner attitudes and tactics (imposing curfews and chaperones, smelling the breath, searching the room) impractical and unenlightened. Many parents recall their own experimentation with booze and resolve to teach their children how to drink responsibly.

Some parents are grateful if their children aren't smoking pot or snorting cocaine. Others hope that their drunken teens will have the sense to call home for a ride or allow a

## Charlie Cox . . . (Cont'd from P. 1)

telephone conversation with an employee of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department and a co-worker of Cox. During the telephone conversation McKnight stated on more than one occasion that Cox either committed the murders or knew who committed same and withheld the evidence.

The complaint alleges that in that phone conversation McKnight's statements were made with the specific intent of defaming Cox at his place of employment and undermining Cox with his co-workers. McKnight knew that the statements he made would embarrass Cox at his place of employment and, without regard to Cox made the above described libelous and defamatory statements to Cox's co-worker.

The complaint states that the actions described constitute defamation which, according to statute is "a wrongful and unprivileged injury to a person's reputation." The statements of McKnight were wrongful and not privileged in that they were erroneous and McKnight knew they were erroneous and proceeded to state his allegations in public.

Paragraph four of the complaint states: "Defendant's action were willful and malicious in nature as defendant had knowledge that the above described statements were not true and proceeded to

speaking same in public and to co-workers of the plaintiff. As defendant's actions were willful and malicious in nature and designed specifically to embarrass the plaintiff and cause him to lose respect in the community and in his place of employment, plaintiff should be entitled to punitive damages.

"As a result of these statements, plaintiff has suffered the loss of his good name and character among his friends, neighbors, acquaintances and co-workers, harm to his good standing in the community, personal humiliation, mental anguish and suffering. As a public figure, plaintiff is well known in the community and has suffered extreme anguish as a direct result of the statements made by defendant."

Cox asks for judgment of compensatory damages in an amount sufficient to fairly compensate Cox for damages he sustained as a direct result of the statements made by McKnight, punitive damages in an amount necessary to punish McKnight and to deter McKnight and others from such conduct in the future, court costs and for such other and further relief as to the court deems just and proper.

Filed with the complaint in district court in Carrizozo was a disqualification of District Judge Richard A. Parsons to preside over the trial.

sober friend to take the car keys before they get behind the wheel.

## UNITED FRONT

Many parents fear that their children's safety may be jeopardized by the lax attitudes of others and reject outright the teaching of responsible drinking. *TIME* says that few such parents believe they can ban booze from their children's lives single-handed. They are working through PTAs, churches and community groups to form a united front, lay down common rules and strictly enforce them. The most popular tactic in some communities is "safe homes," designated homes where parents pledge there will be no unsupervised parties and no alcohol served to minors.

"Kids need help in saying no," says Lee Dogoloff of the Maryland-based American Council for Drug Education. "The single most helpful thing that parents can do is give their kid an excuse to say, 'I can't take a drink because there will be hell to pay.'"

The *TIME* article ends with: "All too often, it takes tragedy to shatter complacency."

## COUNTERACT NEGATIVE INFLUENCE

The Carrizozo Municipal Schools are sponsoring a spring series of parenting evenings, to be led by Dr. Birgit LaMothe, PhD. Those attending will learn about the building blocks and barriers to creating a family atmosphere in which young people are most likely to become responsible young adults headed for success. Interested parents of teens, pre-teens, youth leaders and teachers are encouraged to sign up.

At the first meeting tonight, Feb. 18, 7 p.m. in the mid-school all-purpose room, a video on teenage suicide will be shown and discussed. Students in grades 11th and 12th are invited to attend this first session.

After this presentation, copies of the course textbook will be on sale. Parents and other adults who wish to return for the remaining sessions will select topics from the book that they feel would best meet their needs.

# Economic development group elects officers

The Economic Development Corp. of Lincoln County met Feb. 11 in Ruidoso.

New officers are Buddy Bundick, Ruidoso, president; Scott Shafer, Carrizozo, vice-president; Cindy Lynch, Ruidoso, secretary; Ronnie Paulger, Ruidoso, treasurer.

Committee chairmen were appointed: prospect-contact, Don Shaw; budget, Dan Bryant; planning, Alden

Deyo; research, Dorothy Smith; membership, Mildred Crocker, to be co-chaired with Capitan and Carrizozo; communications, Dr. William Harrison.

Member-at-large on the executive committee is Ralph Dunlap. Board members were invited to attend a welcoming dinner sponsored by the Texas-New Mexico Power Co. and Dyna-Corp. (Holloman AFB).

A group is planning on visiting Corona soon. Emphasis was placed on the need to involve the entire County of Lincoln.

The next meeting will be held in Capitan, March 10 at the fair building. Everyone is urged to attend.

Family and Friends are invited to attend the wedding and reception of Charlotte Dale Archuleta and Rick Emmons Feb. 27 at 6 p.m. Carrizozo Country Club

## Extension club cultural arts program Wednesday

The Lincoln County Extension Homemakers will present "A Touch of Lincoln County" during their cultural arts program on Feb. 24.

The programs will be presented at the Otero County Electric Coop building in Carrizozo. Exhibits will be displayed at United New Mexico Bank, open to the public from noon to 3 p.m.

Schedule of events at the Electric Coop Building: 9:30 a.m., welcome by Patsy Sanchez; 9:40, ice breaker; 9:45, home health care video presented by Verna Adams; 10:45, New Mexico First program by Judy Howard.

Lunch will be served at noon followed by viewing of exhibits from 1 to 1:30 p.m. The program will then resume at the Electric Coop with a citizenship quiz at 1:30 and a presentation by Nancy Guck at

1:40 about EMS services of Lincoln County. Registration for the programs is \$2 and lunch is \$5.

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## Civil rights...

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plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs ask for a jury in the trial of the action and ask for judgments against all defendants as follows: Count I, II and III for compensatory damages, punitive damages, attorneys' fees and costs and such other relief as the court deems just and proper; and on Count IV for compensatory damages and such other relief as the court deems just and proper.

The complaint stated that after Samuels terminated Luna on Sept. 4, 1987, Luna filed a grievance and requested a hearing before the Lincoln County Commissioners. Samuels maintained that the proceeding was illegal and refused to participate despite the fact that he was represented by counsel and had ample notice of the hearing.



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# Lincoln Ramblings

By Rosalie Dunlap

Lincoln town has been busy the past week re-organizing the Lincoln Domestic Water Users Association and the Lincoln Pageant and Festivals Corp. New officers for the water association are Ralph Dunlap, president; Gary Morlon, vice-president; Barbara Beckley, secretary-treasurer. The board members are Glenn Dennis, Jerry Jordan and Tony Dickerson.

The Lincoln Pageant and Festivals Corp. met to begin plans for the year. New officers are Ralph Dunlap, president; Walter Henn, vice-president; Linda Hart, recording secretary; Rosina Locke, corresponding secretary; Sue Graham, treasurer. The board of directors and their terms are: one-year terms, Walt and Nora Henn, Kay and Glenn Dennis; two-year terms, Sue Graham, Betty Shrecengost, Ralph Dunlap and Chris Zamora; and three-year terms are Rosina Locke, Rosalie Dunlap, Linda Hart and Roger Cooper. Member at large is Seri Cooper. Chris Zamora is the overall chairman for Old Lincoln Days. Other members are Bob Hart, Sharon Daughtery and Dira Zamora.

The Water Defense Association met Sunday to go over legislative bills and an update on the court hearings.

Lincoln County Extension Homemakers Council met for its quarterly meeting in Capitan recently. Capitan ladies had the fair building decorated in a Valentine motif. The county clubs gave quarterly reports of their various activities, including, decorating with dry apples, bag bread, chile supper, Washington Focus reports, Christmas programs and other activities. Special guests for the day

were Todd Proctor, extension trainee, and Sid Gordon, Lincoln County 4-H agent. Todd will also do his student teaching in Corona.

It was reported the Home Show had been postponed from February to July.

Plans for the county and district cultural arts were made. The county show will be held at the United New Mexico Bank and the BEA Building, Feb. 24. The public is invited to participate. The district will meet in Ft. Sumner, March 9. Delegates to the district meeting are Mary Stroemer and Dorothy Talley. Other members planning to attend are Jan LaRue, Phyllis Zumwalt, Inez Marrs and Rosalie Dunlap. Gloria Dais is chairman for the county display.

A food shower was held for Jan LaRue. Jan is so appreciative of the support of the

Lincoln County Extension women in her endeavors to further her education. Winners of the door prizes were Bea Peyton and Margaret Lightfoot.

The Canyon CowBelles met recently in the home of Margaret Stearns, Carrizozo to honor charter members and past presidents. The club, which is 25 years old, was organized by Lou Boyd. The original club has grown into two other clubs, the Crown CowBelles of Corona and the Corriente CowBelles of Capitan.

Lincoln lost a dear friend with the death of Maggie Leyba. Our sympathy to her husband, Tony and other family members. She was buried in the Lincoln Cemetery Monday morning.



TODD PROCTOR

## Todd Proctor is a student trainee

Todd Proctor of Hondo will be in Lincoln County for his student training to become a vo ag teacher. He is a senior at NMSU majoring in agriculture and extension education.

He began his training with the Lincoln County Extension staff on Feb. 8 and will be there until March 7, when he will do student teaching in Corona under the supervision of vo ag teacher Jamie Widner.

"I am happy to be close to my family and friends," Proctor said of his being placed in Lincoln County for his student training.

Proctor is a 1984 graduate of Capitan. While in high school he was active in sports and FFA. His parents are Dee and Martha Proctor of Hondo.

Proctor is scheduled to graduate in December with a bachelor's degree in agriculture. He plans to continue his studies at NMSU.

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## ARC elects officers

The Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) of Lincoln County elected new officers for 1988 at the Jan. 28 meeting.

Phyllis Schlegel was re-elected president and Ruth Hammond was re-elected vice-president. New officers are secretary Gary Nickless, treasurer Mary Funk and membership committee chairman Ellie Banister.

Plans were made for the second annual bowling tournament to be held March 19-20 at the Carrizozo Rec Center. All proceeds from the two-day tournament will be used for retarded people.

The bowling tournament will be held in conjunction with the national MR Month of March. Churches will be invited to observe March 20 as MR Sunday and use special bulletins provided by ARC.

The local chapter will raffle a \$100 savings bond with the drawing to be held at 2 p.m. March 20 at the Rec Center. Tickets for the raffle are available for a donation of \$1.

Plans were made to sponsor a dance for clients of New Horizons and guests to be invited. The afternoon dance has been scheduled tentatively for April.

Schlegel announced that the 6th annual Harvest Moon

Ball held in November was a success. Betty Dean was winner of the \$100 savings bond raffle and donated the bond back to ARC to be raffled again.

Action on donating books or money to libraries in the county was tabled until the April meeting.

ARC of Lincoln County meets quarterly and invites the public to attend and/or become members of the local chapter.

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## 'La Reunada' to meet in Lincoln

"La Reunada," a reunion of descendants of old Lincoln County families, will be held in June in Lincoln.

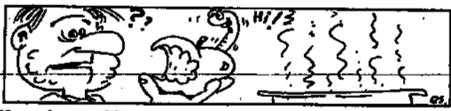
Descendants of Lincoln County families will have the opportunity to meet with other descendants, show pictures and tell stories that have been passed down through the years.

The three-day reunion will begin June 17 and continue through Sunday, June 19. A copy machine and photo copy

machine will be available for the convenience of people who do not want to send their old photos off to be copied.

Activities will include songs of old Lincoln County, picnics, storytelling, cemetery tours, a barbecue and a trip to the Tunstall shooting site.

People in the area are needed to man the registration tables, prepare coffee and set up for the picnics. For more information contact Ralph or Rosalie Dunlap at 653-4047.



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OPINION

With the exception of a shot of novocain administered by a dentist 40 years ago, I have never sampled hard drugs...

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Just how deadly is the abuse of hard drugs compared with alcohol? There were 3,500 illicit-drug-related (including heroin) deaths in the United States in 1984...

In case you question the figures for alcohol and tobacco related deaths, they come from Prof. Arnold Trebach, author of a new book titled "The Great Drug War"...

There are other interesting 1984 statistics. That year 35 persons died from ingesting toy balloons, 337 persons died in swimming pools and bathtubs...

Another authority on this subject is Mark Buechler, a doctoral candidate in literature and philosophy who teaches English at Indiana University...

Every year people die while jogging. Should the exercise be outlawed? A young man in Carrizozo killed himself recently over the loss of his sweetheart...

Drugs have been around as long as mankind. They are used for medicinal purposes, as painkillers, for personal pleasure, inducing euphoria...

Each year we spend billions of dollars on a fruitless war on drugs. The more money we throw at the issue the more drugs flood the American markets...

Thousands of successful businessmen, artists, musicians, writers and educators use some form of illicit drugs. I say use, not abuse. They consider drugs a matter of temperament and personal choice...

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Inside the Capitol

By Jay Miller



SANTA FE—Lovington Sen. Billy McKibben has a dream. He sees an industry on the horizon that can fill state tax coffers with hundreds of millions in new revenue every year...

The industry has an unlimited source of supply. It has every bit of equipment it needs—and it is paid for. It requires no economic development department funds for in-plant training or university courses because there is already a trained workforce...

McKibben thinks that if this industry made widgets or solar windmills or had a lot of glitter and a catchy name, our economic development wizards would be dancing in the aisles, turning cartwheels and standing on their heads to do whatever might be necessary to attract that industry to our state...

Billy says that industry is not just hypothetical. It is a real, living industry and it is here, in our state already. The problem is that everyone thinks it is a dead industry, completely incapable of being revitalized...

In case it had escaped you so far, we are talking about the oil and gas industry. And the old vacuum cleaner salesman Billy McKibben is doing a lot of talking...

McKibben reasons that New Mexico has to do something new and different to pull itself out of its economic tailspin. The direction in which we are headed will produce us nothing more than some additional honorable mentions in the race to attract high-tech federal projects...

The millions of dollars New Mexico has put into high-tech development efforts has not produced a single new, free-enterprise job yet, according to McKibben...

Our state is suffering a severe financial crisis and McKibben does not want it to take something drastic to wake up the public. He feels that the huge tax increases we have had to experience the last five years should be enough to wake up everyone...

McKibben's idea is to make up to 10 percent of the state's severance tax permanent fund available for loans on new wells which are proven producers. The severance tax fund now has around \$2 billion in it...

Commentary

Ruidoso council could stand a 'shot' of good manners

By J.A. "AJ" JUNGE

The kindest thing to say about the Feb. 9 meeting of the Ruidoso Council is that the whole matter was "unfortunate"...

Apparently someone has forgotten that our governing bodies exist only at the option and goodwill of the taxpayers...

So, what is the problem?

As an interested spectator at council meetings, one can see that the actions of the council have become more and more centralized during the past four years and that suggestions and comments by the

electorate have become less and less welcomed before the meetings of the council...

This change is evident by less participation by those attending council meetings. Recently, it was pointed out that only one person was present at a council meeting, in addition to a reporter and the writer. This was the low point of interest...

To make the problem worse, the council has seen fit to make a number of changes in the makeup of the meeting agenda. These changes, gradually made, were possibly intended to speed up the time consumed in council

meetings; however, in doing so, easy participation by those in the audience has reached a point of about zero...

Participation by councilmen themselves is more restrictive than in the past. The agenda format should be studied, open to public discussion, and its shortcomings and restrictions eliminated. Why was the agenda form used for many years suddenly revised and edited into its present form?

CONDUCT OF THE COUNCIL

The council's conduct is the joint responsibility of the mayor and the councilmen. The mayor, as chairman of the council, sets the tone for the meetings in keeping with procedural rules as to how the meeting is to be conducted...

If the mayor goes beyond the responsibility of the chairman of the meeting and indulges in personal remarks towards a speaker who is requesting a chance to be heard, then the entire concept of equal and unbiased representation for the voters goes by the board...

In a situation as took place in the last meeting of the council meeting someone should

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Letters to the Editor

Dunlap explains commissioners duties

EDITOR—I have not written a letter before because I have hoped that the constant harassment would abate; but it has just gotten worse. The innuendos and half-truths have become unbearable. It is time for the public to know the truth...

The county commissioners are responsible for the budget and seeing that all departments stay within their budget. The commissioners are remiss if they do not see that the budget is lived up to by all departments. The county does not have extra money like the previous set of county commissioners, who spent \$300,000 out of the general fund on roads...

Another of the county commissioners' responsibilities is to see that all departments follow correct purchasing procedures. If we do not carry out this duty we are liable. Basically, any purchase over \$5,000 must go out to bid. Any violation of the purchasing procedures must be reported to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration for review and action...

When letters say that we question the honesty of the sheriff's personnel, this is a gross misstatement. I have not questioned the honesty of any of the sheriff's personnel. The mismanagement of funds and of the budget deficit is my concern. The failure to follow proper purchasing procedures is the major cause of the problem. Letters to the editor are not going to produce more money for the county when it is not there...

Another matter is that I have many unanswered questions concerning the grand jury investigation. Is it going to be an unbiased hearing? Is the grand jury going to be allowed to investigate the sheriff's department and the clerk's office as well as any other office they feel needs to be investigated? Will the grand jury inquiries be extended indefinitely and be used as a political issue of innuendos and half truths?

I welcome the investigation and hope that it will conclude quickly and be fair to all concerned.

Finally, let's get this controversy behind us and develop a positive approach. In the past year this county commission has accomplished many things. It started out by dealing with the snow emergency of January, February, 1987, successfully. It continued to participate in the El Paso Water Suit on which the first hearing resulted in a favorable conclusion. It has assisted in the Mesalero Water Suit and became part of the Water Defense Association to protect the water priority rights of the Ruidoso, Bonito and Hondo Valley. It has initiated a suit to keep our rightful share of Bonito Reservoir Water in Lincoln County...

The county commissioners have helped to get the Sierra Blanca Airport open and have let the contract for the access road. The Fort Stanton Masterplan for Development has been completed to the benefit of everyone concerned. This is just a few of the accomplishments...

In closing, let's get this controversy behind us and all work together for a better Lincoln County.

RALPH DUNLAP, County Commissioner

Bailing out the Soviets

EDITOR—What should worry all of us about the Gorbachev visit is not just the treaty signing, the media hype, and all the propaganda about peace. We should be concerned about what was kept from the American people...

The Wall Street Journal of Dec. 7 provided a look at the Soviet leader's unpublished shopping list, at the top of which can be found "money." According to the Journal, the Soviet economy is in its worst slump since the 1920s and the Kremlin is dipping into Western credit markets at the rate of \$700 million a month. Almost as shocking is the revelation that 80 percent of these loans and credits to the Soviets contain no restrictions on how the money is spent...

Moscow's debt to the West is now \$38.2 billion and, when the debt of the Soviet satellites in Eastern Europe is included, the bill rises to \$127 billion. Yet, Western banks continue to pony up the money for Communism even while they have all but completely written off their share of Poland's \$35 billion debt...

Gorbachev is now asking the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund for membership and credits. No doubt, we will soon witness a big promotion for his desires in our media and in the halls of Congress, and much of the American business community is rushing to cash in on subsidized trade with the Soviets. Moscow's abysmal credit rating is not among the criteria for expanded trade and capital transfer. After all, the full faith and credit of the American taxpayer is still available as a safety net...

JEFFREY W. BARNES, Lodi, CA.

Bonus for illegal aliens

EDITOR—The congress of the United States is trying to convert America to another Nazi Germany by passing a law to give illegal aliens "election day voting rights" (Universal Voter Registration Act, S. 1988 and H.R. 3666)...

This is another blatant example of the federal bureaucracy infringing on the rights of states. If this bill is passed, the constitutionality of it should be challenged. The passage of this bill would assure politicians that voted for it the loyalty of these people in this presidential election and all subsequent elections. This would also assure these traitorous congressmen lifetime tenure in office. It would grant illegal aliens a privilege that we poor citizens don't have...

A voting law in just about every state requires that a citizen must be on the registry to vote months before you can vote in any election. Illegal aliens are the new privileged breed. Since judges in election booths couldn't possibly check out residency requirements of these "ringers" on election day, these people could travel from state to state and vote in each...

Write President Reagan to veto this bill if it is passed by this congress, but for now call your congressman and senators and demand that they vote against this bill. Don't let these election day "ringers" destroy our freedom and our country. This is the power grab of the century.

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# New Mexico FLB tops in nation

The New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau has been recognized by the nation's leading farm and ranch organization as the number one state Farm Bureau organization in the US.

The award was presented to New Mexico Farm Bureau President William McIlhenny, during ceremonies at the 69th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation in New Orleans, LA.

According to the AFBF, the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau topped all other states in achievements for 1987 in categories that include: governmental affairs, information and public relations, political education, Young Farmers and Ranchers activities, natural resources, national affairs, commodity promotion, rural health and agriculture in the classroom.

This marks the second year in a row the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau has been recognized nationally for its program efforts by the American Farm Bureau Federation, the nation's largest organization of farmers, ranchers and rural people.

## Commentary (Cont'd from p. 4)

have called a halt to war of words. The same rule should fit a similar display by a councilman.

In a situation where a speaker appears to be out of order, emphasis should be placed on the easing of a bad situation even should it mean the "bending" of a point of order.

Mrs. Charlotte Jarratt, an audience spectator who raised her hand to be recognized, was not recognized by the mayor as a motion had been made to negate the 100 percent pay increase of the council. After a protest was made, Mrs. Jarratt was recognized after some harsh remarks were made by the mayor. These remarks were not necessary in order to proceed with the meeting, and Mrs. Jarratt should have been recognized even though there was a "point of order" which was made. She was speaking as a concerned citizen but was addressed by the mayor as a

member of the Democratic Party and as member of the Womens Club which had no bearing on her comments when she said she was opposed to the council pay increase.

The remarks by the mayor were very personal and accomplished nothing except to make the mayor and council appear to look ridiculous.

The council sat moot and silent.

We sorely need more and not less interest in our local government. Council meetings like this are not helpful to that goal.

There is an old-liche often spoken by a store owner — "The customer is always right." Why not apply the same thought to city hall — "The taxpayer is always right."

Everyone would be much happier.

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dict. But social pressure and the law prevents doctors from removing pain for terminal patients, even though his first obligation is to those patients.

When I was a child, anyone could purchase morphine or cocaine at any drugstore, over the counter and without a doctor's prescription. Drugs were purchased as painkillers, hardly ever for addictive reasons. The term drug "abuse" was unknown. Purchased freely by all who wanted it, sales were small. There were no drug lords, no crusades against drug use, no billions spent on enforcing a ban. Then social meddlers realized people were enjoying an unlicensed pleasure and, like alcohol, it had to go!

This is not to advocate drug use, much less drug abuse. It is to suggest we handle hard drugs in the same way we do liquor. Discourage its use. Regulate its quality, set age limits on its purchase, issue warnings (as the Surgeon General's warning on cigarettes), and punish its abuse. Then leave the individual free to make decisions as to drug use.

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

- Friday, February 19  
Carrizozo Zia senior citizens bake sale at United New Mexico Bank.
- Saturday, February 20  
Meat identification workshop to be held in Carrizozo school cafeteria starting at 9 a.m.
- Monday, February 22  
Qualifying for Lincoln County grand jury begins at 1:30 p.m.  
Carrizozo Lodger's Tax committee meets at 5 p.m. at United New Mexico Bank.  
Meet the candidates night at Capitan school 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 23  
Lincoln County Commissioners meet at 10 a.m. in courthouse in Carrizozo.  
Carrizozo town council meets at 8 p.m. at city hall.  
Valley of Fires Lioness Club meets at REA building at 1:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 24  
Lincoln County extension homemakers cultural arts program at REA building at 9:30 a.m. Exhibits open to public at United New Mexico Bank 12 to 3 p.m.
- Thursday, February 25  
Pre-school story hour at Carrizozo school library 8:30 to 9:20 p.m.
- Saturday, February 27  
Regional science fair in Portales.

# Capitan News

By Margaret Rench

All last week there were high winds and very cold weather with sunshine. There is snow remaining from that last storm.

The Corriente CowBelles met at the home of Janice Herd, Feb. 11.

Members voted to place containers in each of the restaurants prior to National Agriculture Day for customers to register for a \$20 beef certificate, to be awarded by drawings at each restaurant, March 20.

Correspondence was read from Mrs. Yvonne Oliver concerning the pending release of the Mexican Grey Wolf on the White Sands Missile Range, and its effect on area ranchers. A discussion on trying to

recognize buyers at the Lincoln County Fair brought several ideas for further study before fair time.

Other business discussed were the annual roping, July 4, float and scholarship.

The March 10 meeting will be at the home of Beth Booher, Capitan, at 11 a.m. Visitors are welcome.

Dorothy B. Smith was appointed by the mayor and council to represent Village of Capitan in the Economic Development Corp. of Lincoln County.

The TV service man in our area is Bob Sanders. His phone number is 354-3175.

The Smokey Bear Museum had 340 registered visitors, Feb. 8-14.

The Capitan Chamber of Commerce will hold a Meet the City Candidates on Monday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m., at the school.

Happy Birthday to Joe Salazar, Feb. 15; and his mother, Marguerita Salazar, Feb. 20 which marks her 87th year. I wish you both many

more healthy and happy years.

W.L. Baker was taken to Veterans Hospital for a few days and then brought back to Ruidoso where he is now at the Ruidoso Care Center.

Little 7-month-old Sharese Jones, daughter of Laura Jones and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hank Lacy, was hurried badly Monday morning when she pulled a percolator of hot coffee. She is at the burn center in Albuquerque. I wish her a good recovery.

Recently Helen and Merwin Thompson of Fairmont, MN, were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pew, as they were enroute home from a months vacation in Mesa, AZ.

Mr. and Mrs. Valton Hall's daughter, Marganna, and Ray King of Long Beach, CA, have moved from there to Santa Fe, NM where they are in real estate. They are very happy to be back in New Mexico, and so are her parents.

Kay Strickland and her daughter Melinda and her mother Maxine Wright left Friday for Silver City to visit Curtis, Rhonda and Veronica Reeves. They returned Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Trammell of Hobbs spent last weekend with the Terry and David Strickland families.

Maggie Maes Lebya of Lincoln died Thursday, Feb. 11 and was buried there Monday, Feb. 15.

# White Sands site for first private commercial launch

Senator Pete Domenici (R-NM) has announced that White Sands Missile Range has been chosen as the site for the nation's first commercial launches scheduled for October of this year.

The Department of Transportation last week granted the first commercial launch license to Conatec, Inc., a Lanham, Maryland, company. The contract award was announced by Transportation Secretary Jim Burnley.

"The ultimate impact on White Sands and the surrounding area remain to be seen, but it is indeed a compliment to the staff and the faculty to have been chosen."

More than a thousand research rockets have been launched from White Sands during its 32 years of opera-

tion, and as a result, the facility has a good reputation as a reliable Missile Range. That reputation is underscored by Conatec's selection of the Range as the site from which to conduct its launches," Domenici said.

Conatec is the first firm to apply for and receive both mission and safety approvals from the Department of Transportation for a commercial launch. Conatec will provide two launch vehicles for its customer, a European industrial firm, to launch microgravity research payloads.

Conatec, formed in 1984, has a management team with more than 25 years of experience launching suborbital rockets for government

research programs. Both launches are planned for October 1988, making them also the first commercial launches to be conducted by a private US firm.

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The law for all state trust funds says that income must be maximized. Do you accomplish that by investing the money out of state at the highest rate of return possible or do you do it by investing in state at a lower rate and hoping the money will turn over in our economy enough that the additional taxes will more than offset the lower interest rate?

My answer for the state permanent fund and the two employee retirement funds is to get the highest rate of return possible with an absolute minimum risk regardless of where the money goes.

But the severance tax permanent fund is a different breed. It is a recent creation from the mid-70s when we had more money than some knew how to handle. It was designed to be used for a rainy day. It is now raining. One solution would be to

appropriate directly from that fund, which McKibben refers to as eating our seed stock.

The other solution is to use it for the purpose of stimulating our economy. The idea of using it to stimulate the very industry which created the fund is compelling to say the least.

McKibben realizes that his Senate Bill 209 may not be the optimum solution and that it requires too much of a change in thinking to pass this year.

But it is a conversation starter. Maybe we should look at using some of the fund for financing exploration or financing tertiary recovery of old wells or maybe even buying some of those New Mexico oil loans from the Texas banks.

As Billy states so eloquently, "If we don't do something, we don't deserve an economic recovery."

## Obituaries

### EMILY BELINDA PETTY

Graveside services were held Feb. 9 at Portales Cemetery for Emily Belinda Petty, 75, of Ruidoso.

She died Feb. 6 at Lincoln County Medical Center following a lengthy illness. Rev. Gene Richardson, minister of the Methodist Church in Portales, officiated at the service.

The deceased was born May 8, 1912 in Benton County, TN. She was a resident of New Mexico for 35 years, moving to Ruidoso from Carlsbad five and one-half years ago.

She is survived by a sister, Mary Bell Smith of Ruidoso; a niece, Colleen Holmes of Ruidoso; and a nephew, Mac H. Smith of Dallas, TX.

Mr. Hart was born Jan. 14, 1900 in Hale County, TX. He moved to Ruidoso in 1948 and to Artesia in 1978. He operated a general merchandise store. He was a charter member of Ruidoso State Bank, former member of the Evening Lions Club and member of the First Baptist Church in Ruidoso.

He is survived by a son, Don R. Hart of Ruidoso; a daughter, Lynn Robinson of Artesia; two brothers, Bill Hart of Ruidoso Downs and John Hart of Clayton, NM; two sisters, Myrtle Bell of Lubbock, TX and Fannie Lee Sartin of Hawthorne, CA; and five grandchildren.

### GLADYS C. SADLER

Gladys C. Sadler, 83, of Dexter, NM, died Feb. 8. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Feb. 10 at La Grone Funeral Chapel in Roswell with Rev. Ken Cole of the First Christian Church of Ruidoso officiating, assisted by Dr. Ed Meyers, First Baptist Church of Ruidoso.

Burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Ruidoso. Mrs. Sadler was born Dec. 22, 1904 in Los Angeles. She was a resident of Ruidoso for 18 years. She was a bookkeeper.

In Ruidoso, she was a member of the First Baptist Church, Harmony Sunday School Class, and one of the founders of the thrift shop for Ladies Auxiliary for LCMC, senior citizens and NAARP in Ruidoso.

Survivors include two daughters, L. Marie McNeill of Ruidoso and Mary Lois "Toby" Stone of Dexter; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were E.J. Bible, Norman Butts, Greg Courter, Kelly Courter, Tom W. McNeill, Bill Stone, David Thompson and John Weir.

### NOLON E. HART

Nolon E. Hart, 88, of Artesia died Feb. 9 at Artesia General Hospital following a short illness.

Graveside services were held Feb. 11 at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso with Rev. Ken Cole of the First Christian Church officiating.

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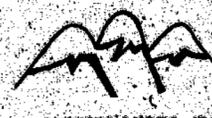
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**SENIOR SANDRA COPELAND** was crowned Basketball Homecoming Queen recently in Corona during the halftime festivities when Corona played host to the Fort Sumner Foxes. Sandra is the daughter of Brenda and Ernest Copeland of Claunch, and was escorted by Dan Bell.



**CANDIDATES FOR Corona Basketball Homecoming Queen**, from left: Traci Kelley, Suzy Hall, Sandra Copeland, Wanda Miller and Tina Aaron. Seated in front of the candidates are Logan Marshall and Rhannon Chacon, attendants.

# Corona FFA highlights activities

**CORONA**—State Sentinel Beverly Bell presented qualities of leadership needed by FFA members and also discussed organization of the FFA in her keynote address at the third annual potluck supper hosted by the Corona chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

Miss Bell, a member of the Corona chapter, came home to talk about her year as a state officer and to hand out awards that the Corona FFA received at the District I Leadership Contests.

Traditionally the potluck supper has been held for the purpose of installing Greenhands and highlighting activities of the chapter. This year seven Greenhands were installed, Lee Land, Gene Stevens, Sherry Porter, Jesse Post, Les Owen, Alethea Knight and James Miller.

Also, during the Greenhand ceremony Les Owen gave a presentation of the FFA Creed in the style that won top honors for him at the district contest.

During the night, parents and school personnel who attended got the chance to hear both first place speaking winners at the district contest. Jason Gibbs presented his speech on the use of computers in agriculture. Gibbs was first

place winner in the Chapter Farmer Prepared Public Speaking Contest. Jesse Post, Greenhand Public Speaking winner presented his speech on the qualities of leadership in the FFA.

Other awards handed out by Bell included: Traci Kelley, who received second in Chapter Farmer prepared

public speaking; Sandra Copeland and Michael Founds, winning first and third, respectively, in extemporaneous public speaking; and Les Owen, who was first in the quiz and first to both parliamentary procedure teams.

Another highlight of the night was the naming of the

1988 Chapter Sweetheart, Julie Furgason.

Tya Lightfoot, chapter reporter, highlighted activities of the chapter since the 1987 banquet.

Finally, the people were treated to a potluck, Mexican food meal and potluck door prizes.



**POTLUCK HIGHLIGHTS**—Corona FFA President Jason Gibbs (far left) congratulates the six Greenhands who were installed recently at the Corona FFA potluck supper. The new Initiates are (l-r) Sherry Porter, Alethea Knight, Lee Land, Jesse Post, James Miller and Les Owen.

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## Around Corona

Crown CowBelles met Feb. 10 in the school recreation room for the regular February meeting which had been postponed for a week because of the death of Albert Edgington, close relative of six members.

VP Frances Fuller presided in the absence of the president, JoAnn Proctor. Dorothy Milam, Moab, Utah, was a guest. During a break Sandra Hendricks served refreshments.

Eve Latham reported that the scarf has room for about two dozen more brands.

Robin Pfeiffer, assistant sunshine chairman, reported sending six cards.

A check was sent to Boys Ranch in memory of Albert Edgington.

Nell Edgington was reported hospitalized with pneumonia in Las Cruces. She makes her home there with daughter, Billie Ann, and husband, Fred Edgington.

Barbara Furgason, 4-H sponsor said Traci Kelley and Tya Lightfoot will be among those attending the Citizenship Focus week in Washington this summer. She stated that the county horse show will be in Capitan this year and that Chaparral 4-H will sponsor a play day as usual during the festival and requested Crown's support. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Eve Latham and Sue Maness were appointed to arrange a Meet the Candidates night. They will contact party chairmen to fix the date and decide on other details. A talent show, box supper or pie supper may be considered as a fundraiser at the same time.

If a commercial dishwasher is leased for the school lunchroom it will be necessary to buy a pre-wash table and a post-wash table.

Jamie Widner, FFA sponsor, introduced his public speaking and parliamentary procedure teams. Traci Kelley spoke on halting lamb and wool imports from New Zealand and Australia, why and how to stop them. Jesse Post, a Greenhand, spoke on the criteria for leadership. Les Owen, Greenhand, gave the creed.

The parliamentary procedure team, all new because the team last year won first place, consisted of Clay Post, president, Tya Lightfoot, vice-president, Randy Leslie, secretary, Sandra Copeland, treasurer, Shane Owen reporter, Emmet Salmela,

sentinel and Lee Land, advisor. They were handed two problems for action: Select an activity in which the chapter may celebrate its 50th anniversary and select a winter fundraising activity. Among actions to be taken were to amend a proposed amendment, question of privilege, refer to committee, suspend rules and limit debate.

At the meeting March 3 the FFA teams will again practice and the audience will be encouraged to ask questions for five minutes.

Carol and Jeff Wells are parents of a son, Lucas Wayne, born Jan. 26 in Roswell. The baby has a brother, Lance.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lucky Myers Jr., Weed, spent a recent weekend with Lucky's family, the Dick Bradleys.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith have returned home after a month in Phoenix.

## Ruidoso Little Theatre's first performance scheduled

Ruidoso Little Theatre will be presenting its first performance of the season the weekend of Feb. 25-27.

The play is a comedy entitled *Cliff's Choice*. All performances will be at Cree Meadows Country Club.

Opening night will be Thursday, Feb. 25, sponsored by the Altrusa Club. All proceeds will benefit Altrusa's community service budget. Opening night tickets can be purchased only from Altrusa members.

For the remaining performances, which includes Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26 and 27, as well as the first two weekends in March, tickets may be purchased at Schlotzky's or Don's Pharmacy at \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. March 3 and 10 are two-for-one-night.

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# Grizzly teams win district crowns

Carrizozo's varsity girls basketball team captured the district 3A title with a 55-52 victory over the Ft. Sumner Vixens Friday night at the Grizzly Den.

Carrizozo spotted the Vixens a three-point lead at halftime, 24-25, but outscored the Ft. Sumner girls 30-24 in the second half to earn their victory. Leading the way for Carrizozo was senior guard Claudia Lopez with 18 points.

Marcella Sandoval was close behind with 14. Marcia Hefker was also in double figures with 12. Kim Sparks led the Vixens with a game high 34 points. Cindy Hoytaj added 10.

The win automatically advances the Carrizozo girls to the district tournament championship game to be played here in Carrizozo this Saturday at 7:00 p.m. against the survivor of play-offs between Corona, Mountainair, Vaughn and

Ft. Sumner. Win or lose Saturday this also means a birth in the regional play-offs to be played next week.

	FG	FT	PF	TP
C. Lopez	5	4	2	18
M. Sandoval	5	2	4	14
J. Sims	1	2	1	4
M. Hefker	3	6	2	12
B.J. Castillo	2	0	5	4
J. Vega	2	1	0	5

	FG	FT	PF	TP
L. Patterson	0	0	0	0
L. Hightower	0	0	0	0
C. Hightower	0	0	0	0
Y. Hernandez	0	0	0	0
U. Wierozek	0	0	0	0

This win earns Carrizozo the right to host the district championship game a week from this Saturday against the survivor of the other four teams in the district.

	1	2	3	4	Total
Carrizozo	15	10	14	16	55
Ft. Sumner	14	11	10	14	49

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Rbt. Guevara	3	3	1	15
Rl. Guevara	3	0	1	6
F. Vega	2	2	4	12
B. Vega	1	0	3	2
T. Giordano	0	0	0	0
M. Guevara	0	0	0	0
J. Narvaez	0	0	0	0
D. Culley	0	0	0	0
J. Saucedo	0	0	1	0
A. Padilla	0	2	0	0
M. Chavez	0	0	0	0

Not to be outdone by the girls the Carrizozo boys varsity also clinched the district 3A title with a 64-44 victory over the Ft. Sumner Foxes. Carrizozo jumped out to a 15-14 advantage after the first quarter and increased their lead to 27-20 by halftime. Ft. Sumner cut into the Grizzly lead in the third quarter and narrowed the deficit to 37-34 going into the last quarter of play. Carrizozo outscored the visitors 17-10 in the period to win going away.

Jake Narvaez, Robert Guevara and Fred Vega had the hot hand for Carrizozo scoring 17, 15, and 12 points each. Richard Guevara added 6. Haralson was high for Ft. Sumner with 11. Skidmore had 10.

	1	2	3	4	Total
Carrizozo	15	12	10	17	54
Ft. Sumner	14	6	14	10	44

—JV Results (boys)—

	1	2	3	4	Total
Carrizozo	10	8	16	12	46
Ft. Sumner	15	6	11	18	50

CARRIZOSO SCORING: M. Chavez 11, M. Guevara 9, G. Archuleta 8, S. Wooten 6, R. Sandoval 1, F. Herrera 2, D. Culley 2, Chris Barcia 2.

## Capitan holding on in district 5 play

by Bart McDonough

The Capitan varsity basketball girls traveled to Cloudfcroft Feb. 12 to lose a heartbreaker, 53-52. The lady Tigers wound up their regular season the next night defeating the Hagerman lady Bobcats 66-34.

The district 5A girls competition ended in the following order: (1) Cloudfcroft (6-0), (2) Capitan (5-1), (3) Weed (4-2), (4) Loving (3-3), (5) Hagerman (2-4), (6) Hondo (1-5) and Lake Arthur (0-6).

In the district single elimination tournament, Lake Arthur was defeated by Hagerman and Loving defeated Hondo. Monday night, Hagerman traveled to Capitan Wednesday night and Loving played at Weed. The winners of the Wednesday night games were to meet at 7 p.m. Friday night on the court of the higher seed.

The winner of the Friday night game plays at Cloudfcroft this Saturday night for the district championship. This is a 7 p.m. game.

In the Cloudfcroft game Lora McKay had the hot hand for the lady Tigers with 20 points. Sherri Gowen followed with 8. Colynn Washburn and Kim Eckland contributed 6 points each. Thompson led the Cloudfcroft attack with 16.

The Capitan JV team upended the lady Bears 46-24. Nanette Boyd led the way with 15 points. It was Gina Griego 8, Marsha Nevarez 3, Vicky Sedillo 3, and sisters Tennie and Tyana Trolinger 4 points each. Cindy Castillo also contributed 4 points.

Lora McKay tickled the twine for 18 points to lead Capitan over Hagerman. Marnie McDaniel and Colynn Washburn helped out with 9 each. Sherry Gowen had a good night with 12. Coach Annie McKay played her entire squad.

The Tiger JV girls also won their game defeating the lady Bobcats 34-24. Tennie Trolinger found the hoop for 13 points. Marsha Nevarez scored 7, Tyana Trolinger and Vicky Sedillo 5 each. Gina Griego, LaShauna Tillotson, Danica Sime, Kerri Runnels and Sonya Sanchez also saw action.

District 5A boys competi-

tion ended with Cloudfcroft (6-0) in 1st place. Capitan (5-1) finished 2nd. Then followed Hagerman (4-2), Lake Arthur (3-3), Loving (1-5), Hondo (1-5) and Weed (1-5). The last three positions were decided by a toss of a coin.

The boys district tournament begins Feb. 22. In games involving Lincoln County teams, Hondo plays at Lake Arthur Monday night. Either Weed or Loving travels to Capitan Wednesday night. All playoff games are scheduled for 7 p.m.

The Cloudfcroft boys ran past the Tigers 79-59 in a Feb. 12 victory. This was the Tigers only loss in district play. An-

thony Sanchez was hot with 14 points. He also looked good the following night. It was Mike Shanks 9, Chad Reynolds 9, Kimmo Hintikka 8, Tino Gallegos and Johnny Castillo 7 points each. Derrick with 25 points was wheeling and dealing for the Bears.

The Cloudfcroft JV Bears tamed the Tigers 75-49. Warren Russell and Ken McInnes led the Tiger attack with 19 points. It was Tino Gallegos 18, Chad

Reynolds 14, Mike Shanks 13, Kimmo Hintikka 13, Johnny Castillo 8, John McKay 4, Lee Payne 4 and Kent McKinness 2. Durnahool led the Bobcats with 20 points.

## Corona Cardinals sweep Grizzlies

Carrizozo traveled to Corona Saturday night and came back home with a pair of defeats at the hands of the host Cardinals. The Corona girls handed the local team a 48-34 defeat and the Corona boys followed that with a one-point win over the Grizzly boys 44-43.

In the girls game Denise Lightfoot had a game high 19 points for the Cardinals. Mary Romero and Traci Kelley added 10 points each. Tina Aaron had 5 and Sandra Copeland 4 to round out the scoring for Corona.

No one scored in double figures for the Grizzlies, with Marcella Sandoval's 9, Judy Vega 7, and Billie Jo Castillo 6 leading the way. Leah Patterson scored 5, Marcia Hefker 4, Jeanna Sims 2 and Lisa Hightower 1.

to the semi-finals against Ft. Sumner tonight, game to be played in Ft. Sumner. Winner will advance to the championship game against Carrizozo on Saturday night, game scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m.

Scoring for Corona had Traci Kelley with 18, Julie Ferguson 15, Denise Lightfoot 7, Mary Romero 4, Tina Aaron 3 and Sandra Copeland 2.

In the boys game D. Bell was hot with 23 for the Cardinals. T. Mulkey added 16. Others in the scoring column for the Cardinals were: Michael Pounds 3, and Tye Lightfoot 2.

Carrizozo had Abe Padilla with 11, Jake Narvaez 9, Robert Guevara 6, Dennis Vega 6, Tom Giordano 4, Michael Chavez 3, Mark Guevara 2, Danny Culley 2.

	1	2	3	4	Total
Carrizozo	2	7	12	18	39
Corona	12	17	4	15	48

Corona played Mountainair in the opening round of the district 3A playoffs Tuesday night and defeated the Mustangs 49-36, and advanced

## Bowling results

Team standings for the Monday Night Roadrunner bowling league for the week of Feb. 8: United New Mexico Bank, Rusty Anchor, Family Pharmacy and Means Motor Supply.

Individual high scores: scratch game, Ellie Bannister and Lucy Rickman 179; handicap game, Wanda Tucker 228; scratch series, Bonnie McEuen 511; handicap series, Bonnie McEuen 616.

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KIMMO HINTIKKA goes up for 2 during the Tiger's victory over Lake Arthur. Hintikka has been a steady, dependable player for Capitan this season.

## FHA's Blossom and Beau Friday night

Cathy Najjar was crowned FHA Blossom and Beau queen Friday night. Her escort was Michael Chavez. Other queen

candidates were Kim LaMay escorted by Angelo Vega, Clarica Carpenter escorted by Tim Baum, and Connie Najjar

escorted by Fred Vega. Princesses were Suzanne Saucedo escorted by Mark Guevara, Nancie Vega escorted by Benji Herrera and Laurie Zamora escorted by Michael Vega.

All last week was recognized as FHA/HERO (Future Homemakers of America/Home-Economics Related Occupations) week at Carrizozo schools. FHA/HERO sponsor Jodie Heckendorn reported that she and four students had attended the district meeting in Las Cruces.

Clarica Carpenter was installed as district J vice-president and Cathy Najjar was installed as vice-president of state projects. Others attending were Suzanne Saucedo and Chris Schlarb. The state meeting will be held in Glorieta in March.

## 1st semester honor roll for Carrizozo

1st grade—Elizabeth Avila, Cara Baker, Anthony Epperson, Briton Goad, Jessica Malone, Cortney Maynard, Amanda Miller, Miguel Najjar, Melissa Nava, Joseph Nickless, Sunshine Parra, Veronica Sainz, Victoria Sainz, Julie Samora, Lavanna Sumpter, Amber Vallejos, James Verdugo, Jimmy Vermillion and Melanie Whittaker.

2nd grade—Mandy Baca, Jesse Brown, Amanda Greer, Annette Nickless and J.R. Portillo.

3rd grade—Michelle Barala, Julie Barham, Paul Fitzpatrick, Katie Hightower, Rashelle Hollinger, Dewayne Langley, Samantha Sainz, Kerl Shafer, Willie Silva, and Rodney Zamora.

4th grade—Sarah Funk, Jacqueline Epperson, Wayne Downs, Jacob Caldwell, Jim Brown, Debbie Bond, Jeff Maynard, Tabitha Means, Neil Montes, Aavron Sumpter and Jamie Torrison.

5th grade—Lynette Hernandez, Billy Sheehan and Chris Spencer.

6th grade—Rachel Archuleta, Christi Brown, Davin Epperson, Lori Gibson, Renee Roper and Spence Spencer.

7th grade—Scot Brown, Amy Funk, Gall Journey and Micha Schlarb.

8th grade—Brett Barham, Kelly Caldwell, Raphael Chavez, Cheryl Hightower, Lee Najjar, Amy Offutt, Brent Racher, James Silva, Coby Sims, LeeRoy Zamora.

9th grade—Val Archuleta, Kim Coulter, Loren Patterson, Kevin Sheehan, Jenny Vinson,

10th grade—Michael Chavez, Ruben Gallegos, Lisa Hightower, Denise Hill, Connie Najjar, Suzanne Saucedo, Cindy Silva.

11th grade—Cathy Najjar, Leah Patterson, Jeanna Sims, Fred Vega, Jr.

12th grade—Clarica Carpenter, Craig Collins, Tom Giordano, Robert Guevara, Claudia Lopez, Marcella Sandoval, John Saucedo, Kelly Sheehan, Judy Vega, Ute Wierozek, Wendy Wootton, Luanna Zamora.

\*Denotes all A's.

## Library gets a gift book

A book entitled "The Vietnam War: Opposing Viewpoints" by David L. Bender has been presented to the Hondo School Library.

The presentation was made by Martha Proctor, vice-president of the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County.

Each year a school in Lincoln County is asked to choose a book that they wish to have in their library which is then presented to the school in honor of former First Lady Mamie D. Eisenhower. This is a nationwide project carried on by the National Federation of Republican Women.

## Academy appointment

Senator Pete Domenici (R-NM) has announced the names of New Mexicans he has nominated for the entering class of 1988 at the US Air Force, Merchant Marine, Military and Naval Academies. They include John Saucedo of Carrizozo for the Naval Academy.

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THIS YEAR'S Blossom and Beau Queen was announced following basketball games Friday. Shown here are Cathy Najjar, her escort Michael Chavez and attendants Stephanie Spencer, Robert Shafer and Mollie Hightower.

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The Carrizozo Science Fair was held last week with 140 projects entered by high school and mid-school students.

Overall high school winners receiving \$100 bonds were (1) Clarica Carpenter, (2) Connie Najar and (3) Ruben Gallegos. Money for the bonds was donated by United New Mexico Bank, Ruidoso State Bank, Rotary Club and PFK (People for Kids.)

Pat Vigil received a \$50 bond from the Soil Conservation and Clarica Carpenter received \$50 toward the purchase of books when she is registered for college from the Excellent Committee of Las Cruces.

High school winners and categories:

Microbiology, (1) Mark Guevara; medicine and health, (1) Cathy Najar and (2) Wendy Wootton; zoology, (1) Clarica Carpenter and (2) Loren Patterson; botany, (1)

Connie Najar and (2) Marcia Hefker; chemistry, (1) Lisa Hightower; computers and math, (1) Fred Vega.

Earth and Space, (1) Donny Matthews and (2) Suzanne Saucedo; behavioral, (1) Kelly Sheehan, (2) Laurie Zamora and (2) Luanna Zamora; engineering, (1) Benjy Herrera and (2) Leah Patterson; environmental, (2) Justin Hefker and (2) Pat Vigil; physics, (1) Ruben Gallegos; honorable mention, Jayson Walenski, Kevin Sheehan, Denise Hill, Rachel Montreal and D'rese Aguilar.

Mid-school overall winners, (1) Amy Funk, (2) Cheryl Hightower and (3) Brent Racher.

Mid-school winners: 8th grade, (1) Kelly Caldwell and (2) Brett Barham; 7th grade, (1) Gall Journey and (2) Scot Brown; 6th grade, (1) Christi Brown and (2) Spence Spencer; 5th grade, (1) Chris Spencer and (2) Jenny Northrup; honorable mention, Michael Paul Lueras, Amy O'futt, James Silva, Micha Schlarb, Lori Gibson, Renee Roper, Billy Sheehan, Amanda Vega and Jay J. King.



CARRIZOZO HIGH SCHOOL Science Fair award recipients in first place were, bottom row, left to right, Kelly Sheehan, Ruben Gallegos, Clarica Carpenter and Cathy Najar; back row, Donny Matthews, Benjy Herrera, Mark Guevara, Lisa Hightower and Connie Najar. Fred was not available for picture. See science fair story for names of other winners in various categories.



TOP WINNERS IN the Carrizozo Science Fair junior high competition were, bottom row, left to right, Christi Brown, Spence Spencer, Chris Spencer and Amy Funk; second row, Brett Barham, Jenny Northrop and Cheryl Hightower; last row, Kelly Caldwell, Brent Racher, Scot Brown and Gall Journey. Hightower also received the Soil Conservation Service award in the junior high level.

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