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## Grievance board says sheriff has been 'grossly negligent'

By Ruth Hammond

"Sheriff Don Samuels has been grossly negligent in his failure to hold hearings," says the Lincoln County Personnel Board in the findings following the Orlando Montes Jr. grievance hearing against the sheriff.

The board presented their findings to the Lincoln County Commissioners on Dec. 27 with the recommendation that Montes' personnel record be purged of any documents and letters reflecting allegations set forth by Samuels. In addition, any other documents relevant to the allegations and any disciplinary measures taken by the sheriff were ordered rescinded.

The commissioners made the personnel board report part of the minutes of the commissioners special meeting and accepted the personnel board recommendations.

Montes' grievance hearing was held Dec. 20 before board members Barbara Duff, acting as chairman, Isreal Miranda and Patsy Sanchez. Samuels did not attend the hearing and did not send a representative.

Montes said he had first asked for a grievance hearing in June 1988 but that hearing was not held due to the understanding that the sheriff and Montes were attempting to work things out.

Samuels had sent Montes a letter June 6, 1988 indicating that this was final notice and warning of improper and unacceptable procedure and unacceptable performance prior to termination. The letter listed seven

complaints and/or allegations including failure to provide backup, to perform in a proper manner, and sleeping on the job while assigned to radio dispatch. Chief Deputy Rex Skellett had alleged that Montes was sleeping on the job at about 5 a.m. May 13, 1988.

According to Montes and jailer Everett Greer, Skellett entered the sheriff's office in Carrizozo and did not speak to either officer before leaving a few minutes later. Montes said Skellett had not contacted the sheriff's office to notify them that he was in the unit even though it is a requirement to do so.

Montes said the warning he received on May 18 and the second warning on June 6 was a case of double jeopardy, and it was illegal for him to be reprimanded twice for the same thing.

The personnel board found that Samuels had indicated that he would hold a hearing of his personnel board within his department but failed to do so. They further found that Montes had been unable to get an appointment with Samuels for the purpose of settling the matter even though Montes had made repeated requests for a meeting with Samuels.

The personnel board said Samuels had been grossly negligent in his failure to hold hearings for the following reasons: (1) the time that has lapsed from the onset of this matter until today. He negligently failed to meet with his deputy as agreed to settle, (2) He (Samuels) had no representation at the hearing. (3) The sheriff's

office made a departmental policy to train all deputies as dispatchers. However, he had only two deputies working as dispatchers for three and one-half months at very strenuous changes of shift. It is coincidental that these two had filed complaints against the sheriff. It would appear that these two were singled out for harassment. (4) As a result of these deputies working overtime, the sheriff may have been in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act. An attached exhibit showed that Montes was working 23 hours in one shift when no emergency existed. It would seem that working employees without sleep and rest is not in the best interest of the public.

The 5th reason for finding Samuels negligent: If Montes was guilty of two infractions, which in the opinion of the personnel board are both very serious (failure to provide backup and sleeping on the job), then the sheriff's office had the power provided him by the personnel policy of the county to fire him; and probably should have immediately when he was found sleeping; however, there were two points to be considered: (1) the jailer was on duty when Skellett allegedly found Montes sleeping. Why did he not ask the jailer to take notice so that he would have a witness? (2) If Skellett found Montes sleeping on May 13, why was it not until five days later on May 18 that he was reprimanded? The board feels that this was a situation which would have required immediate professional attention to the interests of the county.

The board further found that Skellett never informed the dispatcher that he was on duty or in a public vehicle. The board made special attention to this, because in prior cases Sheriff Don Samuels and Chief Deputy Skellett have claimed this is a violation and have subjected other employees to reprimands for that particular violation.

In addition to finding that allegations against Montes were found to be without merit and asking that his personnel record be purged of any documents and letters reflecting any such allegations, and any other documents relevant to the allegations, and that any disciplinary measures taken by Samuels be ordered rescinded, the board found that despite a request to have records from the sheriff's office supporting the allegations and despite a call from the personnel board while it was in session, the sheriff and/or his representatives failed to allow the personnel board to inspect those records and/or have them available for inspection and/or present them to the personnel board. The records requested were radio and telephone logs of the pertinent dates.

The personnel board report continued, "It is further the statement of the board that the board does not wish to appear lenient on employees but expect that all county employees do their duties as called for in the personnel ordinance and as called for by their supervisors. We note, however, that if employees are required to do their duty then elected officials should also act professionally so that technicalities as we have noted above cannot come into play, leaving us no alterna-

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## County Manager Suzanne Cox submits resignation

Lincoln County Manager Suzanne Cox submitted her resignation to the county commissioners during the special meeting Dec. 27.

Cox was hired as county manager Sept. 1, 1982 and has served in that capacity for four separate commissions.

"It is with a very heavy heart I do this as I have come to know and love the people of Lincoln County," Cox read from a prepared statement. "It is my personal desire to continue as Lincoln County Manager but in all fairness to the newly elected county commissioners, this will allow them the freedom to appoint a county manager whether it be myself or another." Cox said that the county manager serves at the pleasure of the county commission and carries out their desires.

The resignation took the commissioners by surprise and they agreed to give the resignation to the newly elected officials for action. The new commissioners will be sworn in Jan. 3 at 10 a.m.

Frank Sisneros of the emergency medical services suggested that the commissioners not accept the resig-



LINCOLN COUNTY Manager Suzanne Cox with county commissioners Bill Karn, John Hightower and Ralph Dunlap.

nation. He said that the county owes a great deal of gratitude to Cox for her work.

Commissioner Bill Karn said that he had worked with her for two years and "she knows a lot about county government." He added that anytime he needed information Cox was willing to help and if she did not have the information could give him phone numbers of people to contact in Santa Fe. "Most of these people have known her for years," he added.

"As I said, it is my desire to stay as county manager," Cox said. "I had hoped this would open the door for the new commissioners to make easier decisions."

The meeting began with an executive session for litigation and personnel. Following the closed session the commissioners had three things to report. They accepted the recommendation of the personnel board concerning the Orlando Montes Jr. grievance hearing against Sheriff Don Samuels and made the board report a part of the minutes.

The board recommended that Montes personnel record be purged of any documents and letters reflecting

any allegations made by the sheriff and that any disciplinary measures taken by Samuels be rescinded.

The commissioners announced that Dale Goad had been a contractor as dentist at the Carrizozo Health Center and would become a county employee at the request of the IRS.

The state auditor asked that the county auditor's contract be extended. The county audit is not complete at this time because of pending litigation. The commissioners agreed to the state auditor's request and asked that all ending cash balances be verified. These will include the ending cash balance for the Sierra Blanca Airport Commission as well as all ending cash balances for offices in the courthouse.

Certificates of appreciation were signed to be presented to several people in the county.

Hubert Quintana, executive director of the Water Defense Association, presented a joint powers agreement developed by the state department of finance and administration's legal counsel proposing funding for an appeal on the Mescalero section of the Lewis water case.

The joint powers between Lincoln County, Chaves County and the DFA was executed for the purpose of effectuating the legislation for \$225,000 to be used for the proposed appeal.

Chaves County will be sole responsible for obtaining hydrological studies and technical and legal services, and for receipt and disbursement of monies appropriated for such studies and services and DFA will assist by reviewing for form any requests for proposals or contract documents prepared by Chaves County.

DFA will distribute the funds pursuant to appropriation and Chaves and Lincoln County will be responsible for the presentation of evidence. Chaves County is to make periodic reports to DFA and Lincoln County which will contain a detailed

budget breakdown of expenditures to date, a description of any problems or delays encountered and such other information as may be useful to or requested by DFA.

The declaration of vacation of a portion of Cedar Creek Drive was signed. The property is no longer needed by the county and will become a part of lot 1 of Raven Ridge.

The low bid submitted by Sturdy Steel of Waco, TX was accepted for grandstand seating for the fairgrounds in Capitan pending finding further additional money. The bid was for \$12,354. The county has received a grant of \$7,500 for the seating and will need additional money before the seats can be purchased.

Commissioners received a notarized copy of hours the sheriff's department has logged for the traffic safety grant. The notarized copy was submitted by deputy Larry Brinkley. The county will forward the copy to the traffic safety department to see if hours are adequate to close out the grant.

The mid-year budget review included a four-page report listing line items that are over 50 percent. The mileage and per diem paid for officials-elect expenses to attend meetings prior to taking office will be repaid to the line item after Jan. 1.

Other explanations of expenditures of more than 50 percent: record books are purchased in quantities for the clerk's office and stand at 79 percent, part-time salaries for the clerk's office is 73 percent but there are sufficient funds in the full-time salaries if a line item adjustment is needed, bureau of elections is over 50 percent because the general election has already been held, part-time salaries in the treasurer's office is 56 percent because most part-time help is used during the tax season, capital outlay items are purchased for the year and insurance is purchased for the year.

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## \$266,700 in improvements planned by fair board

By Bartley McDonough

The Lincoln County Fair Board met in Capitan Dec. 5 and presented a list of improvements needed at an estimated cost of \$266,700.

These improvements include replacing the bleachers and concession stand. This would include a handicap ramp. The bleachers would be in seven 24-foot sections with roof. The present bleachers are over 40 years old and insurance is almost impossible to obtain. There would be 15 rows of seats instead of the present seven.

The livestock exhibit barn would be expanded with many improvements being made. The poultry and rabbit exhibit facilities would be enlarged and the show ring covered.

Improvements would be made to the walking and jogging path. Gravel would be used. Citizens can use the path without the threat of being hit by a vehicle.

Some of the present light poles would be replaced and the candlepower increased.

The present exhibit hall

is 60x100 feet and is not insulated. It is cold in the winter and hot in the summer. Insulation and gas heating would render it usable throughout the year. The cement floor would be repaired.

The calf and steer chutes would be renovated and a livestock return alley installed.

Tables, chairs, appliances and other items would be purchased to give Lincoln County an up to date, modern facility.

All facilities at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds have been financed with local funds and volunteer labor. The profit from the popular Smokey Bear Stampede is used to finance the Lincoln County Fair.

These proposed improvements would be financed from state severance tax monies under the present plan, said Lincoln County Fair Board President Ralph Dunlap.

The Lincoln County Fair Board will meet Jan. 9 to consider the bleacher grant. The meeting time is 7 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Capitan.



# By the way

By P.E. Chavez



### ONE MORE TIME

Four thousand years ago, the ancient Babylonians made resolutions part of their New Year's celebrations. While two of the most present-day promises might be to lose weight and to quit smoking, the Babylonians had their own two favorites: to pay off outstanding debts and to return farming tools and household utensils.

### NOT THIS GRANDMA

A grandmother took her grandson to see Santa Claus in a department store after purchasing about a dozen Christmas gifts.

"What do you say to Santa?" prompted grandma. "Charge it," said the little boy.

### WHY NOT?

Political party loyalties tend to surface, even at Christmas. Did you hear about the Republican who had a nativity scene out in front of his house? Joseph is leading Mary into the manger, but she isn't on a donkey. It's an elephant.

### FOLK ART

When you're in Roswell stop in at the Roswell Museum and Art Center if you are interested in quilts. An investigation of tradition-

al quilt-making was the first exhibit at the new Education Gallery. The exhibit will be up through Jan. 15.

Tino Lopez Jr. of Espanola is the winner of the Christmas quilt made and raffled by Santa Rita Quilters. The drawing was held following Christmas Eve mass. "Autumn Beauty," in brown, orange and beige tones features a variety of traditional blocks.

### NEVER BORED

The Cedarvale Quilters recently held a quilt show and their booklet listing the show entries describes a quilter:

A quilter is someone who saves ten boxes of scraps. . . has one corner of the house an eternal mess. . . buys half a yard of calico. . . when on vacation goes to the fabric store in every town. . . loves flea markets. . . is always looking for new ideas. . . spends sleepless nights thinking about color combinations. . . has a tottering pile of books and magazines in her room. . . visits every five-and-dime. . . is always picking up pins and bits of thread from the floor. . . has a callous on her left index finger. . . is always looking for more quilt patterns. . . begs her friend for remnants, works for a year on a quilt, then gives it away. . . watches TV with a needle in her hand. . . is forever ironing. . . is never bored. . . knows one hundred patterns by heart. . . always has time to help a friend.

### ONE GREAT TRUTH

Lyndon B. Johnson: "At the desk where I sit, I have learned one great truth. The answer for all our national problems, the answer for all the problems of the world, comes in a single word. That word is education!"

George and Elaine Beaudry of Capitan continue to expand their horizons and to develop new interests and enthusiasms by participating in an educational program called Elderhostel. It's for elder citizens on the move, not just in terms of travel, but in terms of intellectual activity as well. Their commitment is to the belief that retirement does not represent an end to significant activity for older adults but a new beginning filled with opportunities and challenges.

With Elderhostel, the Beaudrys enjoy short-term academic programs at educational institutions around

the world. The students live on the campus of their host institution while attending a program and have access to the cultural and recreational facilities and resources available there.

From Cicero to computers, politics to poetry, Maine to Manitoba, Wollongong to Wales. . . each institution selects the courses it wishes to offer Elderhostel participants. Elderhostel courses are not for credit and there are no exams, grades or (except for Intensive Studies) required homework. They presuppose no particular previous knowledge or study. They have enrolled hostellers who have had PhDs and others who have never graduated from high school.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

Our word "holiday" comes from "halldai," meaning holy day. Until recently, humankind's celebrations were of a religious nature. The earliest recorded New Year's festival was in the city of Babylon. The new year was celebrated late in March and the occasion lasted eleven days. Food, wine, hard liquor was consumed as a gesture of appreciation for the previous year's harvest.

How did 2000 B.C. New Year's Day celebrants manage without the pill that goes "plop, plop, fizz, fizz"?

One of my Christmas gifts included a book "Extraordinary Origins of Everyday Things," a collection of little-known facts to amaze and amuse.

Did you know that, the Alka-Seltzer story began in a newspaper office in Elkhart, IN?

In the winter of 1928, Hub Beardsley, president of the Dr. Miles Laboratories, visited the offices of the local newspaper. There was a severe flu epidemic that year. Many of Beardsley's own employees were out sick. But Beardsley learned that no one on the newspaper staff had missed a day of work as the result of influenza. The paper's editor explained that at the first hint of a cold symptom, he dosed staff members with a combination of aspirin and baking soda.

Beardsley was impressed. Both medications were ancient, but their combination was novel. Since his laboratories specialized in home-medicine-chest reme-

dies, he decided to test the formula.

Beardsley took a supply of the experimental tablets with him on a Mediterranean cruise. His wife reported that they cured her headaches. Beardsley himself found they soothed the ravages of excessive shipboard dining and drinking.

Alka-Seltzer's sales skyrocketed in 1933, when Americans emerged parched from the dry spell of Prohibition. The fizzy tablet prompted a hung-over W.C. Fields to joke, "Can't anyone do something about that racket?"

## Obituary

### LULA MAE RUNNELS

Lula Mae Runnels, 95, Nogal, died Dec. 19 at the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Dec. 21, at the Capitan Church of Christ with Mr. J.A. "Shorty" Winfield officiating. Burial was in Angus Cemetery under direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel.

Mrs. Runnels was born Nov. 9, 1893 in Cowboy, TX. A housewife, she lived in Lincoln County for 79 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Anguish Runnels, in 1965.

Mrs. Runnels came to New Mexico in a covered wagon. She was known as the "Dahlia Lady" on the Bonita. She had been a member of the Capitan Church of Christ for 66 years.

She is survived by two sons, Robert K. and Arvel, both of Bonito; a daughter, Bonnie F. Coe of Ruidoso; a sister, Mozelle Wilson of Calamesa, CA; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



PAT WARD home in Lincoln was the setting Dec. 15 for the installation of the 1989 officers of the Comente CowBelles. Shown standing, l. to r., Mrs. Jerry Bird of Roswell, installing officer; Debbie Bird, treasurer; Linda Dyson, 2nd vice-president; Inez Mairs, 1st vice-president and Janice Hard, president. Kneeling in front is sunshine girl Jeanette Smeot. Club secretary Ruth Shannon was not available for this photo.

## Water well levels to be tested

Commencing January 1989 personnel from the State Engineer District Office in Roswell will be measuring water levels in wells in the Roswell, Hondo and Penasco Underground Water Basin.

The measurements are part of a continuing long-term program to determine fluctuations of the water table in the basins. Measurements of approximately 850 wells are made every five years by the State Engineer Office, with the last such measurements having been made in 1984.

It is anticipated that six to eight personnel will be in these areas from January through most of March. If any persons desire more information or information concerning measurements on specific wells, they may contact the State Engineer Office in Roswell.

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# OPINION

December 1988 may go down in history books as the time when a modern miracle occurred. Yasser Arafat, Palestine Liberation Organization leader and terrorist, was elevated to nothing short of sainthood. The civilized world is groveling at his feet just a few days after he was denied a US visa to address the United Nations in New York because he posed a danger to US security. His rag-wrapped head and face appeared on the cover of Time Magazine. He had a conference with the Pope. He is Man of the Year for 1988. Little American babies are being named Yasser. Streets all over the world may be changed to "Arafat Avenue." Why? All because he made a speech (as he always does of course.) But this time he said he accepted Resolutions 242 and 338, specifically recognized Israel's right to exist, and renounced terrorism. Baloney.

At this press conference Dec. 14 Arafat declared, "We totally and absolutely renounce all forms of terrorism, including individual, group and state terrorism." Compare that statement with a clause that followed, which is an affirmation of "the right of peoples to resist foreign occupation." That's his loophole for continuing terrorism. All he has to do to justify terrorism now is to remind the world that he reserved the right to "resist foreign occupation." You see, the PLO views Israel as the foreign occupier of Palestine, which makes terrorism against Israel "legitimate" in terms of his renunciation of terrorism.

While Arafat was recognizing Israel's right to exist, he nor anyone else bothered to remove the central issue in the PLO Charter which explicitly calls for the destruction of Israel. Here the PLO is having it both ways; peace with Israel on its own terms or war with Israel on terms not acceptable to PLO.

As for accepting UN Resolution 242, this resolution does not refer specifically to Israel, but to the "territorial inviolability . . . of every State in the area." If the PLO does not recognize Israel as a state, which it does not, then embracing 242 is meaningless. It was George Habash, head of the Popular Front for Liberation of Palestine, which is the largest terrorist group under the PLO umbrella except for Arafat's own Al Fatah, told reporters following a conference in Algiers recently: "I do not regard that the PNC recognizes Israel (as a state)." So the world is hailing this flawed, ambiguous position of Arafat as a means of achieving peace in the Middle East. Gorbachev couldn't have done a better job of sneaking a gullible public that will believe anything in the name of peace.

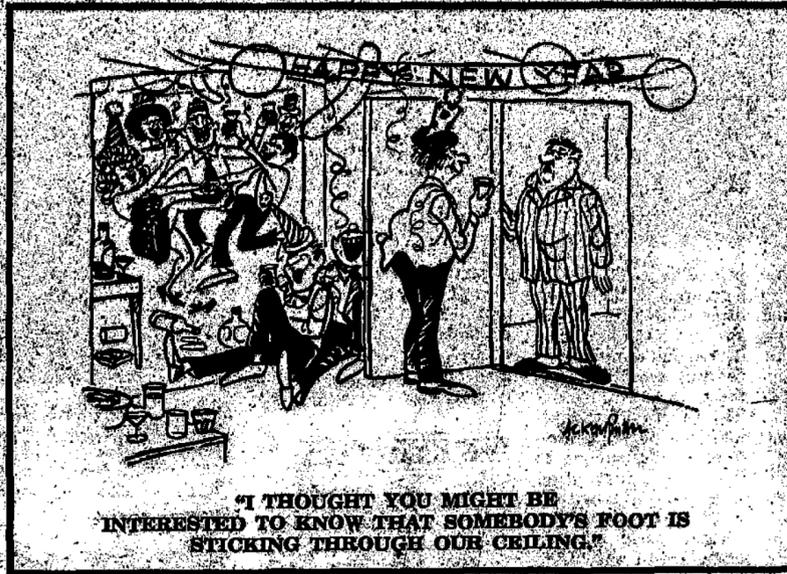
To hell with Arafat. Happy New Year to our alphabetical overseers, the FBI, CIA, ILO, GPU, VA, OHD, SS, EQC, DEQ, BPA, DC, HUD, HEW, BLM, ABC, CAB, EPA, FCA, FCC, FMC, FPC, FTC, ICC, SEC, USDA, FDA, OSHA, ACA, CIO-AFL, NMU and the CPUSA (without which life could be less complicated) . . . And to the OAA, APTD, AB, SSI, FAP, AFDC, PHS, UN, UNICEF, EEF, IMF, EHA, FRA, DOT, ECOSOC, CLC, WPI, WIPP, OEC, AIM, NASA, EPO, ICCS, GAD, ECDC and ETC—all of which proves that if we only learn the alphabet, who needs to read?

Ah, New Year! Forgive me if I don't put on the lamp shade, dance around the unlighted Christmas trees, kiss all the neighbors at the fatal stroke of midnight, and play "Auld Lang Syne" on my trombone this New Year's Eve. It is difficult to welcome 1989 when I have the feeling its going to be worse than 1988. The last time I engaged in New Year's Eve hilarity was back in the early 1930s when the national anthem was "Happy Days Are Here Again," or so President Roosevelt taught us. But that was before we got the bill for our betterment. Back then, any change had to be for the better, which shows how times and things can change. Our New Year's gift is that we must all work at our jobs from Jan. 1 to June 1 just to pay our taxes, and if that doesn't make us 5/12ths slave we should burn our dictionaries. A horrible thought is that our children will one day look back on these as "the good old days." Well, Happy New Year, anyway. And try to make it through June 1, after which you can start working for yourself.

Pat Buttram, perennial and persistent candidate for president, told a story one time about the two fellows who had been having a few at the local bistro on New Year's Eve. "I just hate to think of going home," one said; "it always takes me an hour or more to go to sleep." And the other one said, "That's funny, I always go to sleep the minute I hit the bed." And the other guy said, "So do I, but it takes me an hour or so to hit the bed."

The demise of 1988, may it rest in peace, was another in a series of years wherein Americans were called upon to survive such things as the continuing nuclear threat, pesticides residues, Acid Rain, smelly armpits—and viewers—with alarm. The latter is the more deadly. The past year has found our self-appointed and self-anointed soothsayers finding everything hazardous to our health, including fresh air and food. Environmental viewers—with alarms have almost brought commerce and industry to a halt—with the able assistance of our court system that levies fines in the millions to transgressors in the liability field. One group of "viewers" predict the end of mankind through lung cancer induced by tobacco. It makes no difference that death rates from major lung ailments, including cancer, are 700 percent less today than in 1900, having dropped from 430 deaths per 100,000 population to 60—and during the same period that cigarette smoking reached its highest peak. Another "viewer" is convinced that Americans are digging their graves with knives and forks, and exhorts them to fasting or to eating birdseed, seaweed, and combs laced with manure. One will refuse to discuss the fact that within this century the average length of life in the US has been extended from 47 to more than

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## Inside The Capitol

By Jay Miller

SANTA FE—I got a Christmas card today from one of our nation's dirtiest political campaign consultants.

I had the opportunity to get acquainted with him at a "hurricane party" the night of Nov. 22 as we waited for tropical Storm Keith to hit the coast of Florida.

I was fascinated with how negative campaigning can work so well when everyone says they hate it. The consultant's answer was that most people say they dislike violence and yet the more mayhem in a movie or on the 6 o'clock news, the higher the ratings will be. He didn't particularly care why it worked. He was interested in taking maximum advantage of the fact that it does work.

A first glance at the Christmas card made me think the guy might have turned over a new leaf. It contained a cartoon strip about Santa Claus and ended with the greeting "Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a Positive New Year!" The word "Positive" had been underlined by hand several times.

But then I read the cartoon. It had obviously been written by the consultant and was an example of negative campaigning.

The cartoon was a 30-second television spot titled "Merry Christmas." While a picture of Santa appeared on the screen, a voice-over said, "Before you open your home to this man, look behind the myth and study the facts. He's an illegal alien who uses numerous aliases such as Saint Nick, Kris Kringle, Pere Noel and Father Christmas."

The picture switches to the familiar scene of Santa in his sleigh with a long whip strung out over the heads of his reindeer. And the voices say, "He exploits and abuses his own employees."

The next picture shows Santa with a toy machine gun. The voice says, "He incites greed and violence among our children."

Next, the clincher: "And who pays for his yearly give-away? You and your family. This Christmas, it's time for Scrooge—for a kinder, gentler America."

So that you won't become confused by reading other columnists in "Brand X" newspapers, the following corrections are offered.

One columnist announced that Las Cruces Democrat Mary Jane Garcia is the first Hispanic woman to serve in the New Mexico Senate. We are still researching the extent to which that columnist was incorrect, but the name Consuelo Jaramillo Kitzay immediately comes to mind. Connie served in the Senate from 1971 to 1974

representing Santa Fe County.

Another columnist reported on Gov. Garrey Carruther's defense of the hiring of Texan Alan Richardson to head New Mexico's economic development effort. The governor had said sometimes that sort of thing is necessary in order to get the very best. He compared the out-of-state hiring to the Los Angeles Dodgers getting all-star first baseman Eddie Murray from the Baltimore Orioles instead of going to their farm system.

The problem was that the columnist had the Dodgers buying Eddie Murphy to play first base for them. The only Eddie Murphy I know tells filthy jokes and probably doesn't play a very good first base.

Hopefully Richardson will give New Mexico a better economic development effort than Murphy would do for the Dodgers. Although I'm sure he'd be a riot in the clubhouse.

Santa Fe New Mexican newspaper editor Harold Cousland suggests that Murphy might help the Dodgers more than would be

expected. He contends the star of Beverly Hills Cop would never be caught letting any base runners steal second.

Capital City attorney "Lefty" Thompson suggests the logical choice for University of New Mexico athletic director would be former Gov. Jerry Apodaca.

Apodaca has a good business background. As a former running back for UNM football teams of the mid-1960s, he has a lot of knowledge and interest. And as a former state senator and governor, he obviously has a lot of good connections.

He may also be available. Apodaca left Hispanic magazine several months ago and has since been traveling the country on speaking tours while still serving as a member of the UNM Board of Regents.

Since he would have to resign that position in order to become athletic director, Apodaca might even pick up some support from Gov. Garrey Carruthers, who just might like to name one of his own people to that slot.

## School bus route priorities listed

The Carrizozo Board of Education has approved the school bus route improvement request that will be sent to the county. Action was taken during the Dec. 20 meeting.

Priority No. 1 will be Schlarb Road southwest from the Carrizozo Municipal Airport off 8th Street to US Highway 54 south of Carrizozo for 2.7 miles. Priority No. 2 is the extension of 17th Street in Carrizozo southward on the east side of the railroad tracks to the cattle guard at Refugio Najar's residence. Priority No. 3 is county road D-011 to the Leroy Band residence from US Highway 54 north of Carrizozo for a distance of 2.3 miles.

Other priorities listed: County road D-017 from

cattle guard in Ancho northeast to Bill Hightower residence; county road D-018 from cattle guard at Ancho east to Gary Hightower residence; county road C-013 from Highway 37 into Nogal Canyon to cattle guard near Fitzpatrick residence; county road D-008 from US Highway 54 approximately two miles to Gordon Barham residence; county road D-013 north of Carrizozo extending 1.1 miles west to Tommy Knight residence and the road off Highway 54 west 1.6 miles to the Bar W Ranch Headquarters.

Other business included naming students of the month for October, November and December. Each student will receive a letter from

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

Other explanations the bridge work is completed, the fire districts capital outlay and property insurance are for the full year, capital outlay amount is spent for the year, the construction for the Alto paving district is complete and the project is closed out, a line item adjustment will be made at the end of the fiscal year for the senior citizens centers and money for the road department will come in after the first of the year.

The sheriff's department needed \$2,674 to bring the telephone, office supplies, equipment maintenance and professional services line items down to 50 percent. This money was transferred from the sheriff's expenses.

The largest problem was with the jail where 66 percent of the budget has been spent for part-time salaries and \$2,156 is needed to bring this back to 50 percent.

The jail budget is also more than 50 percent in over-time salaries, care of prisoners, jail supplies and feeding of prisoners is \$8,685 over the projected 50 percent.

Line item transfers from the sheriff's budget can be made for \$8,000 of the needed \$12,324 for the jail and \$4,324 will come from the county planning budget.

Additional money for the sheriff's department will be needed because of an alleged purchasing violation. Cox brought it to the attention of the commissioners that the sheriff's department had requested a P.O. for \$500 but that on Dec. 27 the bill came in at \$3,071.39. This amount will throw the budget more than 50 percent.

Cox explained that the budget is an estimate of the amounts to be spent and said she suggested to department heads that they build in some type cushion for expenses that go over the estimate. "I don't like to go to the DFA and ask for budget increases," she said.

Cox said that one bill for the sheriff's department was dated May 1988 but that it was not received in her office for payment until September. She explained that other bills could come in late and cause the budget to be more than 50 percent expended.

As to the alleged purchasing violation, the state requires that items costing less than \$1,500 be bought at the best available price, items costing \$1,500 to \$3,000 be purchased after verbal quotes are received and items costing more than \$3,000 and less than \$5,000 be accompanied by written

quotes. County attorney Gary Mitchell said the three new commissioners have a duty to notify the DFA and maybe the attorney general of any purchasing violations just as the three present commissioners have had that duty.

Commissioner-elect Karon Petty asked if anyone had discussed any of these matters with Sheriff-elect James McSwane. Cox said she had talked to McSwane and that he was concerned that he may not have 50 percent of the sheriff's budget for his first six months in office.

Petty said it was her understanding that McSwane and Samuels were working together for a smooth transition.

Cox agreed that McSwane had told her the same thing but that he was concerned about the 50 percent being there for his expenses.

Mitchell gave the county attorney report and said, "I understand that district attorney Bert Atkins is to be the county attorney." He said he will turn over all county litigation to who ever is the county attorney.

Mitchell told of things that have been accomplished during the past few years: the first county paving district in the state came in under projected costs, the EMT services is the best in the state, and the county is waiting for the water suit to be ruled on by the judge.

Petty asked about Mitchell's contract. "I thought he was under contract until March." She was told he was but the contract could be terminated at the agreement of those involved at any time.

Petty said the three commissioners-elect would ask the present employees to not assume anything, "we've made no decisions," she said.

Mitchell said he had discussed ways to save the county money with Atkins, and "It is my intention to work with you all and with Bert Atkins."

Atkins spoke to the commission and said he appreciated the facilities for the district attorney's office in the courthouse. He said he was surprised by Mitchell's comments and he intends to propose assistance to the county in 1989 and to work with Mitchell.

Treasurer Shirley Goodloe requested an executive session with the commissioners. At the end of the closed session it was announced that Goodloe had asked for creation of a new position, treasurer's accountant for her office. She will write a job classification and advertise for the position.

Commissioners approved a motion to have attorney A.J. Ferrara turn over all papers to the attorney general and the district attorney concerning the suit against the sheriff. The AG and DA will have the legal documents for their disposition.



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

70 years. Still another "viewer" is in divinely-possessed wisdom that heart disease is going to get us all unless we give up eating red meat. He is oblivious to records indicating that death rates from major heart diseases have declined from more than 500 per 100,000 population in 1928 to about 400 per 100,000 today—the period of our greatest per capita consumption of meat. These "viewers" must get some emotional charge in scaring the daylight out of their fellowman. As for these "viewers" one could hardly be expected to find a vegetarian cheering wildly during "Eat More Beef Week," and few nudists are going to be moved to tears over "Make It Yourself with Wool" contests. A prohibitionist and teetotaler is not always a qualified judge of what it takes to make a good highball, and nobody takes seriously the spinster who writes books on child care. We should no more expect these well-intentioned "viewers" to be swayed by facts than we should expect a chorus of Valesii sunuchs to sing a spirited rendition of "There's Nothing Like a Dame." I predict 1989 will be another year in which we all survive our kooky viewers-with-alarm. The girls will keep on getting prettier and the boys will keep on getting taller, heavier and more handsome and intelligent than their fathers. This may result in death by disappointment for many of our viewers-with-alarm, a happy thought I shall hold for the coming year. Happy New Year!

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# CAPITAN NEWS

By Margaret French

I wish everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year. Hold that wish in your mind with positive thoughts and it will be true.

Winter was with us with very cold temperatures, wind ending Monday with a light snow. Christmas day was nice, cold but with sunshine. Zero otherwise.

Hingo will be held Thursday night, Dec. 29. Join us for a good time. The Capitan Chamber of Commerce will hold its next meeting at Smokey Bear Restaurant, Jan. 3.

There will be a special meeting at the City Hall at 5 p.m. Dec. 29.

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is manager of the Cattle Country Hardware in Capitan. His family will join him very soon and they will be located in a home on Third Street. We welcome you and wish you many years of success and happiness with us.

State Park will be closed New Year's Day.

The Smokey Bear Museum had 146 registered visitors Dec. 19-24. Don Rose and family of Braunfels, TX were visitors Dec. 19. He said his mother was born in Capitan. She was Bonnie Griffin, her sister was Lois Griffin and brother was Irvin Evert Griffin. They were children of Griff and Ella Lois Griffin. Their youngest daughter, Ileda Mae, 3 years old, died and was buried in Capitan Cemetery. Don said his grandmother lives in Roswell. His grandfather died in 1970. He was a World War I veteran and worked for the WPA.

Patsy Peralta is on two-week vacation and spent Christmas with their son Chris in Silver City.

Rudy Padilla spent Christmas with his family in Las Vegas, NM.

Margaret and Sheri Coley of Crested Butte, TX visited Sheri's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hobbs and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hobbs, Friday. They left on Wednesday and they had 40 inches of snow in Crested Butte. They were on their way to Carlsbad for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Story and son Glynn spent Christmas in Las Cruces with their daughter, Cathlene, and family.

David Nolen is home visiting his parents, Butch and Netta Nolen.

Robert Peterson of Tulsa, OK is visiting his grandparents, Myrl and Bob Ray and the Butch Nolens.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Phillips of Lincoln enjoyed all of their children for Christmas—Kirk, Richard and Poco, and their families, and Rebecca, who is home for the holiday from college.

Hollis and Gloria Cummins had all of their family home for the holidays—Kerney and Tami Cummins and her brother Todd Bronson of California, Danny Cummins of Clovis, David and Deborah and Courtney Cummins of Capitan. Billy Clark, 80 years, spent Christmas with the Cummins.

David and Deborah and Courtney had a wonderful Christmas as her mother Dolores Cox of Lometa, TX was here for the holidays. Christmas Day, Ken, Carol and Elissa Reamy, Myrtle Brink and Kenneth and aunt and uncle from Clifton, TX arrived and enjoyed dinner with them.

Malcolm McCarty and son Delbert of Roswell spent Christmas with his sister Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wright, and on Christmas day Jimmie's family, Maxine and Howard Wright, Kay, Terry and Melinda Strickland joined them for a happy time.

Everyone thanks the Girl Scouts and the Four Square Church Carolers for their lovely songs.

Curtis, Rhonda Kay and Veronica Reeves enjoyed Christmas with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mapes in Clayton.

Gus and Carmen Allred and family spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Jerry Martin, and family in Baytown, TX, and returned home Tuesday.

Thanks to the Santa Claus Cops who helped seven needy families in Capitan.

Mr. and Mrs. Fernie Stokes and family of Norwalk, CA arrived here to spend one week in their home here and enjoy their relatives.

Frances Peralta is home from Albuquerque where she underwent surgery. We wish the very best and quick recovery.

I had the most enjoyable and happy Christmas, and thank all of my friends and neighbors for making it so. May God bless you. I enjoyed dinner Christmas with the lovely Pounds family and the Christmas with the lovely Muse family.

The beautiful lady, Lula Runnels, 95, died Dec. 19 and was buried Angus Cemetery. She was the fine and sweet lady of long ago. Memories linger of her at Bonita for many years. She loved flowers.



PVT. STEPHEN L. Terry, grandson of Guitman F. and Jane H. Terry of Ruidoso, has completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He is a 1988 graduate of Ruidoso High School.

# Capitan Elementary Christmas program

Capitan Elementary School presented its annual Christmas program Dec. 18. "The Littlest Christmas Trees," a musical play by Teresa Jennings, featured students in grades K through 3.

The cast of characters included: Santa Claus, Jason Gipson; Mrs. Claus, Erin Autrey; The Littlest Tree, Erin Autrey. The speaking trees were Buffle York, Domenica Affuso, Will Gipson and Christine Alanis. Speaking elves were Jody Sidwell, Tisha Lovelace and Amanda Bird.

The non-speaking trees were Jeff Starnes, Colleen McGrath, Jennifer Brockman, Dalatrey Thompson, Crystal Padilla, Michael Brazel, Haley Murray, Sheri Crandall and Faith Smith. The non-speaking elves were Stephanie Childress, Tommi Tejada, Ricardo Valenzuela, Andrew Longbotham, Klayton Jones,

Wade Smith, Justin Jones, Sara Chapman, Wesley Armenta, Lucy Brazel and Jennifer Tracey. The chorus was also featured.

"The Case of the Counterfeit Santa," a melodrama by Arlene Ydette and Hartley Brown, was also presented. The cast included: Santa Claus, Amy Cling; Counterfeit Santa, Matt MacVeigh; Mrs. Claus, Joni Autrey; Bright Eyes, Angie Hutchison; Elf 1, Jessica Cling; Elf 2, Stacy Sidwell; Elf 3, Michelle Grigsby; Elf 4, Mandy Aldaz; Elf 5, Monica Wheeler; Elf 6, Tracy Stone; Elf 7, Jessica Barola and Elf 8, Carl Palmer.

The stable boys were Travis Crandall, Janelle Stockton, Eugene Evans, Troy Stone, Miguel Tate, Andra Fish, Keith Witham and Eddie Sedillo.

The cast also included: voices 1, Renee Smith; voices 2, Michael Fish; voices 3, Robert Billingslea; voices 4, Kim Wright. The head baker was Melanie Kuangvuthi. Baker 2 was Katherine Sidwell. The helpers were Shelby Gowen, Margie Navarez, Nathan Longbotham and Casey Cunningham. The toy wrappers were Trey Allen, Jessica Weatherby, Tabitha Fenter, Shannon McGrath and Kristi Billingslea.

The non-speaking parts were: elf, Stacy Erwin; toy wrapper, Dottie Boyd; stable boy, Randy Hutchison. The cooks were Ernie Sedillo and Meghan McGrath. Garrett Goodloe and Michelle Montee were messenger elves.

Music teacher Dick Valenzuela presented his second program Dec. 15. This featured the Capitan High School Band and Choir.

The chorus presented "Christmas from the Heart" as arranged by Mark Brymer. This arrangement included Christmas is a Feeling in your Heart, It's the most wonderful time of the year, It's beginning to look like Christmas, Silver and Gold, Let it Snow! Marshmallow World, Going on a Sleigh Ride, Christmas Chopsticks, I saw Mommy

kissing Santa Claus and Ring out the Jingle Bells. The band selections were "The Naval Sea Cadet March," by Joseph Olivadoti; "The Legend of Kings,"

arranged by Charles Richard Spinney; "Christmas Recollections," arranged by John Edmondson and "Christmas Music for Winds," arranged by John Cacavas.

## Bus (Cont'd from P. 4)

the school board. Supt. Danny Burnett presented revisions of the school board policy for board members to review.

Burnett announced that Lucy Vega's poster placed first in the state for the CowBelles beef poster contest.

A letter of commendation was sent to Ron Becker, volleyball and basketball coach.

Board members discussed ways to conduct evaluation of the superintendent and principal. After the meeting was adjourned the board continued to discuss how to set the guidelines for the evaluations.

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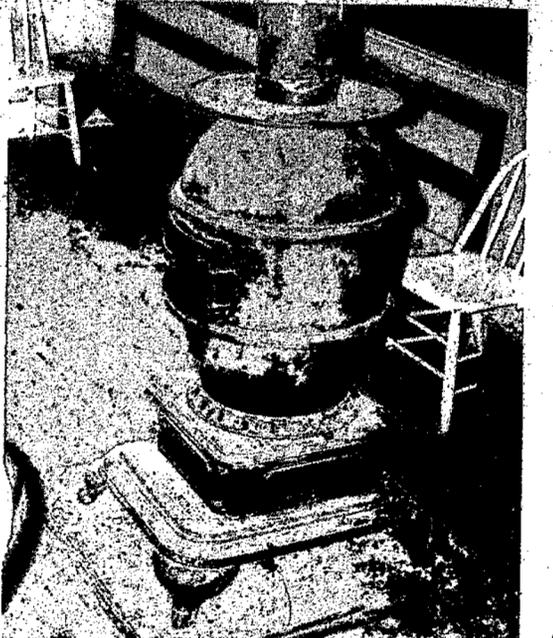
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Bustling gold mining town of White Oaks lives in memory



BESSIE LESLIE, White Oaks Historical Association president, seated at the teachers desk, told members in her newsletter, "You will be interested to know that the West room of the White Oaks school is almost restored to its former splendor." Standing by her is Dorothy Pratt Leslie, WOHHA treasurer and former student. In the background is seen the plaque honoring John A. Haley, former White Oaks Institute teacher and newspaperman.



THIS HUGE pot-belly stove is still used to warm a big classroom. Class activity as well as community functions as voting, dancing and celebrating occurred in this part of the school house. Another classroom has a wood stove once used for home economics courses which were part of the early days curriculum.

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO NO. CV-88-326 Div. III

ABQ BANK (formerly known as Albuquerque Federal Savings and Loan Association), a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs. VELTON T. and PATRICIA Y. ADAMS, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on the 31st day of January, 1989, at 10:00 a.m. at the Front Entrance of the Ruidoso Downs Municipal Building, Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash or deeded liens all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the following described real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico:

- 1. Timeshare Unit 303, Week 8
2. Timeshare Unit 303, Week (a) 35 & 36
3. Timeshare Unit 303, Week 39
4. Timeshare Unit 303D, Week 4
5. Timeshare Unit 303D, Week 5
6. Timeshare Unit 303D, Week 17
7. Timeshare Unit 303D, Week 22
8. Timeshare Unit 303D, Week 40
9. Timeshare Unit 303D, Week 45
10. Timeshare Unit 303D, Week 51
11. Timeshare Unit 402, Week (a) 5 & 6
12. Timeshare Unit 402, Week 15
13. Timeshare Unit 402, Week 17
14. Timeshare Unit 402, Week 28
15. Timeshare Unit 402, Week 46
16. Timeshare Unit 403, Week 16
17. Timeshare Unit 403, Week 17
18. Timeshare Unit 403, Week 30
19. Timeshare Unit 403, Week 38
20. Timeshare Unit 403, Week 39
21. Timeshare Unit 403, Week 45
22. Timeshare Unit 403, Week 52
23. Timeshare Unit 407, Week 8
24. Timeshare Unit 407, Week 28
25. Timeshare Unit 407, Week 41
26. Timeshare Unit 407, Week 48
27. Timeshare Unit 407A, Week 4
28. Timeshare Unit 407A, Week 11
29. Timeshare Unit 413, Week 3
30. Timeshare Unit 413, Week 5
31. Timeshare Unit 413, Week 16
32. Timeshare Unit 413, Week 19
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93. Timeshare Unit 519, Week (a) 13 & 14
94. Timeshare Unit 522, Week 33
95. Timeshare Unit 522, Week 40
96. Timeshare Unit 522, Week 43

thereof, if any. The Timeshares being sold are part of property known as Triple Crown Condominiums, located near Ruidoso Downs Race Track on Highway 70 East, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346.

The sale will be made pursuant to the Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered on December 6, 1988, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a lawsuit to foreclose notes and mortgages held by the above-named Plaintiff. Plaintiff was awarded Judgment of \$1,084,497.80, including costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, plus interest totaling \$44,712.96 to date of sale, plus all costs of sale, including publication and Special Master's fee.

The Special Master will sell the property as a whole, or in masses, to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, payable by 5 p.m. the day of the sale, and Plaintiff may bid at the sale, in whole or in part, its judgment amount as if the same were cash. DATED this 14th day of December, 1988.

GAIL WIMBERLY, SPECIAL MASTER BY: KELEHER & McLEOD, P.A. By William M. Casey, Attorneys for Plaintiff, Post Office Drawer AA, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103 Telephone: (505) 842-8282, 2204c

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO No. CV 88-356 PLAZA NATIONAL BANK, a national banking association, Plaintiff,

vs. M.E. SHELTON and CALLENE SHELTON, husband and wife, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE BY SPECIAL MASTER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Stipulated Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure, and Appointment of Special Master, deprecating the foreclosure and ordering the sale of the real property, entered December 6, 1988, in the above-styled action, the undersigned Special Master will sell at public auction, for cash or certified funds, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 16, 1989, outside the front door and main entrance to the Village of Ruidoso City Hall, Airport Road, Ruidoso, New Mexico, the following real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico:

AN UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST IN AND TO: That portion of the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 34, Township 11 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, that lies East of Carrizo Creek, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the quarter corner common to Sections 27 and 34, Township 11 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M. for the NE corner of this tract; thence S 89° 52' W, 590.0 feet to a point 30 feet East of Carrizo Creek for the NW corner; thence following Carrizo Creek, Southerly, 1,356.0 feet to the South line of said NE/4 NW/4 Section 34, 30 feet East of Carrizo Creek, for the SW corner; thence N 89° 51' 15" E, 974.38 feet to a point for the SE corner; thence N 0° 25' W, 1,308.47 feet to the point of beginning, containing 23.43 acres, more or less;

LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land situated within the NE/4 NW/4 Section 34, Township 11 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the SE corner of said NE/4 NW/4 Section 34, thence S 89° 51' 15" W 715.34 feet to the point of beginning of this tract; thence N 0° 08' 45" W, 167.8 feet; thence S 89° 51' 15" W, 246.0 feet to a point 30 feet East of the center of Carrizo Creek; thence following Carrizo Creek, Southerly, 168.0 feet to a point on the

South line of said NE/4 NW/4 Section 34, thence N 89° 51' 15" E, 259.0 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.97 acres, more or less, and LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land situated within the NE/4 NW/4 Section 34, Township 11 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North boundary of said Section 34 from which point the NE corner of said NE/4 NW/4 bears N 89° 52' W a distance of 478.63 feet; thence S 00° 08' E a distance of 288.23 feet; thence S 89° 52' W a distance of 217.08 E a distance of 288.23 feet; thence S 89° 52' W a distance of 217.08 feet to a point 30 feet East of Carrizo Creek; thence following 80 feet East of Carrizo Creek on a chord which bears N 04° 36' E a chord distance of 103.44 feet; thence following 80 feet East of Carrizo Creek on a chord which bears N 35° 38' E a chord distance of 166.47 feet to the North boundary of said NE/4 NW/4; thence N 89° 52' E a distance of 111.37 feet to the said place of beginning, containing 1.09 acres, more or less.

Together with any and all improvements thereon. subject to the rights of redemption, encumbrances, easements, reservations and restrictions described in the said Stipulated Judgment.

The above-styled action is a suit to collect certain obligations owed to the Plaintiff, as evidenced by that certain mortgage dated June 24, 1988, and recorded in Book 186 at pages 1142 and 1143 of the mortgage records of Lincoln County, New Mexico. The total amount awarded to the Plaintiff by the aforementioned Stipulated Judgment, together with all accruals and remaining amounts is \$201,287.98, plus interest as it accrues after November 11, 1988 at the rate of \$50.50 per diem; plus all costs of sale, including the \$200.00 fee of the Special Master and gross receipts tax thereon; all or part of which may be offered as consideration for the purchase of the aforementioned real property by the Plaintiff/Judgment Creditor. Otherwise, terms of sale shall be cash or certified funds. Proceeds from such sale shall first be applied to the costs of sale and the Special Master's fees, then to payment of the aforementioned Stipulated Judgment, and the balance, if any, shall be paid into the registry of the Court for appropriate distribution. The name, address, and telephone number of the Special Master is: Susan Miller, Century 21/Aspen Real Estate, Drawer 2200, Ruidoso, NM 88345, (505) 257-9057 or 257-9077. SUSAN MILLER Special Master 0352c

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By POLLY E. CHAVEZ To restore, preserve, repair and maintain the old school house at White Oaks—that is the goal of the White Oaks Historical Association (WOHA) formed in 1970.

Age has brought crumbling walls, deteriorated roofs and other damages to the two-story school building constructed in 1884 for \$10,000.

Opened in 1895, the four large classrooms, a kitchen, a basement and two outhouses met the needs of a growing community. White Oaks had an estimated population of 2,500 with churches, newspaper, a bank, opera house, lodges, saloons and well

stocked retail stores. Among the approximately 70 WOHA members from Arkansas, Texas, California, Arizona, Georgia, Oklahoma, and New Mexico, many are former White Oaks students, teachers or residents of the town once known as the liveliest place in the Territory of New Mexico.

The discovery of gold on Baxter Mountain in 1879 gave White Oaks its fame. By 1880 tents were replaced by buildings of wood, stone or brick. Some stories claim that the population grew to 4,000. There was a school, churches and banks. Four newspapers, bars and "bawdy" houses were among the various enterprises.

A proposed railroad track went through what is now Carrizozo instead of White Oaks. By 1904 mining production began to slow and the population declined. In 1936 only 150 residents remained. Eight families were counted in 1971.

White Oaks is on the list of the National Register of Historic sites and many tourists visit the site. Prominent people in New Mexico's history were a part of White Oaks history. W.C. McDonald arrived in White Oaks as a surveyor and later became New Mexico's first governor after statehood. A.H. Hudspeth was Justice and Chief Justice of the New Mexico Supreme Court. John Y. Hewitt became a member of the State Constitutional Convention. H.B. Ferguson became a US Senator. Emerson Hough, who came to White Oaks to practice law, became a writer instead and wrote of White Oaks in his novel "Hearts Desire."

Today most of the remaining structures are of brick or stone, including the school house. The school was closed in the late 1940s. Nettie Lemon and Bill Gallacher, deceased, were among the first students. The school house served in later years for other purposes including polio benefit dances, Memorial Day gatherings and family reunions. And there were the Jackson Day dinners to honor White Oaks' old-timers, including Dave Jackson, a black man who

LEGAL NOTICE The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners have scheduled meetings as follows: Special Meeting on January 9, 1989 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Carrizozo, NM. Regular Meeting on January 9, 1989, at 8:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Carrizozo, NM. Mrs. Suzanne Cox, Lincoln County Manager. Published in the Lincoln County News on December 29, 1988.

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**NICE HOUSE** for sale or lease, 6 rooms and bath, close to school, on two corner lots, fenced with car port. Call 648-2522.

TFN-Oct. 13.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Lincoln Historic Preservation Board shall hold their regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, January 9, 1989, in Dr. Wood's Annex Lincoln. The meeting is open to the public. Mrs. Suzanne Cox, Lincoln County Manager. Published in the Lincoln County News on December 29, 1988.

**BARTENDERS WANTED**, experienced, full and part-time. If relocating, free housing provided. Club Carrizo, Carrizozo. Phone for appointment, 9 to 4, 648-9985.

2tp-Nov. 23; Dec. 1.

**ATTENTION—HIRING!** Government jobs—your area. \$17,840-\$69,485. Call 602-838-8886 EXT. R4766. 4tp-Dec. 29; Jan. 5, 12 & 19.

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TFN-Aug. 25.

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**EXPIRATION DATE** for yellow coupons has been moved back to Jan. 14, 1989 at Carrizozo Taste Freez. Enjoy BIG SAVINGS. 648-2442. 1tp-Dec. 29.

**ONE BEDROOM**, low income, senior citizen, apartment for rent. Casa Manana in Carrizozo. Call Leroy Lopez, 648-2260. 2tp-Dec. 29 & Jan. 5.

**TEXAS REFINERY CORP.** needs mature person now in Carrizozo area. Regardless of experience, write T.R. Hopkins, Box 711, Fort Worth, TX 76101. 1tp-Dec. 29.

**ATTENTION—GOVERNMENT HOMES** from \$1 (U-repair). Delinquent tax property. Repossessions. Call 602-838-8886 EXT. CH4766. 4tp-Dec. 29; Jan. 5, 12 & 19.

**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees, Town of Carrizozo, will meet on Tuesday, January 10, 1989 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico, in Regular Meeting, for the purpose of determining, pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (C) NMSA 1978, what shall constitute reasonable notice of meetings of the Board of Trustees to be held during the next twelve months, and conduct such other business as may properly come before the Board of Trustees. Members of the public may attend this meeting.  
Carol Schlaib, Town Clerk, CMC, Town of Carrizozo.  
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witnessed the rise and collapse of the famous gold and coal mining town.

The school house has a maple floor, blackboards, and is still heated by a pot-belly stove once fueled with coal from nearby mines. The original school desks have been autographed by former students or by the hand of others: "Baby Doll Lane," "Nita Taylor," "Lloyd Harmon." The writing on the walls reveals who-loved-who back then. The hallway has a board where cup hooks held water cups for thirsty students following recess at Rocky Peak, the school's unofficial playground.

The White Oaks Historical Association has no income except from dues and donations of money and labor, then they received \$1,200 from the state. Over a period of years WOHHA organized families and friends to help raise money for restoration efforts of the school and plans for a museum. There was a garage sale, an auction, contributions, family reunion, rental fees, donation of an oil painting by Dorothy Pratt Leslie, a Pony Express breakfast and a catered lunch for the South Central Rural Conservation and Development. The RC&D group learned about White Oaks from a former resident, Robert Leslie.

WOHHA members are abreast of the school project through newsletters edited by association president Bessie Leslie, whose husband Zane attended school at White Oaks, as well as other generations of Leslies. Other officers of WOHHA are Inez Ballenger, vice-

president; Janet Leslie, secretary; and Dorothy Leslie, treasurer. Board members are Ken Ballenger, Zane Leslie, Larus Wetzel, Robert Leslie, Floyd Littleton, Betty Lou Ray, Tom Ward and Jim Leslie.

The newsletter informs members of work in the school's basement, a \$500 check from the Effie Zeigler Gutrecht estate, new ceiling, new wall between classroom and kitchen, wall painting plans, holes drilled into the foundation for installation of steel rods, donations in memory of Jewel Townsend Harkney, Edna Littleton and Florence Current, a \$200 donation for a plaque honoring John A. Halsey, former teacher, and all former White Oaks teachers and monies collected by two WOHHA members when they served as summer guides at the school building.

Gold. Because of it men died, others became wealthy and towns like White Oaks thrived. Today the two-story school house is a reminder of a once prosperous town.

White Oaks Historical Association strives to keep alive fond memories of school days /past.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Lincoln County Loggers Tax Committee shall hold their regular meeting at 10:00 A.M., on Wednesday, January 11, 1989, in the Lincoln County Sub-Office in Ruidoso. The meeting is open to the public. Mrs. Suzanne Cox, Lincoln County Manager.

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**WHITE OAKS** was a town devoted to mining and educating sons and daughters of miners, ranchers and others who made their living in and around the community, a subject of many writers. Shown seated at their former school desks are Carrizozo residents Zane Leslie, his cousin Robert Leslie, Roy Harmon and Robert's wife, Dorothy Pratt Leslie.



**ZANE LESLIE**, former student explained the work involved in restoring the basement of the two-story school building constructed in 1884. The basement has a coal chute and doors for wood delivery. Leslie's father, Robert, supplied the school with wood when school was in session.

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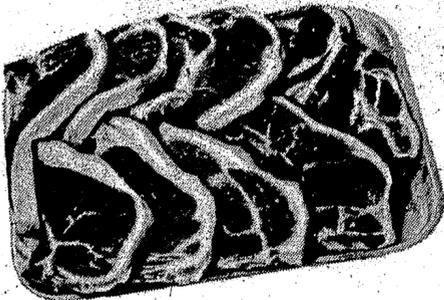
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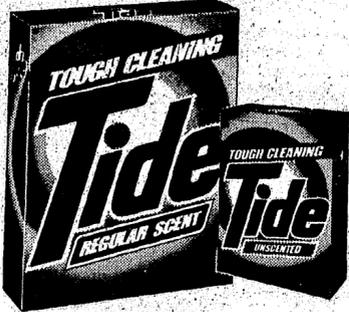
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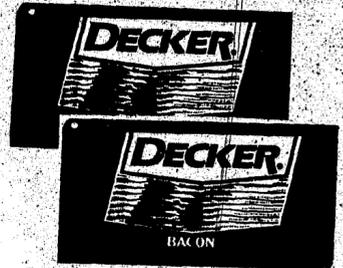
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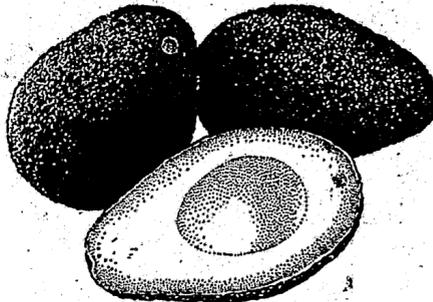
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