

County Commissioners

Courthouse expansion gets a high priority

By Doris Cherry

Courthouse expansion, a vehicle maintenance facility and a different route through old Lincoln topped the list of priorities for legislative requests compiled by the Lincoln County Commissioners at a workday Monday.

A package will be put together to prepare a bill to

request funding for the projects from the 1990 state legislature.

Although commissioners Karon Petty, Bob Hemphill and Rick Simpson did not include landfill funding in the requests, they did discuss recent developments.

Petty traveled to Santa Fe to request \$25,000 for a feasibility study of the proposed landfill site near the

existing dump on Fort Stanton Mesa. She hopes soon to hear whether her request will be honored.

The commissioners also discussed a report on the proposed site which County Engineer Joe Shain recently issued. His conclusions were the water table is generally very deep and would be unaffected by the landfill. The soil is moderately permeable and

is suitable to use for cell coverage. One well did test at 55 feet, but it was lower in elevation than the other well sites. EID regulations state the bottom of the solid waste trench must be a minimum of 50 feet above ground water which is suitable for consumption.

The proposed site also just meets the requirements from the Federal Aviation

Administration for 10,000 feet between an active landfill and an airport and the county solid waste ordinance which requires at least two miles between the landfill and an airport.

County manager Nick Pappas said the state engineer's office was extremely impressed with the report.

Courthouse expansion to accommodate the district

court offices, document reproduction and storage facilities are a pressing need facing the county presently. The commissioners received a formal letter from District Court Judge Richard Parsons requesting additional space.

County Clerk Martha Proctor also expressed her office's need for additional document storage space.

District offices are funding differently than county, so Petty proposed legislation that the county will provide the space for district court but document reproduction and computers will not be provided.

County Treasurer Shirley Goodloe was against the proposed plan to use the old Carrizozo municipal building which now houses the Zia Senior Citizens and the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department for the expansion. She advocated building a new facility in a county parking lot near the existing courthouse, using the plans drawn in 1986 by architect Jim French.

Petty had mixed feelings about the old municipal building, but Pappas said it could be used as a multi-activity building for senior citizens, EMS visiting judges room, health department, and so on.

Pappas was given permission to prepare a request for the courthouse expansion based on existing plans. Pappas also sought permission to attend the Community Development Block Grant hearing to make a request for funds to restore the old municipal building based on historic preservation. Petty was not convinced the old city building is what the county needs for a long range expansion, since CDBG funds are not for courthouse expansion, but rather historic preservation or slum improvement.

She suggested the county use the "Dump Heap of the Week" to show need and to get more CDBG funds.

"Tell Judge Parsons we will write a resolution and propose legislation," Petty told Pappas.

Simpson's idea of a vehicle maintenance facility took hold at the meeting. Since most county vehicles are in Carrizozo, Hemphill suggested the use of one of the available service stations or other buildings in the town. Simpson said the costs of individual vehicle maintenance now in practice are sometimes higher than having a full-time mechanic on the county payroll. Scheduled maintenance and centralized documentation will lengthen the life of county vehicles.

"When you centralize you really cut your costs," he said.

The facility may be the first for any New Mexico county and Simpson hopes the state legislature will find it easier to finance the project because of this.

Petty directed Pappas to check into the available buildings in Carrizozo for such a facility and to incorporate the costs into a package to add to the bill which the county will take to the legislature.

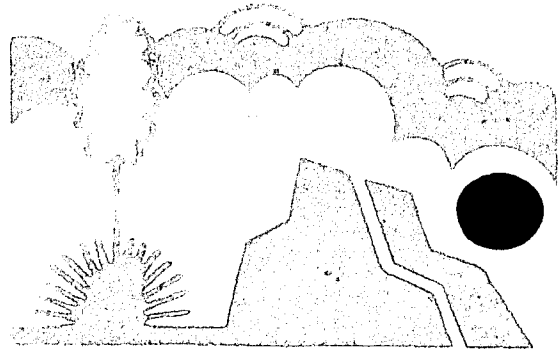
A new concern for old Lincoln is the proposed widening of Highway 380 which goes through town. Many residents are concerned the widening will bring extra traffic and also will result in a loss of historical parts of town. Pappas said some residents have requested the county to ask the legislature for a house memorial to instruct the highway department to fund and conduct a study of rerouting the road through Lincoln. "This will delay widening," Pappas said.

Also the Lincoln Historic Preservation board, appointed by the commissioners, is considering the concept of a certified local government program in Lincoln County. The program deals with historical preservation.

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Voters may face a \$500,000 school bond issue in April

Carrizozo Municipal Schools will ask voters to approve a multi-thousand dollar bond issue in April 1990.

Action taken by a partial board of education at the

regular meeting Tuesday, Nov. 21 set the election date for the bond sometime in April. The exact amount of the bond, estimated at \$500,000, will be announced at the next board meeting.

Board members Wally Ferguson, Hoot Gibson and Eugenia Vega discussed the need for a bond and the urgency to have the election before the current bond mill levy expires. Because of

municipal and primary elections next year, the board decided on April. May was not considered because of numerous school activities.

After a brief discussion, the board approved superintendent Danny Burnett's recommendation to use the law firm Simon, Cutty and Freidmann as legal advisors and investment bankers Reilly and Associates as financial advisors for the school bond issue.

Burnett said he will have all information concerning the bond amount, school needs and other documentation at the December meeting.

Vega questioned if the \$15,000 advisor's fee will be paid if the bond does not pass. The fee must be paid regardless if the bond passes or fails, Burnett said.

Carrizozo Schools continue to lose students, the board also learned Tuesday.

Burnett told how the budget will be cut to account for decreased funding created by not having student enrollment match the projected number on the 40th day of school. He said the school had a break when the proposed insurance rate increase was much less than estimated. Combined with a \$22,000 carry over from last year's budget the amounts will help with this year's deficit.

Burnett said the loss of students might be due to the economic situation in Carrizozo and the area. "We're predicting 21-25 less students next year," he added.

A section in the board policy handbook again was scrutinized because of a request by member Nick Serna at the last regular meeting. At that time, Serna asked wording be added to not allow private individuals or companies to make a profit by using school facilities. Burnett told Vega, who questioned if the section was added to the policy presented Tuesday night, the wording was left out because it would preclude many community oriented groups, such as aerobics exercise class, from using the public facilities. Because the school is often

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CAPITAN CLERK—TREASURER Janet N. Keel joins a select group of certified municipal clerks. Keel received certification from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks after she completed many hours of courses and training, including an advanced clerk training seminar. She has been Capitán clerk for three and half years and was active in civic clubs and private business before she assumed her position.

Repaving Central Avenue to be finished this week

Motorists traveling through Carrizozo on Highway 54 should take care this week as a pavement overlay project is nearing completion.

About one mile of Highway 54 (Central Ave.) in Carrizozo will be upgraded with a new pavement laid by Cutler Repaving Company of Kansas, said New Mexico State Highway Department supervisor Lou Medrano. Paving will begin at the intersection of Highway 380 and 54 and will extend south through town.

The project was previously scheduled but was postponed, Medrano said. However, because of the great

need determined by state highway department surveillance, the project was rescheduled when money became available.

The project involves a basic asphalt overlay done with a stripping machine and a hot mix applicator. Crews began before Thanksgiving cleaning out curbs and preparing the pavement. The entire roadway will receive a new pavement through town.

Cutler Repaving is the statewide contractor with equipment to upgrade existing roadways.

The repaving project is expected to be complete by the end of this week, weather permitting, Medrano said.

ENCHILADA SUPPER BY BOOSTER CLUB

The Carrizozo Grizzly Athletic Booster Club will sponsor an enchilada supper from 4-6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1, at the school cafeteria.

Tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased from any booster club member or at the door.

Anyone wishing to join the booster club can contact Anne Collins or Carol Schlarb.

'HOLIDAY HO DOWN' AT WOMAN'S CLUB

Kick up your heels and come on down to the Carrizozo Woman's Club, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9 for the "Holiday Ho Down."

The show will feature local artists and craftsmen selling their wares. Shoppers can choose from paintings, handmade items, Christmas baked goods, clothing and more. Free door prizes will be given every hour.

Dump-heap of the Week



WE'VE GOT THE housing, where are the homeless? This classic Carrizozo mansion on the East side of town is one of more than 50 local dump heaps that could accommodate half the homeless in New Mexico—if they didn't mind not having maid service included.

Corriente CowBelles elect new officers

The Corriente CowBelles met at the fair building Nov. 9 with Janice Herd as hostess. Seven members was present.

Officers for 1990 was elected as follows: Inez Marrs, president; Ruth Shannon, vice-president; Linda Dyson, 2nd vice-president; Jeanette Smoot, secretary; Debbie Bird, treasurer.

These officers will be installed Dec. 21 at the home of Pat Ward in Lincoln.

Ruth Shannon agreed to be Corriente's representative as additional member on the executive board of NMCB Assn. This is a new creation to better serve CowBelles around the state.

Corriente CowBelle's agreed to be changed to Dist. V for district meetings. They will be meeting with Otero, Canyon, Chamiza and Apache Plume CowBelles.

Janice Herd, Inez Marrs, and Ruth Shannon plan to represent Corriente CowBelles in Albuquerque, Dec. 1-2 at the annual CowBelle meeting in connection with Cattle and Wool Growers convention.

Other routine business was taken care of and Janice Herd reported Corriente had donated \$500 to the Lincoln County Fair Board. The group plans to give \$100 to the Capitan Booster Club for the planned sign to be purchased in the near future for advertisement of community activities and erected at Capitan School.

Committee chairman for 1990 was appointed and dues are being collected at this time. Each member is encouraged to bring a guest to the December meeting to the covered dish luncheon and Chinese Christmas Tree Exchange.

Considered the deficit spending at Lincoln County Medical Center and its program for indigent health care. The commissioners questioned if certain funding practices are creating the deficit. Administrator Steve Egler will be at the December meeting to discuss LCMC questions, Pappas said.

Hammond is recuperating

Lincoln County News reporter Ruth Hammond is recuperating at home in Carrizozo.

Hammond suffered a broken leg while working on a house in Missouri late September. After being in a full-leg cast for several weeks, Dr. Raymond Lahey, her orthopedist in Ruidoso, replaced it with a brace which allows her to bend her knee.

Monday, Lahey said the bones are knitting and she can begin to put weight on her leg. Meanwhile, she is using crutches and will remain in the brace for a few more weeks. During that time she will begin an intensive physical therapy program.



The average 18-month-old little girl will be just about twice as tall and five times as heavy at the age of 18.



MEMBERS OF THE New Mexico FFA State Meats Team met recently with the special project sponsors of the contest (left to right) Michael D. Van Ess, Oscar Mayer Foods, Corp., Madison, WI, and Robert G. Wells, Geo. A. Hormel & Co., Austin, MN. The team was one of 38 FFA teams participating in the National FFA Meats Judging Contest at the 62nd National FFA Convention in Kansas City, MO. Members of the team: Lisa Hightower, Leah Patterson and Marcia Hefker. At right is their advisor/coach Michael Gaines of Carrizozo.

Loans, grants available to county communities

The need for a multi-activity building for the county was the only input at the Community Development Block Grant public hearing in Carrizozo Tuesday.

Steve Massey of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) discussed the CDBG guidelines and a proposed revolving loan program at the public hearing.

Although Lincoln County Manager Nick Pappas and Economic Development Corporation of Lincoln County member-Hal Sims were the only public present, Massey reviewed the CDBG specifications.

The program is federally financed through Housing and Urban Development and administered by the State of New Mexico, which took over the program in 1984. It is overseen by the Community Development Council which is made up of the governor, lieutenant governor, secretaries of DFA and HED and seven lay members appointed by the governor representing the seven planning and development districts in the state.

The program must principally benefit low/moderate income families, aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight, and meet other community development needs having a particular urgency due to existing conditions which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of a community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Funds are available in six categories: community infrastructure, which involves water and sewer systems, municipal utilities, roads and streets, solid waste and other municipal needs; housing, including rehabilitation, demolition, and in some cases reconstruction of privately owned housing through loan or grant programs; public service capital outlay for community centers, senior citizens centers, and other neighborhood facilities designed to provide community services for residents of a particular neighborhood or area; economic development to assist communities in the promotion of local economic development with a 20 percent setaside from the total funds available; emergencies and planning, including development of a comprehensive community plan; data gathering and special studies; base mapping and so on.

New Mexico is to receive

an estimated \$8.4 million of which \$5,952,000 will be available for general programs. At least 15 percent must go to rural applicants or cities under 3,000. Economic Development setaside is \$1,680,000, emergency funds are \$500,000, and state administration will take \$268,000.

SNMEDD proposes a revolving loan for small private businesses, using the economic development setaside funds. Lincoln, Otero, Eddy and Chaves counties are eligible to utilize the setaside funds, Massey said.

The program could assist banks with gap financing for small businesses.

Such projects as Belco

Industries (in Carrizozo)," Massey said. However, the setaside regulations are very strict, which keeps a lot of money in the account, he added.

"The money is there to help New Mexico, not just sit there," Sims said.

Any bank in this area is eligible for the program.

For the setaside funds to be utilized the loan must help businesses create jobs.

Pappas said the income limit for jobs should be increased and the regulations eased so such towns as Carrizozo, Capitan, Tularosa and Corona can utilize the funds available for economic

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More property seized in drug-related case

The list is growing of Lincoln County properties seized by the Internal Revenue Service for their owners' involvement with money laundering of cocaine dollars.

According to summons filed in the District Court in Carrizozo on Nov. 6, the IRS seized the property of James Romero McTague at 302 Hull Road in Ruidoso, a 56-acre tract in the Glencoe area on which a large home was under construction by HCG Enterprises, a company owned by George Lore; a home and property owned by Hector Tapia Anchondo in the Glencoe area; 2.196 acres near Ruidoso Downs, owned by Lore, and Lot 16 in Camelot Crown Estates in Ruidoso owned by Anchondo and a home on Lot 17 in Camelot Crown Estates, owned by Lore.

Anchondo was indicted in Los Angeles on cocaine smuggling charges after

Drug Enforcement Agency raided a warehouse containing 16 tons of cocaine. Lore was not arrested for any charges linking him with the smuggling ring; however, his properties were taken because their ownership was connected with either McTague or Anchondo, Tome Smith of the DEA said, according to published reports.

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Christmas program to feature music, art

The Carrizozo Municipal School Christmas Music Program and Art Exhibit is scheduled for Monday evening Dec. 11, in the old gym.

The music portion of the event will begin at 7 p.m. The art display can be viewed beginning at 6:30 p.m. and continue following the musical program.

The first half of the musical program will feature the high school band performing "The Merry Bells of Christmas" and "Christmas March." The clarinet section will also be highlighted as they perform two popular Christmas carols. The 5th and 6th grade band will then

perform several selections, including "Jingle Bells."

Elementary students in grades kindergarten through 4th will perform during the second half of the program. Students will sing traditional Christmas songs, including "Silent Night," "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and "White Christmas." The 4th graders will also be featured in a special number entitled "A Christmas Wrap." The high school band will end the program with "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" with a little help from a surprise visitor.

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CREWS FOR THE Cutler Repaving company begin the first phase of a repaving project of a one-mile section of Highway 54 (Central Ave.) in Carrizozo. The project is expected to be completed soon, weather permitting.

Loans, grants . . .

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development. "The money will make a tremendous impact on small towns," Pappas said.

Although Pappas said there is a need for housing rehabilitation, the county does not have the staff for such a program. He advocates the use of the setaside loan program to help small towns keep gross receipts at home where the need is the greatest.

Pappas recently adjusted eligibility for a grant to conduct a landfill study by showing the majority of those who will use the county dump are low/moderate income. He did this by excluding Ruidoso from the application. Since Ruidoso is planning for a regionalized landfill, the county can use income guidelines not available when Ruidoso is included in the county income lists. Ruidoso exceeds the low/moderate income guidelines required by CDBG.

Pappas also mentioned the need for additional court-

house space and storage for historical documents.

General requirements state applicants may submit only one application under infrastructure, housing, public service capital outlay or planning. Economic development and emergency applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

Applications are limited to \$500,000, and those under \$50,000 are discouraged. Massey said the average is \$200,000.

Cash matches for rural and non-rural applicants, housing projects and economic development projects are required.

The proposed application deadline is March 16, 1990. Technical assistance for preparing a proposal will be available after Dec. 15.

Assistance can be received by contacting Steve Massey or Yvonne Acosta at the SNMEDD, 110 E. Fourth St. Suite 105, Roswell, NM 88201. Phone: 624-6131.

3-A all-district FB players named

Five Carrizozo Grizzly football players were named to the Dist. 3A all-district offensive team and four were named to the all-district defensive team recently. Teams in Dist. 3A include Carrizozo, Loving, Reserve, Capitan and Cloudcroft.

Named to the first team on offense for the Grizzlies were running-back Dennis Vega, linemen Mark Guevara and Rod Serna, and receivers Guy Archuleta and Michael Chavez. All are seniors except for Archuleta who is a junior.

Named to the second team on offense were junior running-back Kevin Sheehan, senior receiver Abe Padilla and senior lineman Ron Serna. Receiving honorable mention were junior quarterback Chris Schlarb, lineman Alfonso Lucero and kicker Ron Serna.

Dennis Vega—linebacker, Mark Guevara and Rod Serna—defensive line, and Michael Chavez—defensive back were also named to the all-district defensive first team.

Second team honors on defense went to sophomore Lee Najjar—linebacker, juniors Kevin Sheehan and Guy Archuleta—defensive ends, and senior Abe Padilla—defensive back. Receiving honorable mention for the Grizzlies were Chris Barela and Chris Schlarb—defensive backs, sophomore Leroy Zamora—linebacker, and sophomore Val Reyes, senior Michael Vega, and freshman Michael Barela—defensive linemen.

Receiving first team honors for the Capitan Tigers on the offensive team was Sean Seay—punter. Second team honors on the second team went to Dan Seay—kicker, Heath Huey—quarterback, and Nathan Roybal—runningback, Larry McEuen—lineman, and Dan Seay—receiver. Honorable mention list included Sean Seay—back, Bobby Griego—lineman and Victor Onsuarez—receiver.

On the defensive team Nathan Roybal was named to the first team for the Tigers. Second team honors went to Heath Huey—linebacker, Bobby Griego—defensive

back, Larry McEuen and Ron Reynolds—defensive linemen. Honorable mention honors went to Sean Seay—linebacker, Dan Seay and Warren Russell—defensive backs, Weldon Smith and Guy Payne—defensive linemen.

Other first team members on the offensive team included Matt Preslar—Cloudcroft, Rick Fuentes and Luis Lobato—Loving and Scott Johnston—Reserve at running backs. First team kicker was Lawrence Granada from Loving. On the offensive line first team was Chuck Vinal—Cloudcroft, Willie Pierce and Lucas Hernandez—Loving and receivers Jacob Campos and Eric Santillan both from Loving.

Other first team defensive team were Matt Preslar—Cloudcroft, Luis Lobato and Rick Fuentes—Loving at, linebacker. At defensive back were Chad Sartin and Sudden Longchase of Loving. On the defensive line were Chuck Vinal—Cloudcroft, Lawrence Granada, Shawn Hedgecock, and Willie Pierce all of Loving.

District Court Docket

12th Judicial District Div. III court docket for Judge Parsons for week of December 4-December 9:

Monday, Dec. 4
9:00 a.m.—Cases set on trailing docket.

State of New Mexico vs. Robert Johnson Jr., Milton N. Farus, Charlie McDaniel, Elbert Herrera, Robert J. Mattson, Joseph Aguilar & Monroe Lopez

Antonio F. Cortez, Thomas L. Nisto, Terry Kohrs, Bernadette Vigil, Bill Scarborough, Leroy Randolph, Kirsten Rangel, Virginia Nell Little, s/k/a Frances Smothers, Shawn Rankin, James Albert Morgan, Javier Lara Martinez, Clarence Gideon, Jose Apodaca, Gerald T. Hudson, Kirk Hartz, Keith Coffman

Trustees approve a fixed base operator at airport

Carrizozo Board of Trustees has approved a contract between Curt Hemme and the village for a fixed base operators lease at Carrizozo Airport.

Approval was unanimous among trustees Albert Baca, Linda Haller and Dale LaMay. Trustee Harold Garcia was absent.

Trustees went into a closed session soon after they opened the meeting to discuss personnel and the contract. They also called Hemme who was present at the meeting, into the session.

Trustee Haller said after the meeting she was glad Hemme was present that night to answer questions on the contract.

Mayor Bob Hemphill said Hemme's contract was a standard form modified by village attorney Bob Beauvais.

The contract was presented to the trustees at their last meeting. At that time trustee Garcia questioned if Hemme's company, Eagle Agriculture Services, was legitimate and not perhaps a cover for illegal drug smuggling. Garcia requested the village obtain information from various federal agencies about Hemme's company.

It was not discussed at Tuesday's meeting if any information was obtained from the agencies.

Hemme said he will begin establishing operations at the airport after Dec. 1. He plans to have aircraft mechanics and 24-hour radio operations at the airport. He also recently purchased the Muse hangar there.

Trustees also learned Tuesday, the new fire station can be constructed in three phases. Carrizozo fire chief Albert Najjar received a letter from the state fire marshal's office with no objections to the plan. The three separate phases will allow the department to better utilize limited fire protection funds.

Specifications for bids for the first phase, which will include concrete, rough electrical and plumbing, will be discussed at the first December meeting, Hemphill said.

The village is gearing up to meet the challenge of taking the 1990 census. A regional budget has been established, local committee leaders and a district chairman has been appointed. Hemphill said it is important to have an accurate count, especially of senior citizens, low and moderate income persons. The village could lose funds if the count falls below 1,000, Hemphill added.

Many federal and state grants are available only to committee and counties with a majority of the population falling in those age and income guidelines. Census committees will begin their plans for including everyone in the 1990 count.

In other business, the trustees: —Tabled a cooperative contract between Capitan-

Carrizozo Natural Gas Association and the village until the contract is completed.

—Agreed to discuss recommendations for a Land and Water Conservation application at the next meeting.

—Approved water and sewer be extended to Nick Serna's property line as requested.

—Gave village clerk Carol Schlarb the "go ahead" to pick names from a list for precinct board workers, for approval at the next meeting.

—Agreed to meet Dec. 12 to discuss solid waste proposals with a contract to be awarded on Dec. 26. He said he would keep the agenda for the Dec. 26 meeting very short.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The trustees will meet next at 6 p.m., Dec. 12.

REAL ESTATE UPDATE

CHUCK ROMINGER

WHO ARE THE BUYERS?

QUESTION: Can you classify types of buyers and how each class operates?

ANSWER: Basically, there are three classes of people who look at homes. The first is in a hurry to move. They may have been transferred or already sold their present home. These are the buyers. The second kind is looking for a real bargain. They look only for ads by owners and for thousands of dollars under fair market value. The third kind will never buy. They enjoy looking at homes for a pastime.

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85% of home sale ads are published by Realtors.

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Card of Thanks

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who was so kind and helpful during the loss of our mother and grandmother. It was greatly appreciated.

The family of
Ida Pate

Card of Thanks

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who responded so fast to the fire at my house. A special thanks to the Carrizozo Fire Department and the EMT's. We can't express our thanks enough for the concern everyone showed. We also want to thank all the wonderful citizens of Carrizozo for their daily care and prayers for me.

Maggie Jump
Joy Jones

Card of Thanks

The families of Shane T. Tracey sincerely thank everyone concerned for all the cards, food, phone calls, letters and words of sympathy and prayers during our time of great sorrow at the loss of Shane. We will always miss him terribly. Again thanks to all of you.

Tracey family

An early holiday present from TNP: electrical safety advice

Before you deck the halls, remember to use care around electricity.

- Don't use 120 volt lighting on a metal tree.
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15 Juvenile cases.
2:00 p.m.—Ruidoso State Bank vs. Owen E. Duvall, et ux. MSJ.

Tuesday, Dec. 5
9:00 a.m.—Continuation of criminal and juvenile matters.

Wednesday, Dec. 6
9:00 a.m.—Magistrate Court jury trial.

Thursday, Dec. 7
9:00 a.m.—Reserved for criminal and juvenile matters.

Friday, Dec. 8
9:00 a.m.—H. Henry Townsend, et ux vs. State Highway Dept. Review.

1:30 p.m.—James R. Johnson vs. Maurice Ezell, Writ of Mandamus.

3:00 p.m.—State vs. Loy Van Askew, Motion.

State vs. Angela Romans, Motion.

4:00 p.m.—Raymond Padilla, Jr. vs. Ruidoso Inn Joint Venture, et al.

ZAMORA WINS THE GOLDEN HELMET

Tularosa High School junior Kevin Zamora was named most valuable player and received the Golden Helmet award for offense at that school's athletic banquet recently.

Zamora also was selected for the all-district first team string in offense and defense.

His parents are Priscilla Mitchell of Holkeman Air Force Base and Arthur Zamora Jr. of Tularosa. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arturo Zamora and Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Fertilite, all of Carrizozo.

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OPINION

● Mark Acuff runs a gutsy little newspaper in Casa Grande, AZ (See Letters to the Editor). He supports my claim that a person can drink without being classified as a drunk who endangers life and limb by driving. The law enforcement idea that if you register .10 on the breath-alcohol test you are convicted, without any further evidence, of being drunk, out of control, and a public menace. Another irony of the law, in New Mexico as in most states, is that bars, saloons and package stores must be closed on election day. This is a nonsensical obsession that a person cannot cast an intelligent ballot should he imbibe on election day, or even sneak a can of beer into the privacy of his own home. Consider that it was a sober electorate who voted Barry Frank of Massachusetts into congress, and that it is a sober electorate that continues to vote Alan Cranston of California into the US Senate. This same sober electorate maintains 435 greedy and bribe-ridden congressmen to rule over them. Even after these disgraceful people are elected, the sober folks send them back at every election—98 percent of them are returned every election. Could a drunk do worse, considering the track record of soberies? If a sober constituent can't evaluate candidates and analyze issues, could a drunken electorate do any worse? Considering that we have little to lose, why not open all the bars on election day. And considering that we are appalled at the low turnout at the polls, why not place voting machines in the bars and guarantee a 75 percent voter turnout? To end this dissertation I quote from the eminent philosopher William James in a New York Times article: "The sway of alcohol over mankind is unquestionably due to its power to stimulate the mystic faculties of human nature, usually crushed to earth by the cold facts and dry criticisms of the sober hour." I'll drink to that. And as Robert Benchley once said, "Let's get out of these wet clothes and into a dry martini!"

● Everybody in Carrizozo remembers the tragic accident south of town Oct. 7 that killed an infant and seriously injured the infant's mother. Three soldiers from Ft. Bliss, driving at a speed estimated at around 100 miles per hour, rear-ended a pickup carrying the mother and baby. The soldiers had obviously been drinking, and had beer containers in their vehicle, all of which they hid in the bushes along the highway following the crash. The men were not tested for sobriety, were not cited for speeding, or reckless driving, for having open beer containers in a vehicle, or for vehicular homicide. And this newspaper has never been able to find out why the entire incident has been swept under the rug by law enforcement agencies, including the New Mexico State Police and the district attorney.

● Every week since the accident this newspaper has contacted the office of District Attorney Bert Atkins. Every week we have been informed that the case is "under investigation." The DA says routinely that he has "no comment." Once he did say that the laws in the case are "complicated," but he won't explain what the complications are. What is so complicated about citing a driver for speeding? For having open beer containers in his vehicle? For not having administered an alcohol breath test? For permitting three men to leave the scene without questioning, other than to identify themselves as soldiers? The DA's answer to these and other questions: "No comment."

● Let's see how a similar case was handled in Roswell recently. Wallace O'Kelley of Roswell was involved in a fatal car accident and vehicular homicide charges have been filed against him. At the time of the accident his blood alcohol content was .208. His passenger, Cindy George Simmons, died later at a Roswell hospital. That triggered the vehicular homicide charge. The man is being held in lieu of \$50,000 bond. Evidently, the "complicated laws" that worry our DA don't extend to Roswell.

● We all know how law enforcement officers and bureaucrats cover for each other. All the while claiming they are public servants, they are actually serving their own interests. If the DA were a public servant, he would have taken action against these three men long ago. If the state police were enforcing the law and protecting the public against vehicular homicide, the men would have been arrested, tested, and criminal charges filed. You see, when a person is running for public office, he flaunts himself as a public servant. But once in that office, it becomes his private fiefdom and the public can go to hell—until it's time to run for that office again, at which time he once more dons the mantle of "public servant." What is by law public information becomes a closely guarded "state" secret.

● My personal belief is that District Attorney Bert Atkins is an incompetent, self-serving individual with all the qualifications of a congressman. Should he elect to run for DA next term this newspaper will do everything possible to see that he is defeated. Don't even darken our door, Mr. Atkins. You will be as unwelcome here as our telephone calls have been to you.



Letters to the Editor

Embarrassed socialists
 EDITOR—We see all sorts of cracks in the Iron Curtain. East Germans, Czechs, Bulgarians and Romanians, all weary of socialism, and all hoping for freedom. But, that's not new. The reason for erecting the Berlin Wall in the first place was to keep the captives in. Back in 1961 the Berlin Wall was built because over a thousand refugees a day were leaving East Germany. It was an international embarrassment to socialists. We can go back to World War II. In June of 1941, three million Nazi soldiers invaded Russia. To Germany's amazement, the Nazi invaders were greeted by the Russian people as liberators. More than a million "liberated" Russians volunteered to fight in the German army against Stalin's army. It has been said many, many times that the people who hate socialism the most are those who are forced to live under it. About the only place where we find outspoken supporters of socialism is on the American university and college campuses.

RAYMOND C. WILSON, San Juan Bautista, CA

Inside The Capitol

By Jay Miller



SANTA FE—Several forces have come together to put the New Mexico State Library in the public focus. Unfortunately for the library, none of those forces are of a particularly positive nature.

To begin with, the state library has been deteriorating for the past 10 years. The building is falling apart, but that's not the important thing. So is the library's program and budget. Recent governors and legislatures have both had little interest in the library. This has led to serious cuts in funding, personnel and programs.

The library's only good break over the years came when it was in the right place at the right time to get a new home at the same time the current state capitol building was constructed. The state had purchased enough residential property just east of the capitol complex to have room for both the Capitol and the state library.

There were some mistaken impressions that the construction of the two buildings in such close proximity was some sort of indication that the library was meant to be a valuable resource for lawmakers. Some could picture these legislators strolling next door to undertake important research on their major initiatives.

In fact, when a lawmaker is in need of research, he will go to the Legislative Council Service office and request a staff member do the job while he strolls to the Bull Ring to unwind and do a little lobbying on the measure.

The fact that the state library is so close to the capitol was merely an accident. In fact, its prime location is now a liability because everybody wants the building and it is becoming pretty obvious the library isn't going to be able to keep it.

As a matter of fact, no one even thought of what to do with the library when decisions were being made a year ago about who would have to clear out of the capitol area when the legislature's major renovation project starts. The first thought was to divide the books between the University of New Mexico and New Mexico State University and wipe out the state library completely.

All the talk did surface one taker for the state library. State Archivist and Records Center director Michael Miller has made a proposal to create a New Mexico Center for Research in Southwest Studies and put the library system under that body. At least somebody wants it but the library would still be an afterthought in a much larger department instead of the independent body it once was. As one librarian put it, "The library would just have a new foster home." This stepchild status has caused state librarian Virgi-

nia Hendley and her boss Helmut Naumer, head of the Office of Cultural Affairs, engage in a major battle about blame for the current sorry state of affairs at the library and the possible solutions to the problem.

Naumer's first action to address the situation was to embrace archivist Michael Miller's proposal to consolidate the library with the archives and records center and to build a state library adjacent to the new records center on the outskirts of town.

Hendley didn't like that idea at all. She noted that of the 10 duties listed for her office in the statutes, the Miller proposal addressed only one and that "the improved information services function was not one which the library community had ever mentioned as a need."

Consequently, Naumer's second action was to fire Hendley. He felt she was taking too traditional an approach and that it was not working with the legislature.

Obviously something is not working for the state library. Ever since former Gov. Jerry Apodaca reorganized it from a department under an independent commission to a subdivision that

must compete with museums, arts and historic preservation, the library has suffered.

One of its major problems is that the library does not have as large or ardent a constituency as its competitors within the Office of Cultural Affairs. It must change that.

The proposal to be a part of a research center for southwest studies is flashy. The center could rival some of the major libraries in the nation merely by combining all of the state's current extensive information systems on southwest history and culture.

If that can help other library services such as assistance to local libraries, bookmobiles, and services for the handicapped, it would be worth the change. But if these services become even further ignored, some important functions of a state library will be weakened even further.

The name of the game has always been legislative influence. The library community is going to have to beef up its lobbying force and find a lot of new friends in order to meet the challenge.

By the way

By P.E. Chavez



REMEMBER WHEN?
 An old timer can remember when the Christmas season began the week before Dec. 25... not the week after Labor Day.

Not satisfied with getting our money for Christmas stamps, the US Postal Service is selling gift items: Christmas tree ornaments featuring this year's Christmas stamps and a new board game, Stampin', designed to introduce players to more than 60 stamp designs.

Should the entire stock of ornaments and games sell, the service will gross \$1.5 million.

Playing post office has come a long way.

ZANY BOOK
 Looking for gift ideas? Perhaps someone you know will dig a book titled "Laughter and Tears," by Robert E. Pike. Wacky gravestone epitaphs dug up by Pike included one in Macon, GA: "Been here and gone. Had a good time." Pike's favorite in National Enquirer is the epitaph of a lawyer named Strange: "Here lies an honest lawyer and that's Strange." Another lawyer's gravestone bears this simple inscription: "The Defense Rests."

A family stone in Elgin City, MN, states, "None of us ever voted for Roosevelt or Truman."
 What a unique way to have the last laugh, an original made-to-order tombstone.

COUNTRY CROONERS
 Perhaps you'd like to give someone a country tape or record to enjoy this holiday season. But pick the appropriate title or you could be in a heap of trouble.

Mike Harden in Philip Morris Magazine says that he does not collect stamps, coins, butterflies or beer cans. He collects strange country song titles. He named his list "The All-Time Best of the Worst Country Songs Titles Ever":

May the Bird of Paradise Fly up your Nose—Little Jimmy Dickens.
 Thank God and Greyhound She's Gone—Roy Clark.
 I Just Started Hatin' Cheatin' Songs Today—Moe Bandy.
 She Got the Gold Mine (I Got the Shaft)—Jerry Reed.

DID YOU KNOW?
 We think of beef as hamburger, steak or roast. School

students all over the state who entered the CowBelle poster contest learned that by-products enable us to use 99 percent of every beef animal.

Did you know that the gelatins in such products as ice cream yogurt are made from the hooves, horns, hide and bones of the cow? The soap you washed your face with this morning; the sports equipment in the closet and even the sheet rock in the walls of your home contain a beef by-product.

The medical world relies on this resource—in surgery, research or routine health care (insulin, sutures, and medicines). By-products of beef are used in all sorts of mechanical items, vehicle lubricants and fluids, tires, car polishes, antifreeze and even the asphalt on our roadways has a binding agent from fat.
 Cosmetics, cellophane, crayons, piano keys, combs, luggage, glass, photographic film, perfums, shaving cream, and on and on.
 "Wow! Golly! Yuck! Mmmmm!" responded Carrizozo kindergarten students

when they learned the information prior to participating in the local poster contest, sponsored by Canyon CowBelles.

The art instructor quizzed them for still more things that come from a cow.
 Brandon Langley raised his hand. He knows another answer: a calf.

SILLY SURVEY
 Some people collect zany tombstone epitaphs and some collect strange country song titles. Mal Poretz, 60, is a compulsive collector of useless information. He has published "The First Really Important Survey of American Habits," reports Time Magazine.

To compile the book a survey asked about eating, sleeping, and dressing habits, as well as skills and eccentricities. Can they whistle by putting their fingers in their mouths? (83 percent cannot.) If they found a diamond ring, would they attempt to find the owner? (79 percent would.)
 Next week: rattlesnake gumbo, beaver empanadas and venison burgers. Just in time for holiday potluck feasting.

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