

# Mid-year budget review gets some good marks

Lincoln County government received a good report card last week at the mid-year budget review.

Most department funds showed expenditures at or under 50 percent at the halfway point in the fiscal year and the collective county departments expenditures was 39 percent.

In fact, the county has been frugal enough to budget money for Lincoln Monuments ranger Jack Rigney to rent a seismograph to determine the extent of damage inflicted on the historical adobe structures in old Lincoln by fast moving trucks

along Highway 380 through town.

In a special called meeting, county commissioners Karon Petty, Bob Hemphill and Rick Simpson approved the adjustments and report prepared by county finance administrator Mignon Sims.

Sims said she met with each department head to add or correct any items listed in each department budget. Expenditures made in lump sums at the beginning of the fiscal year in July, 1989, such as office supplies, bought in bulk and certain payments on insurance and other costs, reflect percentages as high as

100 percent expended.

Insurance costs increased from the July budget. Liability was the biggest culprit with 91 percent of the budget expended and workman's compensation at 68 percent expended, making the entire department expended at 71 percent.

Fuel, equipment maintenance and repair took more than 50 percent for the county ambulance department and added to capital outlay expenses, the department went over to 66 percent expended.

While most departments showed spending under 50

percent, the few that did have higher costs were mostly due to repairs and other capital outlay needs.

The commissioners fund showed 41 percent expended, mostly in salaries and social security payments. Travel expenses were 5 percent for the year to date.

The manager's fund is 50 percent expended and reflected expenditures in professional services for the seismograph to Lincoln.

General maintenance fund showed 30 percent expended with the largest expenditure in capital outlay.

Recording and filing fund was 41 percent expended with overtime salaries taking the biggest chunk at 78 percent expended.

Bureau of Elections fund was only 9 percent expended, with biggest percentage in mileage. Property assessments was 41 percent expended, with the largest expense percentage in record books and capital outlay. The record books are purchased once during the year.

Collections fund was 42 percent expended with line item percentage overruns in printing and publishing, mileage and per diem and

record books.

Law enforcement fund was 42 percent expended, with budget adjustments in telephone and telegraph which was 75 percent expended, uniforms (a once a year payment) and forest patrol.

The corrections (jail) fund showed 44 percent expended with more than 50 percent line item percentages in jail supplies and feeding of prisoners.

The county sub office fund was 38 percent, with the biggest percentage line item on building maintenance.

Data processing was

right in line with 50 percent expended. Equipment maintenance and repair was 64 percent.

Lincoln County Ambulance fund was 66 percent expended, with the most expended line items for capital outlay (a new ambulance), equipment and building maintenance and repair and vehicle fuel.

The county attorney fund was 55 percent expended, with most to the professional services line item. County planning on the other hand, was only 10 percent expended.

Insurance was 71 percent expended and other services fund was 46 percent.

Civil defense, Hazard fund was 46 percent expended.

The road fund was 52 percent expended. Road construction and maintenance line item was 54 percent and the county internal project was 70 percent expended.

The farm and range fund with \$39,000 paid for predatory control was 100 percent expended. The recreation fund for Carrizozo swimming pool (\$1500) also was 100 percent expended.

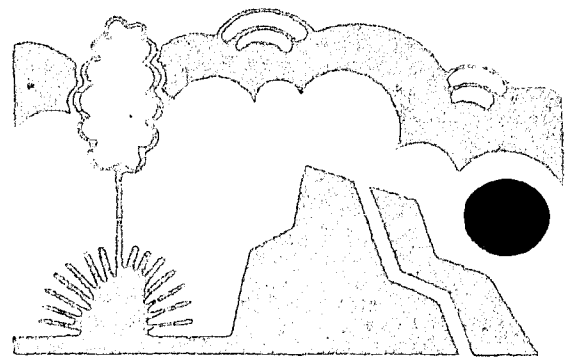
The county fire departments scored well.

Lincoln and Glencoe Palo Verde fire departments showed expenditures exceeding the 50 percent. Lincoln due to the purchase of a new fire truck and Glencoe due to a building payment. Fort Stanton fire department showed one percent expended, Honda was 4 percent, and Nogal was 1 percent.

The special services fund, which includes the Lincoln (Cont. on P. 2)

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A blow to rural economy

## Only area pharmacy forced from Medicaid program

By Doris Cherry

When pharmacist Hal Sims came to Carrizozo from big-town Lubbock eight years ago, he moved for the quality of life a small rural community would give.

Now, Sims is changing his business drastically. He will no longer participate in the Medicaid program. On Jan. 1, Sims' Family Pharmacy in Carrizozo will no longer dispense medications for the Medicaid program, in which he has participated since he opened.

Sims said he was forced from the program because of a federal reimbursement cut-back of 10.5 percent which the state of New Mexico implemented in April. In New Mexico the Medicaid program is administered by the Health and Human Services Department.

Using the reasoning pharmacists are making money on the Medicaid program,

because of drug wholesalers offer discounts for medications based on the volume of sales, the government decided to cut the amount reimbursed to druggists for medications dispensed to Medicaid participants, Sims said. Other states chose not to participate in the program because they realized it could hurt rural health care.

Since Sims operates a small pharmacy with limited income and wholesale buying, he does not realize the discounts larger pharmacies receive and finds the Medicaid reimbursement below his costs.

"It will mostly hurt rural communities," he said. "I never made any money on Medicaid in the eight years in the program."

He said a pharmacy in Lordsburg was the first in the state to get out of the program, forcing those in the program to travel great distances for medications.

Recently a pharmacy in Roswell pulled out of the program. "If a large pharmacy can't make it on the program, what do they expect from the small ones," Sims questioned.

Pharmacies are not the only businesses affected. Hospitals and rural health centers are impacted by Medicaid reimbursements.

Whatever is not paid by Medicaid must be made up

by the health care facilities, including the pharmacies.

"Rural health care is being discriminated against," Sims added. He also fears the erosion of local tax bases when Medicaid participants have to travel outside of their home towns to find their needs.

The state is planning to try a mail order medication

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## Nosker, Harris enter pleas of not guilty

Kenneth Nosker, Mayor Jake Harris and The Village of Ruidoso Downs will have their day in court.

Both men pled not guilty to the 11 counts of illegal dumping, all misdemeanors, which were filed by Lincoln

County Sheriff James McSwane following a day digging for the trash which Harris had once said was not there. Once McSwane established the trash was present on the Nosker property, he filed the charges on Dec. 15.

Harris, attorney, Richard Hawthorne, had waived the arraignment in magistrate court in Carrizozo on a plea of not guilty before the scheduled hearing date of Friday, Dec. 22. Nosker's attorney, Dan Bryant, also sent an entry to waive arraignment and pled not guilty last week. Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr. approved both waivers.

A court date will be set when both attorneys and defendants can coordinate a convenient time, Dean said.

The illegal dumping, enforceable contrary to county ordinance 85-3 section 54-46, occurred in five days in May and six in June, 1989, as shown by dump logs kept by the Village of Ruidoso Downs Sanitation Department.

The charges are punishable with 90 days in jail and \$300 for each count.



DAVID JOHNSON (left) and Marty Tagg of the Lincoln National Forest office in Alamogordo inspect the exposed portion of prehistoric tusk (lower right corner of photo) found near Nogal.

## Fossilized tusk found near Nogal

Two Nogal residents hiking in the Lincoln National Forest area near their home recently discovered an exposed portion of a prehistoric elephant tusk, a find which a New Mexico Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources (NMBMMR) fossil experts says "may be very significant."

Nogal miner Marlow Sharpe and his wife, Barbara, were commended "for their knowledge, keen eyes, and willingness to share their discovery" by NMBMMR paleontologist Donald Wolberg after they reported their fossil find to National Forest Service officers.

Wolberg says that a preliminary inspection of the exposed tusk and the snow-dusted gully in which the specimen was found has led

him to form the opinion that the discovery may be very significant. "It's exciting because this specimen appears to be very well preserved. Probing of the surrounding areas indicates that the tusk is attached to a skull and it is not impossible that an entire or large part of skeleton is present," Wolberg explains. "Also of scientific interest is the fact that this specimen occurs at a relatively high elevation of almost 7,000 feet."

Wolberg describes the tusk as being large, slightly worn, and curved in both the front and rear sections of the exposed portion.

The curvature of the tusk, Wolberg says, suggests that it is a right tusk of a mammoth, a prehistoric ele-

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## Lighting contest winners named

William MacVough was the first-place winner of the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce 1989 Christmas lighting contest.

MacVough's well-lighted home won him a \$50 gift certificate redeemable at any chamber member business in Carrizozo. Second place prize of a \$35 gift certificate went to Hoot and Linda Gibson, and Annelise Smith won the third-place prize of a \$15 gift certificate.

All winners were in the residential category.

No one entered the commercial category. The winner of that category was to have won possession of the traveling trophy. Carrizozo Baptist Church won the trophy last year.

Chamber representatives were disappointed only three entries were received this year, even though many homes in town were well-lighted for the holiday celebration.

The chamber also contributed to the Christmas window art project done by Polly Chavez and her art students. The window art decorated several Carrizozo businesses, including the Lincoln County News office.

### OTHER WINNERS

Choncho Morales won the VCR raffled by the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department.

Junior Sisneros won the second-place \$75 gift certificate and Val Reyes won the third-place \$50 certificate.

Proceeds from the raffle were used by the fire department to purchase goodies for the Santa bags distributed to local children Saturday before Christmas.

## Dump-heap of the Week



HERE AT THE NEWS we think we have made the point, that owners of unsightly and debris-ridden property need to clean it up. Several unsightly places have been tidied, and others are in the process. So, with the town council taking an interest in cleaning up the town, we end the Dump-heap of the Week series with this picture of a structure on the east side of town. We hope its owner is properly embarrassed.

Happy New Year!

# A blow to rural economy

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program for Medicaid participants, but Sims said the personal services provided by a small-town pharmacist will be lost. The services include counseling persons about medications, checking to see if any allergies exist to certain medications, emergency prescriptions at odd hours, and other personal touches lost when medications are sent in the mail.

"The state likes to show that pharmacists are insensitive to the problem to Medicaid participants," he said. But the bottom line is that pharmacists can't afford to be involved with the bureaucratic program. Before Sims went to an electronic claims system with Medicaid, reimbursements took up to six weeks. Now they take only two weeks, but drug wholesalers are paid COD—cash on delivery, he added.

Because of the slow reimbursements, the pharmacists' cash flow trickles and sometimes dries up entirely. "I was forced out of the program," he said. But he continues to fight for Medicaid reform "because people in the rural areas will be affected, especially the elderly."

Since many of the Medicaid participants are senior citizens, the burden for transportation falls on the

senior citizens centers which already have overextended transportation budgets. Zia Senior Citizens Director Barbara Ward said the traveling out of town for drugs also will affect the local health clinic.

"People tell me if they have to go out of town for medications, they will just go to doctors in that town."

"That spells disaster for this area," Ward said. Transportation costs will rise and the Carrizozo Health Center will be impacted.

Another facility to be impacted will be New Horizons in Carrizozo. The facility is a group home for developmentally disabled adults who all participate in the Medicaid program. Horizons director Jenny Kelly said all 19 clients at the center are on Medicaid. Currently they receive health care through the Carrizozo Health Clinic.

## Tusk . . .

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phant species which roamed the New Mexico area between 15,000 and 20,000 years ago.

Wolberg hypothesizes that the ancient elephant probably died in a mountain pond or bog at the Nogal site and quickly sank deep enough to protect it from destruction by scavengers or decay. An initial probe of the area, Wolberg says, shows that the fossil specimen was entombed in clayish mud, indicative of a pond or bog. "You could still see where the mud had squirted and oozed out from under the tusk as it sank into its resting place," Wolberg explains.

Wolberg plans to meet with Lincoln National Forest officials to coordinate a cooperative NMBMR and National Forest Service effort to excavate the site and salvage the fossil specimen. An excavation team probably will be formed before this coming spring, Wolberg says, and will include an archeologist who will look for any Ice Age Paleo-Indian artifacts which might be associated with such a site.

"Retrieval from the field is virtually the best way to protect and preserve these type of important fossil specimens," Wolberg points out, "and oftentimes many important scientific discoveries such as these are made by the general public."

Once the pharmacy discontinues participation in the Medicaid program, the center will have to travel out of town for medications.

"We want to stay in Lincoln County for this, which means going up to Ruidoso," Kelly said.

At this time, she is not sure of the added costs but she does know that emergency medications entail driving out of town, with travel time at least two hours.

"It's a shame to take it out of town," she added.

If the Carrizozo Health Clinic is too impacted, some are concerned it could close.

"It took hard work to develop the center," said Ward.

The Medicaid issue is complicated, Sims said. The entire Medicaid program is in dire need of an overhaul to expel inefficiencies. However, Sims said the state lacks the courage to undertake such a project.

About a month ago, Sims was one of 25 pharmacists statewide selected to complete a survey about the Medicaid program. He said he not only submitted the requested information, but copies of his income tax and business revenues.

"I'm not asking anyone for anything," Sims said. Sims has contacted the secretary of Human Services Alex Valdez about the situation but has found little sympathy. The cutbacks came as a "cost avoidance program" to make sure insurance pays for medications before any Medicaid funds are expended, Sims said.

So the complicated situation is further complicated with a battle between Medicaid and the insurance companies. As a Medicaid participant, Sims could not legally bill participants for costs not covered by the Medicaid program.

However, Sims said no input from professional pharmacists has been included in developing and administering the Medicaid program "from beginning to end," Sims said. The drug portion of the

## Budget . . .

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County Fair, state fair exhibit, New Mexico Regional Library, White Mountain Search and Rescue, Co-op Extension Service, Ruidoso library and swimming pool, senior citizens, predatory animal control, Water Defense Association and others, was 38 percent expended, with some line items fully spent.

The predatory animal control fund was 100 percent expended, Lodgers' Tax Fund 24 percent expended, corrections fees for jail fund 10 percent, re-appraisal fund 61 percent, EMS grant 22 percent, Alto area paving assessment district fund was 14 percent and Laws of 1988 fund was 26 percent.

The Carrizozo Health Clinic fund was 36 percent expended. The audit line item was the only 100 percent line item in the fund.

Lincoln County Medical Center fund, which showed the capital outlay line item at 75 percent, was 44 percent expended. LCMC requested a transfer of \$25,000 from the capital outlay to operational. The commissioners approved the request. The fund also includes a line item for reserves which showed none was expended to date.

Line item adjustment requested by each department also were approved by the commissioners.

With passage of resolution 78-36, the commissioners put their stamp of approval on the mid-year budget. The budget is now subject to Dept. of Finance approval in Santa Fe.

whole Medicaid budget is at the most 8 percent, he added.

The New Mexico Pharmaceutical Association is gearing up to combat the cutbacks and other Medicaid problems in the next state legislative session.

Sims is encouraging his rural clients to contact Valdez and the man who backed the cutback—Gov. Garrey Carruthers. He also encourages anyone who is concerned to contact Sen. Pete Domenici and Rep. Joe Skeen.

Ward suggested people contact Jeff Bingham and state representative Dick Knowles.

Knowles does not represent Carrizozo, but is a member of the Medicaid Committee and represents rural areas as Capitan, Hondo, Lincoln and others.

State senators James Martin, Tim Jennings and Maurice Hobbs also should hear of the problems and representatives Paul Harrington and Ben Hall, Sims suggests.

As the state government makes efforts to urbanize more and more of the state's populace, Sims thinks the rural communities must speak up for their rights.

Who has more rural anything than New Mexico? he asks.

Addresses for the politicians listed are available at Sim's Family Pharmacy in Carrizozo.

The state legislature convenes Jan. 16. Medicaid issues are not expected to take a major role this year, but Sims encourages anyone who is concerned to contact the politicians.

"I've never seen anything worse done to the people," Sims concluded.

## Schedule of Events

**THURSDAY, Dec. 28**  
—Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Commission meets at 7 p.m. in the commissioners room in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. New business on the agenda includes preliminary presentation for a new subdivision application by Tim Collins, request for vacation of a road in Nogal by Archie Witham, and a review of unfinished subdivisions.

**MONDAY, Jan. 1**  
—New Year's: county and local offices will be closed.

**THURSDAY, Jan. 4**  
—Capitan schools host the annual Smokey Bear Classic for boys and girls varsity basketball.

**MONDAY, Jan. 8**  
—The board of Lincoln County Commissioners meets at 4 p.m. in the commissioners meeting room in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

—The Capitan Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. in village hall.

**TUESDAY, Jan. 9**  
—Carrizozo Town Board of Trustees meets at 6 p.m. in town hall.

—Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce meets at noon, in the conference room at United New Mexico Bank.

**THURSDAY, Jan. 11**  
—The annual meeting of the Water Defense Association is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Hondo School. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new officers to lead the association and its efforts in 1990. New information about progress on the appeal will also be on the agenda.

—Capitan Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the administration building.



GINGERBREAD MEN cookies, baked and decorated by the Foods Specialties class at Carrizozo, were given to clients at New Horizons Developmental Center. Shown in the photograph are back row, left to right, Kelly Racher, Suzanne Saucedo, Pat Samora, Phil Hill; Front row, left to right, Kevin Sheehan, Denise Najar, Cindi Silva, Viola Garcia and Patricia Medina, who hands the cookies to Mary Funk, assistant director of the center.

## Dist. Court trims its docket

The 12th Judicial District Division III courtroom was busy last week as prosecutors, defenders and Judge Richard Parsons wrapped up several juvenile cases and took pleas from several persons.

According to assistant District attorney Scott Key the following cases were heard.

Kevin Craft, 16, Ruidoso, admitted to violation of probation. He was referred to the Juvenile Diagnostic Center in Albuquerque for a 90-day evaluation prior to final disposition.

Lyle Humphries, 17, Ruidoso, admitted to violation of probation, for not attending school. He also will be referred to the Juvenile Diagnostic Center in Albuquerque for a 90-day evaluation.

In the matter of Jorge Manuel Newsome, 17, Midland, TX and Ruidoso, the judge found Newsome a delinquent child and in need of supervision after he admitted to having committed one count of larceny, two counts of receiving stolen property, one count of fraudulently refusing to return leased property and 18 counts of forgery. All charges stemmed from incidences in Ruidoso in June and July, which totaled \$6,600.

Newsome will be transferred to the New Mexico Boys School in Springer for a period not to exceed two years.

In the matter of Fernando Gutierrez, 16, Hondo, the judge gave Gutierrez until Jan. 19, 1990 to get into the Job Corps or go to the diagnostic center in Albuquerque

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**QUESTION:** What is the proper relationship between the cost of a lot and the value of the house on it?

**ANSWER:** Old rules of thumb have lost much of their meaning. It used to be that land represented about one-sixth of the home's purchase price. Then it moved up to one-fourth. And it will change again as the cost of land continues to rise.

Nevertheless, the land value versus house value ratio cannot be totally dismissed because it does, to some extent, affect the resale value of the property. It may not make much difference if you put an inexpensive house on an expensive lot, but it could be a mistake to have too much house for the land.

**THE RELATIONSHIP** between the cost of the lot and cost of the house is important.

If there is anything I can do to help you in the field of real estate, please phone or drop in at ROMINGER REAL ESTATE CO., 1100 Second Ave., in Carrizozo. Phone 648-2900. One block NE of Courthouse.

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# CAPITAN NEWS

By Margaret Rench



Severe winds, temperatures 14 below zero to 8 degrees during the day. Until Friday through Christmas, zero at night to 28 degrees with slight breeze. Tuesday, zero a.m. wind and very cold.

Happy Healthy and Prosperous New Year. Remember our blessings and count them often. We are in the best country in the entire world. God will carry us through if we do our part.

Smokey Bear Museum had 252 registered visitors last week. Which was great for this time of year.

Results of the chamber of commerce lighting contest are — commercial, first place, Capitan Mart; second, Capitan branch, Ruidoso State Bank; third, Smokey Bear Museum. Residential, first, Floyd Danielson; second, Jesse Servantes; third,

Boney Zamora. Honorable mention—John Whitaker, Bob Ray and Janice Herd.

The Smokey Bear Classic Basketball Tournament will be held in Capitan Jan. 4-5-6. Boys and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Blane Miller became parents of a son, Nathan Charles, Dec. 13, at the Lincoln County Medical in Ruidoso.

Alton and Pauline Whitaker spent the Christmas holiday in Carlsbad with the Neitherlins and families.

Wayne Ware and baby son Jacob of Alabama is visiting his mother, Ceil Chaffin, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendel Payne and son of Anthony, accompanied by Tillie Stones, was guest for the holidays of Kenneth Stone

and family.

Ronald Sanchez of Albuquerque and his sister Kateri and her husband Oscar Celballos of El Paso spent Christmas with their parents, Raymond and Barbara Sanchez.

The Smokey Bear Museum will be closed New Year's Day.

Carmen Allred and two children spent Christmas in Weatherford, TX with her mother and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fernie Stokes and grandson of Norwalk, CA spent one week in their home in Capitan.

The Albert Muse family spent Christmas evening with their daughter and sister, Cheryl and Bruce Mark, and family for a Christmas dinner. Bruce's parents joined them.

Agatha Long enjoyed all five of her children and family at her home for Christmas.

Cathleen Massey had a Christmas gathering of family and guests at her home in Capitan. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Story; Glynne Story, grandson in the Army stationed at Ft. Hood, TX; Cathleen Story and great-granddaughter Casey; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Salazar, granddaughter Lacine and Doria Salazar, also Margarita Salazar. Guests were Thomas John and Clay Larve.

Doris Pounds enjoyed her family home for Christmas.

Kay, Terry and Melinda Strickland, Jim, Linda, Kimberly and Justin Wright, and Curtis, Rhonda and Veronica Reeves spent Christmas with the Howard Wrights. Santa Claus arrived Christmas Day for a surprise visit.

Rick Rogers and Robin Carver of Las Cruces spent Christmas with his parents, Will and Bonnie Rogers.

Carol Hester and three daughters was overjoyed with the box of groceries the FHA class of Capitan gave her as recipient for their Christmas project. She is such a worthy lady and works hard to make a living and asks nothing from anyone.

Happy birthday to Madeline Cheney, Dec. 17. The Hobbs family spent Christmas with the family.

The Girl Scouts had a wonderful time enrolling Dec. 21.

Thanks to my beautiful friends and neighbors for the lovely Christmas they gave me. May God bless you.

I hate to report that vandalism did occur during Christmas. Two big snowmen were taken from the Capitan Mart. Whoever does those kinds of deeds should stop, look and concentrate. Do unto others as you would have them do to you.

I feel ashamed that anyone in Capitan would do such naughty things. You should be doing some good for people instead of causing damage and expense.

**JOYOUS  
NEW  
YEAR**



JOHN PARKER, a junior at New Mexico State University, recently received a \$1,000 scholarship from Moorman Manufacturing Co. Parker, a Capitan resident, is an animal science student at NMSU's College of Agriculture and Home Economics. Here, he accepts his award from Cary Winkler, Moorman representative (NMSU Ag Info photo)

**Card of Thanks**

We wish to thank the Carrizozo Fire Dept. and everyone who helped with the fire at our shop on Christmas Eve night. A special thanks to Joe Padilla, Johnny Cully and Steve Ortiz.

**Dale & Maxine LaMay and family**

## Lighting contest winners

Capitan Mart won the first place award in the Capitan Chamber of Commerce 1989 Christmas Lighting Contest—the fourth year in a row.

The mart was first in the commercial category, Ruidoso State Bank office second and Smokey Bear Museum third. A set of Smokey Bear Medallions go to the first place winner; a bronze medallion to second and a nickel silver to third.

The Floyd Danielson residence was voted the best lighted. He will receive \$50. Jessie Cervantes won second and will receive \$25 and Boney Zamora was third and will receive \$15.

Honorable mention residences were John Whittaker,

Bob Ray and Janice Herd. They will receive \$5 each, donated by the Senior Citizens Sunshine Club.

**NOTICE**

**Carrizozo County Club**

**New Year's Dance** will be for members and their guests.

Admittance by invitation ONLY!

## They love her at Smokey Bear park



Visitors to the Smokey Bear Historical State Park in Capitan will mostly likely be greeted by volunteer Gertrude Huey.

For the last two years, Mrs. Huey has not only greeted visitors, but shown films, cleaned facilities and done other jobs around the park to help ranger Rudy Padilla.

"People just love her," said park manager Patsy Peralta. "She is so helpful and often she will tell stories about the area."

Mrs. Huey, a 43-year Capitan resident and born and raised at Gran Quivira, knows many stories from her years of experience here. To recognize her many hours of volunteer service, Mrs. Huey received the 1989 Volunteer Award from the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, State Parks Division. The award was announced at the State Parks Employees banquet in Santa Fe in early December.

Volunteers at Elephant Butte Park and Oliver Lee Park also were honored with awards.

Smokey Bear park is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Peralta also manages Valley of Fires State Park in the Malpais near Carrizozo, where Albert Najer is ranger. That park is open from sunup to sundown daily.

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OPINION

● The object of a New Year, the late G.K. Chesterton once said, "is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul and a new nose, new feet, a new backbone, new ears and new eyes. Unless a man starts on the strange assumption that he has never existed before, it is quite certain that he will never exist afterward."

● Forgive me if I don't put on the lamp shade, dance around the unlighted Christmas tree, kiss all the neighbors at the fatal stroke of midnight, and play "Auld Lang Syne" on my trombone this New Year's Eve. From experience, I have learned that any new year is going to be worse than the previous one. Think back a few years and see if I'm wrong! The last time I engaged in New Year's Eve hilarity was back in the 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 gratuity this year is the fact that we must all work at our jobs from Jan. 1 through June 1 just to pay our taxes. If that doesn't make us 50 percent slaves to government we might as well burn our dictionaries. A troublesome 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.

● It's New Year's and I have it in my heart to be charitable toward dogs and dog lovers. Dogs are generally verboten in hotels, but a few years ago I saw this sign a hotelkeeper had posted in every room of his establishment. It struck me because I had sneaked my own little silver poodle, Louie, into my room. The sign read: "I've been in business for 30 years. Never have I called on the police to eject a disorderly dog, never had a dog set fire to a bed with a cigarette. I have never found a hotel towel or a blanket in a dog's suitcase. Sure, your dog is welcome. If your dog will vouch for you, you may register!"

● The New Year is a time for remembrance and nostalgia. Readers may be interested in what I was writing about in this column 20 New Years ago. The following items were culled from the OPINION column in 1970—two decades ago.

● Please stop beseeching me to keep an open mind on topics of public interest. There is no such thing as an open mind. It is not possible to have a single personal conviction and still boast an open mind. How would you like a physician with an open mind doing an organ transplant on you? Or a lawyer with an open mind defending you on a felony charge? You can't even be a Christian and maintain an open mind. About the best anyone can do is to hold a reasonable degree of tolerance for the views and opinions of others, and a little less enthusiasm for his own.

● Schools should operate on a 12-month basis. They should never be closed during the summer. It gives students too much time to re-arm. . . . If poverty causes crime, how come Abraham Lincoln didn't steal for a living? . . . Ever see a juvenile delinquent who owns a horse? Or one who's a regular member of the 4-H Club?

● The biggest laugh of the New Year was heard 'round the world Sunday when two black guys hijacked a National Airline jet to Havana. Setting foot on Cuban soil, one shouted: "I'm free! I'm free! After 400 years I'm free!"

● One way to reduce the number of public employees is to keep the rate of their pay below that in private employment. I do not believe that people should stay on the government payroll any longer than it takes them to become employed in the private sector. People should be discouraged from seeking public employment, should not be encouraged by offering equal pay with private business and industry. Production is needed in the private sector. If government jobs (other than highly skilled ones) pay prevailing wages equal to those in industry and business, there is no incentive for a person to move from the government's fairly relaxed routine to greater demands in an industry job. To a large extent, government employment is a "make work" proposition, an offshoot of welfare, and always has been. This should not be encouraged by paying equal wages for unequal production.

● The United States is probably the only nation on earth that asks its teenagers for advice on how to manage national affairs and tells its senior citizens to "go out and play." . . . God bless the Irish! In an age when everybody is terrorized by the threat of nuclear and biological and psychological warfare, the Irish are conducting a good, old-fashioned religious war with conventional weapons. . . . Did you hear about the fellow whose family was so poor it couldn't afford poverty?

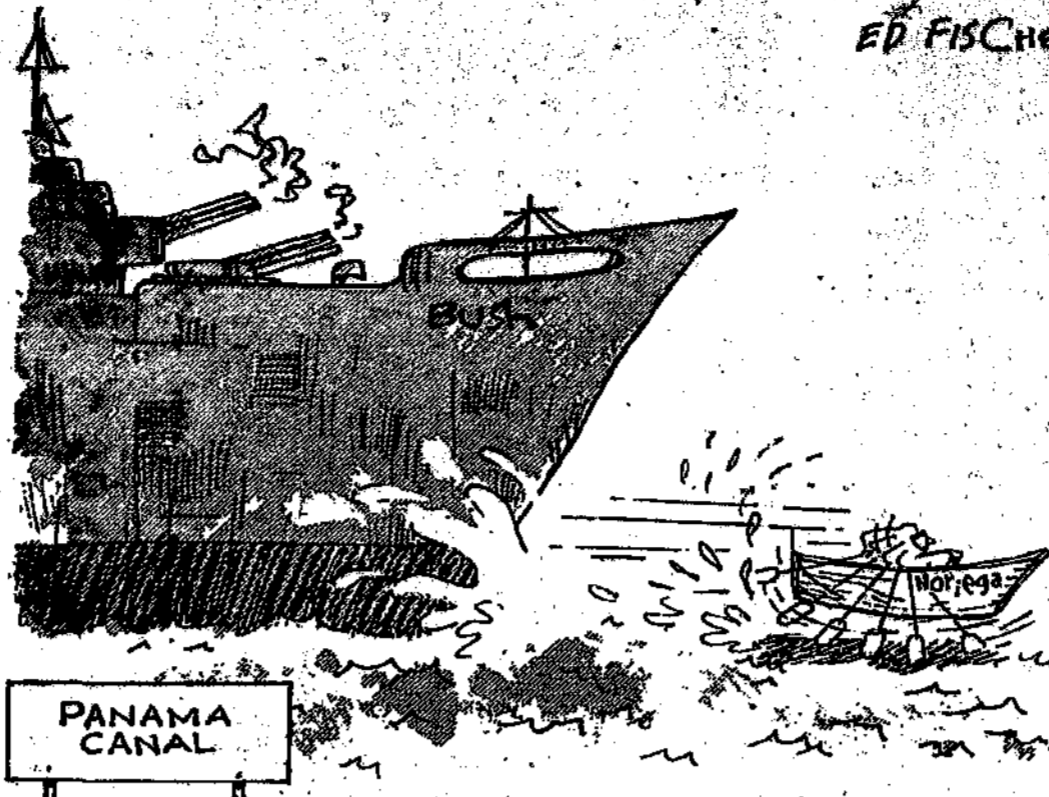
● Enough of 1970. I'd like to say something nice about 1989, now in the throes of demise. It will be remembered as the year President and Mrs. Nicholas Ceasurescu, iron rulers of Romania and who

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Inside The Capitol

By Jay Miller



SANTA FE—New Mexico has a financial wizard in residence who wants to help the state with some of its economic woes and at the same time change a tax system he feels is unfair to businesses such as his.

Garrett Thornburg is president of Thornburg Management Company, based in Santa Fe. He is a former partner at the investment banking house of Bear, Stearns & Co. on Wall Street. Thornburg specializes in creating new ideas for moneymaking schemes in the world of high finance.

Most of his ideas are so successful they are either copied immediately or outlawed. An example of the latter took place at Bear, Stearns when Thornburg figured out a way to get tax exempt, federally guaranteed financing for a ski resort.

But normally Thornburg's ideas are copied. He left Wall Street in 1982 at age 36 to live the good life near the ski slopes of Santa Fe. Shortly after setting up residence, he concocted a way to plug small industrial development bonds into a tax-exempt money market fund. He filed papers for the Daily Tax Free Income Fund on a Friday. On Monday a major mutual fund had already copied the idea.

Two years later Thornburg worked out a method for financing municipal equipment purchases with leases instead of bonds. His resulting Tax Free Municipal Lease Fund is helping Thornburg live quite comfortably in his chosen city and state.

But Thornburg isn't happy with the way his company is treated by the New Mexico tax system. He says he makes about a 10 percent profit on his funds. The state requires him to charge a 5.5 percent gross receipts tax on every transaction. In effect, that is a 55 percent tax on his profit if he absorbs the tax. If he passes it on to his customers, Thornburg argues that he becomes noncompetitive.

He contends that New Mexico is the only state in the

nation that levels a tax on every business transaction except those that are exempted. He thinks it is a tremendous disincentive for companies such as his to move to our state. He says Economic Development and Tourism Department boss John Dendahl thoroughly agrees with him. His problem is with the folks in the Taxation and Revenue Department.

Thornburg also says our income tax is too high. He is taxed in the 8.5 percent bracket, which is a full three percent higher than he would have to pay in any nearby state. Some states, such as Texas and Nevada, have no income tax. Thornburg can tick off a string of businesses he says have made the decision not to move to New Mexico because the gross receipts and income tax make it prohibitive.

Instead of packing up and moving to another state with lower taxes and lots of ski slopes, Thornburg has decided to wage a one-man battle to make some changes in New Mexico's tax system. He proposes a multipoint plan to replace the gross receipts tax with a sales tax, lower the marginal personal income tax rate to 5.5 percent, repeal the \$47 million tax cut on "old natural gas" scheduled to go into effect next July and finance state building programs and highway construction project with long term bonds instead of doing it on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Thornburg says if these recommendations were heeded there would be enough money left over to repeal the income tax on federal retirees as recently ordered by the US Supreme Court and finance the entire education budget increase proposed by the State Board of Education a week ago.

The financial wizard says he feels education expenditures are the most important factor in economic development. He says he has been writing to chambers of commerce across the nation recently to obtain relocation

information in case his plan is not adopted. He marveled at how many cities and states focused their promotion efforts around their well-financed education systems. He believes New Mexico should do the same.

In the meantime Thornburg is working on the biggest blockbuster idea of his financial career — a multi-billion dollar international financing operation. Whether he does it in New Mexico or somewhere else is still to be determined.

By the way

By P.E. Chavez



CLAUS ENCOUNTER?

I clip and gather unusual news items from here and there. To finish off 1989 I couldn't resist sharing the following tidbits:

Six teenage Christmas carolers say they saw a UFO Dec. 14 in the sky above Chimayo, and it didn't look like Santa's sleigh. The youths said they saw the object hover over a hill to the east of Chimayo and slip behind the ridge, possibly landing. No traces or UFOs, aliens or even reindeers could be found on the hill. According to the group of shaken female Christmas carolers, there was something strange in the sky above Chimayo.

This is not the first time unidentified flying objects have been reported flying over Chimayo. In 1984, more than 30 people reported seeing a UFO one night in April. According to a radar information report obtained from the FAA several radar tracks in the area during the time witnesses say they saw something strange in the sky were unexplainable.

DRINKING BUDDIES

Judge Richard C. Martinez, a Rio Arriba magistrate judge, faces a 30-day

suspension from office without pay for misconduct in office. The Judicial Standard Commission in its report states that Martinez invited Earl Valdez into his home. Valdez had pending matters before magistrate court at the time of the incident. The two drank beers together and went to a store for some additional beer. They returned to the judge's home, drank it and some other alcoholic beverages.

During the time the two were together, Martinez told Valdez that if he had enough money to buy beer he should also have enough to "clear the matter of his driver's license by the end of the week," the report states. Then Martinez added that was tired of his "bullshit" and if he didn't clear up his violation by the end of the week he was going to "throw his ass in jail."

According to the Rio Grande Sun, Valdez was then allowed to drive away from the judge's residence, even though Valdez was intoxicated. Martinez took no steps to prevent Valdez from driving.

BEER BEGGERS

And in Espanola another pair of drinking buddies made headlines through municipal court, "Thirsty Beer Beggars Blast Barkeeper."

When two women didn't get free beer at the Hacienda Lounge they got angry and hurled pool sticks and balls at the owner. The two women had walked into the bar and asked several customers to buy them some beer. The customers ignored their request.

One woman walked up to the bar and ordered two beers. She opened one beer and told the bartender she didn't have any money. He took back his beer and that's when the agitated ladies let him have it with pool balls and sticks.

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apparently became suspicious when a woman attempted to deposit a worthless \$2 million check and she did not know how to write "\$2 million" on the check. She told bank officials that she had \$4 million in her account at Century Federal Savings and Loan. The woman pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor forgery charge, as a result of a plea bargain agreement.

HOT FOOT

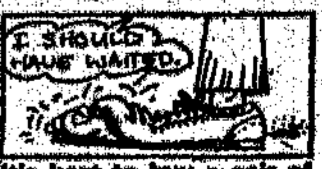
Bobby Unser, veteran race car driver, was cited by a New Mexico State Police officer for going 78 miles per hour in a 55 mph zone. Rio Arriba magistrate David Esquibel dismissed the charge, noting the statute had been repealed. Unser, of the well-known Unser racing family, lives near Chama.

The state police didn't know that the statute had been repealed and replaced. Someone failed to notify them.

BATHING BO

An Espanola woman asked her brothers to stop by her home Dec. 6 to make sure it was secure. The brothers found a couch barricading the front door and a man in the bathtub. He was arrested for criminal trespassing. The naked man, an ex-boyfriend, is believed to also take \$80 from the woman's glove box in her car, and would you believe he burned the family portrait?

And how was your 1989?



It's best to buy a pair of shoes in the afternoon after your feet have had a chance to expand to normal size from walking.



## Four Carrizozo athletes named to All-State Team

Four Carrizozo football athletes recently have been named to the Class A 1989 All-State Team.

Named to the first-team on offense were junior wide receiver Guy Archuleta, senior running back Dennis Vega and senior lineman Mark Guevara. Senior Michael Chavez was named first-team defensive back on defense.

Second-team honors went to Michael Chavez, wide receiver, and Mark Guevara, defensive lineman. Making the honorable mention list were Rod Serna of Carrizozo, lineman on offense, and Nathan Roybal of Capitan, defensive back.

The complete list of players named to the first team is as follows:

**Offense**—wide receivers—Archuleta, Carrizozo; Leonard Arias, Springer, senior, tight end; Bobby Stearns, senior, Tatum—

linemen: Noel Gomez, senior, Tatum; Lawrence Granada, senior, Loving; Willie Pierce, senior, Loving; Mark Guevara, senior, Carrizozo; Lucas Hernandez, senior, Loving—quarterback: Gabriel Ramirez, senior, Springer—running back: Ricky Fuentes, senior, Loving; Scott Green, senior, Tatum; Dennis Vega, senior, Carrizozo—place kicker: Lawrence Granada, senior, Loving.

**Defense**—ends: Shawn Hedgecock, senior, Loving; Noel Gomez, senior, Tatum—linemen: Granada, senior, Loving; Willie Pierce, senior, Loving; Henry Poolman, senior, Springer—linebackers: Jeramie Hogue, senior, Tatum; Luis Lobato, junior, Loving—backs: Leonard Arias, senior, Springer; Chad Sartin, senior, Loving; Jacob Campos, senior, Loving, and Michael Chavez, senior, Carrizozo.

## Old Scott Tex Mill bought, owner plans to reopen it

The old Scott Tex Mill, east of Carrizozo near the country club, has been sold.

Realtor Woody Schlegel announced the sale of the mill to the Carrizozo Town Trustees at their regular meeting Tuesday night.

Although only trustees Harold Garcia and Dale LaMay and Mayor Bob Hemphill attended the meeting, the group agreed to discuss and take action on the agenda items, with the understanding any action must be affirmed by a whole council.

Schlegel said Robert Gibbens, president of Rational Alternatives in Santa Fe, purchased the mill and now wants to either purchase or lease six acres on which the mill sits. Gibbens also has

one other mill in New Mexico and one outside the state, Schlegel said.

Gibbens offered \$700 an acre for purchase but if he cannot either purchase or lease he will move the mill out of the town.

Schlegel said Gibbens assured him he does not use toxic chemicals in his process and he works closely with the Environmental Improvement Division (EID). His main concern is creating a good rapport with the town and its citizens.

"Gibbens asked if the town will mind if I open the mill and run it," Schlegel said.

Gibbens also proposes to clean up the old mill site and plant trees. If the mill opens

in Carrizozo, Gibbens plans to bring in a manager and provide 5 or 6 jobs locally.

The mayor's concern about selling village property, on which the mill sits, was echoed by Carrizozo resident Glen Ellison.

"My real concern is the town bought the land to secure the water rights," Ellison said.

He also reminded the council to "keep in mind this ecology thing is bigger than we thought. We dodged a big problem, east of town," he said in reference to the Cimarron Mill.

Ellison detailed the history of the mill, with 20 years of failure at the site, and eventual purchase by the town in 1960 for water

rights. A well was drilled nearby at the McBride site and although produced copious amounts of water, it was not acceptable for municipal supplies.

"I'm not sure we feel that good about the mining business in Carrizozo," Ellison said.

Gibbens also proposes to purchase water from the town for the mill operation.

"Conserve the water for

the day when its honestly needed," Ellison added.

Carrizozo resident Ralph Forsythe, who has knowledge of Lincoln County mining and worked with the Cimarron Mill Environmental Protection Agency Superfund tests, also commented.

"The problem is there are no minerals to mine here. The mill has no place in city."

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### PETITION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED LANDFILL IN THE RUIDOSO VALLEY

We the undersigned concerned citizens hereby express our opposition to the proposed solid-waste landfill for the Village of Ruidoso Downs located in Sec. 19, T-10 South, R16E., N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico.

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## District Court

after the juvenile admitted to probation violation.

Danny Chavez, 17, San Patricio, admitted to the petition to revoke probation (probation violation). He was referred to the Juvenile Diagnostic Center in Albuquerque for a 90-day evaluation.

Joseph Aguilar, 19, Ruidoso Downs plead no contest to the charges of aggravated burglary, larceny of a firearm, larceny between \$250-\$2500 and conspiracy. The charges came from an incident in Ruidoso in May.

Judge Parsons deferred sentenced and ordered Aguilar to attend the Job Corps in Roswell.

James Morgan, 29, with no permanent address, was ordered to serve eight years in the New Mexico Department of Corrections after he pled no contest to charges of criminal trespass, two counts of residential burglary, two counts of conspiracy, one count of commercial burglary, all stemming from a series of Ruidoso-area burglaries in June and July. Morgan also admitted to being a prior felon.

Gerald Hudson, 43, Ruidoso, pled guilty to one count of felony of writing bad check over \$25. He was sentenced to one year in the county jail with all but 30 days suspended. Hudson wrote a worthless \$107 check to Bennett's Grocery in August in Ruidoso.

Antonio Chavez, 41, Ruidoso Downs, failed to appear in court. The judge issued a bench warrant for his arrest.

Roderick Kimbrell, Ruidoso, also failed to show at court for probation violation on a previous commercial burglary. A bench warrant for his arrest also was issued.

Others before the judge came for first appearances. Brian Leeper, 19, Las Cruces, plead no contest to a charge of sexual penetration of a minor in the third degree during an incident July 2, in Ruidoso. Prior to sentencing, the court ordered forensic evaluation, recommended to give the court clinical evaluation for sentencing.

Don Timmerman, 38, Ruidoso, plead no contest to two counts of marijuana distribution based on an incident of a sale of small amounts of marijuana to an undercover officer in Ruidoso in October. He was given a deferred sentence and placed on probation for three years.

Michael Smith, 29, Ruidoso, plead no contest to possession of psilocybin mushrooms with intent to distribute and possession of drug paraphernalia. He received a deferred sentence

and probation for three years.

Omar Gonzales, Michael P. Cota, Tommy D. Harde-mann, Jose Javier Del Rio and Craig Sullivan who made their first appearances in the court last week, all plead not guilty to their charges. They will have jury trials scheduled at a future date, Key said.

The judge conducted a pretrial conference for Patricia Coulter, 37, Alamogordo, Friday. She is charged with larceny of Pope Jewelry in Ruidoso for shoplifting \$2000 worth of jewelry in June. She also is accused of selling the jewelry in Alamogordo. Her trial is set for Jan. 9 and she currently is in the Women's Correction Center in Grants on another felony conviction.

The Leo Bruno Chavez trial set for Dec. 27-28, was delayed on a continuance. The rescheduled trial date has not been set.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Village of Corona will conduct a public hearing on January 12, 1990 at the Village of Corona Village Hall. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive input on community development and housing needs and to discuss the 1989 New Mexico Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program.

The State of New Mexico expects to receive approximately \$7.9 million to be distributed statewide on a competitive basis. Eligible funding categories include Community Infrastructure (streets, sewers, water lines, etc.); Housing; Public Service Capital Outlay; Economic Development; Emergency and Planning. Each grant application must meet one of the following national rating criteria: (1) Principally benefit low/moderate income families; (2) Prevent or eliminate slum and blight; (3) Meet other community development needs which pose an immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community.

If you have any questions concerning the public hearing or grant program please contact Beatrice Chavez at 849-5511.

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## Input

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cheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4 at Four Winds Restaurant in Carrizozo. Everyone is invited to attend the express their views and thoughts about the study which will be used to develop the plan of work and determine priorities.

Further information may be obtained by calling the Soil Conservation Service office in Carrizozo, 648-2041 or Capitan, 354-2320.



# CLASSIFIED ADS

# Obituaries

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**ANDELECIA HERRERA**  
Andelecia Herrera, 81, died Dec. 20 at Memorial General Hospital in Las Cruces.

She is survived by five sons and four daughters: Percy Herrera of Idaho, Joe Herrera of Carrizozo, Floyd of Alamogordo, Benny of Carrizozo and Ernest Herrera of El Paso, Rose Provencio of Tularosa, Civelea Gueteriez, Emma Utter and Eliza Portillo of Las Cruces.

She had 27 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. Also of the family are Frank Pena and daughter Beatrice Beltran and two children of Carrizozo.

Rosary was said Friday night at St. Rita's Catholic Church, Carrizozo, followed by the funeral mass the next day. Burial was in Our Lady of Guadalupe Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Christopher, Patrick, Johnny, Benjamin and Paul Herrera, Samuel Montoya, Lenard and Ernest Utter, Ray and Severo Provencio.

**EVELYN GREER**  
Evelyn Greer, 70, died Dec. 19 at her home in Tulsa,

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**OK Graveside services** were held Dec. 23 at Angus Cemetery, Angus, NM, with LaGrone Funeral Chapel in charge of services.

Mrs. Greer was born Feb. 1, 1918 in Carrizozo. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, and had worked 40 years for American Airlines.

She is survived by two sons, Jim Greer of Lamirada, CA and John Greer of Miraloma, CA; and six grandchildren.

**BRITTANY ZAMORA**  
Graveside services were held Dec. 20 at Capitan Cemetery for Brittany Zamora, stillborn child of Michael Zamora and Denise Magnone, both of Capitan. The child was born at Lincoln County Medical Center on Nov. 22, 1989. Fr. Ed Griffith officiated at services.

The child's grandparents are Ruben and Carol Zamora of Carrizozo and Wayne and Janice Magnone of Capitan.

**IN THE SERVICE**

Army National Guard Private Jason J. Kinnick has graduated from the Army quartermaster and chemical equipment repair course, a seven-week training program at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD. He is the son of Rolly R. and Roseanna R. Kinnick of Capitan.

**JOHN L. HARLAN**  
John L. Harlan, 70, of Ruidoso died Dec. 22 at his home. Memorial services were held Dec. 27 at the First Presbyterian Church in Ruidoso with Rev. Dan Link officiating.

Mr. Harlan was born Nov. 30, 1919 at Marlin, TX. He moved to Ruidoso from El Paso 36 years ago. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He graduated from Texas A&M College in 1943 and served in the Air Force during World War II. He was retired from the oil and gas business.

He is survived by his wife, Alma of Ruidoso; a daughter, Ann Bolts of El Paso; a brother, James A. Harlan of Austin, TX; and a sister, Inez Plant of Houston.

**NANCY ANNIE NORA**  
Nancy Annie Nora Hall, age 82, of Tularosa, died Thursday, Dec. 7, in the local hospital in Alamogordo.

She was born Nov. 18, 1907 in Comanche County, TX and had been a resident of Ruidoso for many years prior to moving to Tularosa last year. She was married to C.L. "Shorty" Hall on Feb. 3, 1927 in Stillwater, OK and she was a homemaker.

Surviving her are her husband, C.L. "Shorty" Hall, of Tularosa, four daughters, Annie Hobbs of Carrizozo, Louise Gilliland of Tularosa, ILA Tucker of Three Rivers and Helen Kay Henley of Weed, NM. She is also survived by 19 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Hamilton Funeral Home in Alamogordo on Monday, Dec. 11, with Rev. Jerry Hardison officiating. Interment followed in Tularosa Cemetery.

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## Fires, thefts, drugs

Dec. 24: Sullivan Security Service reported a burglary of the Brian Wright residence in Alto. A 27-inch Zenith color television was reported and other items. The television was recovered.

At 12:33 p.m. Steve Graham in Carrizozo made a complaint of criminal damage to a vehicle. Carrizozo Police Department investigated and advised the sheriff's office the damage was probably fire separation and not slashes on two tires on the 1980 Dodge as reported.

A structure fire at the Dale LaMay residence in Carrizozo was reported. According to LaMay, the fire was mostly extinguished by the time the Carrizozo VFD arrived with two units. The firefighters sprayed the structure, a shop garage.

LaMay said the fire was spotted by Joe Padilla and John Cully as they were traveling down the street. The men stopped and told LaMay who took steps to extinguish the fire. The structure was mostly smoke damaged; however, LaMay said his tools also were damaged by the fire. He thought it started with electrical wiring.

Dec. 25, Christmas 1989—A grass fire was reported on the Salcedo Ranch on the north side of the Capitan mountains. Capitan VFD and the Forest Service responded and extinguished the blaze.

At 1:38 p.m. a burglary at the Wright residence in Alto resulted in the recovery of a vehicle stolen in Alamogordo. Officers are investigating.

At 4:38 p.m. officers investigated a reported burglary at the Ratz residence in Alto.

At 8:20 p.m. deputies arrested John Banzhof, 41, Ruidoso, and charged him with criminal damage to property under \$1000 in connection with a dispute in Capitan. Banzhof pled not guilty to the charge and will appear before Magistrate Judge Jim Wheeler next week, McSwane said. Banzhof was released from the Lincoln County Jail on Dec. 26.

Dec. 26: At 10:19 a.m. the department took a report of stolen skis and poles from a vehicle at Ski Apache. The subject involved lives in California.

At 8:25 a.m. Manuel Montes of Hondo reported

dogs killed a number of his sheep. Upon investigation, officers destroyed the dog. Criminal action will be taken on the dog's owner, McSwane said.

At 10:16 a.m. officers responded to a report of stolen or lost items in the Cedar Creek area. Officers are investigating.

A report of criminal damage to property in the Bonito area was found to be persons driving overland on a four-wheeler. After contact with the driver, the officers were told the driver did not know the area was private property and didn't mean to trespass.

At 11:44 p.m. the department received a report of a burglary in progress in the Pine Cliff area of Ruidoso to the Ruidoso Police Department.

The department will offer rides to persons unable to drive New Year's Eve. See the ad in this week's paper about the offer.

Bars will remain open until 2 a.m. New Year's. However, no alcohol will be sold in Capitan because of the no liquor sales on Sunday law.

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