

Business closures hurt economy;

Belco Industries goes belly-up

By Doris Cherry

What once was Main Street in Carrizozo is very quiet now. Maybe even more quiet since the doors to Belco Industries Inc. were padlocked on Feb. 1 and all employees sent home, not to return.

At the crossroad of Highways 380 and 54, once a very busy corner, now sit two closed businesses. One is vacant and has been since 1989

(Texaco Station) and the other Zozo Food Mart—closed just before Christmas, 1990. Owner Jennings Oil of Ruidoso is bankrupt and laying off its many employees from several convenience stores in Lincoln County.

The loss of those jobs greatly affects a small town like Carrizozo, with its slightly more than 1000 residents.

This is a story of one of those businesses which closed recently, a rise and fall

story which seems to reflect the small town's history.

Belco first came to Carrizozo as Scott Industries of Irving, TX, looking for a place to relocate. Then Mayor Johnson Stearns, Bank Securities (parent organization of then Citizen's State Bank, now United New Mexico Bank) and other local residents saw an opportunity to invest in a small business and give a small clean industry a chance to give some of the town's people work. Scott

Industries was invited to come to town and look around.

By mid-September 1973 Scott Industries announced it would relocate to Carrizozo. With much help from Bank Securities, Inc., town officials and Arriba Group (S.M. Ortiz was chairman of that group) Scott Industries moved its entire operation to Carrizozo and set up shop in the building near the old ice plant, owned by the town. Payroll was expected to be

15-20 people by the end of 1973.

Also contributing to the industrial project was Jackie Spencer.

In December 1973, the town council had a special meeting and accepted a \$35,000 gift from the Spencers for industrial development. It was transferred to the Carrizozo Industrial Development Corporation to be used for building on real property. Ruth Armstrong chaired that corporation

which was organized in association with the Carrizozo Woman's Club. The corporation was under the advisement of the State Dept. of Development.

Also in 1973, Lincoln County News announced Scott Industries bought five acres of land in the airport area, from the town of Carrizozo. A warranty deed from the town was signed June 12, 1974.

As a result, Southern New Mexico Economic Deve-

lopment District got involved with the development of an industrial park in Carrizozo. Nick Pappas was director of SNMEDD at that time.

By October 1974 Carrizozo buzzed with the news it could get an Industrial Park.

When Belco arrived, Carrizozo organizers of the Industrial Park needed a "bird-in-hand" industry to develop it. Belco filled that role, said Pappas, former director of SNMEDD, now Lincoln County Manager, recently.

The town council approved 30 acres be set aside for the industrial park and it approved a bond issue for \$64,000 to be spent on the park.

In November, Jim and Carolyn Cantrell, managers of Scott, discussed the rent of the town-owned buildings they then occupied. The town had spent more than \$15,000 in rewiring, installing floor and ceiling to prepare the building. But Scott payroll was listed as \$6,700 every two weeks. Rent for the building was set at \$100 a month.

December 1974, Scott Industries closed for a week while Cantrells acquire the local Scott and separates from two other related industries. A machine shop in Organ, NM was to be brought to Carrizozo. Scott Industries hoped to enter into a program of sales with Mexico.

Things kept going right for Scott-Belco, for in March 1975 Johnson Stearns exchanged the old Ford garage and El Cibola Hotel for a home owned by Cantrell. The buildings became the center of Scott operations, then Belco operations continued until it closed Feb. 1, 1991.

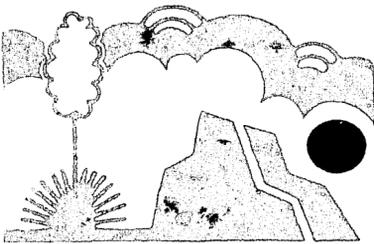
July, 1975, Senator Pete Domenici gets Economic Development Administration and Four Corners Regional Commission grants for the Carrizozo industrial park totalling \$252,000. That would be added to \$64,800 from an \$80,000 bond issue, with 20-year payback, that was passed for "sewer and water improvements."

By the end of 1975 Scott Industries had become Belco and by December, the 22 employees were laid off—a seasonal lay off since the company had produced more welders than were ordered.

Belco continued to manufacture its small welders in the old Ford Garage, and (Con't. on P. 3)

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Lincoln County to host tourism representatives

Volunteers who give directions to thousands of tourists are visiting South-eastern New Mexico Feb. 23-24 to get acquainted with the area.

When they return to Albuquerque they'll be knowledgeable about this section of the state and can pass the information on to vacationers.

The volunteers staff Ruidoso

information centers at the Albuquerque International Airport and at Albuquerque's Old Town. Between July 1989 and June 1990 they assisted nearly 250,000 visitors to the city.

"They literally speak with thousands of people who spend millions of dollars in New Mexico," says the bureau's president, Gary Grimmer.

Lincoln hosts the volunteers on Saturday with a picnic lunch and a tour by the Lincoln County Heritage Trust. After the tour they arrive in Cloudcroft for ice skating, snow mobiling, and an evening at the Lodge at Cloudcroft. The Chamber of Commerce host them for breakfast.

On Sunday they arrive in Alamogordo for a tour of the Tombaugh Space Theater's planetarium and Omnimax Theater. They'll also visit Eagle Ranch Pistachio Farm. Lunch with the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce is planned at the Outpost before they tour the Valley of Fires Recreation Area. They travel to White Oaks, Ancho and Clines Corners for tours before returning to Albuquerque.

The volunteers donate their time to the Albuquerque Convention and Visitors Bureau. The bureau is a private nonprofit organization that markets Albuquerque and New Mexico as a vacation destination.



MANY CARRIZOSO MUNICIPAL School students were awarded first, second and honorable mention honors at this week's annual Science Fair. Overall winners in the mid-high level are, left to right, Kyle Tate, second place, Lynette Hernandez, third; and Julie Barham, first. In the high school level, Scot Brown, first; Kelly Caldwell, second and Brett Barham, third.

Capitan Schools

Collective bargaining, tenure prospect viewed with alarm

Capitan Board of Education extended contracts for its principals another year.

Board members Preston Stone, Tom Trost, Ken Cox, Ron Roybal and outgoing Hollis Fuchs met in closed session for more than an hour during their meeting Thursday. They invited newly elected board member Jack King to sit in the closed session, which Stone said was permissible since the board asked him to be present.

After coming back into open session, the board approved extending the contracts for elementary principal Jerry Newsom and high school principal Bill Stowe. When a suggestion of a two-year extension was discussed, all members agreed to approve the extensions for one year now, until the New Mexico state legislature settles Senate Bill 1, which will reinstate tenure for teachers.

Originally the bill was to include all school personnel, but the superintendent, but the bill was amended to include only teachers.

Supt. Scott Childress said it appears the bill will pass and Gov. Bruce King will support it. The bill will make a big impact on the way schools operate, Childress continued. Senate Bill 292

will mandate collective bargaining, which will give the State Board of Education the right to determine who will be the bargaining agent with teachers. Now local districts bargain with teachers. Childress foresees the two bills will cause lots of problems in public schools. No funds will be set aside to pay the arbitrator for collective bargaining, either.

Childress said it could be very expensive, since now the superintendent bargains on behalf of the board of education. Childress feared the bill will take away all power of the local board, since the independent arbitrator could lead to an impasse between the school and teachers. "By law this is where it stops—with the local board," Childress said. If the bill passes, all bargaining would go to the arbitrator.

On tenure, Childress said currently the burden of proof is up to the teacher in termination of employment. Under tenure, the burden of proof would be placed on the school to show why a teacher was terminated, requiring more documentation for the school.

Fuchs said not too many livestock people are giving favor to the unions (in reference to the tenure-arbitrator

situation.) Roybal worried about collective bargaining without funds and suggested cooperating with other districts for an arbitrator. Childress said he had already looked into that, then mentioned the "hidden costs" of arbitration, such as attorney fees.

Tenure was discontinued in 1986, but indications are unions and labor are going to give a push for the bills.

"Bet you all a steak dinner its going to pass," Childress said.

The canvass of the Feb. 5 election results was accepted. The canvass showed Tom Trost winner of position 3 with 263 votes; Ken Cox retaining position 4 with 353 votes, and Jack King winner of position 5 with 314 votes. The two milliev question for capital improvements was passed 246 to 123.

A special budget increase of \$87,944 was approved. Because of the increase in enrollment, special education A/B programs and ancillary programs, the school received a budget increase of \$87,944. Line items were adjusted to allow \$18,000 for an extra teacher in the regular program; \$11,500 for spe-

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Zozo school board goes on without ousted members

Outgoing Carrizozo Board of Education members Wally Ferguson and Nat Palomarez failed to show up at their last meeting Tuesday night.

Members Hoot Gibson (also outgoing), Nick Serna and Eugenia Vega made a slim quorum but promptly went into a closed session for pending litigation after approval of last month's minutes. Gibson presided in Ferguson's absence.

Newly elected members Jan Barham, Gary Hightower and J.C. Richmond were invited by the board to attend the closed session.

Closed session lasted nearly an hour and a half. The only litigation involving the school is the civil case filed by Linda King on behalf of her son Jay. The new board will inherit King's grievance, as did Serna and Vega when they came to the board two years ago. Supt. Danny Burnett also attended the closed session.

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Credit to Village means money for local economy

By BLAKE MARTIN

The Village of Ruidoso's proposed Civic Events Center continues to make headway.

Last week, representatives from Ruidoso approached the appropriations and finance committee of the 40th legislature for a remaining \$448,000 in shortfall costs for construction.

House Bill 167 calls for the state board of finance to issue and sell severance tax bonds for \$448,700. Any unexpended balance remaining six months after completion of the project shall revert to the severance tax bonding fund.

A civic events savings account was established in 1985. Since then, the village has purchased the old airport, seen construction of Sierra Blanca Airport, and broken the ground for a golf, hotel, and exhibition/convention/performing arts events center.

In a projects update and historical summary presented last week in Santa Fe by Mayor Victor Alonso, two estimates of dollar impact were offered. ISM planners show an average of 300 delegates per meeting per month, spending a total of \$289.62 per trip. UNM research reflects a higher \$858 per trip for the same amount of delegates. The higher revenue prediction is a result of both average stay and money spent per day, being almost twice as much as the ISM planners' forecast.

A "dollar turn" is then estimated by both studies as three, which when projected for 12 months, totals just

over \$3 million and \$9 million impact respectively.

The sum of village and state gross receipts taxes generated are further shown to be \$208,000 and \$620,000 by the studies.

Village commitments so far have total to almost \$4.5 million, including \$925,000 municipal bond proceeds. The state commitments total

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How Capitan Schools handle student transportation

Capitan Schools contracts with Frank Silva for transportation of its students for regular school and for activity transportation.

The board of education approved a \$231,874.93 main contract for the 1990-91 year to transport its more than 250 students to and from home to school in Silva's nine buses. Silva also contracts for the 72-passenger activity bus.

Frank took over the bus contracting business from his father Frankie at the end of the last school year. In the more than 50 years Frankie operated the Indian Divide bus, and later added the extra buses to his fleet, no drivers had an accident.

Silva's \$231,874.93 contract breaks down as such: bus payments, \$53,172; maintenance/operation, \$72,351.42; fuel allowance, \$29,259.59; salaries, \$51,665.94; employee benefits (workman's comp., unemployment) \$16,516.08; gross receipts, \$12,674.59. The small contract with the

school is for \$27,787.70. It breaks down as such: depreciation, \$4438; maintenance, \$9558.72; fuel allowance, \$2715.84; drivers salary regular \$503460; drivers salary kindergarten \$2156.40; employee benefits, \$1308.27; gross receipts, \$1572.76.

The activity contract is based on \$1.35 per mile with a minimum of 18,000 miles. The expenses for the activity contract include the bus payment of \$17,493.24; drivers salary (varies depending on mileage) average of \$5000; fuel (depends on mileage) \$3500; and maintenance, \$5000.

The amount of mileage must be submitted to the Dept. of Education in Santa Fe. It then must be approved before any funds are forwarded to the school for transportation contracts. The school does not actually pay the transportation costs, rather it acts as the fiscal agent and allows the money to "flow-through" to the transportation contractor.

By the way

By P.E. Chavez



GREAT NEWS

"We're getting ready to greet American Family's next ten million dollar winner. And if you return the winning number in time, you can get ready to greet the world as Polly Chavez: super-rich multi-millionaire!"—Ed McMahon, urging Polly Chavez to respond by March 1.

Could I stand a few extra luxuries in my life? Some changes in the Chavez day-to-day routine?

"Yes, the Chavezes would be in for some pretty big changes," Ed writes. (With the long letter I feel like I know the NBC Tonight Show co-host on a first name basis.)

The Chavez income would instantly climb to a whopping \$333,333 a year and stay there for the next 30 years. "While other people keep struggling, working, worrying, Polly Chavez would be busy too: furnishing a brand-new home, picking out new cars, traveling around the world and generally living it up," Ed continues.

I could build a business and make myself chairman of the board. And there's more. I may be the winner of a sporty car or a 4-wheel Chevy Blazer or \$20,000 cash; a widescreen TV, a computer, a sailboat or audio-vision system.

MY GOOD DEED

"So I urge you. Stop whatever you're doing and reply right now," Ed presses and reminds me of spectacular magazine savings. I am told the American Family Publishers will be able to spot my order for magazines and give it top priority. How? Polly Chavez studies the envelope.

Two stars have been precut on my sweeps headquarters envelope. Why? So that two magazine stamps which I am to "affix" on the proper spaces on the ten million dollars official entry-order card can peek through and be seen without opening the envelope. How clever.

My good deed for this week was to decline Ed's offer so that the two other all-time top winners listed along with my name would stand a

chance of winning.

I'm sure David Brumbalow of Los Angeles, CA or Janice Hamblin of Indianapolis, IN will be most grateful and send me a picture postcard from Hawaii.

OVERHEARD IN 1987

The following is a collection of my favorite March 1987 quotes borrowed from *Newsweek*.

"I'm especially grateful, as I have no other marketable skill."—Johnny Carson, on signing a new NBC contract for an estimated \$5 million a year.

"Retired people play with their cuticles all day."—George Burns, on why he refuses to be one.

"The only way we want to give them arms is dropping them from the bay of a B-1 bomber."—South Dakota Gov. William Janklow, on arms sales to Iran.

"They'd do the homeless a lot more good if they took a homeless person home with them."—Mississippi's Republican Rep. Jack Buechner, on fellow legislators pointing out the plight of the homeless by spending a night on the streets in Washington.

"When the children were young, they used to run up and touch it, and he would growl and they would run away."—Helena Shultz, confirming that husband, George, the secretary of state, does indeed have a Princeton tiger tattooed on his rump.

BOOZE NOOZE

Charles Oliver in *Reason* writes that at an annual Christmas party, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA) always likes to dress up as a person in the news. This past Christmas, Kennedy donned hair extensions, gold earrings, and tights and came as half of Milli Vanilli. "Maybe this year, Ted should lay off the egg nog," quips Oliver in his Brickbats column.

U.S. News & World Report says that the bottle looks like a wine cooler, but the contents pack an unexpected and possibly lethal punch. That was the warning from US Surgeon General Antonia Novello, citing alcohol poisonings of at least 10 teenagers after they drank Cisco, a fruit flavored wine

popular with teens. Novello called for changes in the marketing of the wine, which contains five times the alcohol of wine coolers. Thunderbird and Morgan David 20/20 have about the same 20 percent alcohol content as Cisco, but lack the trendy packaging that appeals to teens.

"I said I wanted to call the police and he said he didn't want to get a cop involved."—Mindi Fenstermacher, who was driving the 1988 Nissan Sentra hatchback that former Bernalillo County Assessor Sam Perea hit. But Mindi's mom always told her to call the police if she was ever in an accident. The *Albuquerque Journal* said it was Perea's 4th DWI arrest.

"Instead of J.R. reaching for a Scotch or bourbon, might he occasionally reach for a paperback or American Heritage magazine or Family Circle?"—Education Secretary William Bennett, urging four years ago that television do more to promote literacy.

MISINFORMATION

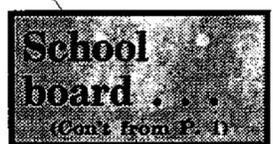
Baghdad Betty is the name given to the woman whose radio broadcasts from the Iraqi capital are supposed to demoralize US forces stationed in the Middle East. Charles Oliver in *Reason* describes a typical Betty tirade:

"Why are you Americans here? Don't you know you will die in the desert? While you are here, your wives and girlfriends are dating American movie stars. Movie stars like Tom Selleck, Paul Newman, and Bart Simpson."

WHO KNOWS?

1. Who said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself?" 2. Who first discovered that the earth was round? 3. Who became president when William McKinley was assassinated? 4. Who did Franklin D. Roosevelt defeat when elected to his fourth term? 5. From what are you suffering if you have mogigraphia?

The answers: 1. Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his first inaugural address in 1933. 2. Aristotle. 3. Theodore Roosevelt. 4. Thomas E. Dewey. 5. Writer's cramp.



When the board returned to open session, members acknowledged no action to be taken from the session, then heard announcements of the School Board Member Institute, March 1-2 in Santa Fe. Then they promptly adjourned.

The newly elected members will be sworn in March 1 by Judge Dan Sosa at the Institute in Santa Fe.

Burnett noted the state is doing more for the boards which are a volunteer situation that is "tough."

The next board meeting, at which time new members will join Serna and Vega, will be a special meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, to familiarize new members.

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Would hurt tourism, artists

State may renege on Art in Public Places Act

Lincoln and Otero County artists may have been missing out on part of the public pie since 1986, and if a house bill passes through the legislature, they may miss out entirely.

Art in Public Places Act was passed in 1986. It earmarked one percent of all major state construction (buildings) and renovation projects appropriated by the state, to go to a special fund to finance art works to be displayed in public places.

Because of the two years it took to implement the program and reorganization of the New Mexico Arts Division, many projects just recently began. To date, only five have been totally completed—that is the art work in place and the artists paid—in Tucumcari, Albuquerque, San Juan Community College in Farmington, Hobbs and Santa Fe, said Gordon Church of the Arts Division in Santa Fe.

Since the Division had no money to work with at first, many of the projects are now in the proposal phase, or in the design phase, with proposals already accepted.

In the state's scramble for extra money this year, legislators are looking for any possible way to cut programs to provide "educational" funding. Introduced by Paul Harrington, R-District 52, Elephant Butte (represents part of Lincoln County) and Richard Olson, Chaves County, House Bill 351 Repealing Act in Public Places Act would take away the funding, thus killing those art projects already in the works.

Just now getting on the roll, the Arts Division has a strategy to place one project (at least) for 1-3 counties in the state. The projects are attached to certain building projects to help build community awareness of art, Church said. He cited two examples of public art already selected for two public buildings in Alamogordo—one on the Murray Morgan Building in the downtown area and the new Employment Securities Building.

"Some people feel the (Act) favors Albuquerque and Santa Fe," Church said, but in fact the division takes extra effort to place the public art in other locales.

Some of the problems with the Repeal of the Act or HB 351 is it will leave the state in a position of renegeing on projects already committed to cities and awarded to artists; it also will pose the question if it is right or legal to kill a project and use the money specifically earmarked for that project for other purposes.

The Art in Public Places Act reportedly has been working well, with benefits already to several New Mexico cities. Another 86 works of art are in the planning stages for towns all over the state. Most of the projects range from \$2-10,000.

The repeal would not add any money, from the art projects, to the general fund anyway, Church said.

A hearing is set for today (Feb. 21) with the House Appropriation Finance Committee for SB 351. No similar bill has been introduced into the Senate.

Church said it is easier to kill a bill than pass it, and hopes state legislators will realize the visual arts is one of the state's largest industries and should be treated as well as though it were a micro-chip industry.

By making state legislators more aware of the huge art market in the state,

Church said there are hopes the legislature will help develop the arts industry further. Art is considered the fourth reason why people visit New Mexico.

Speaking out against the HB 351 will be Barbara Diehl Westbrook of Ruidoso. She is a retired opera singer, artist and gallery owner. She considered the repeal as changing a win-win situation in New Mexico to a lose-lose situation which could impact Ruidoso's attempt to get a more artist image for its proposed civic and performing arts centers.

The Civic Center project in Ruidoso was one Church was looking forward to, since no public art has been placed within Lincoln County. The center also will lend itself to having the public art work.

But how does an artist become involved with the Arts Division and the public arts projects?

Church said artist must mail a resume and slides of past work to the Arts Division in Santa Fe. "We are looking for more artists in Lincoln County and Ruidoso. He cited the example of the Alamogordo art works which were contracted with artists not from the area, because there are none from which to select.

The Artist Slide Registry, a free service provided by the state, includes the names and slides of artist who have submitted. They are placed on a mailing list and are notified of any public art works being proposed, Church said. The registry is also a joint use resource utilized by the

city of Albuquerque.

The artists who send resumes and slides are judged not by education, and the division is not looking to distinguish how an artist qualifies himself as such, the division is just looking for quality of work.

"Artistic quality is not a function of education," Church said.

Once a project is announced, it is up to the artists listed on the registry to contact the division. The selection process will narrow likely artists to 2 or 3 then those will make a proposal. If HB 351 fails, the Art in Public Places will most likely continue providing art works which can be viewed by all.

And New Mexico, Lincoln County specifically, artists can join the registry and take advantage of some of the upcoming state-funded construction or renovation projects.

Any artist interested in being added to the registry

can mail a resume and slides of past work to the New Mexico Arts Division, 224 E. Palace Ave., Santa Fe, NM 87501, with attention: Artist Slide Registry.

Westbrook said legislators showed great vision in 1986, and why repeal a law working for such a creative goal for New Mexicans.

Westbrook will appear at the committee hearing in Santa Fe today. She is a member of the newly formed Ruidoso Arts and Film Commission, a totally volunteer group meeting to promote art in the Ruidoso and Lincoln County area. All funds used by the commission are donated.

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Belco Industries

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never did it construct a building in the Industrial Park by the Airport, despite paving of streets and the installation of fire plugs and all utilities.

In fact, nothing was built at the Industrial Park, and Carrizozo, citizens continue to pay on that original note from which funds were taken to pave the unused streets.

By 1984 Belco employed 42 people and was awarded the Small Business Administration "E" Award for excellence and outstanding contribution to the increase of US trade abroad. From 1979-83 Belco's export sales averaged 40 percent, of their annual sales.

Ability to customize the standard welders to foreign specifications and printed manuals in foreign language helped win the award. President Reagan announced the award on May 14, 1974.

March 12, 1985, Belco signed a promissory note with United New Mexico Bank of Vaughn for \$228,070, using acreage at the Industrial Park as collateral. Monthly payments were set up and the entire loan was due within 15 years.

Belco applied for a \$200,000 Community Development Block Grant aside loan in 1988. The low-interest CDBG loan application was made by SNMEDD with help from then Rep. Ben Hall.

When the town held public hearings in March 1989 concerning the loan, no negative comment was made, despite a packed house for another reason. Then trustee Linda Haller questioned if Belco planned to remain in Carrizozo or relocate. Carolyn said the company would never relocate but had some temporary employees in Mexico when Belco had a large contract to fill and could not get enough help in Carrizozo.

The loan process would take six months to a year before funds were in hand at Belco.

The loan was for operating capital and debt restructuring. The yellow flag should have been thrown at that point.

But by April, Mayor Bob Hemphill announced the loan to Belco Inc. was approved. Belco Inc. had 11 employees at the time and was to hire more to bring up staff to meet conditions of the loan.

Economic factors of the next two years proved to be a worsening situation for the tiny manufacturing business. Devaluation of the dollar. Economic sanctions to South Africa reportedly affected Belco sales of welders to that country. Other contract losses added up.

Then in August 1989, Belco Inc., which had paid more than \$3.5 million in wages in the years since 1973, laid off 14 of its 23 employees, leaving nine. New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division enforced Occupational and Health Safety standards while on a periodic on-site inspection June 30, 1989. Several violations were discovered, the major one dealing with improper spray painting booth. Of the 14 employees, only one was directly involved with the spray booth, but the others were in painting-related jobs.

"We do plan to stay in Carrizozo," said Carolyn Cantrell at that time. "And we do plan to keep operating."

The nine employees left were to have continued in assembly, parts, shipping and office duty.

When Cecilia Kuhnel was elected mayor in 1990, she worried about the overdue payments for the CDBG loan and invited Cantrell, Dept. of Finance and Administration, Small Business Administration and state

Economic Development office representative to come to Carrizozo and talk about the situation.

After several days of negotiations, an arrangement was formulated to establish clear reporting to the town by Belco, rather than to SNMEDD as before.

By June 15, 1990, Belco Inc. was to have made a proposal to the town of Carrizozo—but none came. The town demanded the acreage be returned—and Belco did not respond.

Early 1991, Mayor Kuhnel continued to work on the situation. A civil lawsuit was filed by the town against Belco to get back the property at the Industrial Park.

Feb. 1, 1991, Belco closed its doors, sent home its nine employees and called it a lay-off. Jim Cantrell acknowledged the lay-off the following week when contacted. He said the company is looking for ways to reorganize, but did not confirm it would file

for bankruptcy.

Cantrell could not be contacted at the Belco business phone in Carrizozo, this week, for it was disconnected. When contacted at their home, Cantrells were out at the time.

Carrizozo's bird-in-hand industry appears it could soon fly the coop.

Carrizozo's history has its economic downturns, but in the last 20 years the small town has seen a large share of those—Southern Pacific Railroad cuts back its crew and pulls out many operations, only to try again in the 1980s, just to pull out again; the Carrizozo Hospital (the major county facility) closed, sending patients off to Ruidoso, Alamogordo, Roswell.

The town is looking for something else. Economic Development Corporation of Lincoln County is trying to entice a few small manufacturers, showing the industrial park with its elm trees getting bigger every

season—those trees that grow up between the pavement and curb—Carrizozo Industrial Development Corporation is still alive, started in the early 1970s with help from Jackie Spencer's money; Hal Sims is chairman now.

But the Industrial Park is still empty—two more businesses closed up. The Christmas tree is still up in ZoZo Mart—a grim reminder of another business gone broke.

But the small town has its assets—a paved airport, indoor recreation facility, swimming pool.

If only another bird would fly this way and settle down, giving a little hope to keep the Carrizozo young people close to home.

Magistrate Court

The following persons appeared before Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr. in Carrizozo.

Charles W. Martin, 26, Alamogordo, suspended driver's license; paid \$86 fine and court costs.

Tex Gilligan, 47, Las Cruces; no insurance, driver needs to be licensed; \$52 court costs and fees paid after proof of license and insurance submitted.

Andres Baca, 55, El Paso, TX, no insurance; \$136 fine and court costs.

Chester E. Hardin, 29, Fenton, MO; speeding 74/55; \$81 fine and court costs.

Billy Lesperance, Taftique, NM, pled guilty to charge of criminal trespass and paid \$230 fine and court costs.

Ramon Navarrette, 19, Carrizozo, was convicted by judge to pay \$147 fine and court costs for careless driving and damage to the roadway (from an August 1990 auto accident on Highway 380).

REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Roy Crocker, PCA, presents the program "The IRS and You" to Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County at their Feb. 26 meeting at K-Bob's Restaurant on Highway 70 in Ruidoso. Business meeting begins at 11 a.m. with lunch and Crocker's program following. Executive Board meets at 10 a.m. For information, call 336-4050 or 336-4733.

Correcting school citations progress rapidly at Capitan

While the October 1990 State Dept. of Education On-site Visitation to Capitan Schools was mostly favorable, eight citations were noted and now are on their way to being corrected by the school.

Supt. Dr. Childress told the Capitan Board of Education about the citations and got with board president Preston Stone to work up recommendations to remedy the problems cited.

By Tuesday of this week, Childress was preparing the responses to be mailed to Joseph Baca, team director, by March 1.

The first citation was for student records, randomly selected, which indicated discrepancy in attendance records at the high school. The recommendation by the state was to have the records custodian review and correct all attendance records by the end of the present school year. To which the school will reply the attendance secretary has reviewed and corrected all attendance records.

The second was that transcripts and related documents do not reflect the official course titles required by statute and educational standards. In other words, US History and World History and General Communications. The courses should have been recorded as US History/Geography, World History/Geography, World History/Geography, and Communications Skills. Those courses now reflect course titles required, said Childress.

The third citation was for official transcripts lacking for Jerry Newsome, Earl Wafer and Joanne Washburn. The official transcripts for those persons are now on file.

Another citation was based on board of education minutes which gave the team the distinct impression the board may not clearly distinguish between policy-making, which is its responsibility, and administrative functions reserved for the superintendent.

State recommendations reminded the board, by its own policy, it hires a chief executive officer who is responsible, under board direction, for the organization, supervision and administration of the school district. Childress responded the Board of Education of

Capitan Municipal Schools has reviewed its behavior in relation to administrative functions reserved for the Superintendent of Schools.

A cited deficiency in the adequacy of buildings and grounds was for water stained ceiling tiles, indicating roofs were or are a problem. Exit lights are out, and even though included in strategic locations, emergency lighting seemed to be not all operational.

Specifically in the high school the team noted the ceiling in a music room practice cubicle, the concession area and the boys' restroom across from the concession stand, is broken. The restrooms (boys/girls) do not have floor drains nor were they vented. A window in the home economics room was defective, metal siding on the southeast side of the agriculture building severely damaged, and the elementary section of the library does not have ventilation. The stage curtain in the multi-purpose building is torn in places, lighting is inadequate, electrical wiring appears to be substandard and storage is limited. In the "old" gymnasium, a wall in the boys locker room was broken, a light switch damaged, urinal damaged and covered with plastic, and the main door is damaged, door handle on the west entrance broken and the whirlpool is used for storage.

In the elementary the 3rd grade wing boys' restroom water faucets leak, ceramic tile pulling away from the wall, and in the boys' restroom across from the principal's office the wall covering was damaged and peeling off, water runs continuously in at least one commode.

The state recommended a long-range plan be developed to address the citation and it must include reasonable time-lines and be submitted to the state. The plan would be useful if the district were to apply for critical capital outlay monies.

The school plans to address the problems in the following ways: new ceiling tiles have been delivered and the ones in the old gym replaced. Ceiling tiles in the high school are scheduled for replacement next. Bulbs in the exit lights have been replaced and the emergency lights are operational.

In the high school the ceiling tiles in the music room cubicle, concession area and boys restroom have been replaced; the defective window in the Home Ec. room has been repaired; metal siding on the ag building and the vent in the elementary library are scheduled to be repaired with SB-9 funds (the two-mil levy funds).

A new stage curtain has been ordered.

Lighting and wiring will be replaced when the district

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, FEB. 21

—Lincoln Historic Preservation Board has a special meeting at 7 p.m. in Dr. Wood's Annex in Lincoln. The meeting is open to the public.

FRIDAY, FEB. 22

—Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority meets at 9 a.m. in the Otaro Electric Coop building in Carrizozo (513 12th St.). The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and possibly take action on the Joint Powers Agreement; preliminary time table and manager applicants. The public is invited to the meeting.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26

—Carrizozo Town Trustees meet at 6 p.m. in Town Hall conference room for a regular session.
—Ruidoso Village Council meets at 6:30 p.m. in the administration center on Cree Meadows Dr.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27

—No school for students at Capitan and Carrizozo Schools. Teachers will attend an in-service day at Ruidoso High School.

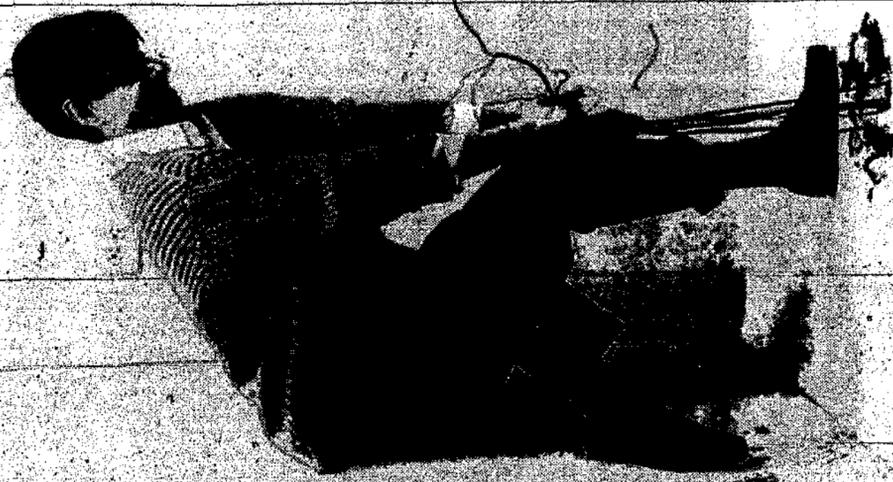
MONDAY, MARCH 4

—Lincoln County Republican Party will have its "First Monday" monthly meeting at 6 p.m. at K-Bob's Restaurant in Ruidoso. Anyone interested is invited.

"Card of Thanks"

As a parent of students in the Carrizozo School District, I want to express my thanks and appreciation to Wally Ferguson, Nat Palomarez and Hoot Gibson for their services and dedication to the Carrizozo school system. Your continued support is needed.

GARY HIGHTOWER



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OPINION

● "War," Napoleon once said, "is the business of barbarians." He ought to know. Since war is an on-going event, doesn't that make barbarians of people everywhere? To my knowledge, there has never been a time since recorded history began about 4241 B.C. that war hasn't been raging somewhere. Strange, isn't it, that to enjoy peace a country must first go to war to gain it? If it hadn't been for war, there would have been no United States of America. We fought Great Britain for it during the American Revolution and we fought ourselves for it in the War Between the States. So why are Americans so strung out against war in the Gulf today, bawling for peace, when 6,000 years of history proves the only way to achieve it is through war? It is recommended that the articulate, placard-waving peace activists be given, at taxpayer expense, a class in 8th grade history. In that class, on day one, they will learn that negotiation and dialogue between two belligerents never succeeded in averting war unless one country caved in to disastrous concessions.

● It has been said here before, and will continue to be said here, that war is inevitable. As long as there are two people left on earth those two will disagree on something and the argument will end in bloodshed. Reread the story of Cain and Abel.

● Iraq, the former Mesopotamia, is known as the cradle of civilization. Today Iraq is a barbaric nation, at war with half the world. America is known as a peace-loving country and a highly civilized one. But we are at war in the Gulf. If Napoleon was right, every country on earth is dominated by barbarians, including us. War appears to dominate the human genes. Perhaps war is a catharsis, or maybe a natural way to maintain a population balance in the world. As bad as war is, it serves a useful purpose now and then.

● Which brings us to the outcry about civilian casualties in the Gulf War. There is no such thing as war without civilian casualties, and for good reason. When a country goes to war its civilian populace is also at war, and if civilians are at war they suffer consequences of that war. The head of government of a country that goes to war also commits its civilians to war. No government can wage war without its civilians. From this group come the soldiers, munition makers, and financial support. Civilians are secondary soldiers. They are an integral part of the armed forces. If such is the case, why should civilians not be killed along with front-line soldiers?

● Iraq has executed thousands of its own civilians, so why the bruhaha over US forces killing, however inadvertently, a few hundred Iraqi civilians? Who put them in harm's way in the first place, us or Saddam Hussein? Did we complain when Hussein murdered 5,000 of his Kurdish people by poison gas; so where are we obligated to wring our hands over Iraqi civilian deaths in a legal war? Did we ever shed tears over the hundreds of thousands of innocent men, women and children the US killed in bombing raids over Germany in World War II? If not, why not? Remember what we did to Japanese civilians in the same war? Has Hussein expressed sorrow at the number of innocent civilians of many countries who have been killed by his official terrorist groups?

● President Bush says we are at war with Hussein, not the Iraqi people. Wrong. If we took out their civilians the war would end at once, and our troops on the front would suffer few casualties. That's what we want, no American casualties. If we went in and took out the entire civilian population of Iraq, Hussein would be dead in the water. He couldn't put a hamburger together for his troops. The war would be over and our troops would return safely.

● If I were running this war (and you may thank God that I am not) I would obliterate the civilian population of Iraq because they support their beloved dictator in his aggression, which didn't just begin with the brutal invasion of Kuwait. Once those civilians know they are targeted they will oust Hussein, thereby doing us and themselves a favor. The only purpose of going to war is to win it, and to hell with whatever costs the enemy sustains. This would also be a retardant to future dictators of aggression, for their people would know they, not just the military, are on the front. War is not nice and it's not noble, so forget the anguish and end the mess quickly.

● Now that I have horrified the peace-niks and those who oppose killing innocent people (most of whom seem to favor the killing of unborn babies to serve their personal comfort), let me make an observation as to reaction of Americans to any time a bomb is dropped over Baghdad. The media, especially television, love to get the reaction of 6th and 6th graders to how the war is going and what their feelings are about it. What difference does it make to me or the American people what a bunch of children think about the war in the Gulf. Better they should be learning to read and to count without having to take their shoes off. Is Gen. Colin Powell listening to their drivel and reshaping his tactics to suit their fantasies?

● As this is written, Hussein appears to be caving in due to massive air attacks that have reduced his country to shambles. I hope President Bush ignores the intervention of Gorbachev and continues to bomb Iraq military and civilians alike, and thus send a message to other dictators that massive destruction and death is their certain reward for illegal and immoral acts of aggression.



Watch Over

WASHINGTON

Les Kinsolving

NEW LEADERSHIP IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY—FOR ALL AMERICANS

Ambassador Alan Keyes, who on such short notice ran so well for the US Senate against incumbent Paul Sarbanes, also debated Sarbanes on TV, and annihilated him.

Ambassador Keyes now heads Citizens Against Government Waste — such as the waste in which both of Maryland's US Senators excel — as two of the biggest spenders in the Senate.

Keyes is also a syndicated newspaper columnist, who wrote last week: "On a television program recently, I was mugged (figuratively speaking, of course) by an aging leader of the civil rights establishment who accused me of being naive, because I expressed the view that the rights movement was not just about black rights, but about the rights of

all people."

What apparently drove the NAACP's Ben Hooks up the proverbial wall of that studio was Keyes' repeated quotations of the Rev. Martin Luther King's statements to this same effect; such as seeking justice for all races, and judging by the content of character rather than the color of one's skin.

And, Keyes writes:

"Mr. Hooks and other establishment civil rights leaders today appear to have forgotten the universal significance of the rights struggle. That may be one reason they now have such a hard time winning broad support for their articulation of its goals. Moral sense should forbid us from supporting efforts to secure justice for ourselves by creating new injustices for others."

No wonder Mr. Hooks wanted to mug Mr. Keyes! And no wonder he was reportedly able to do so, since their

debate took place on the "Black Entertainment Networks." Why, in a nation which is supposed to be colorblind, do we need a "Black Entertainment Network" — unless this is one more manifestation of the racial separatism against which Martin Luther King risked and lost his life?

Would Bill Cosby be pleased if Hooks and the rest of the skin-shade promoters were to demand that his highly-rated TV program be renamed "The Black Bill Cosby Show?"

Fortunately, there is an increasing number of leaders who happen to be black, who are daring to rebel against the skin-shade status-quo of the so-called "black leaders." The volume and viciousness of the epithets to which they are subjected is evidence that they are helping the old order change — and evidence that they have considerable courage.

Spousal rape

Don't pass laws that can't be enforced, Senator says

By Sen. Ken Kamerman

One of my concerns as a legislator is to identify and resist the passage of unrealistic and unenforceable laws. That concern recently was focused on the "spousal rape" issue.

Under current New Mexico law, rape is not a crime if one spouse rapes the other. As a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I had to evaluate a worthy and apparently simple proposed change in the law, to remove the spousal exception.

Rape accompanied by violence leaves evidence for

the prosecutor. If a woman is beaten and also claims to have been raped, the evidence of the beating supports the claim that sex was forced. The beating is already a crime, so current law gives victims some recourse.

Sex without physical violence, forced by emotional coercion or threats, is also considered rape. That is an enlightened provision in our law. A woman does not have to risk her life to fend off a rapist, in order for the criminal justice system to believe she was forced. But in the arena of criminal prosecution it's difficult to prove, and especially difficult between a

husband and wife. Absent signs of brutality, it's one person's word against the other. This creates an almost impossible task for a prosecutor, who must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

If a spousal rape exemption is removed, district attorneys may choose not to prosecute some cases, reasonably believing they cannot win. They may choose to prosecute others, though the odds against conviction are great.

We all pay the bills for criminal prosecution. We all pay for the prosecutors, police officers, and expert witnesses. We often also pay for the defense of the accused, if he cannot afford an attorney and turns to the public defender. The legislature sets the state budget, and determines how much tax you pay. Some of us are concerned about forcing you to pay to prosecute such a poorly defined crime as non-violent spousal rape.

The rape of a spouse is absolutely unacceptable. But it can't be prevented by passing a law that can't be enforced. I oppose the spousal rape bill because I believed the bill would not accomplish its intended purpose. Empty gestures do not belong in the statute books.

The spousal rape bill has been sent back for revision.

INQUIRIES

Why do the news media, the politicians, the educationists, all observe the birth of The Reverend Doctor M.L. King Jr. for eight days (four "actual" and four "observed") as well as the whole month of February as Black History Month?

What is the logic of celebrating Abraham Lincoln's birthday on Nov. 21?

Who decided that New Mexico should celebrate George Washington's birthday on Dec. 24?

Why does the news media have a special observance of the late Cong. Adam Clayton Powell's life on President's Day?

How much longer will we continue to teach students about Abraham Lincoln and George Washington?

Is the role of president being replaced by that of activists?

by Cassandra

Letters to the Editor

Keep Ft. Stanton

EDITOR—It is for my best interest, and that of 289 other employees of the State of New Mexico at Ft. Stanton, that I write this letter.

In questioning my job at Ft. Stanton, the clients, and all other jobs there. It would be a disaster to close this facility as it is the largest employer in Lincoln County. The municipalities of Carrizozo, Capitan, Nogal, Ruidoso and the Hondo Valley depend heavily on employment there. Not only will these municipalities suffer in revenue loss, but if 240 employees are put out of work it will add greatly to the number of welfare families presently being aided. Lincoln County is already overburdened with the problem of unemployment. Therefore, we must prevent this grave and disastrous event from taking place. It is hoped you (Gov. King) will find an alternative to this problem, such as a home for the elderly, or something in the medical field.

I wish, and ask you to tour our facility. We were always considered as being the best of its kind in the state. However, the Los Lunas incident did reflect on us and cause us to look bad. Please do consider the 240 jobs involved, as well as the matter of a seven million dollar revenue to the county.

MANNIE R. HERNANDEZ,
Employee, State of New Mexico.

Senior Citizens Centers lauded

EDITOR—A word about our Senior Citizens Centers.

I've heard the phrase—"the best thing that has happened in the Hondo Valley is the new Senior Center." I would like to add, "It's the best thing that has happened to my dad recently." Frank Gomez is one of the many Senior Citizens that benefits from the Center in Hondo. My mom, Grace, passed away 2 1/2 years ago leaving Frank without a companion and somebody to ensure he was receiving the proper diet for his diabetes. His sons, daughters, grandchildren, and neighbors have attempted to accommodate his needs, and have done an outstanding job of it, but when you have your own family it is extremely difficult to assist with all of a person's needs.

At the Senior Center he is being provided with healthy meals. He says he is trying foods he never cared for before and says it's not too bad. He is trying pastas, assorted vegetables and healthy foods with low sodium and sugar content. The Center not only provides nutritious meals but the volunteers go out of their way to ensure that the Senior's special dietary needs are also filled.

They provide a gathering place for many Seniors that don't have much companionship and carry-out meals for the homebound. They also schedule socials such as a Valentines, Christmas, and Halloween parties. A nurse shows up weekly to assist them with some of their medical needs as well as a tax specialist to help with their taxes.

A Senior can also pay his or her way as they feel they can afford and can have companionship to boot, so it is not a giveaway program. This generation, a generation of dignity and pride, is now in much better health, thanks to the Senior Center. I would like to thank the volunteers and the people responsible for getting the Center going. You are doing an excellent job!

The Senior Center is one way for our generation to help pay the older generation for the years of service and sacrifice they have given the Hondo Valley. It is extremely gratifying to visit the Valley and have a chance to talk to the older folks. The center has become a place where you can see these folks and visit about the old times. Another place is at Saint Jude's Catholic Church after the 8 a.m. mass. Take a little time to sit and visit with the Senior Citizens. Learn a little about the history of the Valley.

PRISCILLA TORREZ,
Santa Fe, NM.

We ignored Washington

EDITOR—George Washington's Farewell Address served as the cornerstone for America's foreign policy for a century and a half. It provided America with a foreign policy that many felt worked better than whatever replaced it. Washington's foreign policy has been drastically reduced to these terse words: "stay out of foreign entanglements."

Illegitimate offspring that resulted from the abandonment of Washington's advice were The Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and now, the Persian Gulf. Washington's instructions were simple: "The great rule of conduct for us, in regard to foreign nations, is, in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little political connection as possible." (para 13)

Washington further instructed; "It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliance with any portion of the foreign world;" (para 14)

Washington saw clearly the need for religion among our people. He ended paragraph 5 warning posterity, "reason and experience both forbid us to expect, that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

Part of that morality that he talked about dealt with debt. Washington insisted that we should pay those debts that we run up in costly wars; that we must not "throw upon posterity the burden which we ourselves ought to bear." (para 8)

For believing and advocating the noble principles laid down in Washington's Farewell Address followers

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Inside The Capitol

By Jay Miller



SANTA FE—The 1991 legislature has passed its halfway point and all's well.

Last Thursday was the deadline for bill introductions. That means it was the 30th day. Sort of. Legislative days are curious creatures. They can last a few hours or several calendar days, depending on whether legislative procedures require "the clock to be rolled."

When either house is in the process of passing bills frantically, there is a requirement that certain actions be separated by "legislative days." When that need arises, the leadership merely declares it to have happened. But in the early days of a session the procedure isn't needed, so "legislative days" are saved for later.

However, certain events, such as the session's end and mid-session, operate on the basis of calendar days. So even though we haven't

reached the 20th legislative day in either house, we have passed the 30th day on the calendar.

Clear? I'll bet. Now is the time that a lot of participants in the process are thinking, "If this were a 30-day session we'd be through." True, but the pace of New Mexico's "long" 60-day sessions is more leisurely. It allows new lawmakers to become familiar with the process and everyone to get to know each other.

Now, the hard work begins. During the first five weeks of a nine-week session, the pace is too slow for those who can't remember previous long sessions. They become edgy and are sure "the worst" is about to happen.

This memory lapse can happen to even the most seasoned veterans, such as my friend, broadcaster Ernie

Mills, a guy with 33 years of legislative sessions under his belt.

Ernie is sure "the big blow up" will occur any time. The old pro is cagey, though. He hasn't predicted any specific time so he won't suffer the embarrassment of the Iben Browning's of earthquake forecasting.

There have been some minor flare-ups, especially between some lawmakers and the news media. An insider newsletter writer and an investigative TV team have ruffled some senators with their negative natures. Even a Senate tribute to the late Capital City newsman Bob Barth brought comments about how the rest of us in the news corps could depart the scene and make this a better world.

But such occurrences

are not going to bring the legislative process to a halt. Both houses and the governor's office are in the hands of people who have a basic respect for each other. There may be spats, but it is in the best interests of the Democratic leadership for this session to end on time with some major pieces of legislation passes. If it doesn't happen, there is no excuse. Demos are in firm control and will prove they can get the job done. There are sure to be additional controversies as

"hot potato" items make their way through committee and floor hearings. But there won't be occurrences like last year when the process broke down only hours before adjournment and caused the need for a special session.

Although it was not reported, the session almost broke down a few days earlier last year when House Republicans felt the need to slow the process a little. That is easy to do because a lot of the legislature's business is conducted by "unanimous

consent."

In the early days of our state, before high-speed copy machines, it was necessary for a bill to be "read in full, preparatory to its final passage." The requirement is now waived by unanimous consent but one objection can stall the system. The maneuver was used last year. But House Speaker Raymond Sanchez showed why he holds his position.

Employees were quickly summoned from the Enrolling and Engrossing Commit-

tee that does the final review of all legislation passed. Each was given a bill from that day's calendar and told to go to a corner of the chamber and start reading.

The GOP leadership saw Sanchez had quickly solved the problem. The objection was dropped and few observers realized they had just witnessed a trainwreck being avoided.

Those same leaders are still in control. Sorry, Ernie, the earthquake won't happen this year.

Capitan schools

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cial ed teachers; \$2,400 supplies; \$8,000 purchased services; \$1,480 for supervisor; \$1,000 for water and sewage; \$8,000 for electricity; \$4,000 for supplies in maintenance; \$4,000 for education retirement (for extra personnel); \$2,300 social security; \$6,820 for group insurance; \$800 athletic salaries; \$10,000 for other athletic activities such as trips; \$10,144 for equipment. Childress said the equipment line item often is where cash balance is placed to be used for emergencies.

Childress footnoted the amounts sent by the state may not reflect the full \$87,944, as he first thought. Since the state determined it did not have enough money and half the school districts had enrollments over projections, the state reserve fund was off \$6 million—with only \$11 million to cover the \$17 million in overprojections.

As a result, the school could receive \$17,000 less than the \$87,944 first thought. The \$17,000 will come from the equipment line item saved for cash reserves, leaving \$35,591, Childress said.

Capitan Schools were 28.75 units over their projected number.

The school will know within 2-3 weeks on the state's decision about the funding.

Childress commented about the state legislature: "It would be nice if they would only go into session every 8 to 10 years."

MORE LETTERS

were labeled "isolationists." Even so, there are still a great many who believe that adherence to George Washington's advice could have kept America out of every war fought in this century. Unfortunately the voters elected interventionists. The isolationists could only submit, "go along," and support those wars that they firmly believed could have been prevented.

RAYMOND C. WILSON,
San Juan Bautista, CA.

Senator says

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in hopes that a more workable solution to this problem can be found. Meanwhile, I encourage abused spouses to seek every means of protection and support available to them — including pressing charge for assault and battery.

Corrections

In last week's listing of teacher's increments, or supplemental pay, in the Carrizozo School District, VoAg teacher Mike Gaines was overlooked.

Gaines receives \$25,151 for his regular nine-month classroom contract. He also receives an increment of \$8,292 for the additional 60 days he works for the district after school is out in the spring.

Steve Gors is transportation director for the school. He receives a salary of \$5 an hour to drive the school's activity bus. As with all other bus drivers the funds for transportation are forwarded from the state and the schools act as flow-through agents.

The article in the Feb. 14 issue concerning a Ruidoso artist appearing before the state legislature to protest a bill to repeal the Art in Public Places Act has some inaccuracies:

Barbara Diehl Westbrook, a Ruidoso artist and gallery owner, will appear as a private citizen and not behalf of the Ruidoso Arts and Film Commission. The hearing is set for today (Feb. 21) with the House Appropriations Finance Committee.

Westbrook was invited to speak by the New Mexico Office of Cultural Affairs, to which she consented as a private citizen. Although Westbrook purchased property in Ruidoso in 1983, she moved to Ruidoso from California in 1988.

Westbrook said she should speak against the bill introduced by Paul Harrington, Elephant Butte, and Richard Olson, Chaves County, as an artist who has been recognized as a public art recipient, and also the generator of public art in a commercial project. Therefore, by seeing the benefits of public art from both sides, Westbrook strongly supports the Art in Public Places Act and strongly is against the House Bill 315 Repealing Act in Public Places Act.

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Crown CowBelles met Feb. 7 at the school rec room with 11 members and one guest, Little Stacy Merritt.

President Sue Maness called the meeting to order and opened discussions. Later she passed the gavel, membership cowbell and US flag to Cleo Madden and declared the following officers installed: president, Mrs. Madden; 1st vice president, Mrs. Maness; 2nd vice president, Karen Lightfoot; secretary, Sandy Hendricks, and treasurer, Elaine Steele.

A by-laws change to comply with the state by-laws will be voted next month, and when passed members who have already paid \$20 dues will be given a choice between a refund of \$10 or adding \$15 for voluntary membership in the NCWA.

Members were urged to attend the National Federal Lands seminar at Cree Meadows the next Saturday.

Mrs. Madden, Mrs. Maness and Eve Latham will attend the Dist. 5 meeting at Tor C, March 14. Ruth Shannon is district representative. Chuck Wagon will host the Dist. 1 meeting at Tucumcari, June 22. The Cattle Growers Quarterly meeting is at Carlsbad, March 21-23. Regional 6 is at Albuquerque, April 12-13.

A legislator appreciation reception is the evening of Feb. 19 at the Santa Fe Sheraton.

Mrs. Hendricks and Lee Sultemeier will announce plans for Ag Day on March 21.

Mrs. Maness gave a brief report on the state convention in December in Albuquerque which was attended by the NCW president Jane Lendgren from Montana. Yucca did the decorations. Michelle Frost is 2nd vice president of NMCB.

There will be more information on the new napkins and the \$50 charge per brand.

Mrs. Madden brought a door prize of paper and pen appropriately won by the new secretary. She then passed out tiny Valentines. Most had a frown but Juanita Owen drew a smiling face and won a large stuffed toy.

The next meeting is Thursday morning, March 7, at the school lunchroom.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gage are the parents of Joshua Ryan, born Feb. 6 in Roswell. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lueras and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gage. Josh will spend several days at the Gage ranch before coming in to assume his duties as Chief E O at Corona Trading Co.

Mrs. Fred Lackey entered an Albuquerque hospital Tuesday for tests and Sunday underwent gall bladder surgery. She was reported in good condition Monday.

Mrs. Bud Taylor returned Monday of last week from a 10-day visit with a daughter, Paulette Lloyd,

in Berkeley, CA. Paulette, a scuba diving instructor, had a willing and able student in her mother, who enjoyed the classes.

Rebecca Lynn Heckendorn, seven-week-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Heckendorn, was guest of honor at a party and shower in the school recreation room, Feb. 3. Out-of-town guests from Tucumcari were the baby's aunt, grandmother and great-grandmother, Julie, Dixie and Belle Heckendorn. Mrs. Belle Heckendorn has a twin sister and Rebecca was born on their 80th birthday. The Heckendorns, including mother, Cathy, and a great aunt Betty Ann Belle received corsages. Janice Bonds, Karen Lightfoot,

Crystal Lueras, Marie Owen, Michele Rose, Mary Jo Shaffer and Kay Sultemeier were hostesses.

Members of the Corona youth group are already working on plans for an Easter sunrise service.

Thomas Husband came from his California home and picked up his mother, Ruth Husband, who lives in Yuma, AZ and came to Belen for a visit with his grandfather, Raymond Lackey, and other relatives. Thomas, Ruth, her sister, Wanda and husband Bill Wood came over from Belen to see Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lackey, and to do some fence repairs.

Mrs. John Leary celebrated her 90th birthday last

week in Roswell where she resides in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Clintie Sultemeier. There was a large birthday cake with nine candles. Family members present for the turkey dinner included Joetta, Fred and Cody Turner, Zana Crawford and son, Jesse, Farmington.

Clint and Lee Sultemeier, Corona, Tammy McDougall, NMSU, and Lon and Linda Sultemeier and three daughters, Melrose. Mrs. Leary is one of the 15 Shahah children. Her seven sisters all phoned, as did a brother.

Bob Byrd was called to Roswell by the death of his mother, Mrs. Betty Byrd. Arrangements were pending early Monday.

CAPITAN NEWS

By Margaret Rench

Severe cold winter with high winds ending the last two days of alternating rain and snow showers leaving two inches of wet snow. 18 to 28 degrees temperatures.

A large crowd from many churches attended the Capitan all churches meeting Sunday, Feb. 10 with a potluck dinner and a sing-a-long later.

A Valentine banquet was held at the Christ Community Fellowship Church. It was a gala occasion with many people from far and near. As you stepped in the door, a coat check girl took your coat then you were escorted to a table, salad bar and a delicious dinner. Followed some very enjoyable music and skits. All of this made each person feel very special and was thoroughly enjoyed.

Happy birthday to Joe Salazar Feb. 15, Thomas John Feb. 16, and Margaret

Salazar who reached her 90th birthday Feb. 20.

Bill Ware's mother in Lincoln celebrated and enjoyed her 98th birthday one day last week with her friends and neighbors were with her. I wish this lady many more healthy happy years in her bountiful garden each year.

Carmen Muse, Misty and Allen have moved to Weatherford, TX where she will enter college.

Becky Renfro of Phoenix, AZ visited her parents, Marla and Norman Renfro, last weekend.

Mrs. Patti Rogers in Roswell, daughter of Doris Pounds of Capitan, underwent surgery Feb. 14. At this time she is doing fine and may be released from the hospital Feb. 18. I wish you a good recovery, Patti.

Lady Tigers on the move

Capitan Lady Tigers basketball team played their first game of the district tournament Wednesday night with Weed, in the second round of action.

Although scores were unavailable at press time, it is likely the Capitan girls will advance to play Loving Friday night in Loving.

District 5A girls basketball had a three-way tie for first seed, so with a flip of the coin, the teams took their places: Cloudcroft is seed 1, Loving seed 2 and Capitan seed 3.

The district championship game will be at Cloudcroft Saturday, beginning at 7 p.m.

On Feb. 8, the Capitan girls defeated the Lake

Arthur Lady Bobcats 69-25. Vickie Sedillo scored 14, Lesley LaRue 10.

Feb. 9, the girls defeated Weed, 50-29. Sedillo scored 12, LaRue 10 and Kerrie Runnels 11.

Feb. 15, Lady Tigers defeated rival Cloudcroft Lady Bears on the home court in Capitan. Karie Cox had an outstanding night and scored 21 points, including a 3-point basket in the first quarter. LaRue scored 9. At Hagerman Feb. 16, the Lady Tigers won 45-22. Cox scored 17, LaRue 9.

The district tournament began Monday night with Hondo playing Lake Arthur and Hagerman playing Weed.

Girls regional basketball tournament will be the week of Feb. 25.



One has to stay wide awake to uncover some of the common fallacies about sleep. For example, not everyone needs eight hours to get a good night's sleep. In fact, report the experts at the Somnia Mattress Company, some short sleepers—those who require six hours or less—experience the same amount of deep sleep as those who sleep much longer.

Grizzly record speaks more of goals, and less of hoops

Not many small school basketball coaches can boast of a 22-1 season, 20-game winning season three years in a row, or the 4th regular season district championship, or even the third straight undefeated district season.

Carrizozo's Ron Becker can.

Yet, Becker doesn't see winning the state tournament as important as the getting there. He thinks too much emphasis is placed on "winning" when emphasis should be placed on the hard team work and focused, intense concentration it takes to be a "winning" team.

"I'm not coaching basketball to win, but to teach kids to understand basketball, which will help them be better persons," Becker said.

Becker knows his kids want to be state champs, but he wants them to develop the strengths, by playing basketball, that they will carry on to their adult lives.

"Our kids understand what it takes for success," Becker said the team has developed a tradition for Carrizozo that has never occurred before in basketball, and feels the players now deserve the "pat on the back" for their success.

A season shouldn't be judged successful by the number of wins or if the team wins the state tournament—rather success should be judged by how the team attained the goals of understanding teamwork and play with intense concentration every time, whether it be practice or a game.

Not wanting the pressure of winning placed on his team, Becker said he is proud of his team no matter what happens, even if it loses, because the players have learned their goals.

On the locker room wall, those set of goals are printed

for all players to see and consider every day. And Becker reminds them of goals.

"To fail is to not try," Becker said. "So how can they be a failure since they tried."

With a season record of 21 wins and only one loss, Carrizozo Grizzlies have one regular season game left—at Magdalena Saturday, Feb. 23.

The Grizzlies district record has put them at first seed and makes them host of the District 3A tournament championship game at 7 p.m., March 2. This will be Carrizozo's 7th straight regional tournament berth, Becker said.

Regionals will be in District 5A, March 8-9. The place will be determined after district play-offs.

Feb. 9, Carrizozo played Vaughn and won 79-58. Nikko Chavez scored 16 points, Raphael Chavez scored 13, Justin Portillo 12

and Guy Archuleta 8. Joey Gonzales of Vaughn scored 23 points, Danny Lopez 18.

Feb. 14, Ft. Sumner came to Carrizozo and lost 66-29. Archuleta scored 14, Chavez 12, Bryan Turnbow 12, Chris Schlarb 11.

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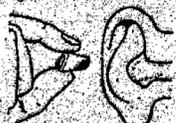
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Bowling results

Hal's Gals was first place in the Monday Nite Roadrunners bowling leagues at Carrizozo Rec Center, Feb. 11. Hal's Gals had 56 wins and 28 losses. UNM Bank was 2nd with 44 wins and 40 losses; Late Comers was 3rd with 43 wins and 41 losses and Four Amigos was 4th with 42 1/2 wins and 41 1/2 losses.

Karen Stanbrough was high game individual with a scratch score of 243 and high game individual with a handicap score of 257. She also was high series individual with a scratch score of 647 and handicap score of 689.

Late Comers was high game team with a scratch score of 708 and handicap score of 821. The team also was high series team with a scratch score of 1917 and handicap score of 2262.

Grandchildren are good spellers

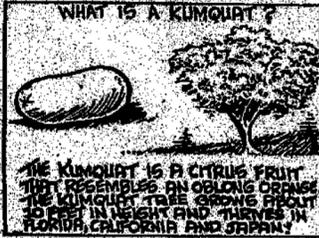
The children of Carl and Donna Ortiz, Joel and Carlyn, both won first place in their Albuquerque schools in the annual spelling bee.

Joel is a 6th grader at Polk Middle School and Carlyn is a 5th grader at Pajarito Elementary School.

Carlyn was unable to compete in the Southwestern District competition as she

broke her arm playing at school two days prior to it. Joel was determined to win for his sister, and he did. Joel will compete in the state competition this spring.

They are the grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ortiz of Carrizozo and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wells of Ruidoso. April LaMay is their sister.



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DAUGHTERS of American Revolution (DAR) president June Rawlins of Ruidoso pins a medal on Capitan High School teacher Bill MacVeigh, while DAR vice-president Roberta Burkstaller watches. The Sierra Blanca Chapter of DAR nominated MacVeigh as Outstanding US History teacher. One of five such nominees statewide, MacVeigh will be judged on three support statements, including one from Dr. David Townsend, professor of history, and one from a student. The state winner will be announced at the DAR state convention March 1.

Progress at Capitan

(Continued from Page 1)

purchases a power lift. The one the school now has does not reach high enough.

In the new gym, which the team referred to as the old gym, the wall has been replaced; light switch replaced; urinal repaired; main door repaired with new closure and handle; the whirlpool room been converted to an office.

In the elementary school the restroom faucets were repaired; ceramic tile pulling away is due to the building settling; plans call for pouring cement between the sidewalks and building to prevent water settlement; linoleum to replace the wall paper in both boys and girls bathrooms has been ordered and scheduled as a summer project, and the commode was repaired.

A comprehensive master plan addressing maintenance and building construction will be developed and formally presented in August, 1991.

In addition, the list below indicates needs to be addressed with two-mil levy funds: replace guttering on old gym; replace sidewalks around old gym; install vent on elementary library; replace heaters and boilers in the old gym (completed by December 1990); remodel locker rooms, restrooms in old gym; replace typewriters in the Business Ed. Dept.; replace sewing machines in Home Ec.; purchases IBM computers for Business Ed.; repair maintenance equip-

ment; purchase mower/bagger for football field; power lift; install night cut-back thermostats; library and office furniture; replace asphalt on elementary playground; asphalt parking areas in front of the elementary building; replace bleachers in old gym; replace intercom system in high school; replace parking bumpers in parking lot; air conditioners in computer lab and office; replace steel siding on Ag Building; network system for Macintosh computers in high school; equipment for meat lab; risers for choral program; repair roof leaks in high school; widen curve in high school parking lot; install vents in high school restrooms; provide access to physically impaired in restrooms; repair automobile lift in Ag shop.

Other citations include the restrooms in elementary and high school do not accommodate the physically impaired; and elementary playgrounds are not safe. Landings under the various equipment (swing, slides, and so on) are deep and the soil is hard-packed, which could result in accidents for which the district could be liable.

The restroom accessibility will be provided for with two-mil levy funds and sand for the landings under the various pieces of elementary equipment has been hauled in.

The final citations deal with vocational programs; vocational organization was not available for students enrolled in the business education program. It is recommended the district establish a Business Professional of America Chapter or incorporate the state leadership competencies into the business education curriculum. The competencies are being incorporated into the curriculum.

Overall safety compliance by vocational teachers was good; however, safety problems were identified and had to be corrected by Feb. 15, 1991.

A fire blanket was needed in the agriculture shop; exposed wiring in two junction boxes in the overhead work area in the shop should be covered; a guard and fence should be installed on the table saw; missing parts should be replaced on the band saw and safety lines should be placed on the shop floor around equipment.

Children said a fire blanket is in the Ag. shop; exposed wiring has been covered; a guard and fence on the table saw been installed; missing parts on the band saw installed; safety lines on the shop floor around equipment will be painted once sheetrock for the exterior wall of the meat lab has been taped, bedded and painted.

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

DR-90-208
DIVISION III

MELISSA ANN HYDE, Petitioner,
vs.
DAVID D. HYDE, Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
to the above-named Respondent,
GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Petitioner has filed a domestic relations action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to obtain a dissolution of marriage and distribution of community and separate property assets and debts of the parties.

That unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 3rd day of April, 1991, judgment by default will be entered against you;

Hawthorne & Hawthorne, P.A., Charles E. Hawthorne, 1221 Mechem Drive, Suite 1, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, (505) 258-4487.

WITNESS the Honorable Richard A. Parsons, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, this 18th day of February, 1991.

MARGO LINDSAY,
Clark of the District Court.
(SEAL)

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN IN THE PROBATE COURT PROBATE NO. 1585

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HELEN ROBERTS KINCAID, deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or their claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at 103 Heath, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, or filed with the Probate Court of Lincoln County at the Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico.
DATED: February 12, 1991.

ELTON BOYD SINGER
Personal Representative,
103 Heath,
Ruidoso, NM 88345.

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Sheriff's report

Lincoln County Sheriff's dispatch records contained the following information:

FEBRUARY 11:

7:20 a.m. Franklin of Carrizozo requested an animal control officer for three dogs (one was cream colored Chow and another a pit bull). Franklin reported she shot at the dogs. Later, Franklin reported the dogs were at Fred Chavez Park on Birch Street. The incident was referred to Carrizozo Police.
9:56 a.m. a Hondo area woman reported a suspicious subject camped on the riverbank with a campfire. The man turned out to be Truman Sanchez and was okay, Lincoln EMS reported.

1:28 p.m. Ruidoso Police Dept. (PD) reported a vehicle fire on Gavilan Canyon Road. Bonita Volunteer Fire Dept (VFD) and Ruidoso Fire Dept. responded.

7:43 a.m. Pam Topper of Loma Grande area reported three horses on her property. The horses' owner was contacted and the animals returned.

Louise Kirkland of Indian Divide area reported a trespass at her residence. Sheriff's Office (SO) responded.

Doug Conley of Ruidoso Downs area reported two stolen bicycles. SO responded.

FEBRUARY 12:

6:29 a.m. Godfrey Sanchez at Hondo School reported a bike at the school with nanchaku hanging on it. The person left running on foot. SO responded.

4:20 p.m. Ski Apache requested an ambulance.

10:50 a.m. Adolph Maldonado of Ruidoso Downs area reported someone with a BB or pellet gun shot out his windows and outdoor light. SO responded.

FEBRUARY 13:

4:42 a.m. Rick Mole called from Carrizozo Allsup's about a person lying on the road. He did not know the location as he was not from the area. Carrizozo Police responded and found the location where Joe Padilla, 34, Carrizozo, was killed after being thrown from his motorcycle. Medical investigator Danny Sisson was at the scene by 5:22 a.m.

2:17 p.m. Hondo Ambulance went to Hondo School to transport a 4th grader who broke a leg on the playground. Five IMS personnel responded.

Ski Apache requested an ambulance for a person with a pelvis or hip injury.

FEBRUARY 15:

2:39 a.m. Jerry Newsom of Capitán reported suspicious activity at his neighbor's house. A white car reportedly left the house in a hurry. Capitán police responded and reported all okay.

2:50 p.m. an anonymous caller reported two abandoned horses in the Lincoln area. The caller said the animals had been without food or water for two weeks and they were dying. A good Samaritan gave them some food and water the day of the call. Animal control officer responded.

2:55 p.m. a pickup went over the side of Ski Run Road, but the driver had no injuries. Sierra Blanca wrecker was called and SO took the report.

John Weinbery of Ruidoso Downs area reported a disturbance of the peace. Loud music was coming from a nearby house, but when SO responded no one was home.

FEBRUARY 16:

7:48 a.m. Carlene Kitchen in Ruidoso Downs requested an officer go to a trailer in Yogi Bear Trailer Park to get her heirloom necklace. SO responded.

3:27 a.m. an anonymous caller reported a loud

party on D. Ave. in Carrizozo. When Carrizozo officer Gus Martin responded he found no lights on except the porch light.

Ski Apache requested an ambulance to transport a person with a neck injury to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC).

2:29 p.m. Ski Apache needed an ambulance to transport a person with head injury to LCMC.

3:15 p.m. a Loma Grande resident reported a grass fire in the Maggoda Creek area. Nogal and Bonita VFDs, US Forest Service and New Mexico State Forestry and two sheriff's units responded. Mop up began at 7:56 p.m. and Nogal VFD was to check the fire.

10:46 p.m. Jan Moberly of Carrizozo called about a domestic violence with her husband Brad, whom she said got violent with her. She advised Brad was drunk and began to fight with her at a neighbor's house. At 11:06 p.m. Brad Moberly called SO and wanted Carrizozo Police officer Gus Martin arrested "right now!" He said his lawyer would handle the situation. Then Brad called again through 911 and wanted Martin off his property "now." Again he said he would contact his lawyer.

FEBRUARY 17:

6:52 a.m. Kelly McDougal requested an officer to take a report on an accident without injuries which occurred at Fort Stanton Hospital.

7:56 a.m. Joyce May called for Mrs. Lindsay in Carrizozo. Mrs. Lindsay was

unable to get response from her husband, Bill. Four EMS responded and requested OMI Danny Sisson who declared Mr. Lindsay dead on arrival.

2:23 p.m. Ski Apache requested an ambulance for a 60-year-old man with possible cardiac arrest. Ruidoso ALS responded.

2:51 p.m. Cathy McCain reported a hit and run accident on Ski Run Road. A vehicle struck her's from behind while enroute down the mountain. NMSP responded.

2:00 p.m. a Dodge Caravan slid off Ski Run Road into a ravine about 20 feet from the roadway. Although there were apparently no injuries, the vehicle was effectively stuck.

4:53 p.m. NMSP responded to a report of a one-vehicle roll over on Forest Road 161 about 8 miles southwest of Corona. No one was hurt.

6:33 p.m. Paul Collins at Club Carrizo near Carrizozo requested an ambulance for a man who was unconscious and bleeding from the face. EMS responded and transported the man to LCMC. Carrizozo police officer John Northrup Jr. also responded.

The following person was booked into the Lincoln County Jail in Carrizozo:

FEBRUARY 11:

Carlos Luis Chavez of San Patricio arrested at Ruidoso PD for criminal sexual penetration of a minor. His bond was set at \$100,000 with no 10 percent allowed.

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\$405,000 so far. Of the \$1,941,000 needed for construction costs, there exists \$1,493,000 funds on hand. House Bill 167 seeks the difference to be supplied by the issuance and sale of severance tax bonds.
According to sources, of the 99.6 percent of the monies needed for the completion of the project, the state has so far appropriated only 3 percent. The additional request of .3 percent (\$448,700) from the state reflects well on the citizens and government of the village. Especially in light of the \$23.5 million (81.6 percent) of private investment alone.