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Irresponsible dog owners at issue

By DORIS CHERRY

Irresponsibility is the issue.

The fatal attack of a family pet by two vicious dogs may lead to stricter rules for owners of such animals in Ruidoso.

Ruidoso Village Council considered a request from Barbara and Paul Westbrook to look at modifying the current animal control ordinance to make it stricter for owners of Pit Bull Terriers and female dogs in heat, and to prohibit the keeping of any vicious dog.

Mrs. Westbrook related the recent incident when her son's dog was attacked and killed by two neighboring Pit Bulls, one of which was a female in heat. The dogs had broken their leash lines, attacked their son's dog and then ran free in the neighborhood.

Originally, Mrs. Westbrook proposed an ordinance to totally ban the Pit Bull breed. She had approached the Lincoln County Commissioners last week with such a stance, but later modified it to ban any dog deemed vicious.

Tuesday night before the Ruidoso Council, Mrs. Westbrook asked for consideration of a proposed ordinance, similar to one passed in the Village of Tijeras near Albuquerque after a Pit Bull attack on a young girl, which puts tight restrictions on Pit Bull owners. That ordinance bans ownership of any Pit Bulls in the village, allows the animal control officer to

impound any animal suspected of being dangerous, ferocious or vicious to be destroyed, and allows property owners to kill an animal which had killed or injured any animal or livestock while on the property controlled by the owner of the livestock or animal.

"A fine of over \$1,000 might get their attention."

—Barbara Westbrook

Westbrook's proposal to modify the Ruidoso animal control ordinance would require Pit Bull owners to have special licenses and kennels adequately secure to contain the dogs; vicious dogs removed; and female dogs in heat would have to be properly contained, in accordance to the existing village animal control ordinance, or better yet, be spayed or neutered. She said the Humane Society is totally behind the stance of increased responsibility for animal owners.

Mrs. Westbrook said she was taking an unpopular point of view by proposing the tough dog regulations, which address the problem of irresponsible owners. She considered the ownership of vicious dogs, and the irresponsible act of allowing them to run loose as a form of "animal terrorism." She appealed to the councillors to do something to stop the situation with vicious dogs before something worse happens.

"A fine of over \$1,000 might get their attention," she proposed for violators.

The village, however, cannot impose a fine that is more than \$500, councillor Bill Karn informed.

Village attorney David Thompsen said the existing village animal control ordinance defines a vicious dog as one which bites, attacks or attempts to attack a person unless the person is on the dog's property or the dog is provoked. The ordinance has no provision for vicious dogs attacking other animals.

Consensus of the council was to talk about the pros and cons of modifying the animal control ordinance during a public meeting. They set aside a time during the regular Oct. 29 meeting to take public input on a ban of vicious animals.

One comment made to the Lincoln County News reporter before the Tuesday meeting was Pit Bulls can be very good pets, and are vicious only if their owner trains them to be so. However, Pit Bulls have been bred and trained to viciousness for dog fighting, because of their powerful bite.

Problems at the Regional Waste Water Treatment Facility are going to be fixed up with the help of government loan, but not without miles of red tape.

The village was notified by the New Mexico Environment Dept. in June that its sewer treatment plant was being put on the priority list. (Con't. on P. 5)



"WELCOME TO CARRIZOZO." Visitors traveling through Carrizozo from the south on Highway 54 are greeted with this bright sign which business man Ned Pieters had painted on a Carrizozo building with money out of his own pocket.

Chamber invites members Organization attempting to be more active, alive

Dues are due and new members are invited to join the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce.

What does the chamber do for the dues? The chamber promotes the town of Carrizozo and area attractions. It accomplishes this in various ways—advertisement in the New Mexico Vacation Guide, the Lincoln County Visitor's Guide, inclusion in the Carrizozo Woman's Club calendar, promotion of the Pony Express Race in White Oaks, participation in the Apache Trails regional promotion brochure, a town brochure which features the town and White Oaks, Ancho, Three Rivers and Valley of Fires recreation area, participation in the Fred Chavez Park rededication.

And unseen things such as a scholarship for a worthy Carrizozo student, donations to help Senior Olympics achieve their dreams and financial help with other local activities.

The most visible things provided through the Chamber of Commerce are the Christmas light decorations which are placed along the main street every Christmas holiday. And promotion of the annual Christmas Lighting contest, which provides cash prizes for the best lighted homes and businesses. Also at Christmas, all chamber members are listed in an advertisement in the Lincoln County News.

And most of all, the chamber provides a forum for business people and individuals interested in promoting their town. Members need not attend every meeting, but new ideas and suggestions are always needed.

Guests are welcome and encouraged to bring their ideas along to the meetings. The chamber met Tuesday, Oct. 9 and members elected their officers for 1991-92. Ruth Hammond will continue as president, Doug Whittaker is president-elect and Cleve Powell is

recording secretary. Patsy Serna was re-elected treasurer and Mary Lou Webster was re-elected corresponding secretary. Elected to the Board of Directors from the membership at large were Ralph Forsythe, Woody Schlegel, Hal Marx and Doris Cherry.

The Fred Chavez Rededication Booklets were distributed to members. Carrizozo Schools Superintendent Jimmie Banks took enough booklets for the New Mexico history class which will now learn a little more about the town's history.

The booklets include information on the history of the Fred Chavez family written by long-time Carrizozo resident Glen Ellison, and the efforts by residents to upgrade and rededicate the Fred Chavez Park. The rededication was initiated by Ellison and the booklet printing was financed by chamber and Carrizozo Lodgers' tax funds. Ellison thanked the chamber for the funding, and

expressed his gratitude for the town's support of the Fred Chavez project.

New businesses in Carrizozo will receive welcome letters from the chamber, members agreed. And a letter of thanks will go to Ned Pieters for financing the "Welcome to Carrizozo" sign on the south end of town.

Members will continue to receive reminder cards before each month's meeting. The cards mailed this month produced favorable results at the Tuesday meeting, with several members in attendance as well as several guests.

The Nov. 12 meeting will be held at the Carrizozo Airport Terminal. Airport manager Hal Marx will host members with a luncheon. Cards reminding members of the location change will be mailed prior to the meeting. Membership dues can be mailed to Patsy Serna in response to the notices or taken to her at the Lincoln County Assessor's office.

Ruidoso to get more colorful at Christmas

Sudderth Drive from the Y in Ruidoso will have a little more color this Christmas.

Tuesday night the Ruidoso Village Council endorsed a proposal from the Ruidoso Arts and Film Commission to conduct a Christmas Palette Program. The palettes consist of a piece of plywood cut in the shape of a palette, which will be painted with Christmas scenes by artists and judged.

Barbara Westbrook, chairperson of the Arts and Film Commission, told councillors the cost of 12 palettes, the limit of palettes to be completed this first year, would be \$130. That cost would include the plywood, sealer and stain to prepare the palettes for the artists.

Westbrook had proposed the program at an earlier meeting, but was told to meet with the MainStreet program to coordinate her group's plans with that group which deals with the Mid-Town section along Sudderth Drive.

After meeting with the MainStreet people, who liked and endorsed the idea, Westbrook met with Texas New Mexico Power Company president Jim Bassett. The power company will allow

installation of the palettes on poles in the lower part of Sudderth provided the brackets to hold them on are substantial enough to prevent any accidents from a palette blowing or falling off.

Since there were no liability problems for the village if the palettes are properly installed, councillors Tuesday endorsed the idea. Westbrook then asked for the \$130 to purchase the materials for the palettes, but councillor Barbara Duff stepped in and donated the money.

"Plus the tax?" councillor J.D. James joked.

Westbrook said she would happily pay the tax if necessary. She told councillors she will donate the 13th palette at no cost to the village as a gift from herself and her husband Paul Westbrook.

A contest will be conducted to determine the best of the palettes, with some type of an award.

Any artist interested in painting a palette to portray his or her personal feelings about Christmas can contact the Ruidoso Arts and Film Commission by writing to P.O. Box 69, Ruidoso, N.M. 88345 or by calling 257-9518.



SIGHTSEERS COME TO and from the McDonald House, above, at the Trinity Site on Saturday. The house was where scientists worked on the first atomic bomb. The semi-annual tour was taken by several thousand. The military personnel there carried everything out in fine fashion. Below, tour parties view old photos along the fence. The photos tell the story of the blast on July 16, 1945.



Trustees give limited okay to EPA plan

By DORIS CHERRY

They're going to dump it in the sewer.

An Environmental Protection Agency proposal to clean up cyanide contaminated ground water at the Cimarron Mill Superfund site by pumping the water into the Carrizozo sewer system got a limited stamp of approval from the Carrizozo Trustees at their meeting Tuesday night.

But not before the discussion about the bean count on the project got rather heated.

Tired of waiting for EPA to begin cleanup of the contaminates at the Superfund site close to Carrizozo, trustee Harold Garcia contacted the federal agency and the state environment department for a progress report. Garcia found out the EPA and NMED are ready to submit contracts to the town to pump the contaminated water into the sewer lines for treatment at the sewer plant. So Garcia had the subject put on the agenda for a vote from his fellow trustees to approve the plan and proceed with the remedy.

But when he got to the town meeting, a simple vote to approve was not the case.

Garcia referred to a letter sent from John J. Pfeil, NMED state project manager of the Cimarron Superfund site, which stated NMED understands the council will vote on whether the town will allow the discharge of extracted ground water into the town's treatment works. "NMED believes that prior to the vote the Mayor and Council members should clearly understand the state's position on the proposed upcoming remedial activities." The letter, dated Oct. 7, was faxed to the town on the same day, and trustees had only Tuesday to review it and its enclosed support information.

In the letter NMED stated its position that the cyanide contaminated ground water is a serious threat to human health and welfare and accepts the proposed EPA remedy. It listed the public meeting held in Carrizozo in July 1990 where those present did not indicate strong opposition to the proposed remedy.

Yet, Tuesday night, mayor Cecilia Kuhnel had a number of concerns about the proposed remedy and she

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CARRIZOZO JUNIOR HIGH cheerleaders are Amanda Najar, top; Kerl Shafer and Julie Barham, center; and Michelle Barela, bottom. Their sponsor is Jackie Alastuey, second grade teacher.

Town in red over prisoners

People who violate laws in Carrizozo may find themselves before the magistrate judge in the future.

Carrizozo Trustees were hit with another worry at their town meeting Tuesday—the town was \$3,718 in the red in its budget item for the care and feeding of prisoners.

To solve the problem, trustees decided on a remedy—take the power to jail people away from the municipal judge.

Town Clerk Carol Schlarb had asked the mayor to declare an emergency fund to find money to pay the outstanding bill to the Lincoln County Jail for the three prisoners sentenced to 10 days each by Municipal Judge S.M. Ortiz. The jail charges \$50 a day to detain municipal prisoners.

She claimed the reason for the serious financial situation was because the judge was sending people to jail instead of fining them. "Now we have a crisis due to court fines being suspended," she said.

Schlarb had called the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) in San-

ta Fe for advice and she was given two options; create a line item in the police department for the housing of prisoners with money taken from all areas in the general fund, or take money from the town's cash reserves.

Trustee Harold Garcia said if the town takes the jail bill out of the reserves the town will soon have no money left in that account. And he did not want to lay off town employees, preferring to cut costs such as travel and schools.

But just paying the immediate bill will not solve the long-term problem of town prisoners. The town will be faced with a drastic decline of gross receipt taxes in January because of the closure of the Furr's Store, (which supplied the second highest amount of gross receipts in town). Once that revenue is lost, the town might have to look at lay offs of town employees if the judge continues to put people in jail.

Town attorney Robert Beauvais said the town can expect its jail costs to exceed \$20,000 for the year if the judge continues to imprison

people rather than fine them, place them on probation or make them do community service.

Garcia, who had talked to Mayor Cecilia Kuhnel about the situation before the meeting, told of a proposal to send Judge Ortiz a letter requesting he voluntarily not sentence people to jail, because the town does not have the money to pay the jail costs.

The stepping back from his job as trustee, Garcia opined as a private citizen, that if he knew the town asked the judge not to jail people and he continually sent people to jail which costs the town, and "adding insult to injury, cancel or reduce the fines" would make him think carefully if it was not done "maliciously or not."

Such an act, Garcia continued, would take the situation out of the town's jurisdiction and would put it in the hands of the Judicial Standings Committee.

"Let's get to the bottom of the problem or get rid of the problem," Garcia said.

Beauvais suggested the option of amending the municipal code so the judge can-

not imprison people. Until that amendment is approved through the public hearing process, Beauvais suggested an administrative policy to direct town police to make all charges based on state statutes. By doing that, all persons charged with a violation must appear before the magistrate judge, and if jailed, the fees are paid by the state, not the town.

As for finding ways to pay the current jail bill, Beauvais jokingly suggested to "fire your attorney, probably a good idea." But trustees

decided to have a special meeting to review the budget for transfers out of the general fund to pay the bill. The meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15.

Also, trustees directed the letter be sent to Judge Ortiz. Because of their skepticism in believing the judge will comply with the request, they voted to begin the process of amending the municipal code to abolish the penalty section. And in the meantime directed police to issue citations based on state statutes.

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was skeptical of the town supporting it without first having a written plan or contract. She feared the limited monitoring of the water from the treatment plant would "get out of hand" and contaminants could pass through, contaminate the sewer lagoons and the springs which lie under the area and could eventually lead to problems with the two ranches below the sewer plant.

"It's like putting a bandaid on a cancer," Kuhnel said.

She asked the trustees to table the vote on the EPA plan for two weeks, to allow review of all materials which have been received. "It's our concern...we dictate to them, not them to us," she said and several people in the audience agreed.

Garcia did not want to wait, the project had been in the works too long, he wanted to accept the clean up plan. Garcia said Pfeil assured him even the skeptical professors at New Mexico Tech concur with the plan of action now.

As for the cost, Garcia said no federal tax money will be expended for the clean up, rather the Superfund monies are garnered from the chemical companies. The state will pay 10 percent of the cost and the town will pay nothing, rather it will be paid for use of its sewer system.

"There is no reason in the world besides pulling out of clear blue sky to delay," Garcia said and made a motion to accept the proposed remedial plan as submitted by EPA.

But questions whether EPA could start pumping water into the sewer system without a contract and the terms of the contract continued to worry the mayor and trustees Dale LaMay and Johnnie Johnson. Garcia argued the town could negotiate the terms of the contract once the proposed plan was accepted. But Kuhnel wanted to see it first.

Even town attorney Robert Beauvais said the town would have better bargaining power if it negotiated the contract before approving the proposed remedial

plan. But Garcia said the town would not have to sign the contract if it did not like the terms. He just wanted to get the "damn cyanide out of the ground."

Garcia said the people in town who first criticized EPA for saying there was a threat to the citizens with the contaminated water, are now worrying over what the cyanide may do to the sewer system. EPA claims the processes in the sewer treatment will render the cyanide harmless.

One audience member just didn't want the federal agency to "ram it down our throats," and said EPA officials said all water out of the ground at Cimarron would be treated before going into the sewer system.

Kuhnel just wanted appropriate action with the contract, since so far she has seen inappropriate action from EPA, whose crews have torn up equipment at the mill and "disappeared in the middle of the night."

"I don't want the board to have to monitor their behavior," she said of EPA. "We need to nail them down, I want to see the contract."

Garcia also wanted to hold EPA to the proposed plan of action, but all the worry over where the EPA workers stay, where materials are purchased and the "small crap was just nit picking."

"The bean count," Kuhnel said, "bothered the hell out of them (EPA)."

Finally LaMay seconded Garcia's motion to approve the proposed remedy, but

added EPA will not start anything without a signed contract.

When the vote was taken, LaMay and Garcia voted yes, but Johnson voted against the stamp of approval, preferring to stand with the mayor on wanting the contract first. The motion carried. EPA will be contacted to begin the contract process for use of the town's sewer system.

In other business, trustees:

—heard the mayor declare Oct. 27-Nov. 3 as Pornography Awareness Week, which will be promoted by the wearing of a white ribbon, which signifies the wearers' opposition to the proliferation of pornography and the problems associated with it.

—voted to sell water to C.S. McPherson Construction Company of Las Cruces for a project on White Sands Missile Range, with the provision none of the revenues be spent at this time.

—agreed to place Lot 12, Block 3 of OP addition on public auction at the Oct. 22 meeting, after a request for such from Junior Hill.

—heard of problems with the application to the Federal Aviation Administration for funds to upgrade the Carrizozo Airport.

—approved a business registration for Mountain Meadows Taxidermy Studio out of Alamogordo.

—heard from Phil Ortiz on behalf of David Ortiz, owner of the old gasoline station which the trustees have

ordered to be removed or upgraded. Phil Ortiz said his brother acknowledged the problem with the building, but sees it as a problem of uncontrolled vandalism. Ortiz also said his brother felt his property is being singled out, since there are many dilapidated buildings in town. Ortiz can appeal the order to remove the building or upgrade it in district court within 20 days, but Phil Ortiz said his brother cannot afford to take that course. Garcia said Ortiz's willingness to recognize the safety problems was sufficient acknowledgement and now only wanted Ortiz to send a time table to improve the safety threat.

—met in closed session for more than one hour to discuss personnel. When trustees returned to open session the mayor reported questions arose over the status of temporary police officer Dave Vermillion. She said his term expired based on a lack of funds and she advised Chief Morales to meet with Vermillion to pick up his vehicle and equipment and conduct an inventory of it.

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Area Athletic Schedules

- Oct. 11, Friday**
- Reserve at Capitan, varsity football, 7 p.m.
 - Ruidoso at Deming, varsity football, 7:30 p.m.
 - Carrizozo at Cloudcroft, varsity football, 7:30 p.m.
 - Corona at Mountainair, volleyball, 6 p.m.
 - Roswell High at Gallup, varsity football.
 - Goddard at Artesia, varsity football

- Oct. 12, Saturday**
- Hagerman at Hondo, volleyball, 6 p.m.
 - Hondo at Pine Hill, 6-man football, 2 p.m.
 - Capitan at Ft. Sumner, volleyball, 2 p.m.

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News Views

by Cleve Powell

• The Trinity Site tour on Saturday drew quite a large crowd. The military did a good job of directing traffic and keeping things in order. It was somewhat awesome for a first-time visitor. The historic value of such a site is great and is a worthwhile venture.

• A husband-wife golf scramble was held Sunday at Carrizozo Golf Course. First place went to Hal and Mignon Sims, second place to the "odd couple" of Junior Lueras and Miguel Garcia and third place to Ted and Linda Turnbow. "Ugliest couple" prize was won by Pat Withers and Robbie Hooten. A hamburger cook-out followed the action. Turnbow reports "no divorces."

• Guy Crandall, who lives between Tularosa and Alamogordo, dropped by the office and left a copy of his book, "I Rode a Horse Wild and Free." Crandall's autobiography details his days as a cowboy in Lincoln County. As the back cover reads: "Most writers of western history claim the Old West was gone by the turn of the century. This wasn't true in Lincoln County, New Mexico. When I came to live here in 1918, it was still a time of woodburning stoves, kerosene lamps, outhouses and large families. A man's word was his bond and a handshake closed a deal. The country was a land of cattle, horses, cowboys, and chuck wagons. There were few fences and gates were never locked. The horse was the main means of travel, and a man could ride free as far as he wanted. This is my story about people, a place, and a time in history."

Letters to the Editor

Fort Stanton Families

EDITOR:

FAMILIES FOR FORT STANTON is a group of parents and guardians of client at Fort Stanton who organized in opposition to closing Fort Stanton as a provider for the developmentally disabled population.

Under the leadership of Tommy Thompson, a parent of a client at Las Lunas Hospital and Training School, the intervenors were organized in 1987 and petitioned the court to be included in the "JACKSON LAWSUIT". When we were allowed to enter the lawsuit there were 8 parents and guardians from Fort Stanton already using the news media more effectively. In any controversy that needs to be settled in the courts here are at least 2 sides, in this case there are 3, Protection and Advocacy, who are the plaintiffs, the State of New Mexico, who is the defendant and the parents and guardians who are the intervenors. As intervenors we feel we are representing the most help- less of the Developmentally Disabled population, not only ours, but those yet to be born, that could be YOURS.

At our November meeting, we will have a report from the special fund raising and other committees.

A report was given on the petition to Gov. King, asking him to intervene in the Department of Health's policy to discontinue the use of Fort Stanton as a D.D. provider. The over 6,000 signatures from more than 200 towns did not impress upon Gov. King that enough support was there to keep Fort Stanton as a provider for the Developmentally Disabled.

Ways were discussed as to how to change the Department of Health's policy to close Fort Stanton as a provider.

A committee was appointed to consider ways of using the news media more effectively. In any controversy that needs to be settled in the courts here are at least 2 sides, in this case there are 3, Protection and Advocacy, who are the plaintiffs, the State of New Mexico, who is the defendant and the parents and guardians who are the intervenors. As intervenors we feel we are representing the most help- less of the Developmentally Disabled population, not only ours, but those yet to be born, that could be YOURS.

PATRICIA RANDLE, Roswell

Pit Bulls; what next?

EDITOR: I don't see why all Pit Bulls and their owners have to pay for the loss of a Doberman. The owners of the Doberman speak of their love for their dog but think nothing about killing hundreds of other dogs. If they think Tjerasand San Diego are such Utopias, why don't they move? If they move, they'd better get a dozen Dobermans because they haven't banned murder there.

If you don't mind a Pit Bull ban, don't be surprised when they ban your livelihood or favorite leisure activity. Next in line are the cuddly Dobermans, Shepherds, Rottweilers, firearms, hunting, fishing, horse racing, cattle ranching, logging, mining, etc., etc. Of course, all pet owners must be responsible and dogs of any breed that are dangerous to people should not be tolerated.

TONY ORTIZ, Carrizozo

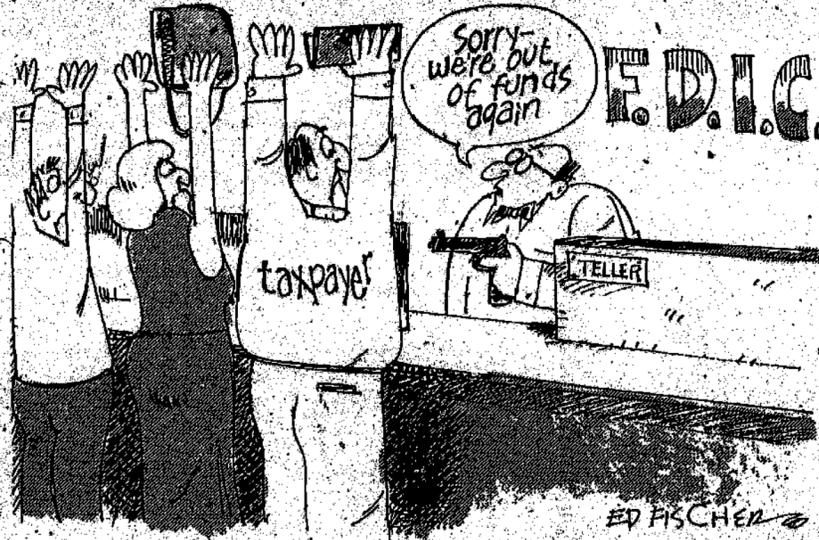
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Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller



SANTA FE—This year's national Christmas tree will come from New Mexico. A 60-foot blue spruce from the Carson National Forest near Taos will decorate the U.S. Capitol grounds beginning Dec. 11.

Being chosen to provide the tree isn't the end of the game, however. Although the U.S. Forest Service coordinates the effort, it does not spend any money on the project. That must all come from New Mexicans interested in making this gift to the nation.

And the Taosenos aren't doing this the easy way. New Mexico's Christmas tree will be the first live tree ever to go to the Capitol. Transporting a 60-foot tree to Washington is hard enough, but when the tree is attached to a 30-ton root ball, the task takes on monumental proportions.

This will be one of the largest trees ever moved, especially on such a long trip. Houston tree transplanting expert Al Korenek has volunteered to help. He will box the room-sized root ball and tilt the tree onto a specially designed trailer for its long journey.

Now comes the problem. A truck ride across the country would be too much for the live tree. Shipping it by rail could also be a problem. The only safe way is by air.

To complicate things further, the tree needs to remain secured to its trailer. This means the truck, with its 60-foot trailer, needs to drive onto an airplane. The Air Force's C-5 transport can handle the job.

The problem is that since White House Chief of Staff John Sununu was caught

hopping military aircraft for trips to his dentist, the Air Force has become very careful about who and what it hauls around the country.

The only possibilities for Air Force assistance seem to be if a C-5 happens to be in the area anyway and headed to Washington with other cargo or is on a training mission. Such a flight evidently costs the government about \$15,000. If the people of New Mexico can raise that kind of money, the Air Force might be interested. Evidently we've offered to buy the gas, at a cost of around \$5,000.

The only other possibility the good folks in Taos can find is to talk Federal Express into transporting the tree as a promotional stunt—"If your Christmas tree must be there by tomorrow..."

Raising money for such a worthy cause is not easy in New Mexico. Most other states could find a major industry to foot the \$30,000 bill for digging up the tree and transporting it to Washington. But when our state's largest employer is a national laboratory, the pickings are slim.

Why did the Taos County Chamber of Commerce decide to make its job tougher by sending a living tree to the U.S. Capitol? Director Rosemarie Korman says it is to demonstrate the importance of forestry conservation and show New Mexico's commitment to a green America. This year also celebrates the centennial of national forests in the United States.

So why doesn't the U.S. Forest Service pour some money into the project to

celebrate its centenary? The answer to that lies in a turf battle between branches of our federal government. There are actually two national Christmas trees. One is on the White House grounds; the other is at the Capitol.

Because congressmen come from every state in the nation, there is competition among the states for the honor of providing the tree to decorate the Capitol grounds. The spirit of Christmas doesn't seem to prevail when it comes to helping each other with their Christmas trees. There is competition for the biggest and the best and competition for who gets their tree up first and attracts the publicity.

It appears that the tentatively scheduled lighting of the Taos tree on Dec. 11 will beat the White House by about a week.

In spite of the obstacles, the people of Taos are determined to take a New Mexico Christmas to our nation's capital. Senior Citizens, school children and artists from throughout New Mexico are creating more than 6,000 hand made ornaments for the tree that will also have red chile lights. Its base will be decorated by Taos artists. Farolitos will line the Capitol walkways and guests at the festivities will be treated to biscochitos, empanaditas and other New Mexico Christmas delicacies.

Anyone willing to help should call the Taos County Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-732-8267.

"The Other Side"

By OWEN M. RUSSELL

"Anyone can do it," I declared.

"Oh, yeah," he responded.

Well, anyone can, can't they? It shouldn't be too difficult. All you have to do is select a format, come up with a subject that more than one person might be interested in, say something about the subject, and wing it.

Format selection was easy. I decided to structure my column in such a manner that it would lend itself to being fitted into a single newspaper column and continue in a downward direction until the editor determines that literary diarrhea should have some limit. I also will have to avoid using words with more than 14 letters. You can surely express the same thought with ten words or so that you might attempt to describe with a single 384 word. Besides, there is always a danger in using a pretentious word so readers will be led to believe

that I have a clear grasp on a concept.

When I became acquainted with Cleve Powell several weeks ago, it brought back memories of my days in the newspaper world. I was the editor of the Belen News-Bulletin in 1967 until I returned to college to get smart, and there is a certain contagious element about exposing yourself in print. Old newshawks refer to the condition as having printer's ink for blood, and I guess mine is still a bit contaminated.

So, as a result of a conversation that Cleve invited and I engineered, I am saddled with another diversion to interfere with my sleep. He even told me that if we could develop some shred of evidence that anyone reads this column, I might be allowed to do more than one.

The obvious reason for the stars that show up periodically is so I can keep my thoughts from getting mixed together.

My father used to publish a small weekly newspaper called the Ruidoso Reporter, and one of the frequent subjects that came up was what to do about the blank spot on page 3. It usually happened when he had said all he felt he could about a subject without having to hire a bodyguard, and still had a couple of inches or so between the editorial content and that week's advertisement. One day, he was faced with such a predicament about 10 minutes before the bus which was to take his paper to the printer was to leave. He found a small drawing of Smokey the Bear and pasted it in the empty space, thereby coining the phrase, "Smokey Bear," which means anything you use to fill an unavoidable void. I don't know if this thought was in Cleve's mind when we were discussing columns, but I'll bet there was a light-blinking somewhere.

One of my spies on this

By the Way

by P. E. Chavez

EUROPEAN COLONIZATION

Two years ago, columnist Jay Miller began suggesting that 1992 will be the perfect time to make our nation and the world aware that New Mexico is the place where the European colonization of what is now the United States began.

Miller says every school child in America learns that New Mexico is the 47th state admitted to the Union. History books never mention the first state government in our nation was established in New Mexico in 1598. They never mention Governor Juan de Onate and his exploits. They talk about Jamestown and Plymouth and John Smith and the Pilgrims.

In 1992, while the world is focusing on 500 years of European influence on the western Hemisphere, Miller says that New Mexico has its opportunity to attract some of the world spotlight to itself with a 300th celebration of our own.

FIRST INAUGURATION

Certain constitutional changes asked for by Congress and President Taft, in August 1911, were duly made; and, on January 6, 1912, New Mexico was admitted as a State into the Union - the 47th state. On Jan. 15, William C. McDonald was inaugurated first state governor.

That's about the extent of information available to most school children in New Mexico about their first governor following statehood. That governor ranched near Carrizozo and is buried in White Oaks.

HOW STRANGE

South of Kansas City there's a town that was named by its first postmaster. The postmaster received an official letter urging that the name be "peculiar." The postmaster decided to take the letter writer at his word. How can a name be more peculiar than Peculiar, Miss?

Peculiar is only one of hundreds of American place-names with a curious story. If you need a lift, head for Happy Jack, Ariz.; Smile, Ky.; or Goosepimple Junction, Va.

Like a little music? Stop by Fiddletown, Calif. or Tuba City, Ariz.

Some sports action? Polo, Miss.; Ball Club, Minn.; Golf, Ill.; or Umpire, Ark., have sports names.

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ards Chevrolet, Ky.; Pontiac, Mich.; Gas, Kan.; Auto, W.Va.; and Tire Hill, Pa.

Short on cash? Head for Money, Miss.; Cash, Ark.; Nickelsville, Va.; or Dollar Bay, Mich.

TOPONYMISTS' JOB

People who investigate the origins of place-names (toponymists) find that names are a result of one of several influences; Native American or immigrant languages, homage to famous people, natural features, local history or imaginative wordplay.

Few European settlers understood Indian languages. As a result, many place-names are reshaping of Indians words. Explorers sometimes used foreign phrases to describe new sites; Las Vegas, for the meadows. Naming new settlements in honor of people was also common; Washington, Lincoln and Houston.

Hate the name of your town or city? Residents of Gripe, Ariz., are satisfied.

Plants, wildlife, and other natural phenomena are sources of Cactus Flat, Nev.; Eagle Rock, Va.; El Grove, Calif.; and Surf City, N.J.

VALLEY OF FIRES

Imet Kathleen Ooms this week and she told me about the interesting job she and her husband, Ken are involved in very near Carrizozo. They are camp hosts at the Valley of Fires Park, four miles north of Carrizozo off U.S. 380. Once known as the Mal Pais, the park contains one of the nation's best-preserved lava flows.

Kathleen and Ken greet park visitors and hand out literature about the park. "Are there any snakes?" is a common question.

The Ooms were camp hosts for the Forest Service in Utah before coming to Valley of Fires. Their home town is in New Jersey and they were in the fuel oil business before they became interested in becoming camp hosts. Kathleen taught home economics for 16 years and also taught pre-school. They have been in Carrizozo just a few weeks. She is a substitute teacher at Carrizozo Schools.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages the Valley of Fires Recreation Area. Camping and picnicking sites with electrical hook-ups, tables, shelters and barbecue grills are available. Other visitor facilities include flush toilets, drinking water and an RV dump station. The group picnic shelter is available for use by reservation.

Mal Pais (Spanish for bad lands) was the name given to the lava flows that acted as barriers to early explorers and travelers. Despite its former name, the Valley of Fires Park is abundant with wildlife, scenery and scientific interest. The three-fourths mile-long Malpais Nature Trail provides a close-up look at the lava surface. The lava surface is so extremely rough and broken that it is impossible to cross except on foot, but the Nature Trail is best for viewing this unusual lava flow that discharged from volcanic events in the northern end 1,500 to 2,000 years ago.

Letters Policy

Letters to the editor of the Lincoln County News are encouraged. Each letter must be signed and must include the writer's telephone number and address. The phone number and mailing address will not be printed, but the writer's town or village will be included with his or her name. Letters will be edited for grammar and spelling. Letters may be shortened without changing their meaning. The editor has the right to reject any letter.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, OCT. 10

—Capitan Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the school administration building. Items on the agenda include: an executive session to discuss personnel, personnel in open meeting; early graduation; Spring Break—District FFA, Red Ribbon Campaign, Parent/teacher conferences, thermostats, ASBO Conference Oct. 16-18.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 and 13

—Hunter training class will be held in Corona from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Corona library.

MONDAY, OCT. 14

—Columbus Day. No classes at Capitan Schools. Culpepper and Merriweather Circus performances at 4 and 6 p.m. at Lincoln County Fair Grounds in Capitan. Sponsored by Capitan Chamber of Commerce.

TUESDAY, OCT. 15

—Capitan Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. in village hall for a regular monthly session on Tuesday due to Columbus Day. Village hall will be closed on Monday also. A public hearing for the transfer of liquor license from Lewvanco, Inc. to Brewer Oil Co. will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. Final action on the proposed license transfer will be taken during the regular session.

—Carrizozo Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the school administration building.

FRIDAY, OCT. 18

—Capitan High School Homecoming. Music Boosters Enchilada Dinner from 5-7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria; \$4 adults, \$3 children. Football game with Cloudcroft, kick off at 7 p.m. at Tiger Field.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19

—Autumnfest Pops Concert will be performed at Carrizo Lodge near Ruidoso. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and the concert at 8 p.m. at the Studio/Concert Hall. Reservations can be made by calling 257-9131 or 1-800-227-1224. The concert is sponsored by Historic Carrizo Lodge and Ruidoso Friends of Music and the Arts.

TUESDAY, OCT. 22

—Lincoln County Commissioners meet at 9 a.m. in their chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

—Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County meets at 11 a.m. at Cochera Restaurant in Ruidoso. FRWLC invites any Republican woman living in or visiting the area. For further information, call 336-4050.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

—Capitan High School drama class will perform "Hillbilly Wedding," a three-act comedy. Curtains open at 8 p.m. for the comedy about a city dude who gets lost in the hills of Kentucky. The "very funny" play will feature music provided by the Capitan High School band. Advance tickets for \$3.50 will be available from any drama student or at Capitan High School. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

THURSDAY, OCT. 31

—Capitan High School sophomores will sponsor the Halloween Carnival. Non-school groups are invited to have booths. Spaces are \$20. Contact Capitan High School for more information or to reserve a space.

Capitan Chamber remains in Apache Trails

The Capitan Chamber of Commerce at its Oct. 7 meeting elected to continue its membership in the Apache Trails organization.

Chamber members and guests also discussed the upcoming circus.

Howard Shanks talked about a projected beautification project for Capitan.

Apache Trails is a regional group which promotes Otero County and Lincoln County. Its chief concern is tourism. It was begun by Wendell Chino, president of the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

The Capitan Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus. The circus will appear in Capitan at the fair grounds on Oct. 14. Performances are at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. rain or shine. The chamber must sell 500 tickets in advance in order to receive a commission. Tickets are cheaper when purchased in advance. Buy your tickets at B & L Pizza, Smokey Bear Restaurant, Capitan branch of the Ruidoso State Bank,

the chamber office across from the post office, village hall, and C-C Natural Gas Association.

Howard Shanks said he will apply for a grant from the state forestry for beautification, primarily young trees. The grant may run up to \$50,000.

The Capitan Chamber of Commerce sponsors bingo every Thursday evening in the building next to the bank. There will be bingo on Halloween.

A few of the chamber projects include Christmas lighting and decorations, brochures, scholarships for Capitan students, and the Smokey Bear Stampede Parade. The chamber and the Capitan American Legion put up American flags on holidays.

President Dick Beck presided over Monday's meeting. Chamber dues are \$35 a year. One may write to the chamber at P.O. Box 441, Capitan, N.M. 88316. — B A R T L E Y M E D O N O U G H

Irresponsible dog owners . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

and problems there would have to be taken care of or the village would be subject to stiff fines. Then new village manager Ron Wicker took steps to seek funding to fix these problems in the form of a government loan, since the village revenues in its utility departments were down and not expected to improve. So the village applied for a 5 percent interest loan through the New Mexico Wastewater Facility Construction Loan Program. Along with that came the requirement to perform an audit on the wastewater plant and sewer system.

Yet the audit was not enough, even though the village scored reasonably well. The state needed a resolution passed by the council which stated the councillors had read the audit.

But mayor Victor Alonso said he cannot understand all the technical details of the audit. He is just a layman, not schooled to understand such information.

"The requirement is to read, there is no requirement to understand," Wicker replied, then explained he and deputy manager Gary Jackson understood most of the information required, as well as the waste water workers.

An NMED official at the meeting said he reviewed the audit and noted items on it which needed corrected, which now have been taken care of by village staff. Now all he needed was the resolution to begin the process of the \$1.18 million loan to improve the plant and sewer system to conform to Environmental Protection Agency and NMED rules and regulations.

But the kicker came when the council got down to talking rate increases. Since the money to fix the sewer operation is a loan, the funds to pay it back will have to come from somewhere. "How we get the money to solve the problems determines a rate raise," Wicker said. Then he noted the sewer problems did not crop up overnight.

"We have to address them with rate increases or be subject to exorbitant fines," Wicker concluded.

Councillor Pat Espinosa said the village should be concerned about fixing the problems not only because of the fines, since those problems also cause pollution of the Rio Ruidoso.

Finally, although confused, councillors approved the resolution which stated they read the audit.

In other business, councillors:

* approved the contract with the Humane Society of Lincoln County which provides a shelter for 100 dogs

and 10 cats for \$2,000 annually and the village will pay the liability insurance, since there will be no additional premium cost for the village to do so. Workman's compensation payments will be up to the Humane Society.

* amended the budget for the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority Recycling Fund to \$92,288; to reflect correction of a clerical error which listed the fund at \$94,288. The fund is based on a \$88,000 grant from the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Dept. and \$4,288 matching funding from the village of Ruidoso. Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority signed a sub-contract agreement to operate a countywide recycling project with the funds. The goal of the project is to reduce the waste into landfills by 25 percent by 1995 and 50 percent by the year 2000, as required by regulations.

* endorsed the Christmas Palette program as proposed by the Ruidoso Arts and Film Commission. The village will design a bracket to hold the palette securely to the Texas New Mexico Power poles, to comply with an agreement with that company. (See related article for information about the palettes.)

* heard from police chief Richard Swenor who said his department has strict rules when dealing with juveniles at school. Because of the incident in Roswell where a phony police officer took a juvenile out of the high school and later killed him, Swenor told councillors his officers are well known at the school and never take a child unless parents and school officials are notified.

* worried that once a month Planning and Zoning Commission meetings would result in delays for contractors. Alonso relayed a personal experience with this which will delay the rebuilding of his restaurant by 30 days, leading to a frustrating situation that made him sympathize with village contractors. He directed the clerk to write all contractors for input about the once a month meetings, rather than the two previously held.

* congratulated Sgt. Lanny Maddox for his excellent direction in the Ruidoso/Lincoln County CrimeStoppers program which won three of nine international awards at a recent convention held in Louisville, Kentucky.

* tabled a proposed ordinance which would allow governing body coverage under group insurance plans with payment of 100 percent of the premium, and will not allow coverage of dependents

of governing body members. Councillors were uneasy with the extent of the language making them pay 100 percent of the cost of the insurance, since all they wanted to do was prohibit family members from being included.

* approved a zone map amendment which will allow a nine acre tract, formerly known as KOR, now owned by Ruidoso State Bank to return to a community commercial zoning from the residential zoning.

* approved a request from the Lodgers' Tax Committee to provide \$3,000 to the Oktoberfest and \$700 to the Lincoln County Bar-B-Que Wars for promotional costs.

* approved the mayor's appointment of Betty Beachum to Lodgers' Tax Committee and re-appointment of Richard Sanchez to the Eagle Creek Intercommunity Water Supply Association.

* heard the mayor read three letters, one thanking Leonard Corona, solid waste supervisor for his help with the Guziecca family who recently moved to the village and another from state senator Peta Campos introducing himself and asking to meet to talk about the upcoming legislative session. A meeting was set with Sen. Campos at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 1, at the administration center. The last letter from Alto resident Lewis and Molly Weber, told of the disenchantment with the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally, stating the village does not need that negative publicity. The letter was the only one received by the village about the rally incident. Alonso maintained the overriding theme about the incident is the problems were created by public drinking outside and he further proposed formation of a task force to study ways to deal with those problems.

* met in closed session to discuss pending or threatened litigation.



BRETT BARHAM, center, Carrizozo FFA chapter president, gives Nat Chavez, head custodian, \$100 for winning at Cow Party Bingo. FFA advisor Harvey Rose, right, was on hand during the event which was held at Friday night's football game.

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<p>Santa Rita Catholic Church EDWIN GRIFFITH, pastor 213 Birch, 648-2853 Mass.....11:00 am Saturday.....Anticipated Sunday Mass.....7:00 pm Saturday</p>	<p>Church of Christ PAUL WETZEL, minister Ave. C at 12th, 648-2996 Sunday School.....10:00 am Worship Service.....11:00 am Evening Worship.....8:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 pm</p>
<p>Evangelistic Assembly VIRGIL ASHCRAFT, pastor 711 E. Ave., 648-2952 Sunday.....2:30 pm Tuesday.....7:00 pm Saturday Bible Study.....7:30 pm</p>	<p>First Baptist Church HAYDEN SMITH, pastor 314 10th Ave, 648-2968 (church) or 648-2107 Sunday School.....9:45 am Worship Service.....10:55 am Sun. Evening.....Training at 6:15 pm Evening Worship.....7:15 pm Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 pm</p>
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Capitan Lady Tigers defeat C'zozo girls

Capitan's Lady Tigers had another good week of volleyball, winning their first district match against Loving.

The girls started their week with a match against Carrizozo Thursday, Oct. 3. The Lady Grizzlies played a good match on their home court, but lost to the Capitan girls. Then the Capitan girls traveled to Loving on Saturday, Oct. 5, where they had to work hard for their first win.

In Carrizozo, the Lady Tigers won the match in three straight games: 15-12, 15-8 and 15-12. Tycie Traylor made four service points in the first game, Stacey Gowen, Anita Aldaz and Kelly

Cox made three service points each. For the Lady Grizzlies, Rachel Archuleta made four, Yvonne Estrella made four, Renee Roper and Cheryl Hightower made one each.

In the second game, Jennifer Eldridge and Cox made three service points each. Lady Grizzly Estrella made five.

Gowen made four points in the final game for the Lady Tigers. Cox made three and Aldaz made two. Amy Cline and Tycie Traylor shared six service points. For the Lady Grizzlies Lynette Hernandez made three, Roper, Hightower and Archuleta made two each.

The junior varsity Lady Tigers also defeated the Lady Grizzlies' JV in two games: 15-4 and 15-12. Lady Tiger Pam Pacheco made 9 straight service points, Letty LaRue made three, Alma Lively and Amy Cline made one each.

For Carrizozo, Jessica Estrella, Jennifer Luna, Jennifer Narvaez and Natalie Chavez made one each.

In the second game Lady Tiger Pacheco made four, Kathy Campbell and Lively shared six, Jessica Cline made two and Amy Cline made one. Lady Grizzlies Jessica Estrella and Luna made three each, Narvaez made two, Sarah Funk and Jacquelin Epperson shared four.

The varsity Lady Tigers had to learn their win in Loving, taking five games to win the match: 6-15, 15-9, 15-11, 7-15 and 15-5. In the first game, Traylor and Gowen made two each and Tammy Payne made one. The girls soon shrugged off their sluggish start and got down to work on the second game when Eldridge made five straight points in the third game, helped by Traylor's five.

But the Loving girls came on strong in the fourth game to tie the scoring for the match. Traylor made two points, Pacheco, Aldaz, Eldridge, Payne and Cox made only one each.

It was necessary for the Capitan girls to win the crucial fifth game to take the match. Putting out a team effort, Eldridge, Payne, Cox and Traylor made three each, Gowen made two.

Junior varsity action at the Cloudcroft Round Robin Sept. 28 saw the Capitan girls winning all three scheduled matches. The Capitan JV girls played three games to win the match against Cloudcroft: 9-15, 15-12 and 15-5. In the first game Pam Pacheco made six, Michelle Payton, Amy Cline and Letty LaRue made one each. In the second game Payton made seven and Pacheco three. In the final game, Cline made four, Payton, Pacheco and Tracey Stone made three each and Alma Lively made two.

The Capitan girls also had to play three games to win the second match of the round robin against Hagerman: 15-11, 12-15 and 15-8. Pacheco made nine in the first game, Cline three and Payton two. In the second game Lively made six and LaRue two. In the third



CAPITAN LADY TIGERS Coach Pam Allen (right) and senior Lady Tiger Jennifer Eldridge are proud of the Class A Girls All-Sports Trophy, which the Capitan girls earned for another year—the third consecutive year to do so.

game, Amy Cline made nine. The final match of the round robin was an easy win over Mesilla Valley: 15-5 and 15-6. LaRue made seven in the first game, Pacheco and Lively two each. Payton made six in the second game and Stone and Marissa Valenzuela shared six.

The JV Lady Tigers defeated the Hondo JV Lady Eagles, who came to Capitan on Oct. 2: 15-9 and 15-1. Pacheco made seven in the first game, Cline made one. For the Lady Eagles Ruby McZa made five, Celina Copeland made two, Danelle Marquez, Imelda Sosa and Erica Copeland made one each. In the second game, Lady Tigers Payton made seven straight, Lively five straight, Stone and Campbell shared three.

Against Loving Oct. 5, the Capitan JV girls lost 4-15 and 11-15. Jessica Cline made three service points in the first game, Pacheco made one. In the second game, Stone and J. Cline made four each, Payton made two and Pacheco one.

The Capitan junior high girls have had a good season so far. Coached by Sherry Gowen, the 7th grade girls defeated Cloudcroft Oct. 1: 15-3 and 16-14. Andi Griego made six in the first game, Joni Autrey made four, Casey Cunningham and Amalia Sanchez made two each and Mandi Aldaz made one. In the second game Aldaz made seven, Griego six and Andra Fish one.

The Capitan 8th graders also defeated the 8th grade Cloudcroft girls: 15-2 and 15-4. Dottie Boyd made eight points in the first game, Christina Gonzales made three and Catherine Sidwell made two. In the second game Michelle McGarvey made four, Chris Worrell and Sarah Taylor made two each.

On Oct. 2, the junior high girls played the Hondo junior high girls and won the match 15-2 and 15-7. Sherry Dock-

ery made 10 straight points for the Capitan girls. McGarvey made four and Sidwell one. In the second game Angie Hutchinson made six straight, Sarah Taylor four and Stacey Erwin three.

The Capitan junior high girls got some good play against the Carrizozo junior high girls and won 15-11 and 15-10. McGarvey made six in the first game, Shelby Gowen and Sidwell made four each and Gonzales made one.

Lady Grizzlies Michelle Barela made four, Jessica Estrella made two, Keri Shafer and Jasmine Chavez shared three.

In the second game, Lady Tigers Sidwell made seven straight, Dockery and McGarvey made three each and Gonzales made two.

Lady Grizzlies Katie Hightower and Jennifer Narvaez made three each and Estrella made two.

It took three hard played games to win the match against Loving Saturday, Oct. 5: 16-14, 12-15 and 15-6. Gonzales made six in the first game, McGarvey four and Boyd one. In the second game McGarvey made five and Taylor and Shelby Gowen shared five. In the final game, Dockery and Gowen made four each, Gonzales and Boyd made three each.

The junior high girls also played the Ruidoso 7th and 8th grade girls Monday. Those scores will be reported next week.

The Lake Arthur Lady Panthers will come to Capitan for varsity district match and JV and junior high matches starting at 4:30 p.m. today, (Thursday), Oct. 10. The matches with Lake Arthur had originally been set for Tuesday, Oct. 8, but were delayed until today.

Saturday, Oct. 12, all of the Lady Tigers team will travel to Ft. Sumner for some tough non-district volleyball action with the Vixens.

Class A Girls trophy goes to Lady Tigers

Capitan's Lady Tigers have plenty to roar about.

They are the recipients of the New Mexico Activities Association Class A Girls All-Sports Trophy again this year—for the third consecutive year. Something no other school in New Mexico has done since the trophy award began in 1976.

The trophy is awarded to a school based on accumulative points given on its girls sports program throughout the year. To earn the right to keep the trophy for a year, the girls athletic program must be outstanding in volleyball, basketball, and track.

Since 1988-89, when the Lady Tigers won first in state Class A volleyball, were second in the state in basketball and first in state in track, the girls have maintained their outstanding athletic record, and earned the right to display the trophy at Capitan High School for the following year. In 1989-90 the Lady Tigers were second in the state in volleyball, went to the state basketball contest and won first in state in track; and gain in 1990-91 the girls went to state in vol-

leyball, basketball and won state in track. For all those outstanding titles, the Lady Tigers have earned that right to keep the trophy for three consecutive years.

The trophy was earned by other Class A schools for more than three years, many in the same district, but never consecutively.

Capitan girls athletic coaches Pam Allen and Norm Cline were honored with plaques and cheers at a pep rally last week, and credited for helping the Lady Tigers earn the trophy.

"Everyone wishes to be a champion, but most do not have the intelligence or energy to begin to achieve such.

Much of the credit also goes to the girls for their discipline and hard work which takes them back to the state contests year after year.

The trophy will be displayed at the school throughout this year. Sometime during the summer of 1992 the New Mexico Activities Association will tally the accumulative points for all Class A schools to determine where the trophy will go next year.

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Grizzlies tag Anthony with 49-14 runaway

The Carrizozo Grizzlies soundly defeated the Anthony, Texas, team Friday by a score of 49-14 in Anthony.

Leading rusher for the Grizzly team and top scorer as well was James Silva, 19

points and 134 yards. Lee Najjar scored 14 points and Chris Barela 12. The team rolled up 369 yards total offense.

Other players making offensive contributions were

Val Reyes, Leroy Zamora, Anthony Archuleta, Nathan Portillo, Cory Collins and Coby Sims.

The Grizzlies play Cloudcroft there at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Tigers fall to Jal, 40-0

The Jal Panthers scored 12 points in the first quarter, 13 points in the second quarter, seven points in the third quarter and eight points in the fourth quarter Friday to defeat the Capitan Tigers 40-0.

The Tiger defense played "guts" football while the offense never got uncranked. The 16 Capitan players were outmanned by the double A team from Jal.

Jal's Terrill Dobbs scored early in the first quarter on a 2-yard run after a Tiger punt attempt went astray. The punter never got the ball.

Jody Tutun rambled 83 yards later in the quarter for another TD. Both extra point

attempts failed in this quarter.

Jal scored twice in the second quarter on a one-yard plunge and a 24-yard pass play to Juan Saucedo. It was 25-0 at halftime.

Another one yard plunge by Jody Tutun accounted for scoring in the third quarter.

With 9:18 left in the game, a Tiger fumble in its own end zone was covered by Chad Henneke for Jal's final tally. Quarterback Kendall James ran for the two-point conversion.

Capitan plays host to the Reserve Mountaineers, Friday, Oct. 11, on Tiger Field. The game is scheduled for 7 p.m. Cloudcroft visits Capitan Oct. 18 to furnish the opposition for the Tiger homecoming.

The Class "A" ratings this week find Tatum in first place, followed by Texico, Carrizozo, Loving and Hagerman.

In other action, the Capitan 7th and 8th graders defeated the Carrizozo 7th and 8th graders 41-6. The final game of the season for these young Tigers is scheduled for Oct. 17 at home. Game time is 4:30 p.m.

Note—circus tickets will be sold at the Capitan, Mountaineer game.—BARTLEY McDONOUGH

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Local writer tells tale of conference

By ANN W. HEYMANN

Attending a writers' conference reminded me of my first week of university life: bombarded with a schedule of classes from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. with only 15 minute respites; milling through a sea of unknown but intriguing faces; standing in long registration lines; adapting to a school of new professors, and endlessly taking notes.

At this stage of my life, this felt like overload, and I was glad to come home to isolate and sift through all the information I'd gathered.

Friday afternoon registration and book signing by authors preceded an awards ceremony for winners in the 13 writing categories of the contest. Editors and publishers read and evaluated 400 entries from which they selected the two or three best in each category. Winning authors in past years stated that their awards were "very helpful" in getting their books or articles published. The lesson here is that spending money on contest entry fees often pays off better than spending it on postage to receive rejection slips. Entering a contest also gives the writer an idea of what kind of competition he or she is up against.

One excellent idea carried out by the Southwest Writers Workshop group was the double scheduling of the speakers. This enabled me to choose between speakers scheduled in the same time slot. If I didn't hear one on Saturday, I could hear her on Sunday. Often, making those choices can be agonizing because I want to hear all those speaking at the same time in different rooms.

Twenty-five writers, editors and agents formed the speaker group with Mary Higgins Clark and Ann Rule heading the list as keynoters and Michael Sagalyn, senior editor at St. Martin's Press, featured at Sunday's luncheon.

At meals, all of which were included in the price of

the conference, one or two speakers were seated at tables filled out by conference attendees. This afforded opportunities for us to partake with them in casual conversation, an opportunity extended by "Meet the Speakers" sessions that occurred on the patio seven times during the course of the conference. The speakers varied in these outdoor gatherings so that one could choose to sit with different ones at different times. Some of them were even willing to look at manuscripts during these casual meetings.

It is still amazing to me to hear that editors actually receive many manuscripts that are either handwritten or single spaced, and they complain bitterly about writers who fail to learn the very basic skill of preparing copy for submission. This basic skill can be learned simply by reading a writers magazine, almost every issue of which does contain an article on manuscript preparation.

When poorly prepared manuscripts are received, editors say openly that these are returned without being read. Why should an "overworked, underpaid" editor waste time trying to decipher handwritten or single spaced copy when there are more properly prepared manuscripts to plow through in a day or a night at home after a full day's work? As one editor phrased it, "We are looking for reasons to reject a manuscript because there are so many submitted."

Story Magazine, which publishes 50 stories a year, receives as many as 14,000 manuscripts in a single year. Jack Heffron, an associate editor of Story Magazine said that he is looking for "stories that are different." He received far too many on the theme of kids and family conflict. And, "most of the rejected writing is not that good."

Authors who spoke on the subject of technique suggested that before writing one should ask the question, "Why should anyone care?" about the story you want to tell. Is it so new, seen from such an unusual angle that anyone could gain pleasure from reading it? We are, after all, in the business of attempting to entertain the reader in some way.

Another suggested that the story be complete in the writer's mind before he begins to write. Another reminded us that 90 percent of what we write must be thrown out because it's unnecessary to the story. The days when flashbacks were used to fill out character are past. What we must do now is move the story along as quickly as possible if we are to retain readers. We know that because writers are readers—avid readers who read in those areas in which they write and consequently have a knowledge of what is currently popular in their field of endeavor.

This knowledge is one of the things agents and editors look for in a new client. They expect the writer to be an avid reader and a willing promoter of his or her own work, as well as skilled in his own craft, all of which requires certain character development.

Both Clark and Rule talked about the need for a writer to have faith in herself

and her ability. Being a self-starter is an absolute necessity as is being willing to rewrite according to instructions or suggestions from an editor. Many years of accepting one rejection after another and still persevering are par for the course to becoming a published writer.

The authors who spoke and those I was able to speak to personally talked about the discouraging number of rejection slips they received before they actually published a story. Mary Higgins Clark said, "You have to have the hide of a rhinoceros." She suggested that writers have a number of manuscripts in the mail at all times. When one is returned, it should be mailed out to another publisher immediately, no matter how many times it's been rejected by editors.

Many writers or would-be-writers have the mistaken idea that all an editor does is sit in the office and read manuscripts. If that were true, which it isn't, an editor would still have more to do than could be managed in the time allotted. Editors also deal with writers whose work is currently in production and those whose work the editor is trying to promote within the publishing house. They must also deal with agents and keep abreast of current trends. They admit that if a manuscript does not grab them on the first page or two, it is rejected without further reading.

In a publishing house, each book is just "one more product." An editor won't waste time on products that have no possibility of selling, and, "the marketing group in the house may have far more to say about accepting a book for publication than the editors do." If the marketing group doesn't think it will sell, it's not published.

Agents are in somewhat the same position as editors. They, too, are looking for new writers but only those they believe have the potential to produce selling books. The agent is also looking for reasons to say "No." Their job depends upon finding products that will sell and writers who are willing to rewrite to make their products salable. One agent said, "We are essentially bill collectors," making sure that the writers gets paid for all the publications rights sold.

The entire gist of the conference was that writing is not just a craft to be practiced as diligently as one would practice learning to play the piano but is also a business in which the writer must work hard to succeed. It is not easily done, but the process is fascinating and the reward sublime.

Periodically, it's worthwhile to hear this repeated discouraging encouragement just to aggravate the determination to win some small recognition.

Mary Higgins Clark, who has a stack of best sellers to her credit, said that "living well is the best revenge" for all those rejection slips she has received throughout her career. Having the skin of a rhinoceros paid off for her. She appears to be living very well indeed, and the nice thing about her success is that it hasn't gone to her head.



STILTS WALKER part of circus contingent due in Capitan on Oct. 14.

Circus is coming, circus is coming to Capitan Oct. 14

The circus is coming! Culpepper and Merriweather Great Combined Circus rolls into Capitan for two performances on Monday, Oct. 14, sponsored by Capitan Chamber of Commerce.

With school out for Columbus Day, kids and adults are invited to come down to the Lincoln County Fair grounds at 8:30 a.m. Monday to watch the circus crew set up its big top. Shows are set for 4 and 6 p.m. that same day.

The circus came to be known throughout the industry as "America's most highly acclaimed," after it was featured in a documentary aired nationwide by the National Geographic Explorer televi-

sion series. The show also has been featured by the Chicago Tribune and numerous newspapers throughout the southwest and midwest.

The totally traditional circus features aerial artists, clowns, liberty ponies, performing dogs, jugglers, a fire eater and more. The super star is Barbara, the seven year old African elephant rescued after poachers killed her mother for her tusks.

Discount priced advance sale tickets are available from the Capitan Chamber of Commerce or at the Capitan branch of Ruidoso State Bank. Advance prices are \$9 for children 3-12 years old, \$4 adults. On show day, prices will be \$4 for children and \$5.75 for adults.

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Canyon CowBelles hold monthly meeting

The Canyon CowBelles met at the Anchor ranch home of Carol Wilson, at noon on Oct. 2, for a covered dish luncheon.

Co-hostesses were Bunty Richardson and Ruth Wilson. Cindy King brought a guest for the day, Karen Barrett and son Josh, formerly of Corpus Christi, Texas, now en route to Japan. Mrs. Barrett's husband is a naval pilot and longtime friend of Cindy's husband.

Annie Withers reported on the N.M. State Fair CowBelle booth. She, Jane Shafer and Anne Ferguson worked in the booth on opening day. They gave out much literature and recipes on beef.

President Lisa Shivers' nominating committee will consist of Margaret Stearns,

Bunty Richardson, Annie Withers and Joyce May. Election and initiation of new officers will be at the November meeting.

The Christmas Party chairman will be Jane Shafer, assisted by Carol Wilson. They will plan the party and committees will be set up at the November meeting.

"The Beef Check-Off—The American Success Story" was the short movie that was seen by the members. It was very informative, showing how the check-off dollars have helped to increase the price of beef, by advertising and getting the beef information before the public in America and foreign countries. The beef check-off dollar has been a real benefit to the cattle industry.

Rene Burton was the only October birthday member present. The door prize was won by Beverly Laslie.

The November meeting will be in the home of Bunty Richardson.

The truck from the Boy's and Girl's Ratch will be in Carrizozo on Oct. 17 to pick up donations for the ranches. Any usable item, clothing, furniture, ranch supplies, appliances, and household supplies would be appreciated. If the item is not needed on one of the ranches, they will be sold in one of the three thrift shops that are run by the ranches, in Belen, Las Cruces and Albuquerque. Donations can be taken to Hooten's Ranchers Supply Store before Oct. 17.

Sheriff's Report

Domestic disputes, screaming tires and wayfaring animals kept law enforcement officers on the run last week.

The following information was taken from dispatch records at the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in Carrizozo:

SEPT. 30
10 a.m. Ann Moyers reported two climbers, James Crant and Mike Lewis, were on Sunset Peak on the east side of the Capitan Mountains and had left distress signals for her, and they may be in trouble. The sheriff's office (SO) advised the New Mexico State Police, which in turn would have contacted SO if and when a search and rescue was to be called. No search was called.
9:20 p.m., a Carrizozo resident reported a suspicious vehicle behind Ned's Plumbing. After police responded he found the car belonged to the son of a nearby store owner.

A Carrizozo woman reported stolen license plates. The numbers were entered into NCIG at the SO.

OCT. 1
9:05 p.m., The TNMO bus driver called from Four Winds and requested an officer to assist with a non-English speaking person having trouble on the bus. Carrizozo police and a deputy responded and resolved the problem.

OCT. 2
12:35 p.m., a resident east of Ruidoso Downs on Highway 70 reported the theft of "ornamental" antlers which were on an arch over the entrance gate to his residence. The man said he knew where the antlers were sold. A deputy responded.

5:33 p.m., a deputy responded to a report that a door was open on the Brook Brothers Construction Co. building east of Carrizozo. The deputy, however, could not investigate because he could not get over the high fence and the gate was locked.

5:47 p.m. a Carrizozo man wanted another man locked up because he was drunk and obnoxious. Police responded and arrested a man.

10:32 p.m. Capitan police received a report from a motorist of horses on Highway 48 near Turkey Creek Estates entrance, but the horses were gone when he arrived at the scene.

OCT. 3
6:38 p.m. cattle were on the railroad right of way 5 miles south of Carrizozo. The livestock inspector was called and determined Jack Harkey was the owner. He was called.

7:34 p.m., J.R.'s food mart at Gavilan Canyon Road and Highway 48 reported an accident on Gavilan Road. Sheriff James McSwane advised it was an accident with injury involving Dick Valenzuela.

8:52 p.m., police responded to an accident at the intersection of Highways 48 and 37 where a 70-year-old woman first refused treatment by emergency medical personnel, but changed her mind and was taken to Lincoln County Medical Center.

10:05 p.m., Mrs. M. Bybes rolled her vehicle after hitting a deer on Hailey's Hill on Highway 380 east of Capitan. There were no injuries, and a report was taken by Capitan police.

11:22 p.m., Ruidoso Police reported orange cones on Highway 70 by the Super Select Sales barn in Glencoe. The responding deputy reported all were off the highway but two, and he put those to the side of the road and all was 10-4.

OCT. 4
9:26 a.m., an alarm sounded at Tinnie store, by 10:02 a.m. the alarm company advised it was false.

2:44 p.m., an Alto resident reported a breaking and entering. The television was taken.

6:36 p.m., Jellystone Trailer Park reported a breaking and entering; a door was open on empty trailer and he needed a report.

OCT. 5
3:47 p.m., a Carrizozo woman advised her nanny goat was missing for 24 hours, and she also had a possibly poisoned cat. The animal control officer responded.

5:09 p.m., a Capitan woman reported her son and another male were arguing and requested an officer. When Capitan Police arrived he advised the parties to see Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr. However he did not make a report because he did not see anything.

6:07 p.m., a driver for Arnold Brothers trucking advised of an accident on Highway 54 south of Corona. About 30 minutes later the responded New Mexico State Policeman advised it was only a man changing a tire. Corona ambulance, which was on its way, was sent back.

10:10 p.m., a Capitan woman reported a loud party near her apartment complex. Capitan police responded.

OCT. 6
1:10 a.m., a woman in an RV park in the Alto area advised there were vehicles going into the park, stopping to speak with each other at three at a time, then spinning their tires and making loud noises. At 1:18 a.m. the deputy assigned advised the dispatcher he will go if the complainant called again. She didn't.

11:24 a.m., a Capitan woman reported she was being harassed by a male subject and needed an officer. Capitan police arrived and arrested a suspect.

The following persons

were booked into the Lincoln County Jail recently:

Sept. 28
Charles F. Arnold, 42, Ruidoso; DWI, \$345 bond; driving left of center, violating conditions of release from Judge Richard Parsons.

Sept. 28
Henry Padilla, 39, Ruidoso Downs; DWI, 2nd, driving on revocation, \$136 bond; bonded out Sept. 28.

Oct. 2
Tito Candelaria, 66, Carrizozo; detox, probation violation; sentenced to 10 days in jail by municipal Judge S.M. Ortiz.

Oct. 3
Steven G. Webb, 22, Ruidoso; held on Texas warrant.

Oct. 4
Joel E. Darby, 29, Capitan; contempt of court, released one hour later on order by District Judge Parsons.

Oct. 6
Reyes C. Padilla, 63, Capitan; domestic violence, \$500 bond.

Oct. 7
Wesley C. Chavez, 19, Tularosa; court commitment. Jennifer A. Hiera, 21, Carrizozo; arrested at Carrizozo Town Hall on 10 day commitment order by Judge Ortiz.

Oct. 8
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Term limitations for lawmakers eyed

By JAY MILLER

SANTA FE—New Mexico is gaining notoriety in the Eastern press for being the only state in the West with no serious movement toward term limitations for legislators and congressmen.

California, Colorado and Oklahoma passed term limitations in the 1990 elections. Apparently every state in the West except New Mexico is likely to have a term limitation proposal on its ballot by November 1992.

In most states, term limitation measures are getting on ballots through the referendum procedure in which petition signatures are collected. The state legislature is completely bypassed.

In the second half of the 19th century, as western states were being admitted to the Union, the initiative and referendum idea was very popular. But by 1910, when New Mexico's constitution was written, Congress had become disenchanted by the process. Wild Westerners were crazy enough to pass most anything.

Congress was especially worried about New Mexico citizens having that right. The Lincoln County War was fresh in its mind. Colonel Albert Jennings Fountain, leader of the previous constitutional convention, had been shot along with his young son. And most of the territory spoke a different language.

New Mexico's constitutional convention was told by

Washington leaders that if initiative and referendum appeared in our proposed constitution, there was no way it would be approved by Congress and the president.

Rookie state Rep. Mark Caruso of Albuquerque introduced a term limitation resolution in the 1991 Legislature, but it didn't go anywhere. The only way New Mexicans are likely to see term limitation is if it becomes a national question for ratification by the states.

New Mexico could be helped if most Western states limit terms of congressmen and we don't. It will mean our delegation will be accumulating seniority and important committee positions while our neighbors keep changing their committee positions while our neighbors keep changing their players. We already do well in terms of attracting federal money to the state. We might do even better.

During the next month, much attention will be focused on the state of Washington, where a term limitation measure will be on a special state ballot in November. It differs from the ones passed by our neighbors last year in that it only gives incumbents with over 12 years in Congress one more term. It would mean that House Speaker Tom Foley, who otherwise appears able to hold the position for many years, would be a private citizen in 1995.

The Washington term limitation proposal is attracting attention not only

because it involves Mr. Speaker but because of its quick effective date. Most states are allowing six years or so before incumbents are affected.

Most of the term limitation propositions kick in after 8 to 12 years of service. If New Mexico had a measure such as Washington's take effect in 1995, affecting everyone with 12 years or more in Congress, four of our five-member delegation would be wiped out. And Rep. Steve Schiff would already be on the second half of his 12-year limitation.

Term limits are making some strange political bedfellows in the West and in the 20-some eastern states where they are being considered. Originally the brainchild of the Republican right, the popular idea has spread across the entire political spectrum.

On the other side of the issue are a number of good government groups afraid that a continual crop of rookies will give special interests the upper hand in Congress and state legislatures. But many powerful lobbying organizations are also lining up against term limits because it will wipe their old, trusted friends out of their positions of power.

Government watchdogs also worry that having a continual group of lawmakers at the end of their political careers will mean a less responsive Congress and legislature. There's no telling what some of those on their way out the door might decide to do.

Letterman, Herrera vows exchanged

Cheri Lynn Letterman and Joe Don Herrera were married June 1 at 6:30 p.m., at the First Baptist Church in Marshfield, Mo. with Rev. David Holt officiating.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Letterman of Marshfield, Mo. Parents of the groom are Mrs. Peggy Don Yates, of Arlington, Texas, and Mr. Robert Joe Herrera, of Carrizozo, N.M. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Herrera of Carrizozo.

The bride, escorted by

her father, was attired in a floor length gown of white taffeta. The fitted bodice was lavishly adorned with pearls and iridescent sequins on Swiss embroidery lace, and styled with a sweetheart neckline. The off-the-shoulder taffeta ruffled sleeves were accented with soft pink organza rosebuds. The softly gathered skirt was fashioned with tiers of layered taffeta and cascaded to a chapel length train accented by a bustle of bows and pink organza rosettes. The deep-

vee back flowed to a bow at the waist. She carried a bouquet of pink and white roses. Maid of honor was Cinnamon Smith. Bridesmaids were Stacy Cardwell and Dianna Hornbeck. They were attired in tea length gowns of pink taffeta.

Best man was John McCall. Groomsmen were Dale Cardwell and Colby Rozell. Ushers were Lance Letterman and Heath Letterman. Flowergirl was Heather Barnett and ring bearer was Ben Hyde.

Music was provided by Kim Cliff, who accompanied Cally Yates as she sang "The Wedding Song," "Theme from Ice Castles," and "Only God Could Love You More." Tracy Rotha attended the guest book.

After the wedding, a reception was held at the church in Reed Hall. Laura Braunwell, Cara Yates, and Angie Price assisted at the serving table.

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Earth Science class makes trip to Valley

Observing students gleefully checking out the twists and turns of ancient lava beds or listening to squeals of excitement as they discovered a beautiful rock sample is very rewarding!

All of this came about as a result of the Hondo 8th grade Earth Science class and a special field trip for them sponsored by their teacher, Cheryl Bowman.

The class visited the Valley of Fires to study igneous rocks and to observe first hand the changes occurring as the lava cooled. Unusual forms such as lava bubbles, swirls, fissures, etc. were noted.

They continued on to Bingham Ranch to collect mineral samples. Students found galena/bauxite, fluorite, calcite, quartz, azurite and malachite. The trip was in conjunction with a Unit of

Minerals and Rocks. According to Bowman, her field trip complimented a previous one sponsored last year when the same group went with New Mexico History teacher, Lynda Sanchez, to learn about the Indian Cultures of New Mexico. They chose Gran Quivira and Valley of Fires. This means of cooperative and innovative planning helps youngsters inter-relate many phases of their schooling. It was a terrific experience and each one now has a much greater appreciation about this fascinating earth upon which we live.

Students who participated were: Andrea Lucero, Andrew Sena, Kara Castanon, Elena Cruz, Florencio Salcido, Robert Herrera, Alejandro Lambert, Amber Herrera, Iris Chavez, Carol Sanchez and Lisa Gutierrez.

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LEGALS

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF SPOKANE CASE NO. 81302327-0

In re the Marriage of)
 Petitioner: RHONDA M. McFERON-SHAW)
 and)
 Respondent:)
 JOHNNIE HUGH SHAW)
 TO)
 JOHNNIE HUGH SHAW, Respondent:)

I am the above named petitioner. I have filed with the clerk of the above entitled court a Petition requesting that your marriage to me be dissolved. Additional requests, if any, are stated in the Petition. You may respond to this Summons and Petition by serving a written Response (answer) on me, and filing your Response with the above entitled court. If you do not serve your written Response within 60 days after the date of the first publication of this summons, the court may enter an Order of Default against you, and at the end of 90 days after the first publication of this Summons the court may, without further notice to you, enter a Decree dissolving your marriage to me and approving or providing for other relief as requested in the Petition. The date of first publication of this Summons was on: Sept. 5, 1991. I am acting in Person without counsel. Dated this 26th day of August, 1991.

RHONDA McFERON-SHAW
 Signature of Petitioner
 E. 1324 Dalke Avenue,
 Spokane, WA. 99207
 Summons by Publication upon Dissolution of Marriage (divorce).

Published in the Lincoln County News on September 5, 12, 19 and 26; October 3 and 10, 1991.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 1991 at 1:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room to discuss the 1991-92 Budget.

CAROL SCHLARB, CMC,
 Town Clerk,
 Town of Carrizozo.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold a Public Sale on Lot 12 Blk. 3 of O.P. Addition, Carrizozo, N.M. at its next regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 22, 1991 to commence at 8:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, N.M. The public is invited.

CAROL SCHLARB, CMC,
 Town Clerk,
 Town of Carrizozo.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will consider to amend Chapter 6 Section 6-1-4 Titled: PENALTY of the "Criminal Code Ordinance on General Offenses" for the municipality of Carrizozo and to amend Article XII Penalties and Procedures on Arrest Section 12-12-1.1 Titled "Maximum Penalty of the 1991 Uniform Traffic Ordinance" for the Town of Carrizozo, at its next regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 22, 1991 to commence at 8:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, N.M. 88301.

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TOWN OF CARRIZOZO CARRIZOZO, NEW MEXICO

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation reports have shown that pornography is the third highest source of income for organized crime and the medium through which they launder the profits of their illegal drug operations; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has ruled "that obscenity is not within the area of constitutionally protected speech or press," and in a 1973 decision said: "The sum of experience, including that of the past two decades, affords an ample basis for legislators to conclude that a sensitive key relationship of human experience, central to family life, community welfare, and the development of human personality, can be abused and distorted by crass commercial exploitation of sex"; and

WHEREAS, children especially have been victimized by the effects of pornography, as increasing numbers of them suffer the pain and humiliation of incest, molestation, rape, child pornography, child abuse, and murder; and

WHEREAS, never before in the history of civilization has pornography been so readily available to all segments of society, entering every home in some form - either through books, magazines, radio, telephone, television (commercial, cable, or satellite), audio cassettes, video cassettes, records, or computers; and

WHEREAS, our Federal Government has established a National Obscenity Enforcement Unit to combat this plague across the nation and needs the support of citizens since all laws are based on community standards;

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on September 18, 1991, Richard H. and Elissa M. Phillips, on behalf of the Village of Capitán, P.O. Box 111, Lincoln, New Mexico 88338, filed Application No. 01917 & H-209-A into H-685 et al (T) with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to temporarily change point of diversion and place and purpose of use of 29.90 acre-foot per annum of surface waters diverted from the Rio Bonito River, via the E. Fritz Ditch, for the irrigation of 9.2 acres of land located in the N4 S4 of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., and commencing the use of said 29.90 acre-foot per annum of ground water to be diverted from existing wells described as follows:

WELL NO.	SUBDIVISION	SEC.	TWSP	RGE
H-685	SE 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4	8	9 S.	14 E.
H-865-S	Blk. 24 of "Original Capitán Townsite"	10	9 S.	14 E.
H-685-S-2	NE 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4	18	9 S.	15 E.
H-685-S-3	SE 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4	12	9 S.	14 E.

for municipal use within the Village of Capitán.

Request is made to divert 29.90 acre feet per annum under this application. The request is based on 50% efficiency of irrigation use and a historic 50% return flow for municipal purposes. Municipal consumptive use will be equivalent to irrigation consumptive irrigation requirement.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the state of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The protest or objections shall be in writing and shall set forth all protestant's or objector's reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Eluid Martinez, State Engineer, 1600 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 88301, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice.

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WHEREAS, our Federal Government has established a National Obscenity Enforcement Unit to combat this plague across the nation and needs the support of citizens since all laws are based on community standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Cecilia G. Kuhnle, Mayor of the Town of Carrizozo, New Mexico, do hereby proclaim the week of October 27, 1991, through November 3, 1991, as **PORNOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK** in the Town of Carrizozo, New Mexico, requesting citizens participation in establishing detent community standards through praise and protest. This 8th day of October, 1991.

CECILIA G. KUHNLE

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NOTICE OF THE NAME OF A PERSON APPEARING TO BE THE OWNER OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Ruby Alice Nancy, P.O. Box 104, Alto, N.M. 88312. Information concerning the abandoned properties listed above may be obtained from Mobil Oil Corporation at the following address and telephone number:

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold their regular meeting at 8:30 p.m. at the Lincoln County Sub-Office, 105 Kansas City Road, Ruidoso, New Mexico on October 15, 1991.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of minutes 8-12-91
4. Request for variance in setback requirements on rear lot line in Lot 10, Block 12, Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club SD., Unit 3, John Cornelius 5. Old Business
5. Adjourn

To be posted at the Lincoln County Manager's Office, Lincoln County Clerk's Office and Ruidoso City Hall.

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You'll clean up this week in the Classifieds!

Natural gas usage push continues

By JAY MILLER

SANTA FE—The push for use of compressed natural gas in local government vehicles continues.

Santa Fe, which passed a tax hike last month to finance a new city bus system, has been encouraged by Gov. Bruce King to make it a compressed natural gas fleet. The state has a \$350,000 fund to help local governments convert to compressed natural gas. King offered Santa Fe a chunk of that money to make the switch.

We reported a few weeks ago that the Los Lunas School District had received some of the state's money to convert 30 of its buses to natural gas. Following that column, I received a letter from Ralph Fresquez, the Roswell city manager, expressing disappointment that I made no mention of the grants to the City of Roswell for converting 80 city trucks and four senior citizen public transportation vans to natural gas.

Sorry Roswell. For some reason, Gov. King's Office issued a very newsy press release outlining the Los Lunas project but neglected the Roswell grants. In case King's press secretary John McKean doesn't get out anything on the Roswell project, Fresquez has sent along some info for publication.

Last year the state awarded Roswell \$500,000 to purchase two 35-foot buses powered by compressed natural gas. These buses, along with two 35-foot diesel buses and five minibuses powered by natural gas will be used to implement Roswell's transit system in mid-1992.

As a result of these developments, the Gas Company of New Mexico has agreed to provide Roswell with a slow-fill fueling station at night for the buses and minibuses, and a fast-fill station during the day for the 80 city trucks and four senior citizen vans. According to the Gas Company, the value of this fueling station is approximately \$200,000.

It looks like Roswell, the most progressive city in the state in the area of economic development, is out in the forefront when it comes to alternative fuels also.

Santa Fe would be wise to follow Roswell's lead. As Gov. King points out in a letter to Santa Fe Mayor Sam Pick, "Natural gas has a unique capability to reduce vehicle exhaust emissions and is a cleaner fuel which can help preserve the beautiful Santa Fe environment."

King says natural gas reduces carbon monoxide emissions by as much as 82 percent compared to gasoline. He also says an amount

of natural gas equal to a gallon of gasoline costs about 60 cents—half the current price of a gallon of self-service unleaded gasoline.

It all sounds very nice and very convincing. But there is never any predicting what Santa Fe will do. The City Different's weird combination of forces could turn the best deal in the world into a massive controversy. There's too many people in this beautiful city without enough to do other than pick fights.

So don't despair, you other communities that are lagging just a little in your development efforts. Santa Fe is likely to mess around long enough to lose it all.

Meanwhile, the rest of the world is discovering the advantage of compressed natural gas also. The Wall Street Journal reports that Europe is increasingly turning to natural gas as the fuel of choice.

Smart governments are realizing natural gas conversion will help reduce their dependence on imported oil, while

cleaning up their environment.

New Mexico has an additional advantage for converting as many vehicles as possible to natural gas. Our state ranks second in reserves of natural gas and fourth

in production of natural gas in the United States. In addition, that industry needs a big economic shot in the arm.

New Mexico would be wise to do everything it can for our natural gas industry.

Trinity blast probe set

Carrizozo resident Veronica Gallegos wonders what effect the radiation from the Trinity Blast has had on area residents.

Many in her family have been afflicted with cancers and tumors and died as a result of those afflictions. Some of those family members were living in the Tularosa Basin when the first atomic bomb was blasted in 1945, some were born in the area after the blast. All have been here their entire lives.

Gallegos wants to compile information about people who have developed cancers and tumors—and who have

lived in the Tularosa Basin and surrounding area when the bomb was blasted or afterwards. With the information she hopes to get officials to realize the need for a study similar to the one conducted in the city of Los Alamos where residents with high cancer and tumor rates claim they were contaminated with radioactive materials.

Anyone with information about persons who lived in the Tularosa Basin or surrounding area and had, or has, a tumor or cancer can contact Gallegos by writing her at P.O. Box 486, Carrizozo, N.M. 88301 or by calling 648-2837 after 7 p.m.

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FOR SALE—lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 of Block 9 of Mountain View Addition of Carrizozo, N.M. (505) 843-9404 in Albuquerque. Martha Sanchez.
 3tp-Sept. 19, 26; Oct. 3

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 1tp-Oct. 10

FOR SALE: BIG house; 6 bedrooms, 1½ bath, 2 large family rooms on 5 city lots. \$10,000. Carrizozo, 648-2918.
 3tp-Oct. 10, 17, & 24

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 1tp-Oct. 10

ONE THING FOR sure is that winter is on the way. If you work in the Carrizozo area and live elsewhere, you might want to consider buying or renting a home closer to your job site. The Rominger Company, has one outstanding 3 BR 2 BA home for lease and several for sale, all in very good locations. Come by or call Chuck, 648-2900.

FOR SALE: Lot 5, Block 5, Sun Valley, Alto, N.M. 150 ft. frontage, \$9,000.00 negotiable. Lee at 648-2871 after 5 p.m.
 2tp-Oct. 3 & 10

"REMEMBER THERE WILL always be more people, but there will never be any more land." This is very true so why don't you come by and see Chuck at The Rominger Company for information on land for sale in Carrizozo and vicinity. Some with low down and owner financing.
 648-2900.
 1tc-Oct. 10.

Agriculture hearing scheduled

WASHINGTON—New Mexico Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., has announced that the Commission on Agricultural Workers will conduct a hearing on agricultural labor in Las Cruces, N.M., on Oct. 23-24.

"This hearing will give the commission an opportunity to receive first-hand testimony on local conditions in areas most affected by the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act," Domenici said.

"I am pleased that New Mexico farming, ranching and labor interests will have an opportunity to tell the commission just how the immigration reform law has affected the availability of farm labor," he said. "I believe the commission's work is essential so that the farm labor problems of the past do not continue into the future."

Specific details of the commission hearing have yet to be worked out, but are expected to be announced soon, Domenici said.

Capitan News

by Margaret Rench

The Capitan Chamber of Commerce held its scheduled meeting Monday Oct. 7, at Smokey Bear Coffee Shop.

The Culpepper Merryweather Circus will be here in Capitan Monday, Oct. 14 at the Fair Grounds. Performances are at 4 and 6 p.m. Buy your tickets in advance. Anyone that would like to watch Barbara the elephant put up the tent is welcome. Be there about 8:30 Monday morning.

Lincoln County Fair Board will be holding their regular monthly meeting on Oct. 15. They will elect officers.

The Hondo 4-H Boosters will hold a dance Oct. 19 at the fair building from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Featuring Clay Mac and Brenda Brewer. Come support our 4-Hers.

The varsity volleyball team traveled to Loving this weekend and won their game.

There will be no school Monday, Oct. 14, Columbus Day.

Happy birthday to Terry Strickland, Oct. 11, and happy anniversary to Cuti and Rhonda Reeves, Oct. 11, their 5th.

The Curtis Payne family enjoyed a visit from Lee and Jeannie Payne of Buckhorn, N.M. this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hobbs and Tee Hobbs attended the graveside services in Roswell Thursday for Mrs. Elva B. Dude Morris. She was 90.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rice entertained company from

Maryland all last week. They fell in love with New Mexico as does everyone who visits our beautiful state!

The Capitan Round Table met last Friday for a noon luncheon in the home of Maureen Sullivan. Eleanor Service will be leaving soon to spend the winter months with her son Colby Service. The meeting was a goodyby "for awhile" to her and also a greeting to her lovely niece, Geraldine Olsen who is visiting her from Pennsylvania. Also honored was Amolene McIntosh of Roswell who was celebrating a birthday. Mary Dean baked the beautiful angelfood birthday cake and the members and guests sang "Happy Birthday" to Amolene while her daughter Marcia Tidwell snapped pictures for posterity! The members present were: Frances Shaw, Bessie Jones, Alice Traylor, Mary Dean, Leota Pfinston, Gladys Pew, Amolene McIntosh, Eleanor Service and the hostess. Guests to the luncheon were Nina Ross, Maxine Wright, Betty Posley, Jane Livings-

ton, Gloria Cummins, Pauline Whittaker, Eleanor Bailey, Dorothy Smith, Geraldine Olsen, Marcia Tidwell and Pat Bailey.

KINDNESS
 By JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER
 A little word in kindness spoken, a motion, or a tear, has often healed the heart that's broken and made friend sincere. A word, a look, has crushed to earth full many a budding flower, which, had a smile but owned its birth would bless life's darkest hour. Then deem it not an idle thing, a pleasant word to speak; the face you wear, the thought you bring, a heart may heal or break.

A REMINDER
 Do not forget the Big Pancake Breakfast to be held on November 3rd at the Sacred Heart Church Hall. Tickets are \$3.00 for children as well as adults and you can start eating pancakes at 8:00 a.m. and keep on eating until 2 p.m.

Have a good week.

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