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## Reprisals feared by tribe dissenters

### 'Save the Sacramentos' nixes nuclear waste

By AL STUBBS  
RUIDOSO BUREAU

Ninety-five percent of Mescalero Apache Tribe members oppose the plan to store high-level atomic waste on the reservation or on land controlled by the tribe, tribal member Donnalyne Torres said Tuesday night.

But fear dominates the reservation and members fear reprisals if they openly voice opposition, Torres told a public meeting of the "Save the Sacramentos Committee," called by Dave Dale, committee organizer. Dale told the 30 to 35 people present at the meeting that he and others are working night and day to prevent the nuclear dump site from being estab-

lished anywhere in the area.

Torres said she lost her job from opposing a previous plan by MolyCorp to conduct a mining operation on the reservation. She said tribal members are fearful of losing their jobs if they speak out against establishing the MRS (Monitored Retrievable Storage) site on reservation property. Three possible sites have been proposed by Pacific Nuclear which would monitor the sites.

Torres painted a black picture of politics on the reservation. She said there are "money-hungry" tribal members who want the project.

"It appears the tribal government is out of step with the

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MESCALERO APACHE DONNALYN TORRES speaking at "Save the Sacramentos" meeting Tuesday night. At left, Ruidoso merchant Marian Treat and, right center, Dave Dale.

### Restoration under way for chapel at San Patricio

By AL STUBBS  
RUIDOSO BUREAU

Father Time has dealt harshly with the century-old Chapel of San Patricio in the Hondo Valley. But a half dozen families in the area have formed the Committee for the Restoration of the Old San Patricio Church. It is the church with the green ball tower located just east of the Saint Jude Center at San Patricio. St. Jude replaced the San Patricio Chapel as a place of worship in 1965.

Unfortunately the original Ruidoso church of St. Patrick was demolished around the time of the Civil War, 30 years before construction was started on the San Patricio chapel.

Members of the restoration committee are committed to a labor of love since those families have relatives buried in the cemetery surrounding the little chapel which needs a lot of tender, loving care. It is getting that care currently, primarily through the efforts of Joe Gutierrez, president of the restoration committee and Rufino Herrera and others. Gutierrez and Herrera were found working at the site on a recent cold winter day. There is no heat in the old structure, but the windows have been rebuilt and reinstalled to keep the cold winds at bay.

Work was not started on the present chapel until 1884 after Indian raids had virtually ceased in the area and four years after Billy the Kid met his demise and when the bitter Lincoln County War had barely started to fade from memories.

As one of the oldest churches in the region, Gutierrez says, "We want to fix it up for tourists." He personally has constructed a beautiful altar which is in place in the church. The altar is in contrast to the peeling walls and unfinished flooring. Outside, plaster "blisters" will have to be removed to make the structure safe for future worship and visitation.

Members of the restoration committee are Gutierrez, who has uncles buried in the ancient cemetery; Rufino Herrera,



THE OLD SAN PATRICIO CHURCH is in for restoration. Some of those doing the work are Joe Gutierrez and John Hamilton, on the ground, and Rufino Herrera, on the ladder.



JOE GUTIERREZ, right, president of the Committee for the Restoration of the Old San Patricio Church, and member, Rufino Herrera, appear in the church with the altar Gutierrez built. Herrera's father, Vicente, was the bell ringer years ago when the church was in use.

Ralph Rodela, Manuel Corona, Sophie Erickson, treasurer; and John Hamilton, secretary.

The graveyard which surrounds the church contains a number of plots belonging to descendants of Sheriff William Brady of Lincoln County War fame.

The Lincoln County War involved all four of the Irishmen who had built the church: Mur-

phy, Dolan, Riley and Brady, as well as several others whose names have become fused with legends of the Old and the Wild West, according to the Lincoln County Historical Society.

The earliest date on a headstone in the cemetery is November 7, 1843, when Florencio Gonzales was born. She died December 18, 1897. The oldest

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## Carrizozo Trustees see 'flush' delayed

By DORIS CHERRY

The project dubbed "The Big Flush" was delayed again by Carrizozo Trustees Tuesday.

Trustees met at the request of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officials who hoped to answer questions, then sign an agreement to get on with the remedial phase of the Cimarron Mill Superfund project. But at the last minute Monday, those officials called Mayor Cecilia Kuhn and said they would not be there.

The EPA officials were reluctance to attend the meeting because they disapproved of certain provisions in Carrizozo's draft agreement drawn by town attorney Robert Beauvais. The agreement, which has been sent to the federal agency's regional office in Dallas, incorporates what the town and the New Mexico Environment

Dept. (NMED) want from EPA on the project, including an indemnification clause and insurance option.

Absolutely no way will EPA agree to an indemnification, Beauvais said, because it will be a precommitment of funds, for which EPA has no authority.

Beauvais told of a somewhat unpleasant telephone conversation with EPA legal counsel Rachel Bloomfield who emphatically denied the town's request for indemnification or insurance. She suggested to Beauvais the town accept EPA's plan, then if the sewer system is damaged or if someone sues the town, then the town can chase the EPA.

The town is in no financial position to defend itself in such legal action, or even pay for any damages which might occur to the system, Beauvais added.

But if the town holds off too

long in signing an agreement with EPA it may be faced with stiff penalties.

Beauvais indicated EPA is threatening to use its "big gun" to issue an administrative order to evoke powers under the Superfund Act which could impose penalties on the town of up to \$25,000 a day.

"We should not let it get that far," Beauvais said.

The indemnification and insurance option were added because of fears from trustees, the mayor and concerned citizens that EPA's remedial plan will create problems for the town's sewer system or contaminate soils or groundwater below the unlined sewer lagoons.

EPA plans to flush millions of gallons of water from cyanide-contaminated shallow wells at the Cimarron Mill site

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## Candidates line up across county for municipal vote

Voters will have a good choice of candidates in most of the county's municipal elections on March 3.

Ruidoso Downs had the most positions open and the most candidates—a dozen filed by the deadline Tuesday for municipal judge, board of trustees and mayor.

All filing candidates must be certified by their respective village clerks and official lists of certified candidates will be posted at the municipal halls today (Thursday). The names of all certified candidates will appear on the ballot on election day March 3.

Persons who wish to run for an office, but who did not file on the Jan. 7 declaration day, may file anytime between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Jan. 21 as a write-in candidate with their respective municipal clerk. When a person files as a write-in his or her names does not appear on the ballot.

All filing information, such as an affidavit of voter registration and so on, must be submitted when a write-in candidate files with the municipal clerk.



FORMER VILLAGE councilor Jerry Shaw shown with village clerk Tammler Maddox. Shaw is running again for Ruidoso Village Council.

Municipal residents, who have not registered to vote, and who wish to vote in the March 3 election must register with the county clerk, or one of her depu-

ty registrars, by Feb. 4. Polling hours for the various municipal elections will be from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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# Candidates line up

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Candidates who filed in the various municipalities are as follows.

## CAPTAN

Two, four year terms on the board of trustees are open. Candidates who filed for the two positions are Gordon B. Ross, Robert E. Sims Jr., Bennie R. Peterson and L.C. Cozens.

Trustee Norm Renfro, who holds one four-year position now, chose not to run again.

Trustee Alfred Leroy Montan, who holds a four-year position now, filed for the two-year term. Other candidates for the one, two-year seat are David R. Posely and Carol E. Martinez.

## CARRIZOZO

Incumbent Harold Garcia filed to run again for a four-year term on the Carrizozo Board of Trustees. Trustee Dale LaMay, who now holds the other four-year seat, chose not to run.

Other candidates for the two, four-year terms are Samuel R. Ruiz, Virgil D. Ashcroft, Rick W. Emmons, Rosalyn H. McWilliams and Eileen Serna.

Candidates who filed for the

one, two-year seat are Johnnie L. Johnson and Doug Whittaker. Johnson now holds that position after being appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Gilbert Archuleta.

## CORONA

Debbie Moore and A. J. Gibbs, who now serve on the Corona Council after being appointed to fill vacancies, have filed for the two, four-year terms.

## RUIDOSO

Three incumbents, J. D. James, Jess Stinson and Patricia Espinosa will run to retain their four-year seats. Other candidates for the three, four-year terms are Frank Cummings and Jerry Shaw, a former member of the village council from 1984-88.

Espinosa was filling a vacancy resulting when Al Junge resigned a few months ago.

Voters in Ruidoso will ballot in two locations this year instead of one. Precincts 6, 8 and 10 are consolidated as are Precincts 7 and 9.

Precincts 6, 8 and 10 will ballot at White Mountain

School Gymnasium. Precincts 7 and 9 will vote at the Ruidoso Public Library.

## RUIDOSO DOWNS

Holdover trustee Jackie Braman will run for mayor along with Joe Hayhurst and James Lee Wilson. Wilson formerly served as a trustee. Bonnie Addy, the current mayor, chose not to run.

Former Mayor Jake Harris is running for municipal judge along with three other candidates, incumbent Harold Mansell, Fred Morales and current trustee, Marjorie Morales.

Voters in November voted to reduce the number of trustees from seven to four.

Two seats are open on the four-member board of trustees. Candidates who filed for the two trustee seats are Travis Hicks, Tony Parker, incumbent Charlotte Craig, Tracye Brewer and Judy Miller. Trustee Ray Frederickson is the holdover.

In Ruidoso Downs, the voting place will be the Older American Center.—Doris Cherry and Al Stubbs.



WILLIAM WEBER, standing, from the state engineer's regional office, tells Carrizozo Trustees about the miscalculation in the EPA's data concerning the amount of water which flows through the town's sewer system at a special meeting Tuesday. Trustees also heard from town attorney Robert Beauvais (left), town foreman Faustino Gallegos (right) and Jim Edwards from the state environment department's Ruidoso office.

# Carrizozo trustees see . . .

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into the town sewer system, where treatment and dilution is suppose to render the minute quantities of the chemical harmless.

During the meeting, regional state engineer William Weber revealed the figures given by EPA in their proposed remedial action are inaccurate. EPA's remedial action is based on the pumping of water from seven shallow wells at Cimarron Mill and mixing that water with 180 million gallons of town effluent in the sewer lines. EPA claims the huge volume of water will be sufficient to dilute the cyanide concentrations to far below the acceptable level for safe drinking water.

But, as Weber pointed out, the town does not use that huge volume of water on a daily basis. Rather, it is less than half that amount.

Even with the lower volume of water, Jim Edwards, from the NMED Ruidoso office, said the risk is very low because of the low concentrations which can be easily diluted to acceptable levels.

Weber volunteered to do research in Santa Fe and run new calculations on the absolute minimum flow of water through the town sewer system that will be needed to dilute the cyanide contaminated water from the Cimarron wells.

Trustee Harold Garcia continued to advocate pushing ahead with the remedy, rather than holding out for the sake of "semantics." He gave both points of view that the cyanide at Cimarron was nothing to worry about, because the concentrations are not close to being detrimental to human health and the view that the concentrations are still too high for EPA and the NMED.

He said the probability of the cyanide concentrations to increase while in the sewer system was not high enough for concern.

Garcia wanted EPA to monitor the water coming from the Cimarron wells to assure the concentration of cyanide would be at or below the state's

safe drinking water standard of .2 milligram per liter.

"Let's face it, what's out there is not the biggest danger to society ever known," Garcia said.

After more discussion trustees agreed they could drop the indemnification clause and insurance option if EPA will uphold the New Mexico standard of .2MG/liter concentration of cyanide in the Cimarron Mill well water before it enters the town's sewer system.

Mayor Kuhnel also wanted assurance EPA would have a person on site while the pumping occurs to test the water before it enters the town sewer system.

Trustees finally took formal action to submit a list of technical questions concerning flow rates and other items to NMED official John Pfeil, in charge of monitoring the Superfund projects in the state.

Beauvais said the town has the right and opportunity to recalculate the figures to make sure the levels of water used to dilute the cyanide concentrates are appropriate.

Trustees also set aside on a charge of \$1,500 a month for EPA to pump the well water into the sewer. All agreed to submit the figure and see what the EPA says.

Toward the end of the meet-

ing, discussion turned toward requiring EPA to announce to the world the Cimarron Superfund project was completed and the site was no longer dangerous at the conclusion of the remedial action. Kuhnel wanted EPA to give the mill a clean bill of health in the state's major print and electronic media.

Garcia replied it wasn't EPA's fault the cyanide contamination exists. "Rather than accuse EPA, let's get tough on the miners," Garcia said.

EPA officials may attend the Jan. 28 town meeting if they find the modified town agreement acceptable.

Cimarron Mill first came under scrutiny of the state in 1980. The New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division received a report of improper use and dumping of cyanide at the site in February of that year. Also cyanide contamination of the well water was suspected after a person living at the mill was hospitalized with symptoms similar to cyanide poisoning.

Subsequent tests of the well water showed the cyanide concentration levels exceeded those acceptable for safe drinking water, and tests of mill tailings and other materials led to the site being added to the Superfund list in 1988.

# Reprisals feared . . .

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grassroots," she said. She said some Mescaleros have said they will lie down in the road to block any delivery of nuclear waste.

Potential radiation danger was referred to again and again at the meeting by various speakers. Technical aspects of the project also were covered at a meeting of concerned citizens called for last Sunday by Bill Petty of Dallas who has a second home in Ruidoso. He formerly worked with atomic materials at Los Alamos. He told his group radiation from the project has the potential of wiping out "the entire

Southwest."

The effect on tourism and on people who might cancel plans to move to this area was mentioned by several speakers Tuesday night.

Three members of the Ruidoso Village Council Bill Karn, Patricia Espinosa and Barbara Duff spoke out as did Bill Elliott, member of the Lincoln County Commission. Both the commission and the Ruidoso Village Council have officially opposed the tribe's plan to establish the site on reservation property pending a "feasibility study" financed by a federal grant.

Ruidoso village deputy manager Gary Jackson gave a chronology of the MRS project since its inception in October. Dale told those present that Gov. Bruce King is totally opposed to the project.

Also speaking against the project was Ruidoso businesswomen Marion Treat and Frances Powers and an employee of the Covered Wagon, Joyce Hart.

Realtor Steve Wright said that panic selling of property and decisions not to buy property here already are seen as short term effects of the MRS project.

Others speaking were J.L. Wilson, candidate for mayor in Ruidoso Downs; John Weinberg, retired aerospace engineer; Mike Randle, of Southwest Nuclear Alert; John Hall, a Ruidoso school teacher, and others.

Torres said she is networking with scientists across the country, with other Indian tribes (in Oklahoma) and with Hispanic groups in opposing DOE nuclear disposal policies. She said she is concerned for the safety not only for the Mescalero people but for "all of humanity."

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# AREA ATHLETIC CALENDAR

- FRIDAY, JAN. 10**
- Smokey Bear Classic Tournament in Capitan.
  - Hondo at Magdalena, boys, 6 p.m.
  - Corona at Ft. Sumner, 4:30 p.m.
  - Roswell High at Tucuman, varsity, 7:30 p.m.
  - Las Cruces High at NMMI, varsity, 7:30 p.m.
- SATURDAY, JAN. 11**
- Hondo at Loving, JV, 6 p.m.
  - Smokey Bear Classic continues in Capitan
  - Mountaintop at Corona, 4 p.m.
  - NMMI varsity at Tularosa, 7:30 p.m.
  - Goddard High at Roswell High, 7:30 p.m.
  - Air Force at New Mexico, college basketball, 7:30 p.m.
  - Long Beach State at N.M. State, 7:30 p.m.
  - Lubbock Christian at ENMU, 7:30 p.m.
- TUESDAY, JAN. 14**
- NMMI at Hondo, girls, 6 p.m.
  - Tularosa "B" at Capitan, 5:30 p.m.

**"Card of Thanks"**

I would like to thank all of the wonderful people for the support and prayers during my recent illness and hospitalization. The flowers, phone calls and well wishes were truly appreciated. May God bless each and everyone of you.

**JOVITA TORRES**

**The Carrizozo Woman's Club apologizes for calendars being late this year. Our best wishes to those who have birthdays in January:**

JAN. 1: Donna Harkey, John Allen Hightower, Rose Lueras, Punkin Schlarb.  
 JAN. 2: Scott Shafer, Veda Stephenson, Charles Niederstadt, Twylla Weizel.  
 JAN. 3: Roy Dow, Liz Lueras, Mickle Holcomb.  
 JAN. 4: Candie Aguilar, Martha Bond, Hoot Gibson, Kristy Gorb.  
 JAN. 5: Catherine Cornett, Jerry Hammond.  
 JAN. 6: Denise Marie Hill, Thomas Means Jr., Leo Samora Jr., Chris Duggar.  
 JAN. 7: Zachary J. Chavez, Lori Gibson, David Roper.  
 JAN. 8: John Northrop Jr., Cindy Silva, Jane Ortiz, Bud Clay Hammond.  
 JAN. 9: Jacob Verdugo, Rex Wilson, Chuck Goodman.  
 JAN. 10: Marybeth Shivers, Sandra Sanchez.  
 JAN. 11: Rod and Ron Serna, Linda Samora.  
 JAN. 12: Lisa Hightower, George & Vince Verdugo.  
 JAN. 14: Paul Baca, Denise Zamora.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** 3rd—M/M Allen Langley; 4th—M/M Bob Hemphill, 9th—M/M Leon Lock, M/M Edward Vega Jr., 14th—M/M Bobby Vallejos, M/M Lonnie Matthews.

With small membership, and three volunteers working on the calendar (all having full-time jobs) we thank you for understanding. Calendars will be here soon!!

# Restoration under way for chapel

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- THURSDAY, JAN. 9**  
—Capitan Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the school administration building.
- MONDAY, JAN. 13**  
—Capitan Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. at village hall.  
—Ruidoso Downs Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m.
- TUESDAY, JAN. 14**  
—Lincoln County Commissioners meet at 9 a.m. in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo for a regular session. Items on the agenda include discussion of the proposed BLM land exchange and the interim land use plan.  
—"NARFE," the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, meets at 10 a.m. at K-Bob's Restaurant in Ruidoso. All members are urged to attend the important business meeting.  
—Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce meets at noon at Carrizozo Airport Terminal. Items on the agenda include issuance of the new Carrizozo brochures and a request from James Hobbs.  
—The Bookmobile will visit Lincoln County starting with a stop at 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Corona Post Office. It then travels to Carrizozo for a stop from 4-6 p.m. at the Electric Co-op office on 12th St.  
—Carrizozo Board of Trustees meets at 6 p.m. at town hall.  
—Ruidoso Village Council meets at 6:30 p.m. at the village administration building on Cree Meadows Drive. A public work session precedes at 5:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15**  
—The Bookmobile opens the day from 8-9 a.m. at the Electric Co-op office in Carrizozo. It goes to Capitan for a stop from 9:30-11 a.m. at Smokey Bear Cafe, from noon to 1:30 p.m. it stops at the Ft. Stanton administration building. It goes to Lincoln for a stop from 2-3 p.m. at the post office. The final stop of the month is from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Hondo Store.  
—The annual meeting of the Water Defense Association will begin at 7 p.m. at Hondo School. Items on the agenda include election of officers for 1992; update on the appeal of the association's lawsuit; financial report and discussion on the proposed Monitored Retrievable Storage for high level nuclear waste on the Mescalero Reservation.
- THURSDAY, JAN. 16**  
—South Central Mountain RC&D will meet at 10 a.m. at Ruidoso Public Library on Sudderth Drive. Gene Green, manager of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, will present the program.
- WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22**  
—Mountainair Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest will conduct an open house at its district office in Mountainair from 1-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. to discuss its wilderness implementation schedule. For more information call Donald Hall at the district office at 847-2990.

person buried in the cemetery was Nestora Lara, age 114 years, nine months and six days. She died December 3, 1964. A number of Hondo Valley residents who served their country in wars are interred in the old cemetery which no longer is in use. Burials now take place at the Hondo cemetery.

The town of San Patricio had its start over a century and a half ago during the mid-1840s when migrants of Mexican descent began to settle the valleys and riverbanks in the Hondo Valley, forming the nucleus of a small Catholic community. Other settlers came from the Rio Grande Valley. They were descendants of explorers from Spain.

According to a Catholic publication, "Pilot," among the early settlers were Jose M. Sedillo, Ramon Olguin, Feliz and Juan Trujillo — farmers and cattlemen, who, with their families, are believed to have been escorted from Texas to the future San Patricio by a troop of horse-soldiers posted at a nearby fort. The article says the area was "infested by cattle rustlers and outlaws."

From evidence unearthed by archaeologists, it appears the first church for the San Patricio area was built some time in the decade, 1840-50; the stone foundation of the edifice is clearly visible today.

After the Civil War, the

pioneer Spanish-speaking residents were joined in the Ruidoso district by "anglos" from the east, some of whom were ex-soldiers discharged from the voluntary forces in New Mexico.

Buried inside the church is one of the early church leaders, Ysidro Signeros. He was born in 1841 and died in 1885.

In the early 1880s, the search for a parish priest had begun. Two men, Don Martin Chavez and Pablo Fresquez made long journeys to settlements along the Rio Grande to find a priest. Father Sambrano, who took up residence in the town of Lincoln was an answer to their prayers and efforts.

Unfortunately he was killed in a runaway horse accident in 1894. Father Sambrano's grave is found a few hundred yards west of, what is now Adobe Hacienda, at the site of what had been the home of Trinidad Vigil. The ruins of that home are still in evidence.

Father Enrique Yierma arrived in 1904.

It was in 1932 when the county seat of Lincoln County was moved to Carrizozo from Lincoln. Father Salvatore de Giovanni became resident pastor of the new parish of St. Rita's in Carrizozo with all the chapels of the Ruidoso and the Hondo Valley among its missions.

St. Eleanor's in Ruidoso and St. Judge Center came into being much later.

Catholic Church history in Lincoln County is long and varied. Many people of note have been involved.

The Committee for the Restoration of the Old San Patricio Church, which always had a special service on St. Patrick's Day in March, is striving to preserve some vital history.

Anyone wishing to donate toward that cause is invited to send a check addressed to the

treasurer, Sophie Erickson, Rancho Chico, Hondo, New Mexico, 88336.

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# News Views

by Cleve Powell

● Hearing a lot of varying ideas about the economy these days. Some say the climate is good. Others are more skeptical. Seems the local outlook could improve.

● President Bush has been catching a lot of flack lately on the economy. Well, it's an election year and that is normal. However, the picture is not too bright.

● The prez took a proposal to Japan and that apparently made him ill. Hops the chief executive fares well after his bout with the flu.

● The New Mexico Hereford Association recently met for their annual meeting and banquet in Albuquerque. Topping the order of business was election of officers and directors.

Continuing in the role of president for the upcoming year is Bill Doherty, Roswell. Jay Cammack, Nara Visa, will serve as the association's vice president while Pat Copeland

will resume the active role as secretary/treasurer.

Newly elected to the board of directors were Mike Corn, Roswell; Oscar Henard, Tatum; Eddie Jeffers, Springery; Jeff Lane, Solano; and Terry Mitchell, Albert. Members continuing to serve as board of directors were Cliff Copeland, Nara Visa; Shelby Gilmore, Lovington; Bill King, Stanley; Preston Stone, Captain; Felicia Thal, Buena Vista; Phil Harvey, Jr., Mesilla Park; Leon Langford, Telleo; and Michael Perez, Nara Visa.

The NMHA is an organization dedicated to the production and promotion of Hereford cattle. The next upcoming Hereford activity is the New Mexico Hereford Bull and Futurity Heifer Sale, Feb. 15 in Roswell. Additional information regarding the association is available from Pat Copeland, HCR 62 Box 11, Nara Visa, N.M. 88430, telephone (505) 633-2800.

## Small Business Angle

By JOHN J. MOTLEY III

"When in danger, when in doubt, run in circles, scream and shout," seems to be the motto of official Washington these days as national policymakers frantically search for solutions to our economic ills.

Among small-business owners there is concern that the economy could be hit with something akin to Wall Street's "triple witching hour," a head-on collision of stock market computer schedules which often results in a Dow Jones nosedive.

The witching hour for the economy could come in mid 1992 as reelection-prone politicians begin their scramble to gain a leg up with voters in the public opinion polls.

This biennial game of political chicken takes its toll on the basic structure of our economy. That, along with the constant flood of anti-business legislation emerging from Congress hits job-creating companies like a punch below the belt.

And if it isn't bad enough that the politicians are proclaiming bad days ahead, the news media has caught recession fever too. One media watcher in Washington quipped that the economy would take an immediate upturn if all those reporters and camera crews following shoppers around the stores would spend a buck or two themselves.

According to the nation's largest small-business organization, the National Federation of Independent Business, entrepreneurs are not happy with today's economic climate either, but they aren't throwing in the towel.

"If things are as bad as the politicians and the reporters claim, then we're in real trouble," NFIB President Jim Herr said. "Thankfully, the economy is not suffering as badly as reported. There are some bright

spots if you look for them. Inflation should remain low (it's at its lowest level in 27 years), credit is still available to qualified borrowers and shoppers should find lots of bargains."

Herr, who built one of the nation's largest regional snack food companies with a few hundred dollars and a used food processing machine, even goes so far as to suggest that now is a good time to start a small business.

"Shrinking larger companies mean lots of talented workers available for small businesses," Herr said. "The biggest asset of a small firm in the beginning stages is hard work and plenty of it. People who are willing to work hard and risk success are those who make it to the top."

Small business, Herr said, can turn the economy around if politicians and nay-sayers will step aside and let them do what they do best: create jobs and boost the economy. The fear is that in the struggle to curry favor with voters in the upcoming election year, some ill-conceived plans to jump start the economy in time for the November elections will gain popularity.

Political quick fixes usually do more harm than good. They are designed for short-term gain, not well tested and ultimately result in more damage.

President Bush and Congress have a rare opportunity now to rise above politics and hammer out meaningful, long-term solutions which will allow millions of job-creating small businesses to keep more of their tax dollars and employ more workers.

(John Motley III is Vice President, Federal Governmental Relations, of the National Federation of Independent Business, representing more than half a million small-business men, and women.)



## Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE—If misery loves company, New Mexicans are going to be very happy people during the '90s.

That is the measure from the National Governors' Association, which warned states last week that the "almost too good to be true 1980s" are over and to prepare for "rough fiscal waters in the '90s."

The "good news" in this for New Mexicans is that we didn't have the glorious '80s experienced by most other states. The first two years of that decade were fat ones for New Mexico, but by mid-1982 the economy went to pot for everyone.

The nation spiraled into a recession—but quickly bounced back. It bounced back for everyone, that is, but the states that were heavily dependent on extractive industries—oil, gas and mining. Those industries shut back or shut down and never regained their feet.

While New Mexico and some of our neighbors struggled through the rest of the decade, state revenues on the whole experienced a 9 percent a year increase throughout the nation.

In this growth environment, states were philosophical about cuts in federal aid to states and other shifts in responsibilities, the governors' bulletin says. During the period, federal aid dropped from 17 percent to 11 percent and the federal government began to tap into state cof-

ers to expand the Medicaid program.

Voices were raised in opposition, but states knew the federal deficit was huge and, for the most part, agreed to accept their share of federal budget cuts and take on new responsibilities because they had the money to accommodate these shifts, according to the governors' association.

But no longer. Economists say states will not bounce back from this national recession as they did 10 years ago. Whereas new entrants to the labor force grew at 2.3 percent per year during the last two decades, the rate is projected at 1 percent for the '90s.

Demand will also be down. Because all sectors of the economy experienced a major spending binge during the 1980s, consumers spent a much higher percentage of their disposable income compared with a decade earlier. The federal deficit skyrocketed. And the corporate community created substantial new debt through leveraged buyouts.

Finally, competition will continue to increase from Japan and the emerging countries on the Pacific Rim and the European Community. It all adds up to substantially slower growth in the 1990s.

Not only will economic growth be down, state spending needs will continue to skyrocket.

et, says the governors' group. Medicaid has increased from 10.3 percent to 13.6 percent of state budgets during the past four years and will continue to increase at about 20 percent a year because of federally mandated eligibility and spiraling health care costs.

Corrections, spending nationally has also increased at double-digit levels for states in the past two years and will continue because of federal mandates.

As if decreasing economic growth and increased costs weren't enough, the National Governors' Association predicts state tax revenues will not keep pace, mainly because the service sector is the fastest growing area of consumer spending, but few states have a sales tax on services.

New Mexico happens to be one of those few states with a tax on services, which means we can take immediate advantage of that area of economic growth. But the downside is a reduced competitiveness to attract service industries and an inability to turn to that source of revenue for additional state income.

So it appears we'll all be in the same boat for the next decade. For states like New Mexico that have already suffered through a bad decade, some major changes have to take place.

## The Other Side

By OWEN RUSSELL

January 2, 1992! The first day at work of the new year. We all know what happened to January 1st. Not only is it the day for recovery from whatever you did the night before, it also is the shortest day of the year and is always followed by Monday, no matter which day of the week it falls on.

So, to start out the new year, I decided I would fix the place up a little. I knew I had a light bulb or two burned out in my office, so I proceeded to replace them. Well, six 40 watt fluorescent tubes later, my outlook on life had changed, so I canceled my appointment with my ophthalmologist and set out trying to catch up on the things I had intended to complete last year. But, you know, there are some things you really don't want to see, such as the leavings from lunch on October 13th, a stray cigarette package, and the shirt I cleaned the furnace with.

It seems that it happens all too often. There are some who consider it appropriate to make hay while the snow flies and charge all the traffic will bear when there are a lot of people in town. I bought a package of cigarettes the other day that cost 15 percent more than they had the week before, which seems to indicate that the price was raised because of the crowds of Christmas visitors in town. All I can say is, "Mr. Merchant, I hope you make all you want during the holidays because I won't be around to help you out after they're over."

The latest news from the Estate of the Soviet Union, deceased, appears to be an attempt to fill the grocery shelves with imaginary food so the population can purchase it with imaginary rubles. They are trying to revive the economy by converting to a free market system, which sounds like government sponsorship of the black market at this point. This may be a bit more free enterprise than the Russian people can digest in one sitting. It takes a while to grow the food and a bit longer to make the money to buy it with, and they may get quite hungry before it settles out. This might be a good time to put some of our idle food production capacity to work and supply them during their hard times, because nothing makes people unhappier than not having something on the table. I foresee the taming of the Red Bear by McDonald's and the Pizza Hutski. Then they can join the civilized world and worry about cholesterol and sodium. I'll have a McSausagevich and an order of fries, please.

I view the situation in Russia as extremely dangerous because the changes are coming too fast, and if you think a bunch of people who would shuck the government they have lived under for the past 74 years overnight would hesitate to toss its successor out on its ear, you better think again. I don't think the "Balkanization" of the Soviet Union is a desirable end in today's world because this creation of a multitude of additional third-world nations only magnifies the potentials for conflict. Unifica-

tion to some extent is necessary because of common interests and necessities, but confederation is not going to be the answer. Confederation is not going to be the answer. Confederation will work there about as well as it did here, which wasn't very well or very long.

We need to keep our eyes open and hope our politicians can do their job because utter chaos does not last long. We have an opportunity to aid the Russian people in creating some sort of representative government, but if we wait very long, we will also run the risk of their finding the knight in shining armor who can make the trains run on time. The way we can help them is to sell them a little time so they can set something up. We can't, and shouldn't, do it for them, but we can soften the fall a bit so they will have an opportunity to create something that will work in the long run.

Hilarious: adj. The description demanded of a joke told by the boss, which is followed by mandatory laughter. This condition has created a need for the formation of an association of employees who can advocate controls on random acts of humorism, or at least create a program designed to educate employers in the art thereof.

Speaking of humor, I once laughed with the devil because I didn't want him to get any madder at me than he already was.

Comment by man in the emergency room: "All I did was criticize my wife's cooking, and she hit me with a biscuit."

### Al's Musings

By AL STUBBS  
RUIDOSO BUREAU

Several veterans and casualties of war are buried in the old church cemetery at San Patricio. Emilliano S. Chavez was with the 2516 Base Unit, Army Air Force, in World War II. He died in 1953 at the age of 31. Ronaldo Chavez was a veteran of World War II. He was born in 1887 and died in 1970, he served in the Headquarters Battalion of Group Headquarters.

Carlos Lucero Holguin served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He was 31 years old when he died in 1958. Candido Montoya apparently was a casualty of World War II. He was with the 153rd Infantry, 34th Division. He apparently died six days before the armistice was signed on Nov. 11, 1918.

Ysidro S. Montoya died in 1960. He was with the 3263rd Signal Service Co., World War II. Santiago S. Montoya was in the 940th Guard Squadron, AAF. Jose Herrera A. Portio was a World War I veteran. He died in 1959.

Emiliano Torres Villescas was a sergeant with a Howitzer company in the Cavalry in Korea. He was born in 1927, died in 1956. Wilfredo M. Ybarra, was in the 355th Infantry Battalion, World War II. He died in 1951 when he was 36 years old, Historical Society and cemetery records show.

We wish every success to the Committee for the Restoration of the Old San Patricio Church which has graves surrounding it. That church is a real part of Lincoln County history. A 1967 Army survey map locates the original San Patricio church and 27 houses in the village. Most of the homes were said to be occupied by the fruit growers, ranchers, goat herders and farmers whose numbers had justified a church of their own in the first place. A side note: Billy the Kid is said to have frequented a dance hall in San Patricio known as the White Cat Bar.

Both Ray Reed and this writer plead the Fifth Amendment. In a profile on Reed, his deceased three sons were mentioned, but there was no information published on his daughters, and that has caused the womenfolk in the Reed family some consternation. Daughters are Virginia Bassler, a nurse in a hospital in Midland, and Susie Allen, in nursing school at the Alamogordo branch of NMSU. Five grandchildren help brighten Ray and Virgie's lives, too.

The old ski run up Cedar Creek at the end of the road was a busy place over the holidays. Although snow in Ruidoso was virtually gone last weekend, snow remained about a foot or more deep at the old run.

We took granddaughters, ages 7 and 3, up there to try out a plastic disk. Even the 3-year-old was dauntless in flashing down the run.

Years ago we were among a group of Roswell High students who appeared at the run about 2 a.m. one frigid, cloudless night. We had a toboggan; there was a toboggan run there along with the ski slopes. This was long before Ski Apache was envisioned.

John Cooper, Arabella rancher, was one of the guys on that toboggan when it sailed off an embankment and smashed into a tree.

The spring located at the old ski run is flowing strong this winter. Many Ruidoso people, instead of buying bottled water, fill their jugs at that crystal clear Rocky Mountain spring water location.

Gosh, it's important who serves on village councils and boards of trustees in Lincoln County. Now that we know who the candidates are, let's study the qualifications of each. Attend forums, read about 'em, make good decisions, and most of all, plan now to cast your vote in March.

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# By the Way

by P.E. Chavez

## ANOTHER YEAR

Seems like it was only yesterday—but it will soon be 20 years that I have been compiling this column. The encouragement, throughout the years, of readers in the county, state and out-of-state has helped me to put together items of interest to them and to me: miscellaneous notes; quips and quotes; cooking tips; personal bits and pieces; household how-to's; odd news; inflation fighting hints; memory lane tidbits; little known facts and last laughs.

## ONCE UPON A TIME

One day a young, married couple moved to Carrizozo. He was the town doctor and she took care of their child and joined local civic clubs to do community work. We became friends and traded recipes.

In the beginning, my column copy was in longhand. My new friend gave me a manual typewriter. At first I pecked out my weekly column with one finger of each hand. Soon I was using all fingers. I became a bona fide news reporter. My little manual typewriter was heard into the wee hours of the morning, tapping away news stories: meetings, features, election results, business reviews, police reports, court findings, etc.

## EASY AS PIE

Soon after, I was handed a camera. The editor at the time said, "Put this dial to this number; turn that knob to this arrow and move this thing-a-ma-jig there." Since then I have been clicking away: rodeos, parades, fires, accidents, awards, rewards, something old, something new.

Then one day the editor asked me to develop the week's film and print photographs. I said to myself: "Oh, oh!" but when I was shown the trays, tongs, measuring cups, thermometers and other tools of the darkroom trade, I said to myself: "Ho, ho! This should be as easy as pie."

After all I've been cooking and baking for years with the same sort of utensils and gadgets. It looked just like the same procedure for making a batch of Indian fry bread or fudge.

Then the editor left, but not before he flipped the light switch to "off" and I was left in the dark...pitch dark. I had never cooked or baked in total darkness. I let my fingers do the walking and talking in the darkroom. My fingers soon tell me: "This is a can opener, open the film cassette. This is a pair of scissors, cut the film off the reel." (Panic is when I feel for the film developing reel and it slips off the table and rolls under a shelf.)

## BRAIN STORMING

As a result of my darkroom skills, I can be in a dark movie theatre and list the items I need

to pick up later. A room is darkened at a meeting to show slides. I can take notes in the dark or sketch an art idea, if it gets boring.

Sometimes I get a creative idea at 3:00 in the morning that I must simply record for the future. Do I turn on the light and disturb my sleeping husband? Of course not. A pad and pencil nearby is handy for jotting down a few ideas. This, that and the other is noted for the future...in the dark.

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## WORTH QUOTING

Indian to Pilgrim: "Are you serious? You want to have a picnic outdoors in late November?" —Capper's

"I decided this was more appropriate." —Sen Ted Kennedy, on why he wore a plain gray suit to his annual Christmas party. In the past he has gone dressed as Elvis and a member of Milli Vanilli. *Newsweek*.

## BLM issues new rule

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), New Mexico State Office, Santa Fe, has issued a new rule that affects operations on federal and Indian oil and gas leases in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas.

The rule known as, Notice to Lessees/Operators NM-92-5, Standards for Meters Measuring Low Gas Volumes, establishes new minimum standards for satisfactory measurement of low volume gas wells. The goal is to reduce operating costs while maintaining satisfactory measurement for marginally economic gas wells thereby conserving resources and preventing premature abandonment.

"We estimate this will prevent approximately 1,850 federal and Indian wells from being abandoned in the San Juan Basin," said Larry Woodard, New Mexico BLM state director. "Our analysis indicates that both government and industry will benefit. No royalty will be lost; we anticipate an overall increase in recoverable reserves. The cumulative production of these wells is 4.7 billion cubic feet per year or enough gas to heat more than 30,100 homes."

Persons wishing to obtain copies of the new rule may do so by contacting BLM. New Mexico offices are located in Albuquerque, Carlsbad, Farmington, Hobbs, and Roswell.

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Spencer addresses issues

# BLM pushes land plan

By DORIS CHERRY

Reports to Lincoln County Commissioner Stirling Spencer indicate the U.S. Dept. of Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to push forward with land trades along the Rio Bonito in spite of strong opposition by county residents as well as the Lincoln County Commissioners, Lincoln County Farm and Livestock Bureau and Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Commission.

In a letter to Spencer, received in the county manager's office in Carrizozo Dec. 19, the BLM's Roswell Resource Area Manager Sandra Allen wrote she will recommend to

state BLM director Larry Woodard that the agency move ahead on a proposal to exchange about 1,600 acres of private land scattered along the Rio Bonito in the Lincoln Valley for thousands of acres of isolated BLM lands in other counties.

In the letter Allen wrote she carefully considered all of the correspondence between the county and BLM and the commission decision of Dec. 3, as well as all individual comments and organizations interested in the exchange. Lincoln County Commissioners went on record Dec. 3, 1991 to oppose the land trade by a vote of two to one, a first for the state of New Mexico.

"I remain convinced that the proposed exchange is in the best interest of the public. The exchange will benefit the residents of the Lincoln Valley, the general public and the individuals who would be acquiring public lands. Therefore, I have recommended to State Director Larry Woodard, and the Director, that we (BLM) amend the Management Framework Plan and proceed with the exchange."

She thanked Spencer for his

involvement in the process and looked forward to the continued cooperation of the commissioners in the exchange, should the decision be made to proceed.

But for Spencer the letter from Allen was not the end of the county's involvement with the proposed exchange. Spencer continues his strong opposing stance on the exchange and has requested county attorney Robert Beauvais to research any legal avenues the county could take to stop the BLM from proceeding with the exchange.

The exchange will again be an agenda topic on the Jan. 14 county commission meeting in Carrizozo. At the meeting, Spencer will ask for a report on Beauvais' research.

"I feel BLM has not met the requirements under federal mandate to address the concerns (of the county) mainly the taking of private lands from within the boundary of Lincoln County and putting federal lands in," Spencer said in an interview Monday.

He and fellow commissioner Monroy Montes opposed the proposed exchange because of the loss of revenue, taxes and associated job-related revenue, by taking privately owned land out of production. To that Bill Hays, chairman of the Lincoln County Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, agrees. He contends taking those privately owned lands out of production would severely damage the economic base of the county.

"It would take money from Lincoln County overall," said Spencer.

Also, once those lands become public under BLM, the county will only receive Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT), which must be reauthorized by Congress annually. Furthermore, Hays said in a press release, the PILT payments do not take into account the sales taxes lost from the elimination of private enterprise or the value of circulation dollars generated from those businesses within the county.

Not only will the jobs on this land be lost, but jobs directly

related to the land in service industries such as grocery stores, mercantiles, gas stations and such will be hurt, Hays added.

Spencer contends the impact of the federal government owning land is very different than when that land is in private ownership, usually with the federal agency not utilizing the lands at their most optimum.

Spencer has no personal vendetta with the BLM. "Their job is to manage," he said. "It's not their job in a difficult situation to acquire more lands, especially high impact management lands, costing taxpayers more money."

Rather, Spencer's opposition is part of his representing his constituents, who also oppose the exchange. Despite a report that about half the petitioners are for the exchange and half against, Spencer said it is more like 90 percent of county residents against it.

He wants some assurances from BLM, which he contends have not been met: no private revenues lost; proper and best use and management of those lands; and private land base in the county not eroded.

He also worried, as a taxpayer, about appraisals of the property, which he said has not been fully accounted for.

"The agency is supposed to work for the people," he said.

And the people he means are those who live and work here in Lincoln County, not someone in Washington, D.C. or anywhere else in the East, where Western land management is not understood.

"If we don't stand up for our rights in the West, the easterners will take them away," Spencer said.

Also to be discussed at the Jan. 14 county meeting will be a draft of the county land use policy, which was initially introduced by Hays last year. The policy was taken from one passed in Catron County which gives local government more strength on land use decisions by federal and state agencies.

That empowering of local government on land usages may affect the current nuclear storage situation being considered by the Mescalero Apache Tribe. One site suggested by the tribe for a nuclear storage facility is on federal lands around Fort Stanton.

Spencer pointed to administrative interagency transfers between the Dept. of Energy and Dept. of Interior (under which BLM comes) involved with the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad. He hypothesized such transfers could occur to obtain BLM lands on the Rio Bonito for the Monitored Retrievable Storage nuclear facility for the Mescalero Tribe.

Another related item to be discussed during the Jan. 14 commission meeting in Carrizozo will be the county joining the Coalition of Counties. A representative of the coalition will be present at the meeting.

# Capitan News

by Margaret Rench

Another Christmas and New Year's have passed and a lot of new resolutions have probably already been broken. But most of us still have determination to change some of our ways, at least. Good luck to all of you!

Before this gets reshuffled in with the 1991 Christmas cards I want to share this with you all. It is the story of the candy cane. How many candy canes we have all relished in our day and I doubt very few, if any of you have ever heard the true story about it. Here goes:

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Capitan is saddened by the passing of Eleanor Service last week. She and her late husband Dr. Alan Service were longtime residents of Lincoln County and very highly esteemed. Her many friends will miss her and remember the many kindnesses both she and Dr. Service rendered to various people.

Clarence and Sandra Knapp of Thousand Oaks, Ca., are visiting in the Ruidoso area. Mrs. Knapp, an attorney, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Pogley who own and operate the Blue Door Gallery.

Jimmy and Linda Wright and children, Kimberly and Justin of Las Cruces visited Jimmy's parents over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. David Montoya and family of California for several years are returning to their home town of Capitan and will be living in the Clark home.

Gerald Winkler of Amarillo spent the Christmas week with relatives in Capitan.

Until next week, Happy Thoughts and remember to try a little kindness!

# AROUND CORONA

Byron Yancey slipped on the ice Dec. 23 and broke an ankle. He has not been a happy camper even though he went to Ruidoso Jan. 2 for a new cast.

Teresa Stewart left last week for Lubbock where she began teaching fifth grade. She is a graduate of ENMU, having finished her practice teaching in November.

Gaylon Page, Talon and Katie stopped by the Perkins Monday evening. They were enroute home to Phoenix from Friday, Texas, where they spent Christmas. Katie loved playing in the snow.

Creighton Maness has volunteered for the U.S. Navy and will report Aug. 18. He is interested in mess management. Is White House chef in his future?

Pete Porter underwent triple by-pass surgery Jan. 2. Monday he was reported making satisfactory progress.

Dan Bell was scheduled for wrist surgery Tuesday in Alamogordo on his way to NMSU for second semester classes.

John DuBois has resigned as assistant city attorney and has gone into private practice in Albuquerque.

Shawn Perkins and Clay Lightfoot left Sunday for Dallas. Clay had been off a week, Shawn only the weekend.

The Frank DuBois who was laid to rest here Christmas Eve was the grandson of the Frank DuBois who founded Corona May 26, 1903 when he dedicated to the public approximately sixty acres of his one hundred sixty acre homestead. He gave land for school buildings and playground. At the same time J.S. Simpson gave the first acres for a cemetery. Education was free. Cemetery plots would always be free. The two friends said that together they had provided for the young and the old of the community.

There was rain Monday afternoon and at least two inches of snow on the ground Tuesday morning.

There is an interesting new taxidermy shop in Alamogordo where the lady specializes in upland game birds.

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# Contractor sees possible spurt in the industry

By AL STUBBS  
RUIDOSO BUREAU

Ten to 12 years ago anyone driving around Ruidoso could see evidence of the gigantic building boom of that period of time in Ruidoso's history.

Homes and cabins, townhouses and condos were going up in Forest Heights, Town and Country North, White Mountain 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Golf Course Estates, Indian Hills; in fact, in most of the 65 subdivisions in the village and outside. Alto was particularly active. Contractors vied for good building lots anywhere they could find them.

Some choice lots in White Mountain 5 brought over \$50,000. Steep, mobile home lots up Brady Canyon could be purchased for less than \$4,000.

Enchanted Forest to the north of Ruidoso was an active building area.

Many contractors were active in the area, like, for instance, Burgo Gill of El Paso, who was active in the building industry both in El Paso and Ruidoso. Gill no longer builds in Ruidoso.

A few contractors have held on and survived during the later lean years. Randy Mulligan is one. There are others.

Take John Cornelius, contractor with Aspen Development in Ruidoso. He's seen some lean years recently. But, he says, the building industry may be looking up. His brother, Bill, also is a contractor in Ruidoso. He's an independent.

"I don't see any of us getting rich in the near future, but maybe we can make a living," John Cornelius says.

Before joining Aspen Development, which is a part of Century 21 Aspen Real Estate, Inc., John Cornelius was an independent contractor, also. He joined Aspen Development last summer. Aspen Development is headed by David Kolb.

"I built two houses last winter, the first new houses I built in town in three years," Cornelius says.

Currently, Aspen Development has two homes under construction at Alto, one in the \$175,000 price range. The other is pegged at \$235,000. One is a custom home, the other a "spec" house. Houses are marketed through Century 21 and MLS.

"There seems to be a market for that price house," Cornelius says.

Recent building permits show that most home construction in the Ruidoso area is in Alto which is home to many



JOHN CORNELIUS at his desk, looking for building work.

upper income families. Second homes abound in Alto.

John Cornelius and his wife Ilana have been residents of Ruidoso for 19 years. They have three sons. A graduate of Eastern New Mexico University, he tried operating a leather shop and ownership of Dos Amigos restaurant in Ruidoso before getting into home building and contracting.

"I always wanted to own a restaurant," Cornelius says. "I got that out of my system."

Cornelius keeps a lean crew. He has three fulltime workers on site this winter. He sub-contracts part of the work.

Trusses, for instance, he gets from the Bob Beverage plant at San Patricio, a Lincoln County industry.

The Cornelius brothers originally hailed from Roswell, but, John says, always wanted to live in Ruidoso.

In the lean years, Cornelius says, "We got by by remodeling and painting..."

Cornelius is looking ahead to a good year in 1992, good comparatively. He admits that snow had slowed down Aspen Development projects.

But, snow is a big part of Ruidoso's overall economy.

# Retirees group changing officers

"At the last stroke of midnight on Dec. 31, my term of office will end, and the new president, Sophie Jaramillo of Santa Fe, will take over as NMAER president," was the way New Mexico Association of Educational Retirees President Ralph Drake described the pending change in officers.

He was speaking to a "task force" of 12 NMAER officers when they met in mid-December in Albuquerque to learn about the change in officers for 1992 and to help the transition move along smoothly.

The change in officers for the organization of some 5,600 retired educators won't be as dramatic a change as the outgoing president describes it, but there will be some new faces in key positions.

W. E. "Bud" Hendrickson of Clovis will become president-elect. Celestino Romero of Taos will continue as vice-president and chairman of the legislative committee. Elsa Neumon will take over as vice-president and chairman of the educational services committee. A new treasurer will replace retiring, long-time treasurer Lucille Knox. She is Wanda Breiting.

Other members of the "task force" included NMAER Executive Secretary Orval Hughes, Earl Nunn, member of the Insurance Authority and the Educational Retirement Boards; Harold Goff, State RTA Coordinator; Dell Miera, secretary; and Ed Leupold, publicist.

The last named office is a new one designed to inform non-members of the organization's work, and let the general public in on activities and programs of NMAER.

The group was in Albuquerque to plan for the three major events of NMAER—committee training at the Four Seasons in Albuquerque Jan. 9 and 10, the Unit President's Workshop at the Sheraton Old Town on April 23 and 24, and the State Convention to be held in Taos at the Kachina Lodge. They were also looking forward to Jan. 21 when the State Legislature convenes.

The request of the Las Cruces Retired Teacher Association asking that all members be allowed to vote for officers rather than new officers being elected only by those in attendance at the state convention will be studied during the year, and a constitutional committee will be set up to assure that a revised constitution will be to the benefit of each member of the NMAER and to each of the 28 local units. Also, soon to be accomplished is the printing of 200 new handbooks to assist the units in conducting their business.

The first order of business in the new year will be the first of three major meetings of the year. Educational services committee members, legislative committee members, and members of the executive committee will meet Jan. 9-10.

# New lounge in Ruidoso in operation

By AL STUBBS  
RUIDOSO BUREAU

Handi Hanks Hideaway, a new lounge in Ruidoso, is in operation at 508 Mechem after a snag was overcome. The hitch involved lack of approval from the village for site development plan modifications.

That hurdle was overcome when the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission Monday night approved an amended commercial development site plan contingent on Handi Hanks adding required parking space. Use was granted pending development of the parking spaces as required. The lounge opened Tuesday for business after the P&Z action at a regular meeting.

In other business, P&Z Commission member honed proposed amendments to the Village Building Code with a view toward prohibiting use of shakes or wood shingles in future construction in the village. The village council, which requested that P&Z develop the amendments to the code, will act on recommendations, probably in February.

P&Z will recommend, also, that anytime 20 percent of an existing shake or wood shingle

roof needs replacement, that the entire roof be replaced. Or, if repair to a roof will require an expenditure of over \$500 (roof materials and labor), the entire roof will have to be replaced.

Shakes and wood shingles that are not rated under the fire code will be illegal, except for gravel roofs on flat top buildings.

Some discussion centered on how to deal with roof repairs on condominiums where units share a roof. Finally, village attorney Dave Thomsen pointed out that current law prohibits non-rated material on a condominium roof. Thus the 20 percent or \$500 maximum expenditure provisions would apply to condominiums which ordinarily have a common roof.

Appearing before the commission to request site plan modification approval for the Hideaway lounge was Jack C. Tallman of the Tallman Corporation.

The lounge will be downstairs, and according to the operators, Charlotte Talbert and Ray Desnoyers, it will "imitate the old-time speak easy."

Old gangster movies will be shown, and period music will be utilized. Additional parking will be developed in the rear of

the building and possibly on a side lot.

Handi Hanks already owned full liquor license, which would allow package and over-the-bar sales.

"We intend to cater primarily to the locals," Talbert said.

In other actions, the commission:

- Granted a six-month extension of preliminary plat approval for the projected Performing Arts Center which is contingent on the construction of a hotel. An extension was granted previously by the village council on construction of the hotel, thus the request by tract owner White Mountain Development Co. was granted. Performing Arts Center donors Dr. and Mrs. A.N. Spencer requested the delay in purchasing the Performing Arts Center

tract from White Mountain pending hotel construction.

- Approved an amended commercial site development plan requested by the Gateway Church of Christ which has purchased the old Safeway site on Sudderth Drive. The plan includes "adequate landscaping," Cleatus Richards, city planner, told the commission.

- Changed zoning of Tract 3, Block 9 of Golf Course Estates, from R-4 to R-1 to allow construction of single family dwellings in the Aspen Run condominium area. Jimodean Neans made the request.

- Approved a variance at 207 Chavez to allow addition of a room. Making the request was Ryan and Mona Cheng whose property is in Town and Country North.

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## Grizzlies maul Bears by score of 70-39

Carrizozo Grizzlies mauled the Estancia Bears 70-39 on Jan. 4 for their first win in 1992.

Three Carrizozo boys scored in the double digit column—Lee Roy Zamora, James Silva and Bryan Turnbow with 13 points each. Zamora was 100 percent at the charity line, making four baskets. He also made one three-point basket and had nine rebounds. Silva also made a three pointer, shot 100 percent at the charity line and had seven steals. Turnbow was 50 percent at the free throw line by making three of six free shots, and he made seven rebounds.

Chris Barela scored seven points and shot 75 percent at the free throw line. Anthony Archuleta and Raphael Chavez scored six each. Archuleta made four steals. Blas Herrera and Mike Barela scored four each, Herrera shooting 50 percent at the free throw line and Barela 100 percent.

Coby Sims scored three points and Cory Collins scored one, at the charity line. Collins lead the team in total rebounds, making 11 during the game.

The Grizzlies' field goal shooting was at 38 percent and they shot 58 percent at the charity line.

A total of 40 rebounds, 14 assists and 21 steals were made in the game where the Grizzlies had 18 turnovers of the ball.

The Grizzlies are now 7-2 in the season, with the two losses occurring during the mid-December Cloudcroft Tournament which was plagued with a winter blizzard which resulted in power outages that darkened the gym where games were in progress.

The Lady Grizzlies continue to progress, said Coach Kay Patterson, although they lost the game to Estancia Saturday, 42-52.

Playing against the bullish Lady Bears, the Carrizozo girls did a good job defensively.

Yvonne Estrella made 19 points, including two three-point baskets. She made five free throws out of 11 tries. Jessica Estrella made 11 points, with three good free throws out of four tries. Jessica fouled out in the fourth, which stopped her scoring spree.

Cheryl Hightower scored six, Lori Gibson scored three and Rachel Archuleta two.

"The girls are fun to watch," said Coach Patterson. She credits the girls greatly improved performance which has brought positive comments from coaches, parents and peers.

The Grizzlies will travel to Capitan today (Thursday) to participate in the 15th annual Smokey Bear Classic Tournament. The Carrizozo boys will play Mesilla Valley Christian School at 8 p.m. today in the new gym at Capitan High School.

The boys classic championship game is set for 8 p.m. Saturday, in the old gym.

The Lady Grizzlies will play the girls from Animas at 6:30 p.m. today (Thursday) in the new gym at Capitan School.

The Lady Grizzlies will play Magdalena at 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, at home.

District play for both girls and boys begins Saturday, Jan. 18 with games against the Corona Cardinals in Carrizozo.



WAYLAND DOBBS with Texas Gov. Ann Richards.

## Former Carrizozo man makes and sells puzzles

Former Carrizozo resident Wayland Dobbs Jr. has a great way to relieve stress—he makes and sells puzzles.

Not only do the puzzles relieve his stress by allowing him a way to making a living while working at home, where he gets to be with the kids, they help relieve stress for the buyers.

Dobbs kept that in mind when he presented Texas Governor Ann Richards with some of his puzzles during a visit to the First Monday Trades Day in Canton, Texas.

Dobbs is among nearly 5,000 vendors who gather at Canton's First Monday Trades Days each month. For the past year Dobbs has sold his unique "pioneer puzzles" at the Canton trade days. One of his puzzles was used by settlers to hobble their horses, because the

Indians could not figure how to get the hobbles off to steal the horses.

Another puzzle design was used as a lock on a sea chest more than 600 years ago. Most of his puzzles have a story behind them.

Dobbs says he gets a lot of satisfaction out of watching people learning how to do the puzzles themselves. His puzzles range from 80 cents to \$30.

Dobbs grew up in Carrizozo and moved to Texas while he was still in high school. He is the nephew of Bessie Leslie of Carrizozo.

Canton's First Monday Trade Days have been a focal point of the community for more than a century and is now considered the world's largest outdoor flea market. The event draws from 50,000 to 600,000 people each month.

## Two 'Zozo footballers make state

Two Carrizozo football players were among those named to the first team of the 1991 Associated Press Class A All-State football squad.

Justin Portillo was selected as a first team tight end. James Silva was among the first team defensive picks.

Captain's Weldon Smith was named to the second team as tight end.

Players from Class A state football champ Hagerman dominated the all-state squad list.

## FHA students from Capitan go to Dallas

Five students from Capitan were among the 3,700 FHA/HERO (Future Homemakers of America/Home Economics Related Occupations) members and adults from 15 states that attended the Nov. 22-25, Cluster Meeting at the Loews Anatole Hotel in Dallas, Texas.

Students participated in workshops focusing on officer training, youth leadership, community service, financial fitness, nutritional fitness, and overall career awareness.

FHA/HERO membership is open to any student who has been enrolled in or is currently enrolled in a home economics class.

Participants from the Capitan Chapter were: Michelle McGarvey, Angie Hutchison, Sherrill Dockery, Nolan LaRue, Letty LaRue, Marissa Valenzuela and Jan LaRue, advisor and Debbie King, parent.

## Smokey Bear Classic under way

Capitan High School will host the 15th annual Smokey Bear Classic Tournament this weekend.

The tournament starts today (Thursday) at 8 p.m. with girls' basketball games between Eunice and Lake Arthur and Estancia and Mesilla Valley Christian School (MVC).

At 4:30 p.m. boys' team from Lake Arthur and Eunice will play in the new gym and Alamo-gordo sophomores and Estancia will play in the old gym.

At 6:30 p.m. Carrizozo girls will play the Animas girls in the new gym and Capitan girls will play the Vaughn girls in the old gym.

Today's tournament action continues with boys' games at 8 p.m. between Carrizozo and Mesilla Valley Christian in the new gym and Vaughn and Capitan in the old gym.

Admission will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

On Friday, Jan. 10, action begins at 8 p.m. with the winners of the Eunice-Lake Arthur and Animas-Carrizozo girls games in the old gym. Losers of those games will play at 8 p.m. in the new gym.

Girls' games continue on Friday with the winners of the Estancia-MVC and Capitan-Vaughn games playing at 8:30 p.m. in the old gym. The losers of those games will play in the new gym at 6:30 p.m. also.

Boys' games on Friday begin at 4:30 p.m. with the winners of the Lake Arthur-Eunice and Carrizozo-MVC games in the old gym and the losers of those games in the new gym at the same time.

Winners of the Alamo Sophomores-Estancia and Vaughn-Capitan games will play at 8 p.m. in the old gym and the losers of those games will play at the same time in the new gym.

Saturday, action begins with the girls' consolation game at 10:15 a.m. in the old gym and the game for 7th place will be at the same time in the new gym. The game for third place begins at 2:45 p.m. in the old gym. The girls' championship game is set for 6:15 p.m. in the old gym.

Boys action on Saturday begins at noon with the consolation game in the old gym and the 7th place game in the new gym. The game for third place begins at 4:30 p.m. in the old gym and the boys championship game is set for 8 p.m. in the old gym.

Capitan Lady Tigers Coach Norman Cline said Class AA Animas is the favored team to win the girls championship. The Animas team won the tournament championship last year.

Capitan's Lady Tigers started the new year by defeating the Hagerman Lady Bobcats 54-28 Friday, Jan. 8.

"It was one of their better played games," Cline said. "They shot the ball well."

Tydie Traylor and Kelly Cox scored 11 points each. Tammy Payne scored 10, Pam Pacheco nine, Jennifer Eldridge six (with 100 percent at the freethrow line) and Anita Aldaz scored three.

The Capitan Tigers had a slow start in the first quarter of the Hagerman game and lost by only six points, 46-40.

According to Tiger Coach Pat Ventura, the boys came out of their vacation slump by the second half, but were unable to catch up with the Bobcats. Ernie Gallegos scored 14 points, with one three pointer. Trevor Cox and Kyle Traylor scored 13 points each.

State Class AA champs Truth or Consequences walked over the Tigers 82-45 Saturday, Jan. 4.

Tiger Gallegos had an outstanding game, shooting four three-point baskets in the third quarter and made a total of 14 points. Mike Fish made one three pointer in the last quarter and scored a total of 10 points. Orlando Baca, also scored a three pointer for a total of seven points. Kyle Traylor scored four.

The Tiger Junior Varsity Team lost to Hagerman 62-31. Troy Stone scored 10, Ernie Trujillo and Josh Feralta scored six each and Tay LaRue scored five.

The T or C JV team also defeated the JV Tigers 66-33. Feralta scored nine.

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# + OBITUARIES +

## CLARENCE L. ARMSTRONG

Services for Clarence L. Armstrong, 79, of Ruidoso were held Wednesday, Jan. 8 at the First United Methodist Church in Jal, N.M.

Officiating was the Rev. Greg Cockrell of Ruidoso. Interment followed at the Jal Cemetery.

Mr. Armstrong died Sunday in Ruidoso.

He was born May 30, 1912, at Grapevine, Texas, to Francis Luther Armstrong, Sr. and Mable Ferry Armstrong who preceded him in death.

He married Opal Heslep Sept. 30, 1933, in Putnam, Texas. He was a member of the Methodist Church serving in various positions. He was also a member of the Jal Masonic Lodge #66; a Sallut Ahyad Shriner of New Mexico and worked with crippled children; Jal Order of Eastern Star #60, where he was Worthy Patron six times.

He moved to Putnam, Texas, in the early 1920s, beginning a life long career in the oil field, then moved to New Mexico in 1937 with his wife, daughter and son then moved to Jal in 1940 where their second daughter was born and completed their family. He drove the school bus in Jal for 15 years and worked in the oilfields of New Mexico and West Texas, retiring in 1981 when he moved to Ruidoso.

Survivors include his wife; Opal of the home; a son Gene Armstrong of Jal, N.M.; two daughters Barbara Smith of Clovis, N.M. and Kay Cadenhead of Wright-Patterson A.F.B., Ohio; three sisters, Frances Schooley of Jal; Geraldine Hamby of Farmington and Billie Dyer of Midland, Texas; a brother, F. L. Armstrong Jr. of Big Spring, Texas; and eight grandchildren.

The family has requested memorials to Helping Hands, Jal, N.M.; or the Shriners Crippled Children Transportation Fund; Ruidoso Shriner; P.O. Box 557, Alto, N.M. 88312. Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

## WAYNE HANSON

Memorial services for Wayne Hanson were held in the Corona Presbyterian Church Jan. 3. The Rev. Doug Gordon officiated.

George Wayne Hanson was born April 14, 1940, at Clayton to George and Marie Hanson.

He died Dec. 28 at the VA hospital in Albuquerque after a long illness.

He moved with his parents and younger brother to Corona in 1956 where he attended high school. After graduation, he served four years in the U.S. Air Force. While in the service he met and married Dixie Lehman. He was living in Artesia at the time of his death.

He is survived by his father, George Hanson, Corona; two daughters, Angel, Alamogordo, and Georgia, Colorado Springs; eight grandchildren; and a brother, Warren, Artesia.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Marie, in September 1991.

## LEE ANN NORTON

Private services for Lee Ann Norton, 52, of Ruidoso, were held in Ruidoso recently.

She died Dec. 29, 1991 in Ruidoso.

She was born April 15, 1939, in Albuquerque. She moved to Ruidoso in 1980 from Farmington. She was a third grade teacher at White Mountain Elementary in Ruidoso. She was a member of First Christian Church.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Norton of Ruidoso; a son, Paul Grant Gibson of Calabasas, Calif.; two daughters, Ginnyren Willets of Dallas and Kortney Hill of Ruidoso; her mother, Opal Billman of Ruidoso; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bill Billman.

The family has requested memorials to the Livingston Clinic, 3282 Duke St., San Diego, Calif., 92110.

Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

## MARILYN RICE BLOODWORTH

Graveside service for Marilyn Rice Bloodworth, 70, of Ruidoso, was Friday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso. Rev. Dan Link officiated. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Bloodworth died at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso on Dec. 10. She was born on Jan. 20, 1921 in Bureka, Kan. to Bert and Winnifred Rice who have preceded her in death. She held a B.S. degree from the University of Kansas in Spanish. She was also a homemaker, accomplished seamstress, golfer, bridge player and above all she loved people. Marilyn had lived in Ruidoso for 17 years where she moved from Sonora, Texas.

Survivors include: sons, Bert Bloodworth of Midland, Texas; Buck Bloodworth of Sonora, Texas and Lee Bloodworth of Sonora, Texas; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements with LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

## EVELYN PEARL MORRIS

Graveside services for Evelyn Pearl Morris, 78, of Capitan were Jan. 3 at Roselawn Cemetery in Seagoville, Texas.

Mrs. Morris died Dec. 31 at her home in Capitan. She was born Sept. 3, 1913, in Crandall, Texas. She moved to Capitan six years ago from Mesquite, Texas. She was a housewife.

Survivors include a daughter, Nina Mowell of Capitan; two sisters, Betty Boyce of Hope, Ark. and Effie Gassett of Sweetwater, Texas; three brothers, Louis Baker of Seagoville, Texas; Luther Baker of Mesquite, Texas; and Ernest Baker of Kilbuck, Texas; two grandsons: Richard Mowell of Nashville, Tenn. and James Mowell of Capitan, and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

## JOSEPHINE PFINGSTEN

Services for Josephine Pfingsten, 78, of Lincoln were Jan. 1 at the Lincoln Community Church. Burial followed at Lincoln Cemetery.

She died Dec. 29 at her home in Lincoln. She was born July 14, 1913, in Wantage, England. She was a pen pal with Clark Pfingsten during World War II and after the war came to the United States to meet Mr. Pfingsten and married him on Aug. 30, 1947, in Roswell.

She is survived by her husband Clark of Lincoln; two sons: Joe F. and Peter A. Pfingsten and six grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

## JAMES M. WELCH

Graveside services for James M. "Jimmy" Welch, 77, of Ruidoso and formerly of Artesia were held Dec. 31 at Woodbine Cemetery in Artesia.

Mr. Welch died Saturday night (Dec. 28) at his home in Ruidoso. He was born April 13, 1914, in Robinson, Ill. to Gertrude and Van Stratton Welch who both preceded him in death.

He was a longtime resident of Ruidoso and Artesia. He was a serious coin and stamp collector and a charter member of the Artesia Elks Club. He graduated from New Mexico Military Institute in 1934 as Regimental Commander.

He married Lida Ross "Lilo" Talmage on May 20, 1937, in Roswell and she preceded him in death on July 18, 1986.

Survivors include his daughter Marian Jo Pendergrass of Roswell; two sons James Gary of Houston, and Van Stratton of Dallas, two sisters, Phoebe Shelton of Amarillo, and Marjorie Iverson of Midland, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The family has requested that memorials be made to the Lincoln County Medical Center or your favorite charity.

Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

## LEGALS

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee shall hold their regular meeting at 8:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 14, 1992, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. The meeting is open to the public.

NICK J. PAPPAS, Lincoln County Manager.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lincoln Historic Preservation Board shall hold their regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 14, 1992, in Dr. Wood's Annex, Lincoln. The meeting is open to the public.

NICK J. PAPPAS, Lincoln County Manager.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee shall hold their regular meeting at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, January 15, 1992, to be held in the Lincoln County Sub-Office, Ruidoso. The meeting is open to the public.

NICK J. PAPPAS, Lincoln County Manager.

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### NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Property which was valued in 1991 in this county by the county assessor is not required to be reported or revalued for 1992 or subsequent years, EXCEPT FOR:

- 1. mobile homes
- 2. livestock, and
- 3. land used for agricultural purposes

If, for any reason, your property was not valued last year and is subject to valuation this year, you are required by law to report it to the county assessor on forms provided either by mail or at the assessor's office.

All nongovernmental entities (property owners) which claim to be exempt from the property tax must report their property and claim their exemption for 1992 if the exemption was not

claimed in 1991.

Reports for mobile homes, livestock, land use for agricultural purposes, property not valued last year and claims for exemptions by nongovernmental entities must be completed and mailed or delivered to the county assessor not later than the last day of February.

If you made improvements to your real property and:

1. the improvements cost more than \$1,000 and
2. a building permit for the improvements was not issued;

you must report the nature of the improvements and their cost to the assessor not later than the last day of February. These reports must be on forms provided by that assessor.

If you believe your property decreased in value during the preceding year, you must report, on forms provided by the assessor, a signed statement which:

1. describes the property affected,
2. states the cause and nature of decrease in value, and
3. states the amount you contend the value has decreased.

This statement must be filed with the county assessor no later than the last day of February.

All veteran Exemption Certificate of Eligibility forms be brought or mailed to the County Assessors Office by the last day of February 1992.

If the head-of-family exemption was claimed and allowed in 1991 no new claim for that exemption is required to be filed. However, if that exemption was not claimed and allowed in 1991 and it is now claimed, claim must be made by the last day of February by filing with the assessor the form provided by the assessor.

Beginning in the 1982 tax year, taxpayers are responsible for declaring their property classification to the assessor, as residential or nonresidential. When the declaration is accepted by the assessor, it shall remain as such and need not be made in subsequent years unless the classification changes. If a taxpayer has not declared their property to be residential in 1991 and desires that classification for 1992 they must complete a declaration of residential classification and return the signed declaration to the county assessor's office by the last day of February, 1992.

Certain mineral property and personal property of contractors operating in more than one county are required to be reported to the Taxation and Revenue Department, Property Tax Division of the State of New Mexico in Santa Fe. Information about property to be reported to the Taxation and Revenue Department, Property Tax Division can be obtained from the county assessor or the Taxation and Revenue Department, Property Tax Division, Central Assessment Bureau, P.O. Box 630, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508, Phone: (505) 827-0693.

THIS NOTICE is only a brief statement of the provisions of Section 7-38-B, 7-38-13, 7-38-17 and 7-38-17.1 NMSA 1978 of the Property Tax Code. It is not intended to reflect the full contents of these statutory provisions. If you wish to review the full contents of these provisions, they can be examined at the office of the county assessor.

PATRICIA A. SERNA, Lincoln County Assessor.  
P.O. Drawer 38, Carrizozo, N.M. 88301  
648-2306 or 648-2307.

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### NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 3, 1991, M.G. Zumwalt, Box 117, Nogal, NM 88341, filed application numbered 298 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change place and purpose of use of a total of 0.38 acre-foot consumptive use per annum of the surface water of Nogal Creek of the Tularosa drainage basin diverted at a point in the SW¼ NW¼ of Section 17, Township 9 South, Range 13 East, NMPM, east of Carrizozo, by abandoning a reservoir located in the W¼ NW¼ of said Section 17 with approximately 0.055 acre of surface area and approximately 0.16 acre-foot per annum consumptive use, claimed constructed prior to the year 1907, and ceasing the irrigation of 0.2 acre of irrigated land with an annual consumptive use of 0.22 acre-foot for the filling and maintaining of two storage ponds on the previously irrigated land, having surface areas of approximately 0.074 and 0.058 acre, both located in the W¼ NW¼ of said Section 17.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting to the granting of the application will be deemed to have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting to the granting of the application will be deemed to have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting to the granting of the application will be deemed to have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting to the granting of the application will be deemed to have standing to file objections or protests.

instrumentation or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions 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, 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 L. Martinez, State Engineer, 133 Wyatt Drive, Suite 3, Los Crues, New Mexico 89005201, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Lincoln County Fair Board for one (1) member to fill a vacancy on the Board. Nominations must be domiciled and registered to vote within Lincoln County. Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Lincoln County Fair Board.

Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners or the County Manager at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., January 27, 1992.

NICK J. PAPPAS, Lincoln County Manager.

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## Changes in Europe astounding to many

By JAY MILLER

SANTA FE—Who could ever have guessed it?

Last year saw the fall of the Soviet Empire and many Eastern European countries moving toward democracy. It saw peace accords concluded in 12 areas of the world where there previously had been armed conflict. And it saw 30 African countries either conduct multi-party elections for the first time or at least promise to move toward democracy.

Who could ever have predicted it?

Certainly not our nation's foreign "intelligence" system, or our diplomats or political analysts. According to them the menace continued. It wasn't the leading national psychics. The Skeptics met recently to compare front-page tabloid predictions with reality a year later and flunked them all.

But one group is saying, "Remember us?"

Well, yes. Barely. It took some digging—through 1,400 columns, back to June 1987, soon after I bought this business from Fred McCaffrey. A few days after Fred and I had completed our deal, the family and some friends spent a weekend at Chaco Canyon in northwest New Mexico, experiencing the wonders of the summer solstice.

A large group camped near us was making logistic preparations for a major event called the Harmonic Convergence. On Aug. 16-17, some of the members told me, our world would begin an "unavoidable transformation" that would bring peace

to the earth.

According to their New Age, eclectic belief, ancient prophecies, calendars and astrological events all converged on those dates as the beginning of a 26-year cycle leading to "a new world order." That was a few years before George Bush used those exact words to describe what was coming in the realm of international politics.

Harmonic Convergence founder Jose Arguelles, a Boulder, Colorado teacher and author, said we were "at a point of historic magnitude exceeding anything we have encountered in our whole human history." It would be a sort of "quantum leap signaling the emergence of new energy on our planet."

To usher in the new era, believers converged on 36 "sacred sites" around the world to dance and drum, sing and pray, and conduct rituals from several ancient and New Age disciplines to attract the energies they expected to arrive in the summer of '87. The locations were chosen because "our ancestors built their temples like acupuncture needles on these magnetic points of the earth that are recognized for their special potency," an organizer told me.

Among those worldwide sacred sites were Machu Picchu in Peru, Haleakala Volcano in Hawaii, the Great Pyramids in Egypt, Mount Olympus in Greece, Ayers Rock in Australia and, of course, mystical Chaco Canyon which, New Agers tell me, sits on one of the world's largest crystal fields.

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## Magistrate Court

Two persons were bound over to trial in district court from Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr. in Carrizozo.  
 Joe G. Lucero, 67, Ruidoso, was bound over on Jan. 3 on charges of possession of controlled substance (marijuana) with intent to distribute and possession of paraphernalia.  
 Mary H. Acosta, aka Mary Speer Acosta, aka Mary Herrera, 44, Alamogordo, was bound over on four counts of issuance of worthless checks.  
 Other persons who appeared before Judge Dean on various charges include:  
 Gayle A. Chafins, 32, Edgewood; no insurance; \$36 court costs after proof of insurance submitted.  
 Roberto Baca, 20, Portales; failure to legally tag; \$80 fine and costs.  
 Robert T. Gutierrez, 37, Tinnie; hunting without a license; \$130 fine and costs.  
 David A. Madrid, 35, Rio Rancho; illegal killing of spike deer, failure to properly notch tag; \$230 fine and costs.  
 Richard L. Bates, 43, Alamogordo; speeding 84/55; \$141 fine and costs.  
 Roy S. Jacoby, 46, Tucson, Ariz.; speeding 72/55; \$81 fine and costs.  
 Carlos Mora, 27, Corrales; possession of marijuana less than one ounce and possession of paraphernalia; \$275 fines, fees and court costs.  
 Jeff E. Wooten, 30, Las Cruces; failure to legally tag; \$80 fine and costs.

# Sheriff's report

Pete Maldonado, 21, Carrizozo, was the only person in Lincoln County arrested on New Year's Eve or Day for driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Officers also responded to two reports of unattended deaths in Carrizozo and Capitan.

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

### DEC. 30

10:05 a.m., Ruidoso ambulance Med I was dispatched to Ski Apache Resort to transport a young boy with arm and hip injuries to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

11:45 a.m., Joyce Ranch near Picacho reported an abandoned pickup belonging to a Chaves County man.

1:31 p.m., a man reported stolen skis at Ski Apache.

3:09 p.m., a woman reported stolen wallet at the ski lodge at Ski Apache. The tweed bag was returned without the billfold, camera, ski goggles and pants.

4:09, a Lincoln man requested an officer about a breaking and entering of the Wortley Hotel in Lincoln. Someone had used three rooms at the hotel.

6:47 p.m., A Frame Ski Shop in Ruidoso reported stolen skis.

### DEC. 31

10:50 a.m., Ruidoso Police reported the unattended death of 78-year-old Evelyn Pearl Morris at her Capitan 3rd Street residence. Capitan Police and Medical Investigator Jim Stoke were dispatched.

10:51 a.m., a resident west of Capitan requested the fire department check out a grease fire which had been put out for smoldering.

11:20 a.m., an ambulance was dispatched to Ski Apache to transport a patient with a broken femur to LCMC.

1:19 p.m., an ambulance went to Ski Apache to transport a patient on a backboard with a C collar to LCMC.

4:29 p.m., a San Patricio resident advised a lock was cut off a gate to private property. The responding deputy advised it was a civil matter.

11:15 p.m., Arm Alarm System reported a sounding alarm at a Twin Tree Road residence. Later Arm Alarm advised all was okay, the owners had returned home.

### JAN. 1

12:12 a.m., a Highway 70 east resident reported disturbances, a loud party with fights, etc. Three deputies were assigned.

12:16 a.m., another Highway 70 east resident reported two shots fired. The assigned deputy advised it was the same disturbance, same subjects, some juveniles as reported only four minutes earlier.

1:24 a.m., Four Winds Lounge in Carrizozo reported a minor who refused to leave. The minor, who had not been drinking, was escorted out by the responding deputy.

2:57 a.m., 21-year-old Carrizozo resident Pete Maldonado was arrested for DWI and his vehicle was towed.

7:06 a.m., an elderly Carrizozo man requested Carrizozo police come by and check on him. Carrizozo police obliged.

10:13 a.m., Carrizozo ambulance was dispatched to a Carrizozo residence for the unattended death of Lloyd Candelaria, 58. He was pronounced dead at 10:53 a.m.

11:11 a.m., Alto ambulance was dispatched to Ski Apache to transport a 12-year-old girl with back injury to LCMC.

11:41 a.m., Circle B campground gave information concerning a disturbance in his neighborhood.

12:32 p.m., Ruidoso ambulance was dispatched to Ski Apache to transport a patient on a backboard to LCMC.

12:47 p.m., a trucker on Highway 57 reported a pickup stuck and requested a wrecker.

2:02 p.m., A Class D wrecker was dispatched to an 18-wheeler stuck on Highway 54.

2:14 p.m., a deputy reported a control burn which got out of control on Highway 380. Hondo Fire Dept. responded and got

the fire under control within 30 minutes.

3:12 p.m., a wrecker was dispatched for a pickup which was off Ski Run Road.

3:15 p.m., Ruidoso Police reported a rock slide on Ski Run Road. New Mexico State Highway Dept. was dispatched.

5:27 p.m., a 12th St. Carrizozo resident reported a breaking and entering while gone.

5:32 p.m., a Capitan resident reported a breaking and entering of his home. Capitan police were assigned.

### JAN. 2

11:31 p.m., a Gavilan Canyon resident advised his ex-wife broke into the house. A deputy took a report from the man and another talked to the ex-wife.

### JAN. 3

10 a.m., Incredible Lounge in Alto reported someone broke into the safe.

10:29 a.m., a one-vehicle rollover with injuries was reported four miles south of Oscura on Highway 54.

1:46 p.m., an ambulance was dispatched to Ski Apache to transport an 18-year-old female on a backboard with a C collar to LCMC. The girl was unconscious, but had regained some loss of memory.

2:46 p.m., Med I transported a patient from Ski Apache to LCMC.

3:23 p.m., Ruidoso police reported juveniles sledding on Snow Flake Hill on Highway 48. The kids were reportedly sledding toward the highway. The responding deputy advised all was okay since the juveniles were not near the road.

8:26 p.m., an ambulance was dispatched to Ft. Stanton infirmary to LCMC.

### JAN. 4

3:01 a.m., a person at Smokey Bear Motel in Capitan reported an unwanted party. The complainant reported a drunk woman and wanted her to leave. The responding Capitan officer advised the subject left, and he would head out on the highway to look for her. He found the woman in the vehicle, which had run off the road. The officer returned to the sheriff's office to administer a breathalyzer test to Charlotte Black King, 37, Wickett, Texas. She was arrested for DWI.

9:36-10:48 a.m., Ski Apache reported a drunken pedestrian, drunken driver and a minor accident. The drunken pedestrian in the parking lot was causing problems. A deputy and New Mexico State Police (NMSP) responded.

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