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Ft. Stanton given 'reprieve' by King

By DORIS CHERRY

With Gov. Bruce King's endorsement, Ft. Stanton will stay open.

Friday, by a vote of 55-14, New Mexico State Representatives approved a substitute bill for House Bill 2, 3 and 4, the act making general appropriations and authorizing expenditures

by state agencies and distributions for public education. The committee substitute bill had passed, in committee, unanimously.

Introduced by Democrat Max Coll of Santa Fe, the \$4,500,617,000 bill was considered austere, but would meet the basic needs of the state. The appropriations included a 1.2

percent cost of living raise and a 3 percent merit increase on a public employees first anniversary date.

The Department of Health, under which Fort Stanton Hospital and Training School falls, was appropriated \$240,245,000. Of that, \$181 million will go to fulfilling the rulings of the "Jackson law

suit," which mandated "community setting" programs for persons with Developmental Disabilities (DD).

Another \$1.9 million was appropriated to actually begin converting Ft. Stanton to a long-term facility. It will no longer be an Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) unit.

Ft. Stanton administrator

Ervin Aldaz explained to the Lincoln County News on Monday what a long-term care facility is. It will not be limited to geriatric care, rather will provide care for any person with a long-term disability which requires specialized care, such as brain damage, terminal illness and so on. Aldaz said the

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The News now has a special page, or pages, for Ruidoso. See pages 6 and 7.

Reporter gets view of doings in R-House

Behind cherrywood desks the legislature gets down to business. A commentary by Doris Cherry.

Admittedly the cherrywood desks and the recent \$35 million renovation of the Roundhouse in Santa Fe changed the looks of the state capital building.

The old dark paneling and ugly gold carpets were replaced with warmer tones of paneling and gray carpet. Soft light came from the alabaster lamp shades. Laminated boards hung, unnervingly, from ceilings of black acoustical tile. All traces of asbestos had been removed.

But enough of rambling about the furniture, which by the way, featured no natural, native woods.

Rather, have the politics changed with the renovation? Probably not.

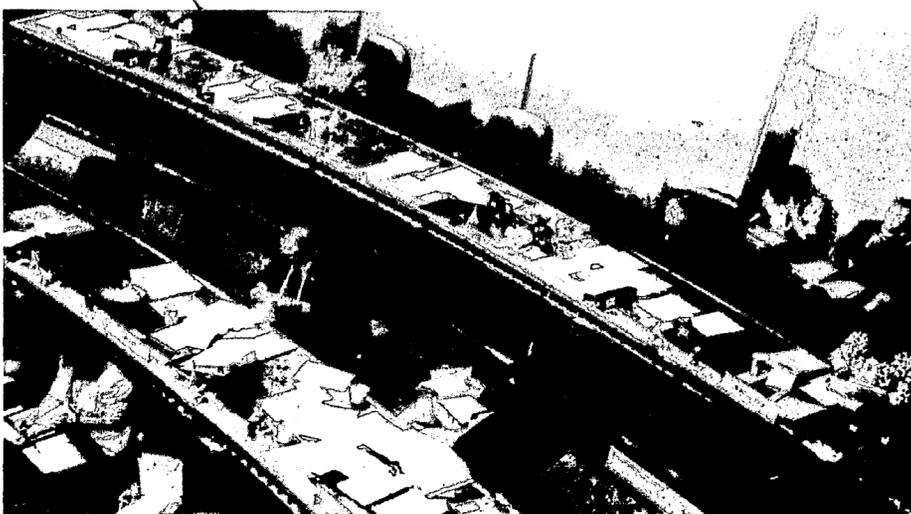
A visit to the Legislature during session should be on every journalist's agenda, especially ones who cover local politics. Such a visit to the Roundhouse gives an idea of what goes on in the circular hallways and tiny legislative offices during a session of the state law making bodies.

This journalist had the opportunity to visit the Legislature last week, as a guest of Rep. E. Shirley Baca, from Dona Ana County, Las Cruces namely. I was able to slip into the relatively terrible media galleries, which give that lofty view of the legislators (far enough away to lessen the squirm factor) and watch part of the proceedings in both the House and Senate. The Senate was debating collective bargaining, which will allow public employees to negotiate for salaries. The vote tied two different times Thursday afternoon, broken by Lt. Gov. Casey Luna, who presides over the Senate.

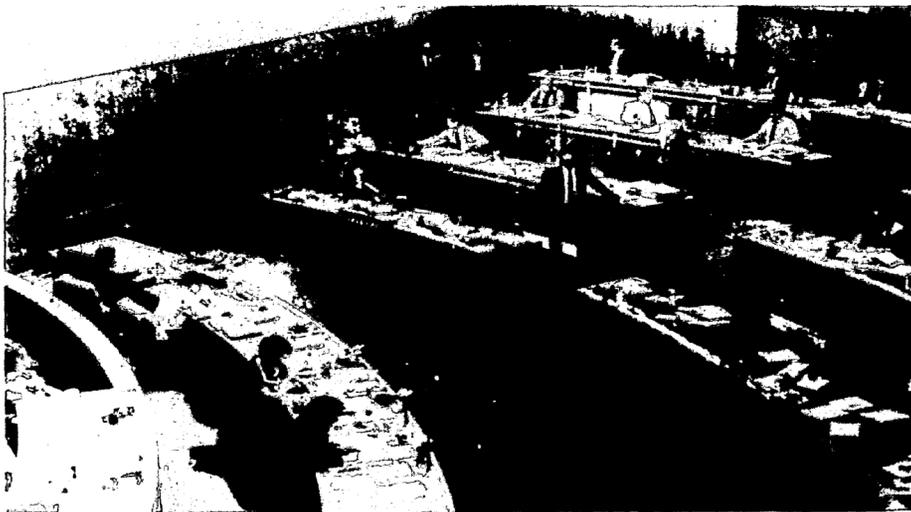
Finally, senators recessed for the day, leaving the bill hanging in limbo. Then on Friday, it was brought out again and debated.

An amendment to allow local option collective bargaining was sent to the rules committee.

It was a similar story for video gambling. Although the bill died by one vote at the recess Thursday, it was brought back to the floor on Friday, through a technicality. Seems like the more controversial the bill, the more parliamentary procedure is used.



REP. UNDERWOOD (middle of the picture) looks over some of the piles of paperwork during session Friday. Behind him is Rep. E. Shirley Baca from Dona Ana County and Barbara Perea Casey from Roswell. To the left of Underwood is Joe Stell D-Eddy County.



STATE SENATORS TAKE A SMALL BREATH during session on Thursday, Feb. 6. Standing, in mid-picture, is Sen. Les Houston, minority floor leader from Bernalillo. On the back row shown are Walter Bradley, R-Curry Dist. 27; James Martin, R-Lincoln, Otero and Socorro Dist. 39 and Stuart Ingie, R-Curry, Chaves and Roosevelt Dist. 31.

When this journalist finally left the Senate media gallery video gambling was in debate.

In the elevator on Thursday afternoon, I bumped into Gov. Bruce King. After a round of hand-shaking I asked what was to happen with the Ft. Stanton Hospital and Training School in rural Lincoln County, the largest single employer in the county. Gov. Bruce King said \$2 million was appropriated to convert the hospital to a long-term care facility.

That was good news.

As a guest of my dear college-days friend Rep. Baca, I was able to see the inside of the some of the Roundhouse a normal tourist might not have privy to.

A quick sit on the House floor during a recess was interesting. The new desks undoubtedly lighten up the appearance of the building to a 1990s standard. But the workmanship was not what I would expect for the cost.

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CAPITAN 5th GRADER Lily Cherry waits for the House session to begin so she can serve representatives as a page on Friday, Feb. 7. She was a page for Rep. E. Shirley Baca, Democrat from Dona Ana County.

Area residents protesting 'rate increase'

By DORIS CHERRY

Electricity is something most people in the Carrizozo area enjoy.

Serviced by the Otero Electric Co-op, most in the Carrizozo area are small residential users who have been on the Otero power grid for numerous years.

Newer customers in the Carrizozo area and all-electric homes are a little different, having been fit out with demand meters by Otero Electric. But those customers with demand meters are not now charged on a demand rate, and have not been since 1989.

In the Alto area most of the homes are all electric, including home heating and luxury items such as hot tubs. When the area began to develop, Otero Electric installed demand meters on all the new homes there. The demand meters charged electricity use at a higher rate once 10 kilowatts a month were used by the household.

Alto homeowners, who had formed an association for a number of reasons, including architectural control, were outraged by the demand charges. They began a legal battle in 1986 with the co-op which services 11,086 total customers—residential and commercial—in its two-county area. Of that tot-

al about 3,000 are demand meter customers.

Three years and \$50,000 in legal fees later, the homeowners got a satisfactory answer—from the New Mexico Supreme Court, which ruled demand meters are unconstitutional.

As a result, the demand charges were dropped, and rates to all customers, regardless of power usage, were increased to pay for the energy costs.

Now, Otero Electric proposes to reinstate the demand charges.

That worries the Alto Home Owners Association and it also worries some Carrizozo area residents, who have recently moved here and find they have demand meters on their homes. Currently, the demand meter residential customers are not charged on a demand rate.

However, if the proposed rate increases filed by Otero Electric Cooperative with the New Mexico Public Service Commission on Feb. 10 are not protested by cooperative customers, the demand charges will again be imposed upon residential customers who were on demand meters before 1989 and customers who have been added to the system since.

In December, the co-op announced its notice of prop-

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Health physicist views nuke plan

By AL STUBBS
RUIDOSO BUREAU

Career specialization is a fact of life in this highly technological age. Rita W. Bowser isn't one of a kind in her chosen specialized career field, but she is close to it.

Bowser is a health physicist. Few women in the United States can call themselves health physicist. Currently, Bowser, an attractive young lady occupying a small office in the Tribal Community Center at Mescalero, is employed by Pacific Nuclear Systems, Inc.

That company has been retained by the Mescalero Apache Tribe to help determine the feasibility and to deal with the technical aspects and safety of possibly establishing a high level nuclear waste storage site on land controlled by the Mescalero Apaches.

One of Bowser's jobs, along with that of Miller Hudson, public relations person at Mescalero for Pacific Nuclear, is to allay fears about possible hazards involved in storing nuclear waste in the area.



RITA BOWSER

It's been 14 years since Bowser went to work at a nuclear power plant as a health physics technician. She held the title of protection superintendent. Bowser holds a bachelor of science degree from Clarion University in Clarion, Penn. Her MS degree in Health Physics is from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Most health physicists, Bowser says, are in or come

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Area residents protesting . . . (Continued from Page 1)

used rate increase on the back of "Enchantment" magazine, the state's 17 rural electric cooperatives' monthly newsletter. The December issue did not state the date Otero Electric would file with the Public Service Commission. However, the date was added to the notice in the January "Enchantment," which was not mailed to Lincoln County customers.

Also in fine print, the notice told of how the increase will go into effect automatically and without hearing by the commission unless one or more members of the cooperative, (which all customers are), shall file a protest with the commission no later than 20 days after the filing of the rate increase.

Alarmed by the thought of again paying the demand costs, Alto residents rallied and began to solicit a petition to protest.

they contacted Carrizozo resident Nancy Ashcraft and asked her to send their message Carrizozo way. Ashcraft worried about the Carrizozo area people who are on fixed incomes, who might not afford the increased rates. Also, some new Otero Electric customers in the Carrizozo area have demand meters.

After a few calls, to the Otero Electric office in Cloudcroft and then to the Public Service Commission in Santa Fe, Ashcraft discovered members have only until Feb. 27 to file a letter of protest. Petitions would not do. She also learned at least 300 letters of protest must be sent to the commission from the Otero Electric service area (Carrizozo, Capital, Alamogordo area and Cloudcroft) before a hearing will be scheduled.

Ashcraft also said the address listed on "Enchantment" is incorrect and letters mailed to it will not reach the proper department in the commission.

If members wish to write personal letters, no form letters, to protest the increase, specifically the use of demand meters, they should write and mail before Feb. 27, to the following address:

New Mexico Public Service Commission
Marian Hall, Att: Tom Halpin
224 E. Palace
Santa Fe, N.M. 87501-2013

Carrizozo Mayor Cecilia Kuhnle took the appeal to the town council on Tuesday night and asked residents to write a letter of protest to the Public Service Commission. Similar appeals were made to several Carrizozo area service and civic groups.

Otero Electric Cooperative will hold a public information meeting about the proposed rate increase at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at the electric office in Carrizozo. Questions and input from the public will be taken at that time.

BUT WHY IS OTERO ELECTRIC ASKING FOR THE RATE INCREASE?

According to Johnny Vaughn, assistant manager, 1991 was a tough economic year, and Otero Electric found itself \$171,000 in arrears at the end of December 1991. All Otero Electric equipment and assets are mortgaged to the federal government under the Rural Electric Association or REA. Under the REA guidelines, a borrower may not go into a negative income.

Also, Otero Electric has not had a rate increase since 1982. The fuel adjustment factors have caused increased rates which fluctuate monthly, Vaughn said.

"It's only fair those who cause the high use of the system pay for it," Vaughn said. The increase will not raise rates significantly to small-use customers. However, if there are no demand meters, the increase will be higher to all customers.

After the 1989 Supreme Court ruling to stop the demand meter usage charge, all customers experienced an increase, to pay for the extra energy used by those customers who had demand meters, Vaughn continued.

Vaughn said the equipment damages from the December snowstorm are not a reason for the proposed rate increase. The emergency work will be covered by a \$250,000 account for storm damage. Vaughn said that amount has yet to be applied to the books. He hopes the co-op will receive a grant from the state from disaster declaration.

The Otero Electric Co-op Board, made up of members elected from each area the co-op services, authorized a study of the rates and a rate increase about six months ago. A consultant, Jack Moss, was hired from the firm Bolinger, Seegars, Gilbert and Moss of Lubbock. The firm does consulting for numerous electrical co-operatives. Using a cost of services study to determine usage and payment, and making sure Otero met its financial obligations, Moss determined the need for the rate increase and demand charge was justified.

The proposed rate hikes

will increase Otero's revenues by \$1,008,308 a year, based on last year's usage. Residential users represent the largest part of that \$1 million, at 10.76 percent increase. And the demand charges will once again apply.

None of the demand meters physically installed on the residential customers were removed after the 1989 ruling.

Another study was conducted by Otero Electric Cooperative in June 1990 to March 1991, and statistics compiled by Dr. Paul Beimer, then with New Mexico State University Dept. of Experimental Statistics. The study cost Otero \$200,000, but most of that cost went to the 700 special meters placed at random, like a survey, systemwide. The meters measured electrical use every 15 minutes. The meters continue to be monitored by the person hired especially for that purpose.

The study concluded residential users are causing the load of electrical use. Otero had about 3,000 demand meters systemwide of the 10,041 total residential customers. It has 1,045 commercial customers and 120 meters for irrigation.

If the rate increase schedule filed with the Public Service Commission is approved, Otero Electric will begin demand charges of all customers who currently have a demand meter at their residence. Also, some customers will be re-evaluated for usage and may have demand meters installed.

Vaughn said the way to identify a large power user will be based on the power used the previous months, the size of the transformer from the main

lines to the home, type of usage in the home (whether all electric, etc.)

As for the Carrizozo area, Vaughn said most electrical users do not exceed the amount to warrant demand meters.

WHAT MAKES A DEMAND METER SO UNDESIRABLE?

When a customer's electrical use exceeds the 10 kilowatts for 15 minutes continuously during any one given hour, for instance all electrical appliances in a home are activated at one time, the demand meter will "kick in." Then that higher rate will stay on for the rest of the month.

At the Carrizozo town council meeting, Trustee Johnnie Johnson was against any demand meter which he said would increase rates twice of those now. But Trustee Dale LaMay, who has a demand meter under a commercial account, said that the demand rates now do not "kick in" on that meter, unless he was to increase the demand for power.

Otero Electric customers all will be facing increased rates if the schedule is approved. Non-demand meter users will see only a 4-9 percent increase of their current rates.

It will be those residential users with high electrical demands, who will pay for what they use with demand meters.

For more information concerning the proposed rate increase schedule, either attend the Feb. 20 meeting in Carrizozo, or contact Vaughn or manager Bill Merston at the Cloudcroft Otero Electric Cooperative office at 882-2521 or Bob Cox at the Alto Otero Electric Office at 336-4550.

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Fort Stanton given . . . (Continued from Page 1)

appropriation will allow the cottages at Ft. Stanton to be converted to include a bathroom and sink in each room.

The project will consider each cottage at a time, which will give the hospital a longer time to transit those DD individuals to the proper setting—long term care or community based group homes.

"The governor endorsed us," Aldaz said. With that endorsement, Aldaz felt confident the hospital will stay open.

This week, Aldaz was to go to the Legislature to pursue money for a capital outlay project to start remodeling.

Under the Health and Human Services Dept. appropriation, the transition of DD clients from Ft. Stanton and Los Lunas, as identified under the terms of the "Jackson lawsuit," will get a boost with Medicaid money.

Public Education got the largest share of the bill, with \$1.02 billion going to Public School Support. Rep. Sam Vigil, chairman of the education committee, said it was difficult to appropriate considering the economic situation of the state. However, the bill would provide enough to fund the millions requested from the state's school districts.

The appropriation would encourage districts to increase salaries on an average of 2 percent, with the highest percentage increase to lower paid employees.

State equalization for public schools was \$933,230,000, based on \$2,200 per unit. Students are figured as units depending on the programs in which they participate. The amount a district receives from the state equalization fund depends on the unit enrollment

on the 40th day of class and Dec. 1 special education counts in the fall.

Other departments to be funded in the bill included Highway and Transportation, which exceeded a \$250 million, a 33 percent increase over last year. That increase is a direct result of federal dollars to the state for highways. A challenge will be made to the Highway and Transportation Dept. to buy New Mexico products and hire New Mexico businesses.

The Dept. of Health and Human Services got a huge chunk of the pie with its \$703,139,300 appropriation. Medicaid programs had the greatest impact on that department's budget, resulting in a 22 percent increase over last year. Converting current DD programs at the two state institutions is included in the appropriation.

Republican Dick Cheney, minority floor leader from San Juan County, was not convinced the appropriations bill was at a bare bones minimum. He questioned Human Services, which he considered "out of control." He blamed the department secretary for failing to control his department. He listed several other items in the bill which he thought should not be there, but should have been introduced as separate bills.

"We can't face the public and say there is no fat in this bill," Cheney said.

After more debate, representatives voted 55-14 to approve the bill and pass it on to the Senate. The Senate will consider, amend, substitute, debate, then kill or pass Bill 2, 4 and 5. After that, it will be up to the governor whether to sign it or veto.

Health physicist is . . . (Continued from Page 1)

from the military services. Most such specialists are male.

Bowser became interested in nuclear matters very early in life. She recalls an article in the "Weekly Reader," in grade school, about a nuclear reactor in Shippingport. That interest stayed with her, until recently she was in charge of spent fuel disposition at a nuclear power plant. She went to work for Pacific Nuclear on January 1 of this year. Her title at Mescalero is director, MRS Project Technical Development/Government Liaison.

The Mescalero tribe has obtained a grant to study the feasibility of establishing an MRS (Monitored Retrievable Storage) site on land controlled by the tribe. The project is in Phase I or the study phase; Phase II, if the tribe and the Dept. of Energy decide to continue after Phase I, will involve site selection.

What is a health physicist? A "job description" says: "Health physics, or radiological health, as it is frequently called, is that area of environmental health engineering that deals with the protection of individual and population groups against the harmful effects of ionizing and non-ionizing

radiation.

"The health physicist is responsible for the safety aspects in the design of processes, equipment and facilities utilizing radiation sources, so that radiation exposure to personnel will be minimized, and will at all times be within acceptable limits, and he (she) must keep personnel and the environment under constant surveillance to ascertain that designs are indeed effective."

Bowser says she lives on a five-acre ranch near Sacramento, Calif., that her home is near a nuclear power plant. She says she has no fear of nuclear energy as it pertains to the production of power.

She and a team of Pacific Nuclear people have or will speak before various civic groups. She deals in her talks with safety and technical aspects of the MRS. She also is a specialist in regulatory compliance. Any MRS facility must be licensed by the Federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

If the MRS becomes a reality, several hundred people would be involved in the construction phase on a 450-acre site. Then, several hundred more would be permanently

employed for the 40-year life of the site. After 40 years, the spent rods and their concrete and steel storage casks would be stored elsewhere underground, probably in the Nevada desert.

Bowser told Noon Lions Club members in Ruidoso recently that she would be much more concerned about industrial accidents at any construction site rather than radiation.

The MRS project here has met with a degree of opposition and even demonstrations in downtown Ruidoso by students.

Several other Indian tribes have applied for study grants. Apparently only one site will be chosen for temporary (40-year) storage.

As Fred Peso, of the Mescalero Tribal Council, told Lions, "We are just in the first phase, the study phase."

Bowser is a part of that phase.

She says she doesn't know whether her job as it pertains to the MRS project here will last week or years.

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Mill levy seen crucial to L.C. Medical Center

Without the mill levy, operation of the Lincoln County Medical Center would be marginal at best, Valerie Miller, hospital administrator, indicated at a board of trustees meeting last week. Lincoln County voters in November will have the opportunity to continue the levy which provides the lion's share of operating funds for the hospital.

Miller told the *Lincoln County News* that she sees no evidence that either major political party will have a comprehensive federal health plan in place for passage in November to replace the need for a mill levy.

"Even if there is a plan, it may take a long time to implement," she said. She said that voters can approve an eight-year extension of the mill levy. If Congress approves a plan that replaces it and the plan becomes in effect, the county commission can cancel out the mill levy if a revenue source replaces it.

"I am against double taxation, totally," Miller said. But, she said, it is doubtful if the hospital can operate with no mill levy and with no additional federal support.

The administrator presented the budget for the next hospital year (April 1, 1992-March 31, 1993) to

trustees. "This is the second year we have been able to operate without a rate increase," Miller told the News. From April 1990 to March 31, 1993, there is no increase.

Expected net income for fiscal year starting April 1 is pegged at \$442,722, with a whopping \$399,000 coming from the mill levy.

Miller said she can envision the hospital "going belly up" if forced to operate at a hefty loss over a period of a few years. Gross patients revenue for the current hospital year was figured at \$9,268,424.

After losing \$7,173 in November, the hospital bounced back in December to show a positive bottom line of \$79,479. Loss in November if the mill levy was not in effect would have been \$54,422.

The Carrizozo Health Center showed a gain of \$289 for December and a year to date loss of \$7,145, despite \$132,741 in mill levy funding.

The ambulance company showed a gain of \$15,472 for December and a year to date gain of \$9,929.

"We have a pretty self-contained hospital," the administrator said.

Gross patient revenue next operating year is expected to be \$10,314,891. Some \$3,796,168

has to be subtracted because of GD&A (Contractual Discounts and Allowances). This includes welfare patients who are unable to pay. The budget includes a modest wage increase for employees.

Reappointed to the board were James Sanchez, Sus Stearns and Dr. Roger Beechie.

Miller reported that 92 cat scans have been done on the new cat scan machine. An open house is planned in March to introduce Lincoln County resi-

dents to the wonders of the machine.

The hospital, Miller, said, has recruited a second orthopedic surgeon and a second obstetrician/gynecologist.

The administrator said that Medicare no longer reimburses the hospital for the interpretation of EKGs. The hospital will have to absorb an annual cost of \$35,000.—AL STUBBS



CARRIZOZO CUB SCOUT PACK 153 learned about the environment with their on-hands activity: bagging trash at Spencer Park. Three of six Scouts who participated in the Wolf Trail achievement are shown above; left to right, Matthew Offutt and Levi Eoble.

Reporter gets view . . .

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In the legislators' lounge, massage therapists were giving away massages, as their way of saying thanks to the lawmakers who passed favorable massage therapist legislation last year.

When session began, only pages, analysts, representatives and other authorized persons were allowed on the floor. A sergeant at arms stationed at the floor door made sure of it. Once a session begins for the day it continues without major breaks. Legislators come and go while bills are in debate, but when a vote is called, or when the call of the floor dictated by the Speaker of the House or the Lieutenant Governor, the lawmakers are expected to be at their seats.

Lobbyists and the general public can watch the session from the gallery. But no smoking, drinking or eating is allowed there.

It's a different story on the floor. Representatives and senators can smoke at will, eat, drink. They even have pages to fetch food.

But once a session opens for the day, it continues, with only minor recesses until the end of the day.

This journalist's 10-year-old daughter, Lily, served as a page for Rep. Baca on Friday. Her main duties were to wait on representatives (on the Democrat side of the House floor). She fetched drinks, food and messages. She had the opportunity to first serve Rep. John Underwood.

Rep. Baca sat in the row behind Rep. Underwood. Rep. Baca was appointed to fill a vacancy created when Rep. Ruben Smith resigned the seat to serve as mayor of Las Cruces, to

which he was elected.

While rambling about the curving hallways of the Roundhouse, this journalist ran into Cece Griffin, Lincoln County Democratic Party Chairwoman. She was up to see Rep. Underwood, who earlier in the day had discussed the House Memorial 66, pertaining to the proposed MRS Facility on the Mesalero Reservation, in the Rules and Order of Business Committee.

Mary Maul, from Ruidoso Main Street, was also in the Roundhouse that day.

Two more local faces were glimpsed by this journalist—Ruidoso Police Chief Dick Swenor on Friday and former Lincoln County representative Ben Hall on Thursday.

Ruidoso Councilors Barbara Duff, Pat Espinosa, Bill Karn and Ron Andrews went to the Roundhouse on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Tuesday afternoon Sandy Dutchover, from the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center, went up with eight Ruidoso seniors to testify for a senior meals program at the Ruidoso center.

Wednesday, Rep. Underwood was scheduled to testify on behalf of Councilor Andrews' pet project, the Hospital Tax Act, in a Taxation and Revenue Committee hearing.

In that same committee hearing, Underwood was scheduled to testify on House Bill 452 on the Ruidoso Downs Museum Marketing.

This week, legislators began to step up activity. The feed bill, or appropriations, which help set the state budget, is the main legislation to be considered during the 30-day session. The hours are expected to get long before the work is finished.

With an ethics question on the line this session, and representatives and senators delayed by arguing the ethics in closed committee for more than two days, holding up their respective committee hearings, the final days will most likely be very hectic.

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by P.E. Chavez

PLANNING AHEAD

If you started growing a beard after January 1 you may be interested in festivities in Shamrock, Texas. The town's Saint Patrick's Day Celebration Beard Growing Contest (March 20-22) has been a tradition since 1938.

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Although the hotline is not a substitute for a personal visit to a physical therapist or other health care practitioner, callers can use it as a resource to learn how and where to get help. Callers will receive a free brochure entitled, "Neck and Pain Headaches."

DANCES WITH HOOPS

"If you can't control your horse, don't bring him to town."—Police Chief Adam Brundenhofer, in his column in *The Shiner Gazette*.

The *Shiner*, Texas newspaper columnist says in "From the Chief" that his office gets calls from irate homeowners about people riding on horses through yards and leaving hoof-prints. The chief warns that this falls under Section 28.03 of the Texas Penal Code and is considered criminal mischief.

HERE AND THERE

According to Shop Talk, offi-

cial publication of *New Mexico Press Association*, people who subscribe to *New Mexico Magazine* have to send their money to Escondido, Calif. The self-supporting magazine is printed and mailed in Kentucky and the color separations are produced in Colorado. The subscription money comes back to Santa Fe and deposited in a local bank.

Artspace, a Magazine of Contemporary Art is moving from Albuquerque to Los Angeles. The move is the result of financial pressures. *Artspace* specializes in covering artists in the West.

LASTING LAUGHS

Next month is Humorists Are Artists Month (HAAM) when we salute the wits who add laughter to our lives. No matter how bad life gets, we Americans seem to be able to laugh at something.

"She kept saying I didn't listen to her—or something."—William Corneil on relationships.

"I asked him once, 'Arnold, when you marry Maria Shriver, will she take your last name?' and Arnold said, 'No, then I would just be Arnold.'"

"People differ. Some object to a fan dancer, and others to the fan."—*Washington Post*.

"There are only two places left to go and see white guys fight—a hockey game and the Senate Judiciary Committee."—Syndicated columnist Mark Shields, after the Clarence Thomas hearing.

"It just goes to show...give them enough time and they'll always find some dirt to pin on you."—Clarence Thomas.

"...Tell me about it."—Christopher Columbus (Jim Borgman cartoon.)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Dr. Dorothy Wagner author of *Prescriptions for Happiness Over 50: "Maintain the ability to laugh at yourself. Remember, none of us will get out of this alive."*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VALENTINE'S DAY, FRIDAY, FEB. 14

—Dance with your favorite sweetheart and benefit the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #26 scholarship fund at Ruidoso's Win, Place and Show on Sudderth Drive in the heart of Mid-town. The dance begins at 7:30 p.m. and admission is \$5 a couple or \$3 for singles.

MONDAY, FEB. 17

—President's Day, no class for local schools, government offices, banks and post offices closed also. Capitan and Carrizozo Schools also will be closed on Wednesday, Feb. 26, to allow teachers to attend the Region 9 In-Service Day in Ruidoso.

TUESDAY, FEB. 18

—Carrizozo Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. in the administration building.

—Capitan Chamber of Commerce invites village residents to meet the Capitan municipal office candidates at 7 p.m. in the Capitan School Foyer. Mary Shanks will be the moderator.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19

—Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary will conduct a blood drive in the hospital annex, located next door west of Lincoln County Medical Center on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. Hours for the blood drive are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Due to the loss of donors from the military who served in the Persian Gulf, a serious shortage of donors exists. All who can participate are urged to do so.

FRIDAY, FEB. 21

—Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Dept. is sponsoring an enchilada supper from 4-8:30 p.m. at Zia Senior Citizen's Center in Carrizozo. The proceeds will go to the July 4th fireworks display.

SUNDAY, FEB. 23

—Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County (FRWLC) hold their annual membership tea at 720 Deer Park Drive in Alto Village. All Republican men and women are invited. For information call 336-4050.

TUESDAY, FEB. 25

—FRWLC hold their regular monthly lunch meeting at 11 a.m. the TeePee Lounge at Ruidoso High School. The program will be presented by RHS student Karen Hopko.

—Ski Apache Handicapped Skiers Association holds its Silent Auction from 6-9 p.m. at Cree Meadows Country Club in Ruidoso. Bids on fabulous merchandise such as clothing, artwork, ceramics, crafts, jewelry, toys and lots more. At the conclusion, the drawing for the Ski Apache season pass will be held. Enjoy a cash bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26

—Ski Apache Handicapped Skiers Association holds its 14th annual Businessperson-Handicapped Ski Race at 11 a.m. on Easy Street at Ski Apache. An SAHSA student pairs with a local businessperson who skis one-legged with outriggers, forearm crutches with skis on the bottoms. For information call 336-4416.

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Candidates line up for Ruidoso positions

By AL STUBBS
RUIDOSO BUREAU

Three incumbents, one former veteran village councilor and a newcomer to village politics will be vying for three seats on the Ruidoso Village Council. Qualified voters who live in the village limits will ballot March 3 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at two locations.

Candidates for the three seats are incumbents J.D. James, Jess W. Stinson and Patricia Espinosa; Jerry W. Shaw, former council member, and Frank T. Cummins.

Balloting will be at White Mountain Elementary School gymnasium for voters living in precincts 6, 8 and 10. Voters in consolidated precincts 7 and 9 will vote at the Ruidoso Public Library. Voters in the absent voter precinct will ballot at the office of the village clerk, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. February 27 will be the last day absentee voters may cast their ballots in person.

Candidates appear on the ballot in the following order: Patricia Espinosa, Frank T. Cummins, J.D. James, Jerry G. Shaw and Jess W. Stinson.

Espinosa was appointed to the village council in September by Mayor Victor Alonso to fill a vacancy when Al Junge resigned. She owns Ruidoso Discovery Travel and has resided in Ruidoso eight. She and her husband, Paul, have a daughter, Katie, 6.

"My interests are centered around the development of Ruidoso. I have been actively involved with the Economic Development Corporation and with the Transportation Board in conjunction with Resort Air which is striving for air service to Ruidoso and other small new

Mexico Communities," Espinosa says. "I believe that those of us in Ruidoso are true survivors. We have struggled and endured and through our hard work will be rewarded with a bright future," she wrote in a statement.

Cummins is a retired school principal and teacher who has worked for Ruidoso-Sunland, Inc., and currently for Ruidoso Downs Racing, Inc. He was director of operations and safety for Ruidoso-Sunland, Inc., from 1983-87 and currently is Sawdust Plant Supervisor, Ruidoso Downs Racing, Inc. From 1974 until 1982, he was elementary school principal in Phoenix. He was district curriculum coordinator at the Balsz School District in Phoenix prior to that. He has a BA degree in education from Arizona State University and a MA in administration from the same institution.

J.D. James was appointed to the village council by former Mayor Lloyd Davis in May of 1987. He ran successfully in 1988 and was elected by 74 percent of the votes cast in that race, he says.

James had been employed by LaGrone Funeral Home in Ruidoso the past four years. Prior to that, he had a consulting contract with Sun Oil Co. He and his wife, Billie, have one son and two grandchildren.

"I think I have contributed something to the village since I was appointed," James says.

"Fiscal responsibility is my main interest on the council," James says. He also would like to see taxes lowered after a mill levy is paid off "if it's not too much strain on the village."

James says he would like to see more playground equipment in the parks. He has an interest in the meal program for homebound residents. He says he continues to oppose the MRS, "not from an emotional standpoint but from its effect on our main industry, tourism." He wants people to tell him of complaints and advise him if they have solutions to village problems.

Jerry Shaw is a 20-year resident of Ruidoso. She was the first woman elected to the Ruidoso Village Council and was the first woman mayor pro-tem, 1984-88.

She was district director, New Mexico Municipal League, 1986-88 and was on the Ruidoso Transportation Committee for three years.

Chairman of the Economic Development board for three years, she was secretary of the municipal airport planning board. She has served in many capacities with the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, with the humane society and League of Women Voters. She was named Today's Woman in Government by the Federated Woman's Club of Ruidoso in 1985.

She and her husband, Dick, were owners and founders of Best Bet Magazine and Vida in Ruidoso. She has a background in journalism, having majored in journalism at Texas Tech. She and her husband have two daughters and three grandchildren.

Jess Stinson has been a realtor and builder in Ruidoso for nine years. Before moving to Ruidoso, he had one of the largest building and real estate companies in Lakewood, Texas, for 26 years. He is co-owner of Winner's Circle. Stinson has been on the Ruidoso Village Council for over four years. He also served two years on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Arsonists: Be wary of 'stoppers'

A tip to Ruidoso Crime Stoppers could result in the solving of a major arson case in the area.

Arsonists torched a grade school at Mescalero some months ago.

Lanny Maddox, coordinator of the Crime Stoppers organization, told board members at a regular meeting last week at the Great Wall of China that information furnished Crime Stoppers had been relayed to Mark Chino, Mescalero Apaches police chief. The Bureau of Indian Affairs will investigate, also, Maddox indicated.

Maddox reported to the board that since Oct. 15, 17 felony cases have been solved and \$3,500 in merchandise has been recovered through tips to Crime Stoppers.

"We've had nine calls since the last meeting," Maddox said. A reward was authorized in a major embezzlement case.

Officers elected at the meeting were: Kathleen Michelena, chair person; Jimm Bassett, vice chair person; Patsy Sanchez, recording secretary; Mildred Crocker, corresponding secretary, and Roy Seay, treasurer.

Building permits

One church renovation project valued at \$150,000 boosted village building permit totals for January to \$282,919. One permit for a new home for \$78,000 helped the total which was \$103,000 more than in January of 1991.

The \$150,000 permit was obtained by the Gateway Church of Christ which is renovating the old Safeway building on Sudderth Drive. Noel Bowley is listed as the contractor. The address is 425-445 Sudderth.

The new home permit was by Jace Ensor. He also is listed as the contractor for the \$78,000 structure to be constructed at 311 Lloyd L. Davis Drive. Most other permits were for minor alterations or additions to existing homes except for one.

Malcolm Brachman obtained a permit to repair water damage at 222 Timberline. The permit was for \$15,000.



CYRUS COCHISE, member of Mescalero Apache Tribal Council, speaking to National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NAREF, Ruidoso chapter, Tuesday noon at K-Bobs. He spoke on the MRS project.

Retirees afforded MRS presentation

Two people involved in the MRS (Monitored Retrievable Storage) being investigated by the Mescalero Apache Indian Tribe presented an informational program for the Ruidoso chapter of NARFE (National Association of Retired Federal employees) Tuesday morning at K-Bob's in Ruidoso.

Making his maiden speech outlining the proposed high-level nuclear waste storage project was Cyrus Cochise, tribal council member for the past 10 years. He was accompanied by Rita Bowser, health physicist with Pacific Nuclear, a firm the Mescaleros have retained for technical and regulatory advice.

Cochise said the MRS project would only be a temporary warehousing of spent fuel rods from nuclear reactors.

He said the tribe wants to "educate people and make them feel comfortable" with the project. "There's a lot of misunderstanding," he said. He said seven tribal council inspected various nuclear power plant sites and found nothing "that would create a problem." He emphasized that no decisions have been made on the project, that five other Indian tribes and two cities also are seeking the MRS storage facility which could mean millions of dollars and much employment for the MRS host.

Bowser cited her 15 years of experience in the nuclear field. She provided technical information on what the MRS site would be like and how nuclear material would be stored.

In a question and answer session, one woman said that State Rep. John Underwood and U.S. Rep. Joe Skeen both had told her the MRS project was in Phase II.

"Who is lying, them or you?" she demanded. Part of Phase II would be site selection.

Cochise assured her that the project is still in Phase I or the feasibility study phase. Bowser said there must be some mis-communication with the elected officials who she indicated have the wrong information.

The mayor of Carrizozo said that every bit of documentation from the DOE has been flawed.

Bowser said Pacific Nuclear has a form which anyone can request for specific information on the project. Informational packets also are available.

One man asked how anyone can get to speak before the tribal council about MRS.

Cochise said the tribal council welcomes any valid information about nuclear matters from people qualified to speak on the issue.

The informational number at Mescalero is 671-4637.

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January calm month for Ruidoso Downs

By AL STUBBS
RUIDOSO BUREAU

January was a calm month in Ruidoso Downs. There were no fires and no injury accidents despite slick and snowy roads part of the month.

Ruidoso Downs trustees learned this in departmental reports at a regular meeting, Monday night, when they also had an update on air service prospects, heard from the auditor and took care of routine business including road work on primitive roads in the village.

Business included instructing Gary Mitchell, village attorney, to prepare a proposed joint powers agreement with the village of Ruidoso for the Downs to provide animal control services for Ruidoso.

Ruidoso has offered to pay \$1,200 a month to Ruidoso Downs for certain services, including handling up to 50 calls per month. Trustees will

review a draft of a proposed joint powers agreement at the next meeting of that body, on Feb. 24. The Ruidoso village council must ratify any agreement also.

Dick Weber, who has been deeply involved in trying to get a locally owned airline launched reported that Resort Airline Limited was incorporated under the laws of New Mexico as of February 11.

Weber said proponents of the airline are seeking permission from the New Mexico Transportation Authority to issue revenue bonds in the amount of \$9.5 million for the first year's operation, including purchase of aircraft and other equipment.

Resort Airline proposes a route from El Paso to Denver via Ruidoso, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Taos and Raton. He said target date for the first flight is July 4 of this year.

"We hope to affiliate with a major carrier," Weber said. He

mentioned Continental and Delta. The local airline would provide multiple flights daily and could serve other communities if demand warrants, he said.

Trustees agreed to hire Dale Graham as village mechanic to fill a vacancy.

Trustees also approved a plan whereby village employee David Weigbrecht would also serve as assistant maintenance supervisor under Dennis Riddle.

Mitchell said at one point in the meeting that Ruidoso Downs "will never get anywhere" if the village continually "changes horses in the middle of the stream."

"You'll stay wet," he said. Auditor Gayland Coven said the village appears to be in good shape, that bookkeeping systems "are working" but that more continuity is needed in village hall in accounting applications.

The trustees after the March 3 village election will be reduced from seven members to three. Mitchell, in effect, appealed for a stable support staff in village hall regardless of who

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NOEMA PAGE, member Lincoln County Hospital Auxiliary and blood drive coordinator here, is shown with two Blood Services people who will assist Feb. 19, 11 am to 6 pm, in collecting blood. The El Paso people are Lora Given and Dolores Hernandez.

It's FHA Week for Capitan High

It's FHA week at Capitan High School.

FHA members will celebrate 50 years of Home Economics at Capitan High School with a reception from 6:30-7:30 p.m. today (Thursday) in the Home Ec. room. The community is invited to drop in and see the display of Capitan High School year books going back 50 years. Members who did star events at the district contest will re-enact their presentations for guests also.

Refreshments will be served.

Several Capitan FHA members did outstandingly at the recent district FHA contests at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

The two Life Situations teams were best in district and are eligible to compete in the state contests March 26-28 in Glorieta.

Members of the junior high team, which earned the highest rating of three stars, were Nolan LaRue, Michelle McGarvey, Angie Hutchinson, and Sherrie Dockery. The high school team members were Janiece Smith, Marissa Valenzuela, Dianna Lively and Bobby Jo Disinger.

Also competing and placing at the district contests in the respective categories were:

Community Service—Pam Pacheco and Alma Lively, who qualified to go to national if they win first at state.

Promotions Plus—Lety LaRue and Marissa Valenzuela, also qualified for national if they win at state.

Illustrated Talk—Lety LaRue, also qualified for national if she wins first at state.

Baked Goods—Meaghan Vinson, with three stars will go to state; Pam Pacheco, two stars; Nolan LaRue, two stars; Michelle McGarvey and Angie Hutchinson.

Decorated Cakes—Meaghan Vinson, three stars will go to state; Marissa Valenzuela, three stars, will go to state; Randy Hutchinson, two stars.

All Star Chapter—Dianna and Alma Lively, qualified for state.

Parliamentary Procedure—team of Nolan LaRue, Renee Smith, Angie Hutchinson, Sherrie Dockery, Randy Hutchinson and Michelle McGarvey, qualified for state.

Artistic Decorations—Renee Smith, qualified for state.

Job Interview—Meaghan Vinson and Lisa McCarty, qualified for state.

National contests will be held in Chicago in July. Members who place first at state will be eligible for the national contests.

Adults who accompanied the Capitan FHA members to the district contests held in the Home Ec./Ag Complex at NMSU were Debbie King, who lead the junior high Parliamentarian Team, Johanna LaRue, Stella Valenzuela and sponsor Jan LaRue.

Free job hunting classes offered

Job-hunting and resume writing classes start next Monday and Tuesday evenings in ENMU Ruidoso's adventures in learning program.

Both courses are designed to assist anyone who needs to learn or improve their job-hunting or job promotion skills. Both courses are free and open to anyone in the community.

These are one night classes and are also scheduled Feb. 17 and 18, March 16 and 17 and April 6 and 7 in the cafeteria at Ruidoso Middle School.

You may call 257-2120 to register.

Ruidoso chamber board touts scholarship plan

Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce board members have agreed that the Chamber of Commerce can help get more participation by high school students in scholarship programs.

Valerie Miller, who reported for the education committee, cited difficulties in getting students to recognize deadlines and to show much interest. The Lincoln County Medical Center where Miller is administrator has had similar difficulties finding applicants.

Consequently the board agreed that the Chamber will gather information on all scholarship in the area and put them into some kind of brochure. This was the recommendation of the education committee. The status of the scholarship fund was questioned by board member Joan Bailey.

Jack Munn, Chamber financial officer, was asked to research that problem to see if funds are in an earmarked account or are in the general fund. The brochure will be aimed at parents. High school counselors will remain key figures in the scholarship picture.

Criteria for the chamber scholarship will be changed to attract students who might be "B" or C-plus students. It was pointed out that the top two percent of students usually have a choice of many scholarships, that more are not needed for the top academic performers.

At the beginning of the Wednesday, Paul Crown was named president to fill out the unexpired term of Tony Wilcoxson who that day had resigned.

During the meeting, the board heard from Hubert Quintana, executive director of the Water Defense Association. Quintana was there to garner support for new organization, a coalition of municipalities and other entities to oppose establishment of an MRS (Monitored

Retrievable System) or nuclear materials storage site on or near the Mescalero Reservation. The tribe is studying the feasibility of placing a site in the area.

Quintana says it is documented that the DOE has stated in essence that such a collection point is not necessary, that material can be stored safely where it is used.

Frank Sayner reported on what is happening in regard to the summer Art Festival, a primary fund raiser for the Chamber. Sayner said 48 artists and artisans have sent in fees to reserve booths. Three have requested double booths, he said.

Dick Weber reported on the progress on a strong movement locally to get a "Resort Air" airline established, to fly from El Paso to Denver via Ruidoso, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Taos and Raton.

Weber said the group promoting the airline has met with the FFA and that the project is in the licensing phase. In regard to financing, Weber said the New Mexico Transportation Authority will be approached and a request made to authorize revenue bonds. Purchase of equipment and the first year's operation would run \$9 million.

On another front, action on a referral policy was postponed until the city attorney can give an opinion. Craig Rawlings had written a letter to the board and various other people saying that the Chamber, in referrals, was not including the whole community, whether Chamber



THESE STUDENTS MAKE UP winning team in "Battle for the Books" staged at Middle School, Saturday. They are, back row, Shannon Gray, Sarah Huybbard and Lisa Reyes. Front row, Miguel Mascarenaz and Bauley Bishop. They'll compete at state level in April. Contest is sponsored by Ruidoso Public Library and Friends of the Library.

Apache Trails focusing on luring tourists

Apache Trails, an association of communities from Alamogordo/Glendon to Carrizozo and the Hondo Valley and including Ruidoso, Lincoln and Tularosa, is focusing on luring tour groups to the area.

Jerry Watts, chairperson, outlined a program at a meeting of the regional group in Ruidoso at Cochera Inn last week.

Watts, who is executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, asked each community to furnish a list of attractions to be put into tailored packages for tour groups.

Apache Trails representatives heard a report on a recent visit to the area of Sun Country representatives and others interested in promoting the area in Mexico and Germany.

Sun Country YSA has a \$250,000 grant and an agreement with the United States Travel and Tourism Administration to promote area tourist attractions in those countries.

The group toured old Lincoln town attractions and were treated to a meal at Changa's in Capitan while here. Dr. Ron Cox of New Mexico State University is coordinator of the program.

Building a tour group program throughout Apache Trails territory could provide economic benefits in shoulder or "off-season" periods, Watts said.

He suggested tours which might include working ranch stops in the Carrizozo area.

Next meeting of Apache Trails will be Feb. 19 in Cloudcroft.

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EPA 'no shows' again on report

Once again, the Environmental Protection Agency did not show up.

Even though the EPA was listed on the agenda of the Carrizozo Town Trustees meeting Tuesday night, no one from that agency showed up to report on the Cimarron Mill Superfund site. Nor was there any correspondence about the proposed agreement which the town sent EPA in order to give approval to pump contaminated water into the town's sewer system.

Instead, trustees heard a letter from their own attorney, Robert Beauvais, which advised EPA the trustees would take no action on allowing the remedial process of pumping the water, until EPA responds to agreement.

Trustees found they are not the only group worried about the Superfund's liability system. A letter came to the town from the American International Group, Inc. a private "watchdog" over EPA Superfunds. The letter briefly outlined what is being done in the U.S. Congress to study the Superfund's liability system.

The AIG, Inc. will keep the town posted on developments concerning the Superfund reform.

Mayor Cecilia Kuhnel said the letter has come at a perfect time considering the problems the town has had with EPA about the third party liability with the Cimarron Mill Superfund site. She asked permission, and was given it from trustees Johnnie Johnson, Dale LaMay and Harold Garcia, to contact the group for more information.

Once EPA was out of the way, trustees talked about lifting a moratorium on adding water meters, and allowing new meters west of town. LaMay said "more meters could be added to the upgraded line to the Valley of Fires Recreation area. Due to better pressure, LaMay reasoned it could handle more meters.

The moratorium was placed on any new meters outside of the town when water pressure was very bad to residences east of the railroad tracks.

Trustees Garcia argued, "If we break the moratorium we have to break it all ways." He was referring to providing water to homes south of town.

Clerk Carol Schlarb said the town's responsibility ends at the town limits. Unless, she said, the trustees want to annex that southern area into town, then assume full responsibilities and gain added property taxes.

Garcia asked that any requests for water be in writing.

Garcia also questioned a letter drafted by the town attorney in response to the proposed Natural Gas Processing Com-

pany pipeline across forest service land. Beauvais, who also is the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Association lawyers, wrote that the town was against the proposal because it would decrease revenues to the association, which is owned by the municipalities of Carrizozo and Capitan. The letter also stated C-C could upgrade its current system to meet the gas demands from the company.

It was not the content of the letter Garcia questioned, it was why Mayor Kuhnel signed, then mailed the letter to the Public Service Commission without council approval first.

Kuhnel did not reply to Garcia's question, except to say she mailed the letter Friday, Feb. 7.

Kuhnel and Garcia did agree on the subject of missing former Lincoln County Manager Nick Pappas. Garcia said Pappas will be "sorely missed" for the excellent job he did with the county and communities. Kuhnel had called Pappas at his home with similar sentiments. A letter of commendation, signed by the full council, will be mailed to Pappas.

The bill for the engineering services for the street paving project was approved. The \$9,908.95 bill from Asbury and Andrews will be referred to the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District which administers the Community Development Block Grant for the town.

The low-cost aircraft fuel supplier at the airport has pulled out, reported airport manager Hal Marx. He said the town's lateness in paying the bill was the reason. Schlarb was to contact the supplier and explain the way municipalities pay their bills—on a 30-day basis.

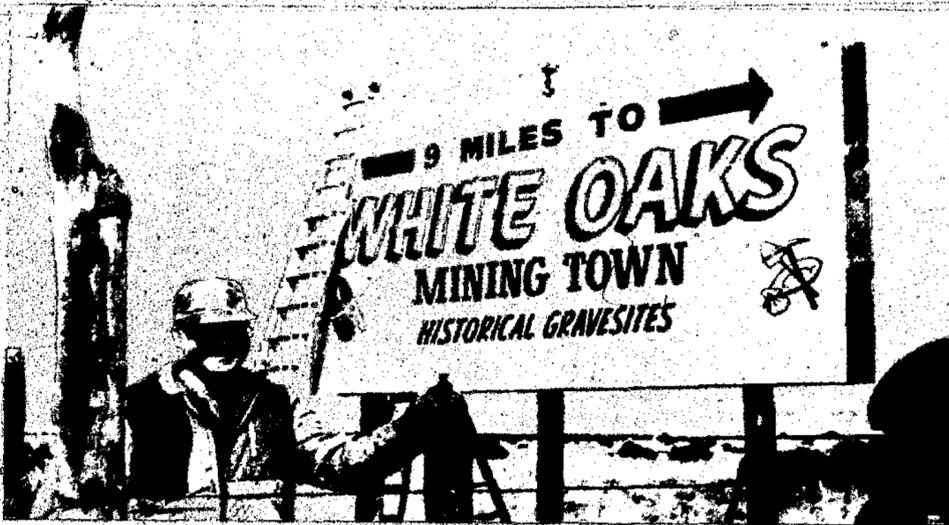
Marx also pointed out needed renovations to comply with the terms of the American Disabilities Act. He also said the directional beacon broke, then provided information on a updated system which will be cheaper to operate.

Garcia also was concerned about the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority pursuing its own landfill, because all the sites identified as suitable in Lincoln County are around Carrizozo. He did not mind waste from Carrizozo, and even Ruidoso, but none from Artesia. Kuhnel assured no Artesia trash would be placed in such a landfill.

Kuhnel will attend a New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Resources Dept. workshop for outdoor recreation grants, to seek a grant to upgrade the pool and tennis court.

Opinion is ultimately determined by the feelings, and not by the intellect.

—Herbert Spencer



LINCOLN COUNTY LODGERS TAX COMMITTEE is pleased that a sign pointing out the location of one of the county's historical towns is finally installed. Don Smith pictured, Ruidoso (Signs by Smith-Don and Jimmy Smith) donated a large amount of materials and time. White Oaks Historical Society supported the project and appreciate the committee's effort to promote tourism in Lincoln County.

Chamber urges voters to take responsibility

The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce traveling trophy for the best commercial Christmas lighting display was presented to Hal Marx at Carrizozo Airport during the chamber meeting Tuesday.

The plaque will be displayed at the terminal building throughout this year.

President Ruth Hammond encouraged all members to vote in the March 3 municipal election. "Government is only as good as the people we put there." She encouraged all to contact the candidates and talk to them.

One chamber member said he was amazed at how few people attend council meetings. He questioned how the public can really know what is going on with city management if it is not at the meetings.

Candidate Rick Emmons was present and gave some of his views. He said he was not in the election for "revenge" because he was fired from his former town police job. Rather, as an employee, he saw both sides of the town meetings. "Those there know nothing of New Mexico laws."

"Some things are not right," he continued. He urged chamber members to vote or things will never change in town hall.

Emmons was asked whether he was in favor of a Taos-type road block. A road block by state police and Taos Sheriff's Office on the Taos ski run road was supposedly to check registration and insurance validations. However, police also had drug dogs which subsequently discovered drugs in many vehicles, including those from out of state. Numerous citations were issued, andangers flared.

The roadblock created controversy among the Taos business leaders and tourism promoters and instigated a number of lawsuits by persons who were stopped.

"What they're doing is legal," Emmons replied. He said if someone does not like roadblocks he should go to the Legislature to have the laws changed.

Another chamber member opined change only comes by citizens going to meetings. By doing so, citizens will know

what is going on. If something is bothersome, the citizen should say so, not let "4-5 people run our lives."

Another member said the town needs to condemn old buildings and cut the weeds. He was in favor of kicking the "rascals" out.

Marx, airport manager, who hosted the meeting, told of the organization of a local chapter of Civil Air Patrol, CAP, a civic minded organization affiliated with the U.S. Air Force, provides a image building program for young people.

In order to get a total chapter going, senior members are needed to assist Larry Bond, who has volunteered his services. A CAP chapter does not need an airplane, it needs group leaders to lead the junior cadets through training for search and rescue, Drug Enforcement Agency and customs work. Marx said the real reward is seeing a young person with nothing get filled with pride as he achieves ranking in CAP.

Anyone interested in a local CAP should contact Marx at Carrizozo Airport. Marx also announced the Fly-in Breakfast at the airport on April 12.

Mark Riley, manager of Sturges' Venture Market, the new food store in Carrizozo, was welcomed by members. She said the town's reception to the

new store was real good. "Everybody's been so nice." She welcomed everyone to the store.

Mrs. Aileen Lindsmond donated \$10 for the chamber to join "New Mexico Beautiful" in order to become eligible for a \$100 grant for tree plantings. New Mexico Arbor Day is March 13.

Correspondence included nomination forms for the 7th annual governor's award for Outstanding New Mexico Women. For more information on nominating an outstanding local woman, call Hammond at 648-2560.—DORIS CHERRY.

Rabies clinic slated at several locations

Lincoln County veterinarians will offer Rabies Vaccination Clinics on Saturday, Feb. 15 at various locations. Clinics in the Ruidoso area are planned from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, at three locations; the fire station at the tennis courts, the Ruidoso Downs Fire Station, and the Capitan Fire Station.

Rabies vaccinations will be \$5 each, and other vaccinations will be offered at reduced fees. All pets should be on a leash or in a carrier.

County-wide schedule is as follows:

—RUIDOSO: Saturday, Feb. 15, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Tennis Court Fire Station.

—RUIDOSO DOWNS: Saturday, Feb. 15, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Ruidoso Downs Fire Station.

CAPITAN: Saturday, Feb. 15, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Capitan Fire Station.

LINCOLN: Saturday, Feb. 15, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Lincoln Fire Station.

HONDO: Saturday, Feb. 15, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., Honda Post Office.

CARRIZOSO: Saturday, Feb. 15, 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Carrizozo Fire Station.

CORONA: Saturday, Feb. 15, 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., Corona Fire Station.

ALTO: Saturday, Feb. 15, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Alto Fire Station.

FORT STANTON: Saturday, Feb. 15, 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Fort Stanton Fire Station.

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(Con't. from P. 4)

Common Cause's Ruth Hoffman says the proposal will have a good chance at the ballot box "if senators support it with their constituents with the same magnitude as the chamber's vote."

But that isn't like to happen. Lawmakers have traditionally been uncomfortable pushing for a salary, especially in a year when all 112 are running for office.

If the New Mexico Legislature puts a constitutional amendment on the ballot that links ethics with legislative pay, expect to see a lawsuit, possibly by the Republican Party, aimed at separating the two issues. An argument can be made that a constitutional amendment must address only one subject, although the practice often has gone unchallenged.

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Grants mayor candidate for state panel

With the primary election in New Mexico not too far away, candidates for state offices will be making stops in Lincoln County to campaign.

Friday evening, State Corporation Commissioner Louis Gallegos staged a social affair at an Innsbrook condo for a candidate for the New Mexico Corporation Commission, Jackie Fisher, mayor of Grants. Fisher is a Democrat and is a former member of the State Central Committee.

Fisher is no stranger to public service and office. In 1985, then Gov. Tony Anaya appointed him to the New Mexico Highway Commission where he served a four-year term. In July of 1991, Gov. Bruce King named him to a four-year term on the New Mexico Real Estate Commission.

The candidate has owned and operated Jackie Fisher Realty 14 years in Grants.

He is a former municipal judge in Grants and served four years on the Grants City Council. He is a former president of Young Democrats in the state. He is a native to Tucumcari and grew up in Santa Rosa. He is married to the former Sara Gonzales; they have three children and three grandchildren.

Labels program to end March 1

Campbell's Labels for Education Program will end March 1, so please bring your labels to the nearest drop-off location or bring them by the Carrizozo School.

Classes K-6 are having a contest to see who can collect the most labels, and the winner will receive an ice cream party donated by the Malpais Colts 4-H Club. If you have a school-age child or grandchild, be sure to send your labels with them.

So far the 4-Hers have counted 2,600 and we need many more to reach our goal. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed. Keep sending in those labels and make every label count!

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CANDIDATE JACKIE FISHER, mayor of Grants, for Corporation Commission, with Tommy Peretz, and Democratic County Chairperson, Cece Griffin at party to introduce Fisher to local voters. Peretz, of Ruidoso, and Fisher served on the N.M. Real Estate Commission together.

Capitan News

by Margaret Rensch

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a "Meet the Candidate" Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the Capitan Schools at 7 p.m.

Where was our Chamber of Commerce when the new convenient store, and station held their ribbon cutting ceremony on Feb. 6?

Mr. Brewer, we the people of Capitan are so proud to have you in our community. May you prosper successfully always. Store hours are 24 hours around the clock. The lighting is bright as day at nighttime. It is fully stocked with food, gas, liquor, etc. They ask the community for comments to better their line of products, and have intentions to please the public. If you haven't visited the store, please do so even though you don't spend a cent. It's a great addition to our community.

Smokey Bear State Park sends a welcome to all tourists to visit us in Capitan, New Mexico. With the abundant moisture this winter, the trees and shrubs look beautiful, and like a real forest. It is a beautiful setting for the recreation building and museum.

Happy birthday to Kimberly Wright, Feb. 11, and Justin Wright, Feb. 16. A late Happy birthday to Mr. Gregerson, Jan. 29. Happy birthday to Sabrina Wood, Feb. 18.

Friends and relatives of Mrs. Ward (Bill Wards mother) gave her a party to honor her 99th birthday Feb. 8. Lots of wishes for your future and many more birthdays to come.

Welcome to our beautiful community, all the newcomers. Should I have missed your name forgive me. Welcome recently, Mr. and Mrs. Crossnos from T or C., also Mr. Felps from Las Vegas.

Mr. R.L. Hagee was born and raised in Capitan. He's from Anderson, Mo. Graduated from our school recently, visited his sister, Zenobia Donahouse while enroute from Washington, D.C. where he attended the ceremony for his son, Michael Donahouse, a colonel in the United States Marine Corp. He has been assigned to the Far East on a mission.

Election day is March 3 in the village of Capitan. Candidates for the one, four-year term are: Robert E. Sims Jr., 354-2526, P.O. Box 43, Capitan, N.M.

Gordon B. Ross, 354-3137, P.O. Box 489, Capitan, N.M.
Bennie R. Peterson, 354-3169, P.O. Box 280, Capitan, N.M.

L.C. Cozzens, 354-3185, P.O. Box 395, Capitan, N.M.
Candidates for the one, two-year term are: David R. Posely, 354-3030, P.O. Box 268, Capitan, N.M.

Alfred LeRoy Montes, 354-2516, P.O. Box 473, Capitan, N.M.

Polls will be open at the Lincoln County Fair Grounds Office from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

+ OBITUARIES +

JULIAN B. SWAN

Rosary for Julian B. Swan, 71, of Carrizozo was recited Tuesday at Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo.

Funeral Mass was Wednesday. Officiating was Rev. Ed Griffith of the church. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Carrizozo.

Mr. Swan died Saturday in Ruidoso.

He was born Sept. 14, 1920, at Capitan and had lived in the area all his life. He was born to Robert and Mary Swan, who both preceded him in death. He was a retired ranch hand, and a member of Santa Rita Catholic Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Irene Ramirez and Verna Rodriguez, both of Phoenix, Ariz., and Judy Swan of Alamogordo; four sisters, Lucia Vega, Alice Otero, Virginia Jansrequi and Librada Vallajos, all of Carrizozo; a brother, Pete Swan of Carrizozo; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by

AROUND CORONA

The Corona Fire Dept. sent Eric Wetzel and J J Young to Socorro for a week at the Fire Academy.

Dick Bradley underwent surgery Monday to replace a heart valve. Mrs. Bradley is staying with him in Albuquerque but was home Sunday and reports that he is doing well and may return home this weekend for a month to six weeks of idleness.

Mrs. R. L. Sharp is visiting the Leslie Sharps in Arcadia, OK. Jerry Sharp took his mother to Amarillo where Leslie met them Saturday.

Mrs. Leonard Porter has written from Belen that Dennis Porter is coaching the women's basketball team at the University of Maine for a month this season.

Louie Nalda, 58, of Kauai, Hawaii, died Jan. 24 reportedly of a heart attack. Mr. Nalda was a former resident of Corona and was a prominent Catron Co. rancher. Rosary will be recited Feb. 22 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Quemado. A memorial will be Feb. 23 at the church with interment at the ranch north of Pie Town.

Crown CowBelles met Thursday, Feb. 6, in the school lunchroom for beef fajitas, melon compote, and a special cake decorated with yellow roses and THANK YOU, a gift to CowBelles to show appreciation for the \$750 Mrs. Maness and her committee netted from the lunch served at the NMSU ranch tour. The money is to be used for the purchase of beef to be served to school children. The group moved to the school board room and took the cake where members had a choice between the cake and cream puffs made by Sandy Hendricks.

Seventeen members including all officers were present. Thank yous were read from Les Owen for his scholarship and from Clint L. Sultemeier for the plaque and gift certificate as Man of the Year.

President Shelley Frost announced the Dist 5 workshop to be hosted by Canyon CowBelles at the Carrizozo Country Club March 12. Sue Maness was named quilt chairman. Les Sultemeier told of a bill pending in the legislature which would transfer all funds from animal damage control to economic development.

Supt. of Schools Langan then spoke to express appreciation for cooperation with the schools and told of what the schools are trying to do, update the computer system, put new roofs on some buildings, asphalt the race track, etc. They have opened the gym at 9 a.m. each day for people to walk, bought an ice machine, walk-in freezer and refrigerator and made other improvements in the lunchroom. He is interested in the history of the area and stated that his door is always open and he is ready for coffee and conversation. A Highway Department grant will allow the funds for paving the parking lots. An inspection team the day before gave the lunchroom a perfect grade. Mr. Langan said his contract had been extended two years. He received applause at this announcement. The next meeting is Thursday March 5 at the school lunchroom.

Sunday was Pauline Collins Peak's 73rd birthday and 1992 marks her 50th year of teaching in New Mexico. She taught three years in Hagerman, two in Carrizozo and the remainder at Lavaland Elementary in Albuquerque. She was teaching in Carrizozo at the same time a sister, Lou Collins Daudet was

teaching in Corona.

Dusty Yancey is recovering from injuries involving a borrowed motorcycle that was hit by a vehicle late Saturday afternoon. Dusty is the 13-year-old son of Melvin and Debbie Yancey. He received a concussion, bruises and lacerations and both bones in his lower leg broken.

Jerry Rasak was home from Denver for a long weekend. He is interested in road conditions in his area.

Bob Roberts stopped by Monday evening to say that he wants to buy a small ranch, preferably around Corona. He was enroute home to Clovis from a visit with his mother in T or C.

Dick Bradley came home Sunday after two weeks in an Albuquerque hospital for a heart valve replacement. He expects soon to be walking two miles each day.

Corporation plans officer election

Officers of the Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation will be elected at the annual stockholders meeting, Feb. 20, at Cree Meadows Country Club. Meeting time is 7 o'clock, with a social hour set for 6:30.

Ronnie Paulger, president of EDCLC, will report on the state of the corporation. James Hobb, chairman of the nominating committee, will introduce candidates. Officers and directors will be elected.

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NOTICE OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE, DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES, AND PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS.

VILLAGE OF CORONA

In connection with the regular municipal election to be held on March 3, 1992 and pursuant to 3-8-30 NMSA 1978:

A. Notice is hereby given that the following qualified electors are candidates for public office of the Village of Corona.

The candidates' names are listed in the order that they will appear on the ballot as determined by the drawing by lot.

- 1. For the office of Councilor for a four year term: Position #1 DEBORAH L. MOORE
- Position #2 A.J. Gibbs
- 2. For the office of Councilor for a two year term: NONE

B. Notice is hereby given that the following qualified electors are candidates for public office of the Village of Corona.

1. Voters in Consolidated Precincts 1 within the municipal boundary shall vote at the Village Hall, Main Street, Hwy 54, Corona, New Mexico 88316.

2. Voters in the absent voter precinct will vote at the Office of the Municipal Clerk Main Street Hwy 54, Corona, New Mexico.

C. The following Precinct Board members have been appointed.

- 1. For judge in Precincts #1: Marguerite V. Hand
- 2. For clerk Precinct #1: Renee Kessler
- 3. For clerk and translator in Precinct #1: Ramona A. Gonzalez
- 4. The same workers will be used in Absent Voter Precinct

D. Notice is hereby given that a Precinct Board Election School will be held on the 20th Day of February, 1992 at the Village Hall in Corona, New Mexico. The school will begin at 1:30 p.m. The school is open to the public.

Dated this 4th day of February, 1992.

Ramona A. Gonzalez
3. Para el puesto de Concejales del Ayuntamiento: Margarita V. Hand

Para los escribanos en el precinto del votante absentista: Renee Kessler, Ramona A. Gonzalez

D. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que se llevara a cabo una "Escuela" sobre la Eleccion del Cuerpo Directivo del Precinto el dia 20th de Febrero, 1992 en el Village Hall Main Street Hwy 54, Corona, Nuevo Mexico. La "Escuela" empezara a las 1:30 p.m. La "Escuela" esta abierta al publico.

Fechado este dia 4th de Febrero de 1992.

SIGNED:
BEATRICE CHAVEZ,
Escribana Municipal.

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NOTICE OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE, DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES, AND PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS.

TOWN OF CARRIZOZO

In connection with the regular municipal election to be held on March 3, 1992 and pursuant to 3-8-30 NMSA 1978:

A. Notice is hereby given that the following qualified electors are candidates for public office of the Town of Carrizozo.

The candidates' names are listed in the order that they will appear on the ballot as determined by the drawing by lot.

- 1. For the office of Trustees for a four year term: Virgil D. Ashcraft, Eileen Serna, Rick W. Emmons, Samuel R. Ruiz, Harold G. Garcia
- 2. For the office of Trustees for a two year term: Johnnie L. Johnson, Rosalyn H. McWilliams, Doug A. Whitaker

B. Notice is hereby given that the following polling place shall be used for the conduct of the regular municipal election to be held on March 3, 1992.

1. Voters in Consolidated Precincts 3 & 4 within the municipal boundary shall vote at City Hall Conference Room, 100 5th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

2. Voters in the absent voter precinct will vote at the Office of the Municipal Clerk City Hall 100 5th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

C. The following Precinct Board members have been appointed.

- 1. For judge in Consolidated precincts 3 & 4: Juanita Vallejos
- For clerks in Consolidated precincts 3 & 4: Robert Vallejos, Lydia Serna, Ann Heymann
- 2. For judge in Absent Voter Precinct: Juanita Vallejos
- For clerks in Absent Voter Precinct: Robert Vallejos, Lydia Serna, Ann Heymann

D. Notice is hereby given that a Precinct Board Election School will be held on the 20th Day of February, 1992 at the City Hall Conference Room, in Carrizozo, New Mexico. The school will begin at 10:00 a.m. The school is open to the public.

Dated this 4th day of February, 1992.

SIGNED:
P. CAROL SCHLARE,
Municipal Clerk.

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Pueblo de Carrizozo

Con respecto a la eleccion municipal regular que se llevara a cabo el 3 de marzo de 1992 y de acuerdo con 3-8-30 NMSA 1978:

A. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que los siguientes electores calificados son candidatos para

puestos publicos del Pueblo de Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico.

- 1. Para el puesto de Fiduciario por un termino de cuatro años: Virgil D. Ashcraft, Eileen Serna, Rick W. Emmons, Samuel R. Ruiz, Harold G. Garcia
- 2. Para el puesto de Fiduciario por un termino de dos años: Johnnie L. Johnson, Rosalyn H. McWilliams, Doug A. Whitaker

B. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que los siguientes electores calificados se usaran para la eleccion municipal regular que se llevara a cabo el 3 de marzo de 1992.

- 1. Votantes en los Precintos Consolidados 3 & 4 dentro del lindero municipal votaran en City Hall Conference Room 100 5th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico.
- 2. Votantes en el precinto de votantes ausentes votaran en la oficina de la Escribana Municipal.

C. Los siguientes miembros del Cuerpo Directivo del Precincto han sido nombrados:

- 1. Para el juez en los Precintos Consolidados 3 & 4: Juanita Vallejos
- Para escribanos en los Precintos Consolidados 3 & 4: Robert Vallejos, Lydia Serna, Ann Heymann
- 2. Para el juez en el precinto de votante absentista: Juanita Vallejos

Para los escribanos en el precinto del votante absentista: Robert Vallejos, Lydia Serna, Ann Heymann

D. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que se llevara a cabo una "Escuela" sobre la Eleccion del Cuerpo Directivo del Precinto el dia 20th de febrero, 1992 en el City Hall Conference Room, en el Pueblo de Carrizozo, New Mexico. La "Escuela" empezara a las 10:00 a.m. La "Escuela" esta abierta al publico.

Fechado este dia 4th de febrero de 1992.

SIGNED:
P. CAROL SCHLARE,
Escribana Municipal.

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. CV 91-255, Div. III

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION, as Receiver for FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, Plaintiff,

vs. EMMETT K. MORGAN and PHYLLIS T. MORGAN, husband and wife; LINEOL G. WHITE, JR. and JUDY WHITE, husband and wife; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; and FEDERAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

I, Marge E. Lindsay, Clerk of the Twelfth Judicial District Court, in the County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, do hereby cause to be issued this Notice of Pendency of Action.

The names of the Plaintiff, Defendants and Court in which said cause is pending and the Civil Cause Number are set out above.

The names of the Defendant against whom constructive service is sought to be obtained is as follows:

LINEOL G. WHITE, JR. and JUDY WHITE, husband and wife

The general object of the action is foreclosure of a mortgage dated October 3, 1985 from Emmett K. Morgan and Phyllis T. Morgan, as Mortgagees, to First National Bank of Lincoln County, as Mortgagee, concerning the property described in the complaint in said cause, which is located in the City of Ruidoso, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico.

The name of the Plaintiff's Attorney is as follows: Jore K. Smith c/o Ketcher & McLeod,

P.O. Drawer AA
424 Elbow SW, Suite 1100
Albuquerque, NM 87103
(505) 824-8282

The aforementioned Defendants against whom constructive service is sought to be obtained are hereby notified that unless they file a responsive pleading or motion on or before April 2, 1992, judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered in such cause against them by default.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 20th day of January 1992.

Marge E. Lindsay,
Clerk
Twelfth Judicial District Court
County of Lincoln
Lincoln County Courthouse
P.O. Box 725
Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301

By: Elizabeth Lueras,
Deputy

SEAL #25/WPPPW

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold a Board of Finance meeting during their regularly scheduled commission meeting on February 25, 1992, in the Commission Meeting Room, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo. This meeting is scheduled for 1:00 P.M.

MARTEA GUEVARA,
ACTING LINCOLN COUNTY MANAGER

Published in the Lincoln County News on February 13, 1992.

Ruidoso Downs trustees . . .

(Con't. from P. 7)

is elected to the board of trustees or who is mayor.

Trustees agreed with Mitchell that the village has some responsibility for maintaining any public roads within the village limits.

Maintenance of "primitive roads" however, will only involve upgrading on an infrequent basis. No gravel or base courses will be provided for roads that aren't dedicated or improved.

The auditor agreed with Mitchell who said the audit showed no fraud or embezzlement and "no serious problems with the Department of Finance."

A meet-the-candidates function to be hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary was announced for 6:30 p.m., Feb. 25, at the Senior Citizens Center.

Mayor Addy who in the past has promoted a free chili supper in connection with meet-the-candidates evenings said there will be no chili supper this year. She said candidates asked her "to stay out of it."

During the meeting Opal Armstrong noted that trustees Alice Allison's nameplate has been removed from her spot at the trustees' table. Allison has been critically ill and has been unable to attend meetings. Mayor Addy said, "We'll look into it."

Biology seems exciting at Capitan High School

The students' enthusiasm for the subject of biology at Capitan High School has made the job of student teaching easier for someone who has been there herself.

Katherine Sanchez has returned to her alma mater to do her student-teaching in Biology this spring semester. Gradually over the next few months, Sanchez will take over a different science class in the high school. She is in her final year at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces where she has majored in biology as her first teaching field and natural science in her second.

Sanchez, who graduated from Capitan in 1987, said at first it was hard to adjust from a small school like Capitan to the large university. But from the looks of her accomplishments, she had no trouble doing just that.

She was on the Dean's List for two years, served on the Dean's Advisory Council in the College of Education for four years; an NNSU Roadrunners basketball team member; a Student Ambassador for two years; a member of the Wildlife Society for four years and officer for two; Project Assistant for Project Del Rio, an international water quality monitoring project with high school students in the U.S. and Mexico. The Del

Rio project is sponsored by Johnson and Johnson and GM. Sanchez will leave New Mexico at the end of her student teaching, to pursue graduate studies at the University of Arizona in Tucson. She received a full tuition scholarship to study range management in conjunction with the U.S. Fore-

at Service. After graduation, she will pursue a career with the U.S. Forest Service. So far, Sanchez has enjoyed her student teaching at Capitan High School because the students seem enthusiastic. She is the daughter of James and Lynda Sanchez of Lincoln.



KATHERINE SANCHEZ (right) helps student Karl Champion with a science question.



EMT GWEN JONES teaches CPR to anatomy student Cody Mortors. Sanchez also helped with the class.

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To find out where the nearest TCE site is located, call your local IRS office or call the IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-1040 and ask for the Taxpayer Education Coordinator.

"Church Directory"
for churches in Carrizozo

<p>Carrizozo Community Church (A/G) JOHNNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186 Sunday School.....10:00 am Worship Service.....11:00 am Thursday Bible Study.....7:00 pm</p>	<p>St. Mathias Episcopal Church REV. ROBERT BATTON Corner of E Ave. & Sixth, 1-258-4144 Holy Eucharist.....10:30 am Sunday</p>
<p>Santa Rita Catholic Church EDWIN GRIFFITH, pastor 213 Birch, 648-2853 Mass.....11:00 am Sunday.....Anticipated Saturday Mass.....7:00 pm Saturday</p>	<p>Trinity United Methodist Churches THOMAS C. BROOM, pastor 1000 D. Ave., 648-2893/648-2848 Sunday School.....10:00 am Worship Service.....11:00 am Special Meetings: * Trinity Women meet third Thursday every month. * Methodist Men meet for breakfast every second Sunday at 8:30 a.m. CAPITAN Sunday Worship.....9:30 am Adult Sunday School.....8:30 am 2nd Sunday School.....11:00 am</p>
<p>Evangelistic Assembly VIRGIL ASHCRAFT, pastor 711 E. Ave., 648-2952 Sunday.....2:30 pm Tuesday.....7:00 pm Saturday Bible Study.....7:30 pm</p>	<p>Nogal Presbyterian Church DOUG & LOU GORDON, co-pastors. 648-2944 Adult Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.</p>
<p>Church of Christ PAUL WETZEL, minister Ave. C at 12th, 648-2996 Sunday School.....10:00 am Worship Service.....11:00 am Evening Worship.....6:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 pm</p>	<p>First Baptist Church HAYDEN SMITH, pastor 314 10th Ave, 648-2988 (church) or 648-2107 Sunday School.....9:45 am Worship Service.....10:55 am Sun. Evening.....Training at 6:15 pm Evening Worship.....7:15 pm Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 pm</p>
<p>Community United Presbyterian Church of Ancho DOUG & LOU GORDON, co-pastors 648-2944 Sunday Morning Worship.....9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.</p>	

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EMPLOYMENT
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Each state representative and senator in the state's legislative districts may submit the names of four scholarship candidates to the NMMI scholarship committee. The most qualified of the candidates will receive a \$2,500 scholarship.
State Rep. H. John Underwood, District #56, Lincoln, Chaves and Eddy counties, is seeking four nominees from his district, contact Underwood's Ruidoso office at 268-9090.
Students who are from State Rep. Paul Harrington's District #52, (Lincoln and Sierra counties, Carrizozo area) can call him at 894-7601.
Those who live in State Rep. Dick Knowles' District 57 (Lincoln and Chaves counties, Capitan, Lincoln town) may contact him at 623-8484.
The deadline to return completed application forms, with essays and biographies, is March 1.

Correction: In last week's sheriff's report, the Jan. 23 report of a man being shot during an argument at Four Winds Motel was incorrect. According to the dispatch records, the man met two men in the Four Winds Lounge, then one to two hours later one of the two went to the man's motel room. The name of the motel was not specified.

The *Lincoln County News* regrets the error.
The following information was taken from dispatch records in the sheriff's office in Carrizozo:

FEB. 3
7:54 a.m. A San Patricio resident reported a breaking and entering of a house he was caretaking.

1:25 p.m. An Armas Alarm sounded at the Co's Ranch in San Patricio. The responding deputy advised all was secure.

Two dogs were picked up by the animal control officer on Ft. Stanton Highway and taken to the county kennels.

A Carrizozo man reported his dog had a bone stuck in his throat and requested an officer. Carrizozo police responded and took care of the matter. The dog's owner was to transport the animal to the vet in Ruidoso.

FEB. 4
4:48 a.m. A route driver for the Capitan area advised he left his personal protection .22 caliber pistol in a holster on the news stand at Smokey Bear Cafe in Capitan. The responding Capitan police officer found no pistol. The gun's identification numbers were recorded for future reference.

3:10 p.m. a man reported stolen money at Smokey Bear Motel in Capitan. The subjects were headed back to Capitan. Capitan police responded.

3:33 p.m. a minor hit and run auto accident was reported at the four-way stop in Alto.

6:29 p.m. A Carrizozo lounge reported a drunken person sleeping in the phone booth. The person had been kicked off the bus earlier. Carrizozo police brought the person to the police station to wait for the next bus. By 9:12 p.m. the subject was on his way on the bus.

FEB. 5
4:54 p.m. Carrizozo Allsup's reported a drunken person pulled a knife on a girl. Carrizozo Police and a Deputy responded and took a La Luz man into custody. Due to conflicting reports on what actually took place with the knife, the drunken man was held in protective custody for detoxification for 12 hours at the Lincoln County Jail, then released. He was not charged.

7:54 p.m. a Carrizozo resident reported a local man was drunk and causing problems. Carrizozo police responded.

6:08 p.m. a Fort Worth, Texas, resident reported two pairs of skis stolen at Ski Apache. The skis were rented.

FEB. 6
8:11 a.m. Carrizozo Ambulance and EMTs went to the home of an elderly woman whose lifeline was showing no activity.

9:28 a.m. a major roll-over auto accident was reported near Three Rivers on Highway 54. New Mexico State Police were called. When the sheriff's deputy arrived he found no subjects around. The deputy advised the vehicle involved was a car-hauler auto. The hauler apparently lost control of the towed vehicle, which caused it to roll over. The subject abandoned the car. A wrecker was called.

FEB. 7
12:38 a.m. An ambulance was sent to Ski Apache to transport a person with a head laceration to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.
8:12 a.m. Carrizozo ambulance went to a residence where a person had fallen.
3:04 p.m. A woman reported cruelty to animals, a horse, in Nogal Canyon. The complainant advised the white or gray horse was real skinny and looked like it was not fed for a while. The Livestock Inspector was assigned.

FEB. 8
6:04 p.m. Carrizozo ambulance transported a male cancer patient to LCMC.

12:23 p.m. Ruidoso Police Dept. reported a scalding accident and requested an ambulance. A nine or 10-year-old girl was injured while innertubing at the old ski run on Cedar Creek Road. A deputy was also requested.

3:35 p.m. A Gavilan Canyon resident reported no one was at the house all day, yet when she got home, the washing machine was running, with no clothes in it. She requested an officer for a report.

4:45 p.m. Alto Ambulance went to Ski Apache to transport a man to LCMC.

FEB. 9
Ruidoso Downs Police Dept. reported a small residential fire. The call was canceled later because the resident successfully extinguished the fire.

8:50 a.m. A woman requested an officer go with her, to a location east of Lincoln to pick up a horse feeder. The deputy met the woman, they went to the location and found the equipment gone. The deputy later advised the woman the equipment may have been taken to Texas.

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College News

Leah L. Patterson, Carrizozo High School graduate, was named to the President's List at Texas Tech University. She majors in Animal Science.

Four local students were named to the fall semester 1991 Dean's Honor Roll at New Mexico State University.

To be named to the honor roll, a student's grade point average must rank within the top 15 percent of the college enrollment.

Valerie Archuleta, from Carrizozo, was named to the dean's honor roll in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Jack Eldridge, from Capitan, was named to the honor roll in Agriculture.

Katherine Sanchez, from Lincoln, was named to the honor roll in Education.

Bonnabeth Brainerd of Nogal was named to the honor roll also in Education.

Richard Lightfoot, a 1984 graduate of Corona High School, has been named to the University of New Mexico College of Education Dean's List for the fall, 1991 semester.



SEVEN CARRIZOZO AG MECHANICS STUDENTS, under the supervision of Harvey Rose, are currently working on gas and/or charcoal barbecue grills to be used for FFA events. The group is also working on individual projects and BLM grills. Shown with the FFA project are, left to right, Brandon King, Coby Sims, Raymond Najar and Brett Barham.

Grizzlies tops in district

By BART McDONOUGH

The Carrizozo boys enjoyed a weekend at home last week defeating Mountainair 70-42 on Friday, and Vaughn 83-59 on Saturday. The Grizzlies now stand 17-2 on the season and 6-0 in district competition.

Raphael Chavez had the hot hand, scoring 19 points. James Silva and Bryan Turnbow contributed 12 points each. Turnbow had seven rebounds. Justin Portillo scored 11 points and

looked good on the board with 10 rebounds. Coby Sims hit double figures with 10 points, Val Reyes' eight rebounds contributed to the win.

Turnbow, Chavez and Portillo scored a total of 55 points in Saturday's Grizzly victory over Vaughn. Portillo and Turnbow played the board well, totalling 19 rebounds.

The Ft. Sumner Foxes visit Carrizozo Friday for games beginning at 4:30 p.m. The Grizzlies travel to Corona on

Saturday for games scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.

Coach Ken Butts told Lincoln County News that Carrizozo clinched the district championship with these two wins. Butts said, "I am really proud of the boys. They are really coming on strong."

The Mountainair girls defeated the lady Grizzlies 65-43. It was Jessica Estrella 16, Yvonne Estrella 13, Cheryl Hightower six, Rachel Archuleta four, Lori Gibson two and Amy Funk and Natalie Chavez one each. The lady Mustangs outscored Carrizozo 40-25 in the second half to ice down the win. Berna Lovato was the big gun for Mountainair with 25 points.

Grizzly coach Kat Patterson said Carrizozo played one of its best games of the season against Vaughn. The lady Eagles won it in the final seconds with a steal and a three-point play. The final score was Vaughn 45, Carrizozo 39.

Jessica Estrella led the way with 11 points. Yvonne Estrella was close behind with 10 points. Further scoring included Cheryl Hightower eight, Amy Funk six and Lori Gibson and Rachel Archuleta two each.

Capitan ladies first in district for now

Capitan's Lady Tigers are first in their district for now.

The girls improved their district record last weekend by defeating the Lake Arthur Panthers 45-26 Friday.

Lady Tiger Tycie Traylor had a "heck of a ball game," said coach Norm Cline. She scored 23 points, consistently throughout all four quarters. She was helped out by Amy Cline, Tammy Payne and Anita Aldaz with six points each and Kelly Cox with four.

Lake Arthur's Rainy Hill scored 17 points.

The girls had a harder time with the strong Class AA Dexter team on Saturday night at home and lost 36-40.

Coach Cline said it was good for his girls to play such a good ball team. But it was a bad night at the free throw line for the Tigers, and those missed opportunities led to the loss.

Tammy Payne was top scorer with 14 points, helped by Jennifer Eldridge's eight, Aldaz and Traylor with five each.

The Tiger boys had a tough time with the strong Lake Arthur Panther boys on Friday. The Capitan boys lost 54-69.

Coach Pat Ventura said Kyle Traylor and Ernie Gallegos played well. The boys are 1-2 in district standing.

The Capitan JV boys

defeated the Lake Arthur JV in overtime.

There are two more district games for the Tigers this season, Friday, Feb. 14 in Clouderoff and Saturday, Feb. 15 with Hagerman at home. The girls district tournament will be the week of Feb. 17-22 and the boys district tournament will be the week of Feb. 24-29.

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CARRIZOZO TOWN COUNCIL
4-YEAR TERM (Two positions to be filled)
ON TUES., MARCH 3, 1992
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THESE ARE OUR EVERYDAY LOW PRICE

PRICES EFFECTIVE: FEBRUARY 13 thru 19, 1992

6-PACK
COCA COLA
12-Oz. Cans
\$1.89

SHURFINE, SQ. CHL.
ICE CREAM
1/2-Gal. **\$1.39**

PARKAY, Reg. 1 1/2 Qtrs.
MARGARINE
Each **49¢**

ASSORTED FLAVORS
JELLO GELATIN
3-Oz. Box **2/89¢**

WESSON, PURE
VEGETABLE OIL
38-Oz. Btl. **\$1.99**

SHURFINE
12-OZ. MEAT
BOLOGNA
89¢

FOODSPECIALS

COMPARE OUR REGISTER TAPE WITH OTHERS

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STURGES VENTURE MARKET
Carrizozo, New Mexico

SF ICE CREAM	1.83
TOTINO PIZZA	1.69
POST TOASTIES	2.24
CHEERIOS	3.47
SF 12-OZ. BOLOG.	1.14
CRISCO 3-LBS.	2.61
SF PRD SUGAR	1.17
SF WK CORN	.60
SF GRN BEANS	.46
SF BUTTER QTRS	1.46
ALPO DOG FD	.59
LBY V-SAUSAGE	.72
SF FLOUR 5-LB	1.23
SS GAL MILK	2.20
KRAFT MARG	.98
SF SLI BACON	1.42
SPAM LNCH MT	1.69
PS DG/FD 25-LB	3.99
TAX	1.71
TOTAL	\$31.26

OPEN: 8:30 am — 6:00 pm
MONDAY thru SATURDAY

BETTY CROCKER
LAYER
CAKE MIXES
79¢

KLEENEX
FACIAL TISSUE
175-Ct. Box **99¢**

AM. BEAUTY, REG. or THIN
SPAGHETTI
10-Oz. Pkg. **49¢**

NAVEL
ORANGES
4-Lb. Bag **\$1.19**

FAB
LAUNDRY DETERGENT
18 Wash Box **\$3.49**

SHURFINE
12-OZ. MEAT
WEINERS
69¢

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