

## Tribal Council Reserves Right To Govern Itself

By DORIS CHERRY

Through the eyes of New Mexico's Indian leaders, the protest of the Mescalero Apache Tribal Council's decision to study a nuclear storage facility is seen as "erosion of sovereignty."

Monday, Mescalero president Wendell Chino and tribal secretary Frederick Peso spoke about the study of the Monitored Retrievable Storage (MRS) nuclear waste facility before members of the New Mexico Legislative Indian Affairs Committee which met at the Inn of the Mountain Gods in Mescalero Monday and Tuesday.

"We are not asking permission to do the study," said Peso, who is the tribal council's project manager of the MRS, "We are doing the study."

"We were here long before Columbus got lost"

In his welcoming statements Chino told the committee his tribe reserves the right to exercise whatever measure necessary to protect its sovereignty, or right to govern itself.

Chino blasted local and regional news media for "outright lies" and fear tactics employed in reporting on the tribal council's MRS study. An MRS facility would be designed to store used nuclear fuel rods from the nation's 112 nuclear power plants until a permanent facility is constructed. Any community to host such a facility would be able to negotiate for tremendous economic development incentives, such as improved infrastructure, schools and others which the community chooses to request.

He also contended the MRS could provide incentives which could help the entire state deal with problems created by the uranium industries.

A major reason for the Mescalero Tribal Council to study the MRS economically is to provide a long-term business venture which will allow the Mescaleros to remain a tribe into perpetuity.

"There's a lot of misconception of what we're doing," Chino said.

He contended the tribal council has always been open about its intent to study the MRS, by meeting with neighboring governments and sending out information.

Now, the tribal council is at a point in its study where it

wants to reach out to the neighboring communities and set up an advisory committee with representatives from those communities.

According to a press statement the tribal council will invite the representatives to form a citizens advisory committee that will examine the potential impacts of a MRS upon the region. The release also stated the federal Nuclear Waste Negotiator, which is authorized by the U.S. Congress and initiated the invitation sent to all the nation's Indian tribes about hosting a MRS, is empowered to negotiate a package of benefits for applicant communities. The release also stated the citizens advisory committee is expected to educate and satisfy itself

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MESCALERO APACHE Tribal President Wendell Chino (right) speaks to the New Mexico Legislative Indian Affairs Committee concerning the study of a Monitored Retrievable Storage facility for nuclear waste at a meeting Monday at the Inn of the Mountain Gods in Mescalero. Chino was assisted by tribal secretary Frederick Peso (center) and Miller Hudson, technical advisor to the tribe on the MRS.

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PROTESTORS TO the proposed Bureau of Land Management land swap along the Rio Bonito in Lincoln Valley gathered in old Lincoln Tuesday to greet national BLM director Cy Jamison with a message.

## Monitoring Of Wells On Superfund Site Begins

By RUTH HAMMOND

Carrizozo Trustees heard a report on the street paving project and discussed monitored pumping of wells on the Superfund site during the August 25 town council meeting.

The street improvement project, originally scheduled for this fall, may be completed this year if bids for construction are opened early in October.

Raymond Dennis of Dennis Engineering said he was unable to have final plans to present to the board Tuesday night but should have the plans ready for board approval next week.

Priorities for street improvements have been changed, with D Street now being lowest priority and the first priority is now 12th Street from the intersection with 4th Avenue to the intersection with Central near Four Winds Restaurant.

Dennis said new curbs and gutters will be installed on 12th Street but will not affect the existing historical rock curbs in some areas of that street. Property owners on 12th Street who have concerns about their trees, curbs, guttering or any other questions should contact city hall, any town employee or the mayor or trustees or attend the September 8 council meeting.

Trustees discussed monitored pumping of the wells on the Superfund site. Steve Hanson of the Bureau of Reclama-

tion is now working on the Sierra Blanca site and will later work on the Cimarron Mill site.

The monitored pumping of the wells, one up-grade and one down-grade, is to test the effectiveness of the remediation. Hanson said the monitoring is routine and may continue for five to 30 years.

The Sierra Blanca site is considered to be remediated and not a hazardous site. During the testing stage, lead was found in the area and was mixed with concrete and buried in a pit. The well monitoring is to make certain the lead contamination is contained.

Town foreman Faustino Gallegos asked if the McBride well, about 1,000 feet from the location, could also be tested. Hanson said the department will test the McBride well and will leave testing materials for Gallegos to use for future testing.

Well testing at the Cimarron Mill site will include separate individual testing of the wells and another test of a blend of the waters from the wells. Field results from all the tests will be available in one-half hour. Laboratory test results will be available the next day.

In other business, trustees received a request to support the hospital and clinics mill levy election that will be held September 15. Absentee ballots will

be available until 5 pm September 12.

Approving the mill levy will not increase taxes for county residents but will help make certain that quality medical attention is available at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso as well as at the clinics in Carrizozo, Corona and Hondo.

Anyone with questions about the mill levy should call 257-7381 or go to the hospital and tour the facility.

Airport manager Hal Marx reported the beacon is in operation again. He thanked Otero County Electric Cooperative workers Buckley Zumwalt and Richard Hollis and town foreman Faustino Gallegos and town crews for their work.

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## Insurance Is Costly For Grindstone Windsurfing

By DORIS CHERRY

Ruidoso Village Council, at its meeting Tuesday, went along with Mayor Victor Alonso's appointment to the Mescalero Apache Citizen Advisory Committee, and found the village probably cannot afford the insurance premium required to make windsurfing and non-motorized boating on Grindstone Canyon Reservoir a reality.

Before a full council, includ-

## Lincoln Protestors Find BLM Director At Airport

By JORIS CHERRY

It was a type of shell game. More than 25 protestors to the proposed Bureau of Land Management land swap in the Lincoln Valley showed up in Lincoln Tuesday afternoon to express their views to Bureau of Land Management National Director Cy Jamison.

Jamison was reported to be coming to the small community to view the lands proposed for the swap.

Although the protestors walked along the only street in the old community and flashed their signs of protest which

expressed their discontent with how BLM and the federal government want to erode their constitutional rights, they soon discovered their efforts were having no effect on the national director—because he wasn't there.

Protests have been made to the proposal which will allow BLM to acquire up to 1,300 acres of land along the Rio Bonito in the Lincoln Valley, in exchange for many thousands of acres of now BLM lands near Las Cruces, Los Lunas, Artesia and other locales. Protests to the proposal claim the trade will erode the county's tax base

and that the lands for exchange should be within Lincoln County. Some of the disgruntled Lincoln Valley landowners do not want public lands and developed public recreation parks next to their ranching and horse operations. Some contend there are alleged problems with the surveys of the lands proposed for the swap and other problems.

After calls to Sen. Pete Domenici's office in Roswell, the protestors discovered Jamison had flown into the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, about 10 miles away. The protestors.

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BLM NATIONAL Director Cy Jamison (center, with hand out) talks to a group of Lincoln residents, some who support the proposal for BLM to obtain 1,300 acres of private land along the Rio Bonito in exchange for BLM lands in other counties, and some who are against the land swap. The impromptu meeting was held at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport Tuesday. BLM State Director Larry Woodard is in the foreground. Roswell Resource Manager Sandra Allen is behind Jamison.

The council unanimously supported Alonso's appointment of the three person MRS committee, even after Ruidoso resident Dave Dale gave a heated speech that the village should boycott the advisory committee because of its opposition to the MRS. He contended the citizen advisory committee was a delaying tactic which will weaken the opposition's statements.

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# Insurance Costly . . . (Continued from Page 1)

But Alonso was satisfied his appointees will go to the citizen's advisory committee to advise the village does not want it. "We can't refuse to advise them, but by denying my membership in that committee and send three (people) down, I make a comment."

The Tribal Council had sent invitations to mayors of municipalities surrounding the reservation to be part of the advisory committee.

In a discussion which lasted more than an hour and a half, the council learned that insurance for the proposed boating program at the village's water storage lake will be costly and carry numerous conditions.

In order to protect the village from costly claims in case of accidents at the lake, Ruidoso's

former deputy village manager Gary Jackson met with the New Mexico Self-Insurer's Fund (the village's insurance carrier.) The Fund board agreed to provide liability for the village only if it provides a certified lifeguard at the lake, scuba-diving be prohibited, entry and exit points for windsurfers and boaters be designated, an evaluation made of the lake to determine the maximum number of boaters/windsurfers be allowed on the lake and enforce the limit, life vests or personal flotation devices be required, locking of the lake during night hours, handicapped accessible bathrooms, size of boats, no alcoholic beverages and others.

All of these conditions, village manager Ron Wicker said, will cost from \$50,000 to

\$100,000. Dave Parks of High Country Insurance Agency, the village's designated agent with the Self-Insurer's Fund, told the council Tuesday that premiums for such liability insurance ranges from \$6,000 to \$15,000 a year, all of which he considered overpriced. He acknowledged he did not have a firm quote at that time.

Members of the Lincoln County Windsurfing Association told of municipalities in other states with lakes with boating and suggested the village staff contact those, since their private group was having trouble obtaining information. The group also presented proposed permits and "hold harmless" and "indemnity clause" paperwork which the village could use to avoid the liability issue. Anyone using the lake would have to sign the documents.

A suggestion to pursue having either the Windsurfing Association or some other entrepreneur operate the lake and take the liability risks was knocked out of the water by the mayor who preferred the village maintain control of the reservoir.

Councilor Jerry Shaw, who

formally set the boating in motion at the Aug. 11 meeting, also spoke of seeing windsurfers on a Colorado Springs lake and suggested staff research that. Shaw did not withdraw her motion about opening the lake to boating, since it was dependent on obtaining all necessary information and setting of a policy. A motion was approved to have staff research the other boating programs in the specified municipalities.

Reports on a final insurance quote and staff research will be made at the Sept. 8 meeting.

In other business, councilors:

—Authorized staff to bring back another request for proposals for the Civic Events Center coincessionaire. No responses were made to the first request, but a letter from the Santa Fe Downs Racing Concessionaire stated the village's requirement that the firm awarded the contract must supply all kitchen equipment is

a serious investment that cannot be recouped in the three-year contract.

—Heard a glowing report about the successful show in the Civic Center last weekend, and how the Civic Center continues to be in demand.

—Heard councilor J.D. James urge the Ruidoso Gymnastics Association to sign an agreement with the village whereby the village will extend the group's lease until Dec. 31. At that time, the building which houses the gymnastics group will no longer be for lease.

—Heard manager Wicker report that he and staff have narrowed the list of 88 applicants for the deputy manager's job to four. Those persons will be interviewed within the week. Former deputy manager Gary Jackson recently resigned.

—Approved the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport bonds be refinanced to include purchase of T-hangars (sunshades.)

—Okayed the vacation of a right of way on East Brady Canyon as requested by Sue Cardidge, with conditions that easement be retained for all existing utilities, payment for

the vacated area be at 50 cents a square foot and the vacation plat be prepared showing reversion areas to adjoining properties.

—Directed staff to research the cost versus the revenues of providing a water system to the Carrizo Lodge as requested by the Lodge and Carrizo Condo Homeowners Association, and the costs and revenues of annexing the entire length of Carrizo Canyon Road.

—Approved the request from the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce for \$13,411 in Lodger's Tax funds for advertising of the fall and winter season in Ruidoso.

—Approved a resolution to adopt the police promotion procedure policy as drafted by the promotional policy committee of the Ruidoso Police Department and public input, with two revisions. The promotional policy will be used when any positions within the department become available.

—Okayed the mayor's appointment of Marsha Grover to Parks and Recreation Commission, Rick Evans and Dan Swearingen to the Planning and Zoning committee for sign review.

—Signed the lease agreement with the Administrative Offices of the Courts (State of New Mexico) for \$500 a month for four years for the magistrate court.

—Approved an agreement be drafted between the village and White Mountain Search and Rescue for transfer and/or lease of village vehicles in exchange for search and rescue services.

—Went into closed session at 10:40 pm to discuss threatened/pending litigation and purchase and/or acquisition of real property. No action was taken on either item following the session.

# Protestors Find . . .

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made up of several disgruntled Lincoln Valley residents, and some members of the People for the West group, moved their contingency to the airport.

There Jamison had been meeting with Lincoln Land Valley Company principals Max Heine and Ron Green (they are proposing the swap), Cleis Jordan, chairman of the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board; Jeremy Jordan, Lincoln resident and business owner; Cecilia Apodaca, Lincoln resident; David Lee, Lincoln resident; Chris Zamora, Lincoln resident and others.

Apodaca spoke of how the ranching industry had ruined many of the lands. Lee and Jordan spoke on how the making the lands public would preserve the historic quality of the valley and community.

After talking with Lincoln residents who represented both sides of the swap issue, Jamison said the Roswell BLM district has four points to propose for the swap. The land will be defined, BLM will offer the 330 acres of water rights to the community of Lincoln, BLM will commit to the multi-land use of the properties, and BLM will put together a package to equalize the BLM lands for exchange, turning loose more acres than it picks up.

BLM was complemented by

those in favor of the exchange for being "upfront with its exact intentions" and for doing a good job of keeping the situation open.

Jamison thanked the crowd for its civility and candor on both sides of the issue.

"I've gained a few pen pals in this issue," Jamison joked.

Jamison was traveling with state BLM director Larry Woodard, Sandra Allen, Roswell BLM resource manager, and other BLM staff. Jamison and Woodard had reportedly been rafting on the Chama River in northern New Mexico earlier in the week. The men had met with Lincoln County Commissioner Stirling Spencer in Roswell earlier Tuesday. While meeting with Spencer, Jamison said his office will make a determination on the issue by late November.

Jamison never toured the Lincoln Valley lands proposed for the swap, rather he immediately flew out of Sierra Blanca Regional Airport after the skies cleared from a brief summer thunderstorm. He saw the Lincoln Valley only from the window of the small aircraft.

Protestors stayed around for a while, talking with news reporters, and talking among themselves. They intend to keep their protest going, even if it requires going to court.

# Gun Show In Ruidoso Sept. 5-6

The All American Festival Gun Show will be held at Ruidoso Civic Events Center Sept. 5 and 6.

Sponsored by the Ruidoso Gymnastics Association, the Gun Show will include Indian artifacts, gun-related items, crafts, cowboy gear, and western relics. People are encouraged to buy, sell or swap items during the two day event.

Hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 6. Admission will be charged with children under age 12 admitted free with an adult.

# 3rd Annual Dig At Fort Craig

The Archaeological and Historical Research Institute and the Bureau of Land Management are jointly sponsoring the third annual field season at Ft. Craig ruins in south-central New Mexico in September and October 1992. Excavations will begin on Friday, Sept. 11 and will run for 5 consecutive weekends through Sunday, October 11, 1992. This season's excavations will be centered around the Eastern Officers' quarters; additional work will be carried out in the Western Soldiers' quarters.

Camping will be permitted at the Fort. There will be portable toilets and rustic shower facilities. The Institute is a non-profit organization and requests a one-time donation of \$30 for an individual or \$50 for a couple/family. These tax-deductible donations will be used to help defray the cost of

permanent storage of artifacts. The requested donation is not mandatory, however.

A professional staff of archaeologists will be at the Fort during each of the scheduled weekends to train participants and supervise work. No experience is necessary for participation in the excavation. If you are interested in participating in the excavation, you may write to: The Archaeological and Historical Research Institute, P.O. Box 300, Corrales, N.M. 87048.

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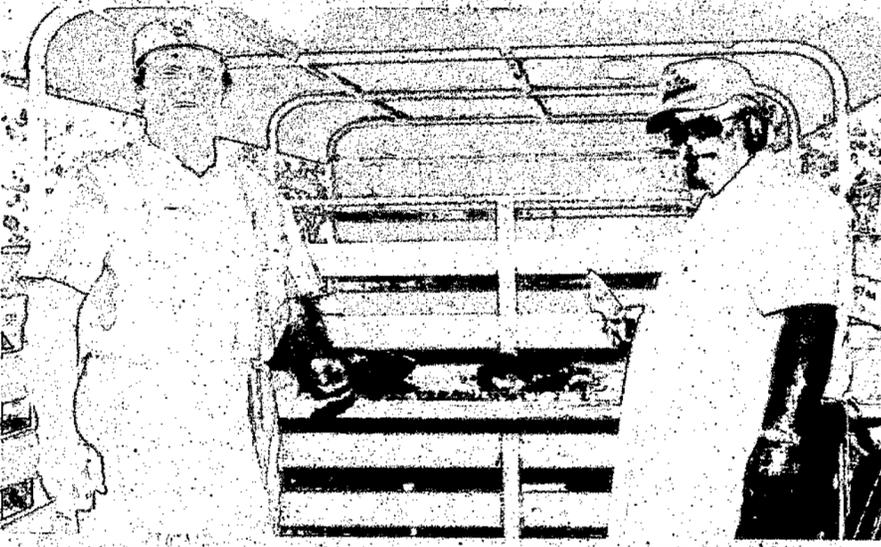
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### Traveling Masonic Lodge



**GRAND OPENING OF** the Lincoln Traveling Masonic Lodge in Lincoln, New Mexico. The ribbon cutting ceremony took place on August 22 at the old Lincoln County Courthouse. From the left, Kenneth Klenischy, Deputy Grand Master; Mac Page, Grand Master of Masons in New Mexico; Thomas Caperton, Director, New Mexico State Monuments; Ray Carpenter, Grand Secretary; Ralph Dunlap, Past Master of Carrizozo Lodge #41, A.F.&A.M. Dunlap worked hard to put this event together. Also shown are barbecues bosses Mike Shivers, left, and Wes Lindsay, (bottom photo).



## Monitoring of . . . (Continued from P. 1)

The town will have to pay \$50 to have the rotary dial phone line replaced with a touch-tone line in order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and will continue with work on the handicapped ramp.

Marx said he will need to order airplane fuel within 90 days. He was instructed to obtain three written bids.

Police department head Charlie White asked for permission to actively seek bids for a computerized system for the police department. Trustees believe the main computer system in city hall can be accessed by the police department and asked White to get more information.

White said this month the police department has processed eight felony cases, one misdemeanor, three juveniles referred, five citations issued with four of those going through magistrate court, and a total of \$235 in penalties and corrections fees assessed.

Mayor Cecilia Kuhnel reported the State Highway Department work on the medians on Highway 54 at the intersection with E Street will include painting the center of the medians. The Highway Department planned to use desert brown and Kuhnel said she would prefer green.

Election of officers for the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Association Board of Directors is scheduled for September 23. Trustees want to discuss appointing one of the trustees to that board in an attempt to get regular reports. The matter will be on the September 8 agenda.

Bill Cupit of the Lincoln County Road Department did not attend the meeting but had requested space near the dog kennels to place diesel fuel tanks. The diesel tanks on E Street are the property of LaMay Distributing and LaMay's bid for providing fuel

for the county for the Capitan, Carrizozo and San Patricio areas was not accepted by county commissioners.

According to the county bid specifications, the supplier is to furnish the storage tanks at each site. Trustees will discuss the matter later.

LaMay will provide fuel for the Lincoln, Glencoe-Palo Verde fire departments.

Trustees approved the joint powers agreement with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department for dispatch services for the Carrizozo Police Department.

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The Cates Tree Farm received the award due to the sound management principles they apply in the culture of Afghanistan pine and pecan trees.

Cates Farms harvest about 1250 Afghan pines annually. Of these, approximately two percent are actually cut; the others are sold as live Christmas trees or nursery stock. Remarkably, it takes only three or four growing seasons to produce a harvestable product. Harvested areas are promptly re-stocked to promote a sustained yield of products. The Cates gather seeds from cones of the tree farm crop and carefully raise the replacement seedlings in their own greenhouses.

According to inspecting Forester Bill Duemling from New Mexico State Forestry's Capitan District, "The Cates

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Members of the San Angelo Early Ford V8 Club of San Angelo, Texas, a charter mem-

ber of the Early Ford V8 Club of America, visited Carrizozo recently. They were invited by Wayland Hill of Carrizozo.

Five couples brought their vehicles in trailers: a 1936 Ford pickup, a 1936 Ford two-door sedan, a 1940 Ford coupe, a 1940 Ford pickup, and a 1948 Ford four-door sedan. Each vehicle was beautifully restored according to manufacturer's specifications.

The shiny Fords attracted attention not only in Carrizozo and Lincoln, but in Capitan where the group toured Smokey Bear Museum and State Park and in Ruidoso at the Flying J and the Inn of the Mountain Gods. Also included in their tour was White Sands and the Space Center in Alamogordo and The Lodge in Cloudercroft.

## Reports For Duty

Marine Pfc. Dennis A. Vega, son of Edward S. and Josie O. Vega of Carrizozo, N.M., recently reported for duty with Marine Corps Security Force Company, Naval Air Station, Alameda, CA.

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# AI's Musings

BY AL STUBBS

We'll bet a number of people in Lincoln County will be glad when solid waste collection in the county becomes routine with problems solved and tranquility reigning over the whole process.

Think how much newspaper space would be freed up for personality profiles, action photographs, amusing sidebars, church news, etc., if column after column didn't have to be presented on solid waste problems. We seriously doubt if anyone reads past the third paragraph of solid waste stories anyway. All people really want is for waste to be picked up handily and dumpsites and sites kept clean.

Back before EPA, HHS, ES and such in Roswell, the city dump was located right on the edge of the community, probably in the city limits.

A favorite sport at night for young bucks was to spotlight rats at the dump and "put them away" with .22 pistols and rifles. It was quite a sport. If anyone would put a dump at the very edge of a municipality today, they'd be incorporated into the prison system for life. And shooting rats? There's bound to be an ordinance against that. All the fun has been taken out of solid waste disposal.

There's a major housing development where the old Roswell city dump was located. What does the EPA think about that?

If people transporting marijuana and cocaine were smarter, Narc agents wouldn't have such a high success rate. Stupidity catches more criminals than any other factor.

Last week a deputy was on routine patrol out of Alamogordo when he noticed a passenger didn't have on a seat belt. As a result the deputy arrested two men and confiscated cocaine wrapped in masking tape. The car was seized, also. Probable prison time and loss of an expensive automobile, these are the price of stupidity in that case.

Border Patrol officers and other law enforcement officers often catch people transporting drugs because of expired license plates and such. Often dealers who run red lights or who speed, are nabbed. Tell-tale odors and oddball storage compartments in vehicles then give the dealers away.

Hey dealers, keep up the stupidity. We'll win the drug war yet.

What will they think of next? American ingenuity, it's fabulous. Two barrels full of "balloon yo-yo's" were for sale at only \$1 each at the Arts and Crafts Show at the new Civic Center, Saturday and Sunday. The balloons were partially

filled with water and each was in two sections like a regular yo-yo. Kids and some adults go for stuff like that.

We assume the Chamber of Commerce Greeters will stage their annual Christmas Jubilee at the Civic Center this year. There's plenty of room for partitioning. That's already been demonstrated.

Weather sure keeps things interesting, what with a tropical storm feeding moisture to New Mexico and a grandpa hurricane active in the Gulf of Mexico after devastating part of south Florida.

We aren't so far ahead of normal on moisture that we want that to stop. We need a good moisture base going into fall. Maybe this year will be like last year, a hefty snowfall before Halloween. It's not too early to think snow. Some of these mornings have a nip to them. Feels good. Right, Dallas?

It's about All American time here, with event after event scheduled, including an "All American Hamburger Contest. Where's Wimpy? We'll volunteer if he can't be found.

## Crime of the Week

**RUIDOSO, N.M.**...It was more than horses stirring about during the night hours of August 16 and the early morning hours of the 17th of this year at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

Entry was gained illegally to the barn facility. Numerous items of saddles, bridles, and tack were taken from three tack rooms in Barn #37 and one tack room in Barn #86.

Help the jockeys get back in their saddles. Call New Mexico Crime Stoppers with any information you have on this case or any felony case. Call toll free, 1-800-432-6933. You remain anonymous and could earn a cash reward with the arrest and indictment of the responsible person(s), or the recovery of stolen items.

## PFW To Meet Sept. 3 At Courthouse

The Carrizozo Chapter of the People for the West will hold its next meeting Thursday, Sept. 3, at the Lincoln County Courthouse in the Commissioners Room. A potluck supper at 6 p.m. will precede the meeting with roast beef, rolls, and beans provided. Attendees are requested to bring side dishes to complete the menu.

The featured speaker will be Dr. John Fowler, Agricultural Economist at NMSU, Las Cruces. He will give information on the Congressional Hearing in Roswell on grazing fees, which he will be attending on Monday, August 31, at New Mexico Military Institute from 1 to 4 p.m., at which Senator Pete Domenici will be present.

Another Congressional Hearing on grazing fees is to be held in Wyoming on Sept. 3. Corona and Capitan PFW chapters are invited to attend. Also, those people interested in the wise use of public lands are welcome to the Sept. 3 meeting of PFW.



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# Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

**SANTA FE**—State politicians are reacting to news that Mat Perez, newly assigned special agent in charge of New Mexico FBI operations, is going to change his office's priority from narcotics to government corruption.

Some politicians are a little upset. Others are scratching their heads.

To some, dropping the emphasis on narcotics investigation is an admission of defeat in the war on drugs. Others want to know why a policy decision like the determination of a federal agency's priority is being made by an employee in Albuquerque and not by the president or other top brass in Washington.

Perez has been a highly controversial figure in FBI circles. While stationed in El Paso, he won a class-action lawsuit on behalf of himself and 310 other Hispanic agents alleging discriminatory promotion opportunities.

Capitol insiders are trying to figure some sort of tie between Perez's new priority and his reputation within the FBI. Obviously political corruption received some attention from the bureau in past years as evidenced by the ongoing investigations of Govs. Jerry Apodaca and Toney Anaya throughout their administrations.

One way even suggests Perez figures it's time to start investigating non-Hispanics for political corruption.

A source close to the FBI says a priority on political corruption isn't anything new. He says new special agents in the past have announced they're going to target crooked politicians, but little has ever happened.

One New Mexico chief agent installed a toll-free FBI number for people to call with tips about government corruption. Evidently a vast majority of the callers were state employees with gripes against their bosses. Few had any evidence of wrongdoing.

Is it politically expedient to announce a switch from focusing on narcotics to going after governmental corruption? Is the public more interested in catching crooked politicians than drug dealers? Does that have anything to do with the state FBI office's decision to switch?

One thing is certain. FBI agents like the change. Narcotics work is evidently the most dangerous of any. Crooked politicians usually don't kill people.

Talk about drug-related dangers. Public Service Commission Chairman Lawrence Ingram sent me a clipping about a different sort of drug danger in China, whose government is conducting an Opium War.

The news story was from Mangshi, a city about the size of Santa Fe, where convicted drug dealers are paraded at huge public rallies before being taken to a secluded field and shot in the back of the head. The Mangshi rally was attended by 3,800 citizens including an entire high school graduating class.

Chinese officials see the public display as a morality play and encourage families to bring their youngsters to the sentencing rallies.

So far the program doesn't seem to be working.

Former CIA agent and New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee analyst Ed Howard is having his problems with the FBI.

Seven years ago Howard eluded FBI agents in Santa Fe and fled the country, ending up in Moscow allegedly working for the KGB. He holds the distinction of being the only CIA agent ever to defect to the Soviet Union.

A year ago when the hard liners' coup against Soviet Pres-

ident Mikhail Gorbachev failed, the KGB head was one of the conspirators. FBI sources felt this was the person who had been taking such good care of Howard. That meant their man was in trouble.

Sure enough, Howard moved to Stockholm, Sweden seven days before the Soviet Union dissolved. FBI agents met with Howard shortly after. Howard says they threatened to kidnap him eventually if he didn't voluntarily return to the United States.

The FBI denied it does such things. But the kidnapping of a Mexican doctor and an Arab terrorist in the past year lend credence to Howard's fear that a spy who defected can't sleep too soundly at night.

## Farm and Livestock To Meet In Roswell

Las Cruces, N.M., Aug. 19, 1992—Politics in New Mexico will be the focus of a special meeting sponsored by the Women's Committee of the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau, Aug. 31, 1992, in Roswell, N.M.

The program will include an address by Pat Quintana, Division Director of General Services for the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, on how to get involved in the political process. There will also be a "Measure the Candidates" forum featuring New Mexico Senate and House of Representatives candidates. The candidates will present opening

remarks and there will be a question and answer segment. Jeff Witte, Director of Governmental Affairs for New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau, will brief the audience on agricultural issues expected in the 1993 Legislative Session.

The meeting is open to the public and all farmers and ranchers are encouraged to attend. Farm Bureau counties present will include Chaves, Eddy, Lincoln, Otero and Lea. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Roswell Inn. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Kevin Graham at 734-5517.

## Cave Inventory Planned

The Hondo Grotto chapter of the National Speleological Society will make its first trip to the Guadalupe Mountains August 29-30. A hard day of caving will be followed by a meeting Saturday evening.

A Labor Day Regional Meeting will be held at the caves of McKittrick Hill in Eddy County on Sept. 5-7. Events planned will be instruction on rescue techniques and equipment, perhaps a mock rescue.

The Roswell Resource Area BLM needs the Grotto to go out and inventory some caves for

date they need. The Grotto would be using the cave classification and inventory system procedures and survey form to

record location, basic size and hazards, biota, unique features, hydrology, geology, cultural and other information.

The purpose of the National Speleological Society is to promote conservation, preservation and education of cave and karst resources. For more information contact Hondo Grotto, 1719 N. Delaware, Roswell, N.M. 88201, phone 623-0868.

# The Other Side

By Owen Russell

This week I am in somewhat of the same predicament I used to be when one of my high school teachers would ask me to write a theme. "I want you to write a 500 word theme on a subject of your own choosing, and hand it in to me by the end of study hall," he said with a smirk. Well, if that don't take the cake. Here I was minding my own business and not doing anything very destructive, and he loads this impossible task on me. It is only 45 minutes until the end of study hall. How am I going to come up with such a long theme in that amount of time? I know! I'll not make any attempt to write anything that makes sense. All he wants to see is that many words on a page, so if I string a bunch of words not over five letters long together and stick in a punctuation mark once in a while, he'll never know the difference.

So, I set out on my journey of inventing verbal arrangements which would appear to be attempting to communicate thoughts without necessarily conveying substance. But, I got as far as "The first time I tried to jump in the river, I slipped on a log and spooked a frog out of three layers of skin, and..." and I ran out of steam. Although I was trying to write something without having to say anything, I just couldn't do it. Every time I put a few words down a subject would creep in, and I would be writing about something. So, I scrapped the idea of trying to write without direction and decided I might as well write something about something. If that was the way it wanted to turn out, I wasn't inclined to get in its way.

So, with it now approaching 30 minutes until Armageddon, I made several attempts to get started, and I couldn't think of a thing to talk about. If I settle on a single subject, what can I say about it? I once wrote a theme on women drivers, but my instructor (female) didn't think it was funny. I could write on world affairs, but how could I say anything about that without getting into something controversial and not have enough time to explain my position without looking silly. I could write something about teachers who give students themes to write in 45 minutes on subjects of their own choosing, but I'm sure if I did, the theme I am trying to write would become a molehill under the mountain of abuse I could expect to get for choosing that kind of subject, even though it might be appropriate, especially from that teacher.

I finally decided (20 minutes to annihilation) that I would just pick a noun at random and say things about it. So, I picked the word "black", but what could I say about it? It is the opposite of white? If capitalized, it is a person's name? It is the ultimate of nonreflectivity? I thought picking a simple word was going to make my task simple, but now I'm confused. Maybe if I try using it in a sentence, I can get an idea of how to say something about it. "Black is the color of my sweetheart's eye", or "I see your

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## THURSDAYS

A Cancer support group meets at 1:30 p.m. in the basement of Capitan United Methodist Church. This group is open to any persons who have had, who have, or any family member of persons with cancer.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. at Zia Senior Citizens Center in Carrizozo. The group meets every Thursday at 7 p.m.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. in the County Sub-office in Ruidoso, at 105 Kansas City Road. Items on the agenda include replat of Lot O-3 of Block 6, Palo Verde Subdivision as requested by Juan Sanchez, replat of Sisto Sedillo Farm in San Patricio to conform to survey standards as requested by Herbert Quintana and discussion of on going proposed amendments to the subdivision regulations.

Economic Development Corp. of Lincoln County Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. in its office in Suite 3C in the Stroud Building on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso. Items on the agenda include secretary's report, treasurer's report, president's report and executive director's report on advertising.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

U.S. Senator Pete Domenici will conduct a Ruidoso and Lincoln County Leadership meeting at the Ruidoso Village Council Chambers from 2-3 p.m. The senator will discuss local issues with Ruidoso Mayor Victor Alonso, Ruidoso Downs Mayor Joe Hayhurst, Carrizozo Mayor Cecilia Kuhnle, Corona Mayor Ernest Lueras, Capitan Mayor Frank Warth, and Lincoln County Commissioners Sterling Spencer, Monroy Montes and Bill Elliott. A press conference will follow at 3:15 p.m.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

Lincoln County Rodeo Club will present awards to youngsters involved in the program from 6-7 p.m. at Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan. A dance will follow.

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 1

American Legion Post 57 in Capitan meets at the Capitan Senior Citizens Center at 7:30 p.m. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at the same location and time.

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 3

Carrizozo Chapter of People for the West will meet at 6 p.m. in the county commissioners chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse. A pot luck dinner will precede the business meeting. Corona and Capitan Chapters of the People for the West are invited. Attendees are asked to bring a salad to compliment roast beef, rolls and beans.

## SEPTEMBER 19

Lincoln County Democrats annual barbecue from 1-4 p.m. at Lincoln McTeigue residence in the Hondo Valley. For information call 257-7558 or 258-5767.

## Two From Lincoln County Attend NMMI

Two young Lincoln County men are among the 450 cadets who have enrolled at New Mexico Military Institute for the 1992-93 school year.

Matthew J. MacVeigh, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. MacVeigh of Capitan, and Antonio J. Archuleta, son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Archuleta of Hondo began classes Aug. 18.

MacVeigh will be a high school sophomore and Archuleta will be a junior.

NMMI is a state-supported, coeducational four-year college preparatory high school and two-year junior college with scholarship endowments in excess of \$1.2 million. This year's enrollment is expected to be about 950.

## The Other Side . . .

(Con't. from P. 4)

blondness is supported on roots of black", or "The hero rode off into the black and gloomy dusk".

Why in the world did I pick "black"? Blue or red or violet or yellow or anything would have been more colorful to write about. Black is a depressing subject, which reminds me, it is now zero minus ten and counting.

Well, I guess I am stuck with "black", so I might as well do what I can to salvage the situation. Black is black because that is the nature of black, and what more is there to say about black? (Actually, about 481 words more). If I were to tell you a story about something black, what would you suggest I talk about that was black? There are black birds, black horses, black moods, black magic, (Oh, my God! Here he comes.) all the way down to the black and bitter end. (If you send me a black orchid, I think I'll squeak)

When I got around to writing my column this week, I don't think I'm going to write about "black" because that seems to be a painful subject that goes nowhere.



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PEOPLE GATHERED in Lincoln to give National BLM Director Cy Jamison a message about the proposed land swap in Lincoln Valley.

## NMSU-A Will Offer Free Workshops

Alamogordo, N.M.—New Mexico State University at Alamogordo will offer a series of free workshops presented as a public service by NMSU-A. All workshops will be held at NMSU-A in room CB201 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. These workshops are open to the public. Topics and dates are as follows.

Own Your Own Life by Owning Your Own Emotions—Take Charge and Go, on 8/26/92. Time Management, 9/02/92. Study Skills for Success, 9/09/92. Women's Issues in the Legal System, 9/23/92. It's a Jungle Out There...Survival Skills for the Serious Job Hunter, 10/14/92. Financial Aid: You've Got It, Here's How to Keep It, 10/28/92.

# Around Corona

Crown CowBelles will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 for a covered dish luncheon and short meeting at the home of Elaine Steele. Lee Sultemeier will discuss plans for the meal to be served at the NMSU Ram Test and Sale now tentatively scheduled for Oct. 1. President Shelley Frost was among the CowBelles manning the telephone for Channel 5 Monday evening. Mrs. Steele was the one Crown CowBelle who had entries in the county fair. She won a blue ribbon for her Christmas stocking in needlepoint and first, second and third place ribbons for her yellow beets, blue potatoes and round carrots.

Mrs. R. L. Sharp and 22 of her family spent three days at

Vallejos, Calif., early this month.

Thirty-five members of the Robinson family met at the ranch during the Corona Festival. The children of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Robinson honored their parents with a surprise reception honoring their 60th wedding anniversary. Their gift was an automatic garage door.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fogle, Albuquerque, were helping out at the Steele Ranch Saturday when he became ill. The Steeles rushed their son-in-law to the emergency room at Presbyterian Hospital where he underwent surgery Tuesday afternoon.

Friends have been advised

of the death of Seth "Hap" Wyche. He died Sunday in the Fort Sumner hospital after a long illness. Services were in Fort Sumner Tuesday with interment Wednesday in Datil.

The weather was picture perfect for the Lackey reunion held at the Red Cloud picnic area Aug. 8-9. Sixty-seven Lackeys and three guests attended. Present were Raymond with three of his four children and their families, Fred and Elizabeth, their three children and families, the six sons of the late Paul and Grace Lackey, and most of their families. They all enjoyed a wonderful time, visiting, playing games and eating. They hope to have another reunion in the near future.

Pete and Helen Minor Porter hosted a Minor family reunion during the summer festival. Shirley Minor Jennings, daughter, Nancy, and her children came from Fairbanks, Alaska, Shirley's grandson, Kenny Willingham and family including his mother, Lynda Willingham Baird, of Downsville, La. Others were Juanita Minor Jund and husband, Gorge, son,

Mickey Welch and daughter, Diana and husband, Andy Lewis, Las Cruces; Jean Minor Clees and children, of Roswell and Albuquerque; Billie Jo Minor Lively and family, Wilcox, Ariz.; Dean Minor and wife Elizabeth and daughter, Monica, Dallas, Texas.

Dorothy and Obie Simmons, Charles and Clara, Luther and Barbara, Johnny and Nancy Porter joined the fun as did Steve and Bob Hilburn who were here from Las Vegas, Nev. for Steve's 50th class reunion.

Mrs. Lola Sanchez was surprised Aug. 8 when her children, brothers and sisters, and families came to celebrate her birthday.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Sanchez Jr. and family; Mr. and Mrs. Casey Trujillo, Mr. and Mrs. Don Packman, Mrs. Patsy Chavez, Frank Lopez, all of Albuquerque; Casimeta Hajar and daughter of Duran, Mary Ortega and Mr. and Mrs. Fidel Sanchez of Tularosa.

All enjoyed the lunch and fun with Lola and wishes her many more happy birthdays.

## Corona Class Of '52 Reunion

A lot of hugging, laughing, joking and reminiscing was the hallmark of the Class of '52 as they celebrated their 40th reunion. They came from near and far, and as strange as it may seem, most had not seen each other since graduation!

Martha Kerr Adkinson surprised and delighted the class. She came the greatest distance from West Point, Mississippi to share in the fun. Ms. Adkinson was teacher, friend and senior trip sponsor. She had her special stories for all to enjoy. Our heartfelt thanks to you, Martha; it meant a lot to all of us! Zelpha Athinson, class sponsor, telephoned from her home in Belen, N.M. to convey her best wishes to the class.

The class of '52 graduated 19 young people. Eight graduates attended the reunion: Don Berryman and wife Sharon of Cebolla; Allen "Woody" Vickrey and wife Judy of Taos; Amelia Flores Maldonado and husband Joe; Wanna Beth Fox Schalles; Mike Gallegos and wife Betty; Eddie Lueras and wife Susan; Sally Pfeiffer Kimball and husband Stan, all of Albuquerque; and Jim Miller of Ancho. Pauline Porter Adison of Tularosa and Emelia Grosenbacher Winjum of Indianola, Iowa left the

class in their senior year, but were on hand to celebrate the reunion and to participate in initiating plans for the next one! Two classmates, Jackie Couch and Juanita Willingham, are deceased. Jack Stewart has not been located.

Louella Mays Cole of Mt. Laurel, N.J., Pat Bagley Bissett of Westminster, Colo., and Molly Orrel Fincher of Abilene, Texas, very much wanted to attend but had prior commitments. They contributed with notes and pictures and were present in spirit. We missed these classmates, and certainly look forward to visiting with them in the near future.

A ride down main street in the "Corona Day Arts and Crafts Parade" kicked off the celebration. The Beaver Band American Legion honor guard, the Lincoln County Posse, Village of Corona Fire and Rescue contribute yearly to the spirit and success of parade. Following the parade, we had lunch at the school cafeteria sponsored by the Senior Class of '93. It was most enjoyable, but certainly different from lunches remembered from early childhood that cost about 15 cents.

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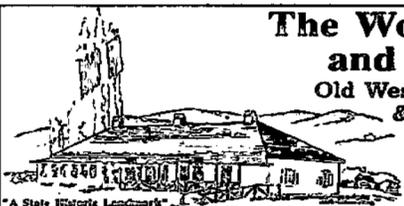
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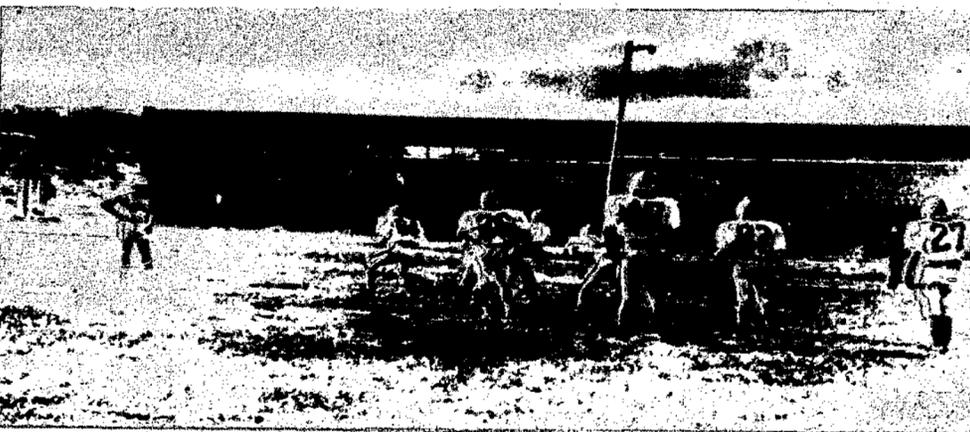


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FOOTBALL PRACTICE is serious business at Capitan High School as the varsity squad practices under the guidance of head coach Ed Davis. The team's first game is set for Friday in Hatch.

## K of C Donates Money To Aid Handicapped

During the week of Aug. 4, the Father E. Dolan Council of Knights of Columbus in Ruidoso presented checks to Sandy Gladden, Director of the Region IX Cooperative, and to Diana Person, Ski School Director of Ski Apache Handicapped Skiers Association (SAHSA).

Most of the money donated was collected by the Knights during their local Tootsie Roll

campaign to aid the handicapped. The Tootsie Roll Campaign actually is a year-round effort, with collection cans placed in local businesses. On the first weekend in April, the Knights, in their yellow aprons, can be found around town passing out Tootsie Rolls.

Sandy Gladden stated the funds will be used toward the purchase of equipment to be used locally, although Region IX covers six additional school districts. Diana Person advised that the money will be applied to the purchase of new equipment for next ski season, that will open the sport to more severely disabled.

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# Capitan News

by Margaret Rench

Smokey Bear Restaurant in Capitan changed hands Aug. 1. They new owner is from Oklahoma. They purchased the building and the business. The have made many changes and are progressing nicely. We wish them years of success and happiness.

Happy birthday to the following: Neo Vallejos, Aug. 23; Curtis Reeves, Aug. 29.

Mrs. Denton, a Capitan resident, celebrated her 90th birthday with many friends Aug. 24. God's blessing for many more healthy happy years.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Gossett from Euphoria, Wash., visited with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hobbs Friday. They were neighbors 30 years ago at Portales.

The Capitan Roundtable met last Thursday to honor Gladys Pew, who with her husband Stanley will be moving this week to Roswell to make their home and to be near their children and grandchildren.

Besides wishing Gladys the best of everything, the members also bid a fond farewell to the

Round Table. It has been sort of an institution in Capitan for well over 50 years and to be asked to join was considered an honor. The membership was limited to 12 members, but last year with the passing of Eleanor Service, little the membership dwindled and what formerly had been a pleasure to entertain had become somewhat of a burden. Saying goodbye to anything is sad and it was rather a sad occasion. Perhaps in the future the daughters of the former Round Table members will be interested in reorganizing the group,

but we all lead such hectic and busy lives this day and age, that taking time out for a friendly get-together has become a thing of the past. What a pity! The last membership consisted of only Mary Dean, Alice Traylor, Frances Shaw, Amolene McIntosh, Gladys Pew, Bessie Jones, Maureen Sullivan and Leota Pfingsten.

Capitan is growing. Some folks are happy about that, and some folks are not happy about that. Some call it progress. Some call it an invasion of what used to be such a small and

tranquil little village. Some of us are caught in the middle and don't know what to think. But whatever we do call it, it seems nothing remains at the status quo, it must either move forward or move backward and Capitan is certainly not moving backward.

Until next week, happy thoughts and try a little kindness.

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# SPORTS

### AUGUST 28, FRIDAY

Capitan at Hatch, varsity football, 7:30 p.m.

Artesia at Ruidoso, varsity football, 7:30 p.m.

### AUGUST 29, SATURDAY

Carrizozo at Melrose, varsity football, 7:30 p.m.

Hondo at Magdalena, football scrimmage, TBA

Hondo at Magdalena, volleyball scrimmage, TBA

Ruidoso at Gadsden, soccer, 1 p.m.

Capitan at Ruidoso, 8th grade football scrimmage, 10 a.m.

### AUGUST 28 & 29

Ruidoso at Denver City Tournament, volleyball, TBA.

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### CARRIZOZO SCHOOLS CLIPBOARD

A weekly school clip board from Carrizozo Municipal Schools that brings all the pertinent information and community news to your home. Know what's going on in your school. Know about student staff and board members. It's all here!

**ZOO TO YOU**—School librarian Julia Hollis has requested the school be included in the Zoo To You schedule for the coming school year. A spokesperson for the Rio Grande Zoo in Albuquerque said Carrizozo Schools would definitely be able to participate in this program. The Zoo To You is sponsored by Phelps Dodge and the Rio Grande Zoo. A small

mobile unit is sent to school districts which are not close to a zoo for students who might not otherwise learn about special zoo animals.

**NEW PROGRAM**—The instructor and aide of Carrizozo's 3-4 year old program are undergoing indepth training. The four-day program, a first for Carrizozo Schools, is headed by Cherri Goad. Her aide is Candi Aguilar. The program will also utilize the expertise of a speech therapist, an occupational therapist and special education teachers.

Goad is scheduled to attend a 3-day workshop on early childhood development. The local program will be established following the workshop in Albuquerque. Five students will participate in Carrizozo's program. An announcement will be made later for a meeting to discuss participation by other local 3 and 4 year old children.

**STUDENT SAFETY**—Parents need to teach their children traffic safety, another aspect of the back-to-school

routine. Last week town workers, under the supervision of Faustino Gallegos, re-painted the crosswalks in the vicinity of the schools. Manuel Vigil and co-worker Jim Payne worked on the crosswalks on D and E Avenues.

For walkers: Choose the safest route to school and discuss it with your child. Look for the most direct route with the fewest street crossings. Parents should walk the route with their children until they demonstrate adequate traffic awareness. Children should take the same route every day, avoiding shortcuts which may be dangerous. Teach your child to obey all

traffic markings. Teach your child not to enter the street from between parked cars or from behind buses or trucks. Teach your child to cross the street at a corner or crosswalk. Warn children to be extra alert in bad weather. Visibility may be poor, and motorists may not be able to stop quickly.

**OFFICERS NAMED**—Sixth graders have named class officers. They are Miguel Najjar, chairman; Lee Sumpter, secretary; Anthony Epperson, treasurer and Melanie Whittaker, reporter. Officers will be selected every six weeks. The class is studying parliament procedure. Committee work, money-making events and

guest speakers were class items of discussion this week. Their teacher is Ruby Armstrong.

**CHEERING SECTION**—The Varsity Cheerleaders are ready to provide spirit for the Grizzlies' first game at Mesrose on Aug. 29 at 7:30 p.m. This year's cheerleading squad is comprised of Yvonne Estrella, senior; Jessica Estrella, Jacqueline Epperson, Sarah Funk, freshmen; and Natalie Chavez, sophomore. The girls, also volleyball players, will have a scrimmage at Capitan, Aug. 29, 9 a.m.

(Polly Chaves is the Carrizozo Schools news coordinator.)

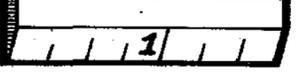


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## Positive Atmosphere For Hondo School

Enthusiasm, a positive atmosphere and an expanded program start the year at Hondo. But, this small rural school never stopped—not even during the summer! A reading program staffed by volunteer parents and teachers met throughout the summer. Supt. Sergio Castanon welcomed all school personnel by presenting awards for this outstanding program. He thanked everyone for their assistance.

"It is unusual to do this at the beginning of a school year, however, we really had a successful summer program and we could not have accomplished this without a dedicated core of teachers and parents."

"And, we haven't stopped yet. A proposal was submitted to incorporate a Business Education and Industrial Technology program. We had our proposal accepted so we can now add several new offerings to our expanded curriculum from last year. It is all very exciting. Another fine addition to our school is the Josten's Learning Corporation Computer Lab. That along with a newly installed Compton's Encyclopedia computer program featured for research in our library all are State of the Art and updated software is included," commented Castanon.

We also have the Honors Program initiated last year continuing in the high school as does the alternate or 4-day school schedule.

Both support and certified staff are very enthused and everything is off to not only a positive, but to an exciting and fresh start.

Cheryl Bowman, in addition to her teaching English and science, will also be Hondo's Athletic Director and Head Teacher.

New staff include Jess Yaksich, NMSU graduate as the Vo-Ag and Industrial Technology instructor. The Principles of Technology Honors class will be taught by Gordon Thompson who also directs the science and Advanced Math classes. Donna Willard will be a part time Business Education and Accounting instructor and Mr. Bernard

Roth will take over as Special Education and Gifted Teacher. New at the elementary level are third grade, Ms. Yvette Torrez-Troy and fourth grade, Lisa Vasquez. Student teacher Ms. Krista Isbell Cooper will assist Ms. Porfiria Montoya-Zinn during the first semester.

## Lindbergh Photos Used In Research

In 1929 Charles Lindbergh and his bride, Anne Morrow, spent the summer flying an open cockpit Curtiss Falcon biplane searching the Southwest for cliff dwelling ruins. While Anne held the plane in vertical banks, Lindbergh experimented with aerial photography, earning praise in the New York Times as a "pioneer of aerial photography." Lindbergh, of course, had no idea how valuable his photographs of the Indian ruins and area vegetation would become to Pat Moore in 1991.

As a graduate student in history, Moore has a very interesting role in a USDA Soil Conservation Service project, "Vegetative History of the Pecos Basin." This project is a five-year historical study in conjunction with the New Mexico State University History and Animal and Range Science Departments and the Carrizozo, Chaves, Hagerman-Dexter, and Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation districts.

The study will reveal if New Mexico's soil, vegetation and water resources have changed in since the 1850s and if so, if these changes so predictable that our future resources can be saved.

Moore's role is as researcher from a historical perspective. He is interpreting information from several sources for geographers to use in another phase of the study. The first source is information from a literature search of documents from government agencies, libraries and historical societies. Another source is both personal and taped interviews of people who owned land and worked for the agencies. The third source is vegetation information from old photographs, including 150 of Lindbergh's photographs on file at the Museum of New Mexico. Moore examined the photographs for type and amount of vegetation including trees, shrubs and grasses.

This is where New Mexico State University's Animal and Range Science Department steps in. Rex Pieper, Animal and Range Science professor and principal investigator and Albert Peters, Earth Sciences assistant professor and historical consultant, are examining the vegetative change within the basin. There are six vegetative types they are looking at: grassland, grassland with scattered shrub, desert shrub, pinon and juniper, pinon and juniper with grassland, and forest.

This information will then be given to geographers who will have the task of taking these bits and pieces of written and visual information and making maps and charting environmental changes and trends in vegetation, soil and water resources. These maps will then be digitized to a geo-

graphic information system (GIS) which will then be used to evaluate and analyze vegetation types. Estimates of the historical trends of precipitation, stream flow, vegetation and groundwater yield and quality will then be developed to determine if there are any environmental changes since 1850. If there are any changes, the questions are "Is there a pattern to these changes?" and "What are the effects of these changes on water yield and quality in the future?"

While this study should be completed by December 1994, this study will also be a part of a larger, similar study conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture for the entire country.

## DARE Program Explains Drug Abuse Dangers

Lincoln County's elementary students will soon learn about the dangers of drug abuse.

Thanks to a grant to finance the program, Lincoln County Sheriff Deputy Connie Hopper will begin the Drug Abuse Resistance Education or D.A.R.E. program in Carrizozo, Capitan and Corona elementary schools next Monday.

Hopper will be in each sixth grade classroom for a full day a week this fall semester to teach lessons from a 17-week plan. Students will be able to ask her questions directly or through the D.A.R.E. box. Written questions dropped into the D.A.R.E. box do not have to be signed. She also will meet directly with students to discuss problems during breaks between class periods.

After Christmas vacation, Hopper will take her 17-week D.A.R.E. program to the Ruidoso and Hondo Schools.

Hopper will be glad to speak to any organization about the D.A.R.E. program. For more information about the D.A.R.E. program, call Hopper at the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in Carrizozo at 648-2341.

## Medal For Hefker

FORT BRAGG, Fayetteville, N.C.—Pvt. Jack J. Hefker has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal.

The medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Army.

Hefker, an infantryman, is the son of Jack and Sharon Hefker of Carrizozo. The private is a 1991 graduate of Carrizozo High School.

If you won't be in Lincoln County Sept. 15 to vote FOR the hospital and clinics mill levy, we encourage you to vote by absentee ballot before the election.

Beginning Thurs., Aug. 6, you can pick up absentee ballots at the County Clerk's office in Carrizozo. Ballots must be issued or marked in person at the office by Sat., Sept. 12 at 5 p.m.

Absentee ballots may be returned to the County Clerk's office through 7 p.m. the day of the election.

If you have any questions concerning the mill levy or any of the services offered by Lincoln County Medical Center, the Carrizozo, Corona or Hondo clinics, please call us at 257-7381.

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No. CV 91-259, 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 NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION,**

Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, at 10:00 a.m. on the 25th day of September, 1992, on the steps of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash or deeded liens all the right, title and interest of Defendants, Emmett K. Morgan and Phyllis T. Morgan, in the following property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico:

Lot 2, Block 8 of NORTH HEIGHTS PARK SUBDIVISION, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Lincoln County, July 30, 1988, in Tube No. 318.

The property has the address of 407 College Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.

The sale will be made pursuant to the Default Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered on June 18, 1992, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a lawsuit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by the above-named Plaintiff.

Plaintiff was awarded Judgment of \$128,233.51, including costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, plus interest thereon from April 30, 1992, at the fixed rate of 14.0%, totaling \$7,230.90 to date of sale, plus all costs of sale, including publication and Special Master's Fee.

The Special Master will sell the property as a whole or the highest bidder, for cash or certified funds, payable at the sale, and Plaintiff may bid at the sale, in whole or in part, its judgment amount as if the same were cash. The Special Master may adjourn the sale to a later date, if necessary, without republishing notice, provided that the adjournment is made at the time, date and place set for the sale in the published notice of sale.

Any party bidding its judgment or any portion of its judgment may submit its bid to the Special Master either verbally or in writing prior to the sale.

All announcements made by the Special Master at the sale of the property shall take precedence over any previously written material or oral statements. DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, this 12th day of August, 1992.

NANCIE VEGA, Special Master.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING**

Control of the West, doing business as GTE West ("GTE West") has filed an application with the State Corporation Commission of New Mexico ("Commission") seeking approval of its tariff to provide additional 911 emergency telephone services and features. These services and features will assist public safety answering points in responding to emergencies that are reported to them. This application has been

assigned Docket No. 92-177-TC.

On August 4, 1992, the Commission issued an Amended Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order scheduling a hearing on GTE West's application. That hearing is scheduled for October 22, 1992, at 9:30 a.m. and will be held at the Commission's Hearing Room, Fourth Floor, PERA Building, Corner of Old Santa Fe Trail and Paseo de Foyatla, Santa Fe, New Mexico. In that same order, the Commission also established the following dates:

- a. Direct testimony shall be filed by GTE West no later than August 14, 1992;
- b. Intervenor testimony shall be filed no later than September 15, 1992;
- c. Staff testimony shall be filed no later than October 7, 1992; and
- d. Rebuttal testimony shall be filed no later than October 15, 1992.

The order also states that parties desiring to intervene in this proceeding shall file a Motion to Intervene as provided by the Commission Rules of Procedure, on or before August 31, 1992. This motion shall be served upon all parties of record. Persons wishing to submit written comments on GTE West's application may do so by sending such comments to Richard I. Harris, Chief Clerk, State Corporation Commission, P.O. Drawer 1269, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1269. All motions to intervene, written comments or other filings in this proceeding should reference Docket No. 92-177-TC.

All interested persons wishing to see a copy of GTE West's application or other materials filed in this docket may review such materials during the Commission's regular working hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday) at the Chief Clerk's Office in Room 406, or in the Legal Division, Room 516, PERA Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Lincoln Historic Preservation Board shall hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 1992 at 7:00 P.M. at Dr. Woods Annex in Lincoln. The public is invited.

ANDREW C. WYNHAM, Lincoln County Manager.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee shall hold their regular meeting at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, September 9, 1992 at the "Old School" Museum in White Oaks. The meeting is open to the public.

ANDREW C. WYNHAM, Lincoln County Manager.

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

Sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Manager at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88801, until 10:00 A.M., Monday, September 14, 1992, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read. Any bids received after the above date and time will be retained unopened.

BID NO. 92-6: ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR BASE COURSE

BID NO. 92-7: ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR CONCRETE

BID NO. 92-8: ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR CATTLE GUARDS.

Invitations to Bid with specifications are available at the Office of the County Manager or by calling

Martha Guevara at 505/648-2935.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids during their regular commission meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 1992, at 9:00 A.M.

All bids should be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelopes with the bid numbers shown above.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bids to best serve the interest of Lincoln County.

Bids must comply with the New Mexico Procurement Code and the Americans With Disabilities Act, Title II-A.

ANDREW C. WYNHAM, Lincoln County Manager.

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**NOTICE**

The Lincoln County E-911 Board will meet at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 10, 1992, in the county commissioner's

chambers in Carrizozo, N.M. The meeting is open to the public.

MARGARET A. BOHKS, Secretary, E-911 Board. Published in the Lincoln County News on August 27, 1992.

**REQUEST FOR BIDS**

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Items can be viewed by calling 354-2289 for appointment.

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**Timely Tips For School Success**

One of the top students of all time said, "Excellence is not an act, but a habit." If Aristotle were studying today, he would be well-advised to apply modern time management techniques to his academic career.

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**Class Reunion**

(Con't. from P. 7)

Robin Pfeiffer's home was the afternoon meeting place for the classmates. Scrapbooks, pictures, antidotes, episodes, etc. were in abundance. Johnny Faye King Harrelson, Class of '53, and Johnny Porter, Class of '61, really helped to make our day.

Although the years have gone by, we all agree that Corona High School was a good beginning for all of us. Thanks to all who helped form these lasting impressions. Hats off to you! And we'll look forward to greeting and sharing time with more of you at our next reunion. We were a little selfish this time — but after all it was our first in 40 years!!!

**Around the State**

**All Americans Festival**

The third annual All American Festival has started in Ruidoso. Events include fiddler's championship, youth art awards, photography prizes, needlework fair, street dances, bowling, bridge tournament, horse sales, arts and crafts, gun show, art show, golf tournament, fashion show and luncheon, and celebrity challenge. The anchor event will be the All American Futurity, the world's richest quarter horse race, on Sept. 7 at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack.

**1992 Visions Award**

The Commission on the Status of Women is asking for nominations for the 1992 Visions Award. This award will honor a New Mexico employer for innovative solutions to the problems of balancing family and work. Deadline for submissions is Sept. 4. Call 841-4662 or toll-free 1-800-432-9168.

**Agreement to Eradicate Livestock Disease**

Cattlemen from Chihuahua, Mexico, New Mexico and Texas formed joint animal health committees to devise a plan to improve the surveillance and detection of livestock diseases. The goal of the state committee is the complete eradication of bovine tuberculosis and brucellosis.

**Lodge at Cloudercroft**

The Lodge at Cloudercroft was ranked 44th among the top 100 resort lodging performers in the nation in the just-released August edition of Lodging Hospitality, a leading hotel industry trade magazine. It was also only one of three resorts to be editorially featured in the publication. The Lodge moved from its ranking of 89th in 1991 to its current ranking.

**Taos County Fair**

The Taos County Fair will be held Aug. 29-30.

**Non-toxic Shot Required on Wildlife Refuges**

Beginning with the 1992-93 hunting season, eleven national wildlife refuges in the southwest will expand their requirements for hunting with nontoxic shot to include species other than waterfowl and coot. The requirement is being implemented to reduce lead poisoning in waterfowl. Other species covered by these requirements include snipe, woodcock, sandhill crane, rabbit, squirrel, pheasant and turkey.

**Cloudercroft Labor Day Fiesta**

The Labor Day Fiesta in Cloudercroft will be held Sept. 5-7. Activities include pinata bash, dance contest, street dance, jam session, and square dancing.

**Cutthroat Trout Restoration**

The Department of Game and Fish and the US Forest Service started the second phase in work to restore the Rio Grande cutthroat trout, the state fish of New Mexico, to Jack's Creek and the upper Pecos River. The crews are applying an oxygen inhibitor to remove non-native trout. After the non-native trout have been removed from the river, pure Rio Grande cutthroat trout will be stocked in the stream (Phase three) probably in the summer of 1993.

**Santo Domingo Pueblo**

The annual Santo Domingo Pueblo Arts & Crafts Market will be held Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5-7.

**Gallery La Luz Exhibit**

A one-man show of the abstract painting of Theo Jack Whorton will be on exhibit at The Gallery in La Luz Sept. 5-13. Whorton, age 69, has practiced law in Alamogordo since 1956.

**Arts Application Due**

September 9 is the deadline for mailing applications to the Design Arts Program of the National Endowment for the Arts for grants in three categories: Project Grants for Individuals, Individual Grants for Design Innovation, and USA Fellowships. Complete information, guidelines, and applications available from New Mexico Arts Division, 228 East Palace Ave., Santa Fe, N.M. 87501.

**Four Appointed To Multiple-Use Advisory Council**

The Roswell District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the appointments of four members to the Multiple-Use Advisory Council for the 1992-94 term. The ten-member Council's purpose is to see that the needs of the communities served by the BLM's Roswell District are heard, and to provide advice and counsel to the Roswell District.

The new appointees are Mr. Marvin Watts, General Manager of Eddy Potash, Inc. in Carlsbad, N.M., serving in the environmental protection category, and Mr. Randy Patterson, Yates Petroleum Company, who will serve in the public-at-large category. Mr. Bill Ball, a local rancher, and Mr. Ronald Mayer, a farm and ranch appraiser, have been reappointed to a second three-year term, representing the renewable resources category.

Other categories represented include wildlife, transportation/right-of-way, recreation, nonrenewable resources and Elected Official, General Purpose Government. All categories are represented by three-year staggered terms. Nominations were called for and received for categories in which representatives' terms expire on December 31, 1992.

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## Sheriff's report

The following information was taken from dispatch records in the Lincoln County Jail in Carrizozo:

**AUG. 18**  
6:29 a.m.—unidentified heifers were reported on the complainant's property in Spaghetti Flats near Ruidoso Downs. The owner was notified.

8:12 p.m.—trash was reported on the highway near Angus. A vehicle was pulling a trailer with burned mattresses. Capitan police said the owner will pick up the mattresses on the way back to Ruidoso.

4:17 p.m.—an anonymous caller reported a possible drunken driver in a white car heading west towards Ruidoso. New Mexico State Police (NMSP) and Ruidoso Police were notified. NMSP advised they had one prisoner.

6:29 p.m.—a vehicle was reported abandoned on Forest Road 443, about four and half miles from Highway 70. The vehicle was in the middle of the road and appeared to have slipped in the mud. The owner was found and she advised she would pick the vehicle up within the hour, then call the sheriff's office.

6:51 p.m.—a Carrizozo resident reported someone on a three wheeler was making a lot of noise on E. Ave. Carrizozo police advised the subject had parked the three wheeler.

9:19 p.m.—a vehicular accident was reported on Highway 380 west of Carrizozo. Carrizozo ambulance went out to the location given but found no accident. A deputy traveled east of Carrizozo on Highway 380 but also found no accident. Capitan police went west to Highway 37, but found no accident. No accident was found near Nogal either.

11:13 p.m.—loud music, and kids drinking beer was reported on Eagle Court Cul De Sac in the Ruidoso Downs area. The responding deputy requested backup at 11:38 p.m. **AUG. 19**

12:49 p.m.—Ft. Stanton ambulance went to a Capitan residence to transport a patient to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC).

Stolen jewelry was reported in Alto. A woman discovered her jewelry gone while packing.

4:06 p.m.—a skunk was reported in a trap in Deer Park in Alto. It turned out to be a skunk in a trap set by a private individual.

7:15 p.m.—a trucker called from Carrizozo Allsup's that an airplane had attempted to land on Highway 380 east of Carrizozo. The trucker said he heard the pilot calling hysterically, advising he was struck by lightning on the wing of his aircraft and was going down. Carrizozo ambulance and fire department were advised to standby in case the aircraft did crash.

Both Carrizozo and Sierra Blanca Regional Airports advised they did not hear any cries for help or ETLs go off, but advised they would listen. Albuquerque Air Center and Albuquerque Air Route Center were both notified. Carrizozo airport manager Hal Marx advised Albuquerque Air Center had a faint signal, but no other information.

The area where the plane was to have landed was searched. A search and rescue team was sent out at 8:59 p.m., but by 11:56 p.m. the search was called off because of the lack of evidence.

8:35 p.m.—a Nogal Canyon resident requested an officer after he made a complaint of two males riding horses, yelling and causing trouble. The complainant's son was at home and getting upset with the subjects. A deputy talked with the son and a subject.

11:42 p.m.—a Carrizozo resident reported a prowler in the backyard. The responding officer made no contact with

anyone.

**AUG. 20**  
A woman called about a man and another subject who worked at a Ruidoso restaurant had a gun at a home and a woman was going to the home to get her things, but was afraid of the gun. While the complainant was on the pay phone the line went dead before she provided any further information.

5:46 p.m.—a Capitan woman was locked out of her vehicle on Third St.

6:59 p.m.—an anonymous caller reported a dirt bike on a Forest Service trail near Rainbow Lakes in Carrizo Canyon. The subject advised the responding deputy he had been told by the forest service that was a good place to go. The deputy was to check with the forest service.

**AUG. 21**  
9:04 a.m.—a skunk was under a house on C. Ave. in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police were assigned.

11:29 a.m.—Carrizozo School advised of a stray dog at the administration office and wanted it picked up for the students' safety.

3:09 p.m.—Capitan ambulance transferred a patient from Ft. Stanton infirmary to St. Mary's Hospital in Roswell.

4:04 p.m.—a calf was hit and killed by a vehicle on Highway 246. The responding deputy was advised by a traveler a blue flat bed truck had almost run them off the road, and was possibly the one which hit the calf.

Synergy Gas Co. reported a propane tank stolen from Mountain Springs Ranch.

5:09 p.m.—Alto Alps Condos requested an officer to help with an irate customer ready to take on the manager. The deputy took care of the situation and no report was made.

6:20 p.m.—a Tinnie restaurant reported a stolen check and driver's license and needed an officer to take a report.

9:21 p.m.—an accident was reported on Highway 70 about a mile east of Hondo School. The reporting party later advised the vehicle had left the scene. The responding deputy checked several vehicles then came upon one broken down. He transported the woman to her vehicle and the wrecker. The Hondo ambulance and EMTs were sent home.

**AUG. 22**  
8:34 a.m.—a two vehicle accident at the bottom of Tecolote Hill on Highway 54 north of Carrizozo sent two patients, transported by Corona Ambulance, to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo. Fuel also spilled at the scene.

6:15 p.m.—a fire was reported on the north side of the Capitan Mountains. A tree was burning off Highway 246. USFS checked the fire then advised to let it burn at that time.

9 p.m.—a flat bed trailer was reported stolen out of Ruidoso Downs, heading east behind a brown van. Ruidoso Downs Police later advised the people had found their trailer.

9:20 p.m.—Ruidoso Ambulance Services was dispatched to Flying J Ranch, but was refused.

10:53 p.m.—an accident without injuries was reported at Bonita Lake. The responding deputy advised no one was around.

**AUG. 23**  
12:20 p.m.—cattle were reported on Highway 37. A forest service personnel came to their rescue.

A large white dog was reported at large in Carrizozo. The dog was captured by Carrizozo police and taken to the Carrizozo Pound.

12:41 p.m.—criminal damage to property was reported in Deer Park in Alto.

2:49 p.m.—criminal dam-

age to property at the Corona Catholic Church was reported.

4:48 p.m.—a woman traveling through Hondo Valley reported a lost or misplaced wallet, possibly at a fruit stand in the valley. Dispatch called a man in the Hondo Valley who later called Ermando Chavez, owner of the stand. He advised he had the wallet and everything was there. The complainant was to have picked the wallet up.

6:49 p.m.—a Capitan woman reported her daughter overdue. The girl's father was to have brought her home by 8 p.m. according to the judge's orders. She advised the man had done this before. Dispatch advised she needed to report the incident to the judge.

The responding deputy talked with the father, who advised he left the girl at her mom's mother's house in Carrizozo.

**AUG. 24**  
5:11 p.m.—rapid gun fire was reported in Lower Eagle Creek area. The subject was cited for suspended driver's license and no insurance.

8:10 p.m.—a Sierra Vista Estates resident requested an officer to take a report about a burglary.

8:36 p.m.—Capitan ambulance transported a patient to LCMC.

9 p.m.—Mountain Springs Ranch requested an officer about problems between campers. The responding deputy

advised all was okay, they had worked out their problems.

**AUG. 25**  
1:57 a.m.—an accident with injuries was reported near Hondo Post Office on Highway 70. The complainant advised a woman was unconscious. The patient was transported to LCMC at 11:36 p.m. New Mexico State Police also were advised.

The following persons were booked into Lincoln County Jail recently:

**AUG. 8**  
Timothy Barela, 26, Carrizozo; reckless driving, DWI, attempting to elude, failure to comply with conditions of release, contributing to the delinquency of a minor. No bond.

Berlin H. Bablondo, 56, Albuquerque; DWI, no driver's license, \$500 bond, possession of controlled substance \$1,000 bond.

Joseph Singh, 27, Dona Ana; unlawful use of license, suspended or revoked, arrest clause; \$500 bond posted same day.

**AUG. 9**  
Juan A. Gonzales, 36, Corona; aggravated assault, \$2,500 bond posted same day.

**AUG. 10**  
Raymond J. Sisneros, 26, Ruidoso; violation probation, no bond. Released same day on release order by District Judge Richard Parsons.

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# Tribal Council

regarding the crucial issues of safety, health and environmental quality. The committee will work with tribal representatives to design any Phase Two siting investigations, or choice of actual location on which to place the MRS. The committee also will help put together a benefit package for both the Mescalero Tribe and its neighbors.

Invitations were sent to the mayors of Ruidoso, Alamogordo, Cloudercroft and Tularosa inviting them to provide a representative. Also invited to serve are Frank Potter, development director of the Museum of the Horse (to represent tourism and infrastructure); Carl Mantey, administrator of Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo, and Robert Sanchez, Otero County hazardous materials coordinator

(emergency response); Dr. Charles Reidlinger, provost NMSU-A (education and training); and Col. Ron Baker, vice-president of First National Bank of Alamogordo (finance and economic development).

Indian Affairs Committee member Shirley Baca asked whether the Advisory Committee will indeed be "advisory," or just a public relations. She also asked if the committee could go back to its local communities for local referendums. But Peso and Miller Hudson, technical advisor to the council on the MRS project, said the final decision rests with the Mescalero Apaches.

"We are asking for their advice and input in terms of what they want us to look at in the full Phase Two study," Hudson said.

"We do have the last say," Peso said.

The only appeal neighboring communities will have to the Mescalero's final determination on the MRS project will be on a Congressional level. Final approval of the MRS project rests with Congress, which will endorse or reject the terms of the negotiated agreement with the tribe, Hudson said.

The tribe is asking for an additional \$300,000 to continue the first part of Phase Two of the study. That money will be used to continue providing educational and public relations materials to the public and neighboring communities. It also will be used to maintain the MRS information office located at the Tribal Community Center in Mescalero. If the tribe decides to move on to part two of Phase Two, it will apply for \$2.8 million from the federal government to begin the actual technical studies for proposed sites and studies of transportation and other problems.

Opposition to the tribal council's intent to study the MRS began almost as soon as the council members approached the neighboring governments last October. Opposing resolutions were passed by local governments, and the New Mexico State House of Representatives approved a memorial against the MRS, sponsored by Lincoln County representative John Underwood. He also serves on the Indian Affairs Committee. New Mexico's governor Bruce King, and Congressmen have also taken an opposing side to the Mescalero Council's study.

"It's very unfair we've been slapped down and shunned by the state," Chino said. "We are not jumping into anything."

Chino acknowledged if the study shows there will be too many problems or dangers to the tribe's people and environment, the council will discontinue the study. "If there's something wrong, we want

nothing to do with it."

The tribal council is not for or against the project at this time.

"All we want to do is make a complete study," Chino said. Once the study is completed and information available to the council and the tribal members, the council will take the issues to its people.

"We will make certain we have a referendum on the issue," Chino said. "We don't go out and fight our own people... If the members vote it down, the council will accept."

When asked when that referendum will take place, Chino answered, "after I retire."

Chino said that recent news reports that the tribal council knows where it wants to site a MRS are untrue. "We are not this far." Environmental, economic and geologic studies must be conducted before any sites are proposed.

When Indian Affairs Committee member Underwood asked Chino, Peso or Hudson, whether former statements about an MRS not being sited on the reservation were correct, Peso said the facility would be located under the jurisdiction of the tribe or state. After Underwood said the reason he sponsored the memorial against the MRS was due to safety considerations, Peso replied that all other nuclear facilities in New Mexico, Los Alamos, Trinity site, and so on, were brought in without any type of studies or consideration of local opinion.

"For a change, Indians are doing something they want to explore themselves," Peso said.

Indian Affairs member Leo Watchman from San Juan and McKinley Counties said the project shows how Indian people are using a responsible approach, and which ultimately could help get Indian people out of the welfare lines. He contended the opposition was a type of election-time tactics employed by politicians hoping

to get re-elected. "I feel too many are interfering... in past days we (Indian people) were looked at as weavers and shepherders—we're high tech now."

Watchman said the committee will try to find ways to help projects planned for Indian Country. He too agreed that the opposition from local, state and federal governments were an "erosion of sovereignty."

"We were here long before Columbus got lost."

Indian Affairs Commission member Raphael Martin from the Eastern Navajo Nation Council said the MRS issue and the Mescalero Tribe are putting the question of sovereignty to the test. "I think this will benefit multiple tribes across the nation as far as the sovereignty issue... All eyes will be on you nationally."

After lunch, the committee viewed a video about the MRS and further discussed the situation. Hudson said the MRS facility, if constructed, would be licensed to store fuel rods for only 40 years.

Affairs committee chairman Nick Salazar said the situation with the MRS study is not an issue of storage of nuclear waste, rather an issue of sovereignty.

Although the meeting agenda listed discussion about the MRS would be after lunch, Chino and Peso chose to speak on it in the morning. And although the meeting was open to the public, it was attended by Office of Indian Affairs staff, two pueblo governors and the Mescalero Apache Tribal vice-president. Members of the Ruidoso Village Council MRS Watch Committee, which includes councilor Bill Karn, showed up at the agenda scheduled time of 1 p.m. Most discussion regarding the MRS had been completed by then. The Ruidoso MRS committee did not speak, however.

After exploring the MRS issue, Chino discussed the Indian Gaming issue in light of the federal Indian Gaming Regulation Act. He summarized a lengthy negotiation with Gov.

Bruce King last year to create a pact between the tribe and the state for gaming on reservation lands. The pact negotiations were nearing completion when King terminated those without tribal or state consent. The Mescalero Apache Tribe filed a civil complaint in U.S. District Court in January to force the negotiations and to assign authorization to the governor to enter into such a pact.

While Indian members on the Affairs Committee saw the Gaming Act as an "erosion of sovereignty," member Underwood proposed a memorial in the next legislative session to give the governor authority, on behalf of the state, to enter into the gaming pact with the tribe.

The Affairs Committee also considered other issues during its two-day meeting, such as a staff summary on the Indian Child Welfare Act, legislative review of a House and Senate Bill for Reimbursements for Tribal Police and a report from H.J. "Doc" Weiler, registered lobbyist for Ruidoso Downs Race Track, on gaming at New Mexico's Race Tracks.

The Affairs Committee is meeting with all Indian Tribes, Pueblos and Governments within the state. It will take its findings to the state legislative session in January and February.

Members of the Indian Affairs Committee are Rep. Baca of Dona Ana County, Rep. Albert Shirley—McKinley/Cibola, Rep. James Madalena—Sandoval/Cibola, Sen. Gloria Howes—McKinley, Rep. Salazar—Rio Arriba/Santa Fe/San Miguel, Rep. Watchman—San Juan/McKinley, Rep. Underwood—Chaves/Eddy/Lincoln and Rep. Thomas Atcity—San Juan.

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