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Season's Greetings

County Compiles Billing List

County residents will soon get their first trash bill.

Members of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority met at K-Bob's Restaurant in Ruidoso Downs Monday. They agreed the first bills mailed to some 3,700 county households will include charges for the months of December, January, February and March, or \$21, plus gross receipts tax. From March on, trash collections will

be billed on a three-month or quarterly basis at \$5.25 a month or \$15.75 plus 79 cents in tax, for a total of \$16.54 quarterly.

County trash collections by LCSWA began Nov. 23. Since then LCSWA office and the county manager's office have received numerous calls about dumpster locations and so on.

County residents who own 300 or more contiguous acres

may qualify for variances to billings, if they can prove a suitable location for their own landfill. LCSWA manager Gene Green requested members create a variance committee to consider other types of variances, such as for people living in isolated locations.

Also, LCSWA has no policy to determine how long accounts can be delinquent before they are subject to legal action. This

and the variance committee will be considered by the LCSWA executive committee. Recommendations and a report will be made at the January LCSWA meeting.

The list of county billings is being compiled from county assessor's roles. Problems with computer software have delayed the billing process, however. Once that is corrected the billings will be mailed.

County residents recently received information in the mail about the county collection service, its costs and variance policy. Homeowners are also defined as the owner of a house, mobile home, summer cabin or second house located in Lincoln County. A map showing dumpster locations and a sample bill is also on the brochure.

Dumpster maintenance may be assumed by LCSWA

employees, rather than being contracted now. Such a program would require some type of steam cleaner and catch pit. Green presented options for leasing a facility or constructing a metal building. Since LCSWA leases its recycling facility and office in Ruidoso Downs, members advised looking into pur-

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"The Newspaper for All of Lincoln County"

LINCOLN

"Located in The County Seat"

County News

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1992

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CARRIZOZO, NEW MEXICO 88301

County Files Suit In Federal Court

By DORIS CHERRY

Lincoln County wants to push the federal government into following its own rules of upholding local laws.

The county seeks to have the courts put a temporary hold on any more land exchanges by the Bureau of Land Management in the Lincoln Valley. A more than year long dispute between the county and BLM over a proposed exchange of private lands along the Rio Bonito in the historic Lincoln area for public lands in other counties has ended up in both state and federal district court. The suits ask the courts to force BLM to

comply to all elements of its own laws and those of the county land use ordinance and to put a temporary hold on any more exchanges until the issue of land parity is resolved.

Monday, the county filed a lawsuit against BLM in federal district court. The suit will become a companion action to a similar suit filed in state district court in Carrizozo late Wednesday, Dec. 9, said county attorney Robert Beauvais.

The suit filed in federal court lists the United States of America; Manuel Lujan, Secretary of the Dept. of Interior; Cy Jamison, director of the

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Ruidoso Downs Tax Increase

Gross receipts tax rates will increase Jan. 1, 1993 in 18 New Mexico locations, including Ruidoso Downs. All changes result from adoption of new taxes by either municipal or county government.

Ruidoso Downs gross receipts tax will increase by .0625 percent and their new tax rate will be 5.9375 percent.

Other municipalities enacting an increase of .06245 percent or .125 percent are Bayard, Central, Eagle Nest, Espanola, Folsom, Grants, Logan, Questa,

and Springer.

Chaves County enacted a .125 increase which also increases the rates in municipalities in the county, including Dexter, Hagerman, Lake Arthur and Roswell.

Hobbs and Otero County and Tularosa gross receipts tax rates will also increase Jan. 1.

New gross receipts tax rates in the tax rate schedule were mailed to taxpayers the week of Dec. 7 to all businesses registered with the Taxation and Revenue Department.



SANTA CLAUS distributes presents to senior citizens at their annual Christmas party in Carrizozo, Wednesday, Dec. 16. More than 100 seniors from the Carrizozo, Capitan, Corona and San Patricio Senior Centers attended the party, which featured Santa and live music provided by Mary Lou Webster, Evelyn Sidwell and Glen Ellison; the Medina Family and Curtis Payne and Markie Riley.

Escapee Bartlett Captured

Two Ruidoso women came out of hiding last week, after Missoula Montana police arrested prison escapee Erwin Boyd Bartlett.

Bartlett was serving a 16 year prison term for attacking and attempting to kill his wife Bobbi Bartlett and her friend Teri McDaniels when he escaped from the Southern New Mexico Correction Facility near Las Cruces on June 23.

In a letter Bartlett had left in his cell he threatened to kill his wife.

The women went into hiding with limited police protection after Bartlett's escape.

Bartlett contacted his grandmother in Artesia after his escape and said he was two states away.

According to Associated Press reports, Thursday, Dec. 17, Missoula Police arrested Bartlett at 11:30 p.m. at a motel. A rifle and compound bow were confiscated. Bartlett appeared in Missoula Justice Court on Friday. A hearing was set for Jan. 19.

Bartlett's hearing could be earlier if he chooses to waive extradition.

Members Finally Agree On Contract

By DORIS CHERRY

Negotiations between Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority and Otero County Solid Waste Authority over a regional landfill almost broke down at a recent joint meeting of the two groups.

Meeting at Ruidoso Civic Center Thursday, Dec. 17, members of the two authorities which represent all municipal and county governments within Lincoln and Otero Counties disagreed on the negotiations with Camp Dresser McKee (CDM). CDM was chosen from several engineering firms responding to a request for proposals for

studies on a regional landfill belonging to the authorities.

LCSWA members and attorney Robert Beauvais said at the LCSWA regular monthly meeting Monday in Ruidoso Downs, that they wanted to negotiate the entire study process through the landfill permit. Alamogordo, acting as the main administrative entity for the landfill project, wanted to negotiate every phase of the process separately. LCSWA members feared that negotiating every phase will result in high costs for studies that might be duplications of studies done for McKinley County. CDM recently contracted with

McKinley county for studies on a landfill there.

"The idea these guys are (SEE PAGE 6)

Road Construction Contracts Awarded

WASHINGTON—Senator Pete Domenici, R-NM, announced that New Mexico has been awarded \$5.58 million to fund road construction work near Ruidoso and Las Cruces by the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Twin Mountain Construction Company was awarded a \$4.7 million contract for road construction at Magdalena Peak located approximately 20 miles northwest of Las Cruces.

The Federal Aviation Administration of the DOT awarded the Sierra Blanca Airport Commission \$884,700 for construction at the Sierra Blanca Reg-

ional Airport near Ruidoso.

"The grant to the Sierra Blanca Airport will fund the installation of taxiway guidance signs and the construction of a new hangar," Domenici said. "I am very pleased that the airport will receive funding for these very important additions."

Work to be performed by the Twin Mountain Construction company includes the construction of a roadway with drainage culverts, concrete headwalls, concrete drainage dips, and a guard rail. The roadway is to provide access to the Air Route Surveillance Radar Site.



NEW MEXICO STATE Policeman Guy Archuleta graduated from the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy on Dec. 11 and currently is stationed in Farmington. He is a 1991 graduate of Carrizozo High School and attended Eastern New Mexico University for one year. Archuleta is the son of Charlotte Emmons Carrizozo and Gilbert Archuleta of Roswell and grandson of Joy and Charlie Leslie, also of Carrizozo. Archuleta and his wife, the former Leslie LaRue of Capitan, make their home in Farmington and are expecting their first child.



Merry Christmas!

AT THIS TIME,
 WE COUNT
 AMONG
 OUR MANY
 BLESSINGS
 YOUR
 FRIENDSHIP
 AND
 GOODWILL.

Happy Holidays

LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS

THE AGUILARS and HAMMONDS



VISITORS IN Ruidoso find sledding, even backwards, a lot of fun at the municipal sled run beside the Ruidoso Public Library. There is no charge to use the sled run. Plenty of snowfall, and cold temperatures in the shade, provide lots of winter play for visitors and residents alike in the mountainous areas of Lincoln County.

11 Local Students On National Dean's List

A total of 10 students from Lincoln County are included in the 15th annual edition of *The National Dean's List* just published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, IL.

Local students are: Leah Patterson of Carrizozo attending Texas Tech University; Bonnie Chavez of Capitan attending Eastern NM University at Roswell; Rachel Lacy of Capitan attending Cochise College; Erin Keller of Fort Stanton attending Oral Roberts University; Jackie Cremer of Ruidoso Downs attending University of New Mexico at Albuquerque; Rebecca Van Winkle of Ruidoso Downs attending New Mexico State University at Las Cruces; and four students from Ruidoso-Rene Parker attending College of Santa Fe, Diana Rhodes attending NM State University at

Carlsbad, and Amanda Gochenour and Jo Gochenour, both attending NM State University at Alamogordo.

Students are selected for this honor by their college deans, registrars or honor society advisors and must be in the upper 10 percent of their class, on their school's Dean's list or have earned a

comparable honor. Listed students are eligible to compete for \$25,000 in scholarship awards funded by the publisher and may also use a referral service for future employment opportunities. More than 2,500 colleges and universities nationwide use the publication to recognize their academically qualified students.

County Compiles Billing . . .

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chasing the property before constructing any buildings on it.

Members also authorized the executive committee and attorney Robert Beauvais to work with the City of Roswell on an agreement to dump trash from Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and the Hondo Valley at the Roswell landfill until the LCSWA/OCSWA regional landfill is completed.

Ronnie Hemphill, CPA, pre-

sented the audit of LCSWA for the 1991-92 fiscal year. LCSWA ended with a net equity of \$53,266 for two periods after gross receipt taxes and operating costs. Total assets were \$1,274,978 and total liabilities were \$1,221,712.

Hemphill noted five findings, which he said were to be expected in such a start up operation. The five were 1) report to the state auditor that an outside entity is doing accounting; 2) violations of the state procurement code early in the life of the authority, since corrected; 3) incomplete records of some official minutes; 4) lack of inventory control list, being compiled now; 5) lack of procedures policies. Hemphill said too much burden was placed on the bookkeeper/secretary/receptionist Mitzi Matuszek, creating some of the problems. Hemphill attributed most of his findings to the start up process. "Growing pains," said LCSWA member Bill Allen.

In other business, members: —Passed resolutions setting notice of meetings, meeting dates (third Monday of each month) and holiday schedule which includes personal employee days.

—Heard Green report that a magnet to lift nails from the road leading to the Capitan Construction Landfill has been ordered but was shipped by the company to the wrong address. The magnet, which is mounted on a trailer which can be pulled by a vehicle, will be put to work removing nails once it arrives in Ruidoso Downs. Residents living along the road have made numerous complaints about flat tires and LCSWA equipment has also received flat tires from the nails that fall from trailers hauling construction waste.

—thanked employees Green, Kerry Krumseik (recycling coordinator) and particularly Mitzi Matuszek.

—set the January meeting at 10 a.m. in the LCSWA office in Ruidoso Downs.



IN THE SERVICE

Airman Alfonso R. Lucero has graduated from Air Force basic training from Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

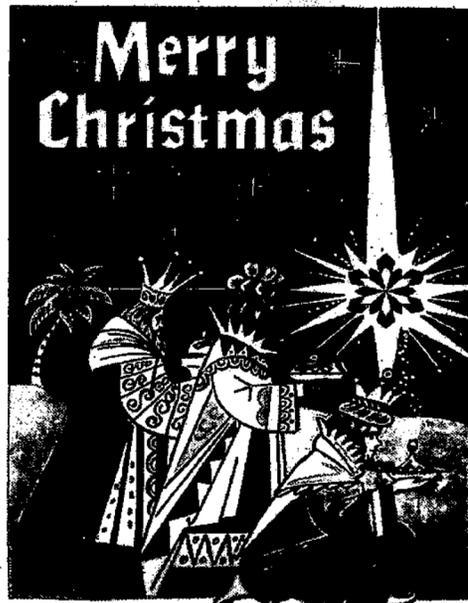
Lucero is the son of Janie C. Brewer and stepson of Steve E. Brewer of Carrizozo.

He is a 1992 graduate of Carrizozo High School.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Johnny P. Emberlin, son of Johnny L. and Sandy R. Emberlin of Alto, recently reported for duty aboard the multi-purpose amphibious assault ship USS Essex, homeported in San Diego.

The 1987 graduate of Capitan High School, Capitan, joined the Navy in October 1987.

Marine Sgt. Michael R. Romero, son of Marine Corps Master Sgt. Jose F. Romero of Alamogordo, was recently promoted to his present rank while serving with 5th Battalion, 14th Marines, El Paso, Texas.



May the Star of Bethlehem shine forever in our hearts and keep us with happy thoughts of faith, goodwill for all mankind.

Merry Christmas from

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Christmas Greetings
With the Holiday Season here and 1992 drawing to a close, our bank shares with our customers the happiness of the holidays. Kids prepare for the many festivities and older ones, who have been gone, come home to be with the family. This is a joyous time and we say thanks to the best customers anywhere.
Your plans for these holidays and the year ahead may include some things our bank can help with. Pay us a visit at any one of our banking offices — in Carrizozo, Vaughn, Estancia and Moriarty. Share some of your plans with us and if you need financial assistance and advice that we can provide, our bank officers and employees are anxious to be of assistance.
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LEGALS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 Cause No. DB-87-15
 Division III

BETTY BEACHUM LEWIS,
 Petitioner,
 vs.
JACK J. LEWIS,
 Respondent.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: JACK J. LEWIS

GREETINGS:

You are notified that suit has been filed against you by **BETTY BEACHUM LEWIS**, as Petitioner, in the above named Court. The general object of this suit is for Final Division of Property.

The Petitioner's address is 148 Geneva, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345, and the Petitioner's attorney is Michael S. Line, 1098 Mechem Drive, Suite 3E, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345.

You are hereby notified that unless you enter your appearance in this cause on or before the 21st day of January, 1993, judgment will be rendered against you in this cause by default.

WITNESS my hand, the seal of this Court this 30th day of November, 1992.

DISTRICT COURT CLERK,
 BY: Elizabeth Lueras, Deputy.

(SEAL)
 Attorney for Petitioner:
 Michael S. Line,
 UNDERLINE, LTD.
 1098 Mechem Drive,
 Suite 3E
 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. CV-92-191

CENLAR FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
ALBERT N. BACA, JILL L. TERRIERE BACA, and TRANSA MERICA FINANCIAL SERVICES,
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on January 21, 1993, at 10:00 a.m., at the east entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 10 EAST, N.M.P.M.
 A Tract of land situate within the NE¼ SE¼ of Section 2, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point that is South 89 deg. 34' 08" East, 994.09 feet from the Southwest corner of the SW¼ NE¼ SE¼ of said Section 2; Thence South 89 deg. 34' 08" East 331.96 feet; Thence North 0 deg. 25' East 665.36 feet; Thence South 89 deg. 42' 09" West 330.95 feet; Thence South 0 deg. 27' 09" West, 663.60 feet to the point of beginning.
 The address of the real

property is 102 14th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 9, 1992, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff and wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$68,818.18, plus interest from November 16, 1992, to the date of sale at the rate of 10.5% per annum, or \$18.99 per day, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee of \$200.00, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance or keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. Defendant Transamerica Financial Services was adjudged to have a second lien on the above-described property.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

Dated at Carrizozo, New Mexico, this 16th day of December, 1992.

TIM VEGA,
 Special Master.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee for five (5) members to fill the positions which will expire in December, 1992. Three nominees shall be involved in primary agriculture production and two nominees shall be involved in secondary agriculture services. Nominees must be domiciled and registered to vote within Lincoln County.

Nominations in writing will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners or the County Manager at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., January 4, 1993.

ANDREW C. WYNHAM,
 Lincoln County Manager.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold a special meeting at 10:30 A.M. on Monday, January 4, 1993, at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. The meeting is open to the public.

ANDREW C. WYNHAM,
 Lincoln County Manager.

Published in the Lincoln County News on December 24, 1992.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 1993, at 7:00 P.M., in Dr. Woods Annex, Lincoln. The meeting is open to the public.

ANDREW C. WYNHAM,
 Lincoln County Manager.

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 NO. CV 92-167

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION, Successor in Interest to American Credit Union, fka IASA Credit Union,
 Plaintiff,

vs.
JORDAN FRANCINE CAMERON, fka FRANCINE C. SLACK, and EDDIE T. SLACK, SR.,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-entitled Court, having appointed the undersigned as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered the Special Master to sell the real property situated in the County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, more particularly described as:

Lot numbered 11, Block 2 of PINE-CLIFF, Ruidoso, 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, February 20, 1963, in Tube No. 171, more commonly known as 120 Chaparral Drive.

The sale shall commence at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, January 22, 1993 at the East entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico. The property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash.

For the purposes of this sale, "cash" shall mean (1) cash on hand, (2) other immediately available funds such as bank cashiers checks, or (3) an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a financial institution acceptable to and in a form acceptable to the Special Master in an amount not less than the bid amount, delivered to and approved by the Special Master prior to sale.

This sale is being held pursuant to the Default Judgment For Deceit of Foreclosure and For Debts and Money Due And Owing, entered November 13, 1992, in the above-captioned cause of action for money due and owing and foreclosure of liens as hereinafter stated.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proceeds of sale will be applied as follows:

A. First to the fee of the Special Master and associated costs of sale.
 B. Second to any sums incurred by Plaintiff for taxes, insurance, or repairs through the date of sale.
 C. Third to Plaintiff to satisfy Plaintiff's judgment and mortgage liens in the amount of SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS AND 29/100, (\$71,856.29), which includes interest through January 22, 1993;

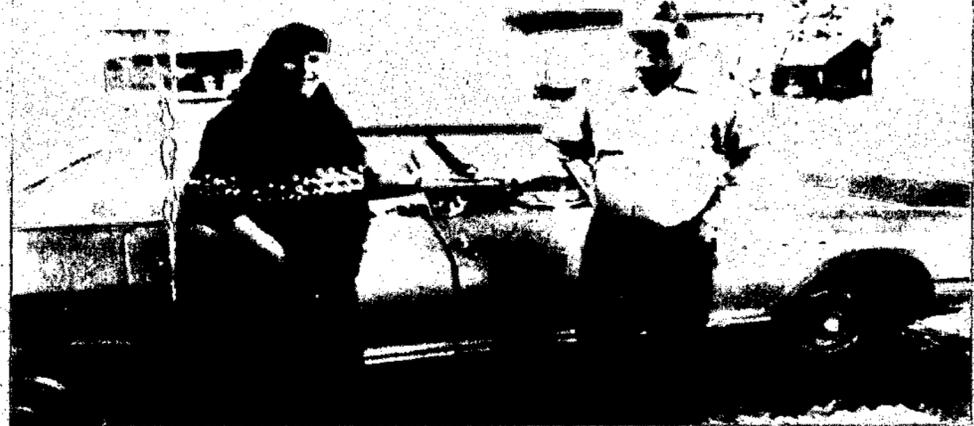
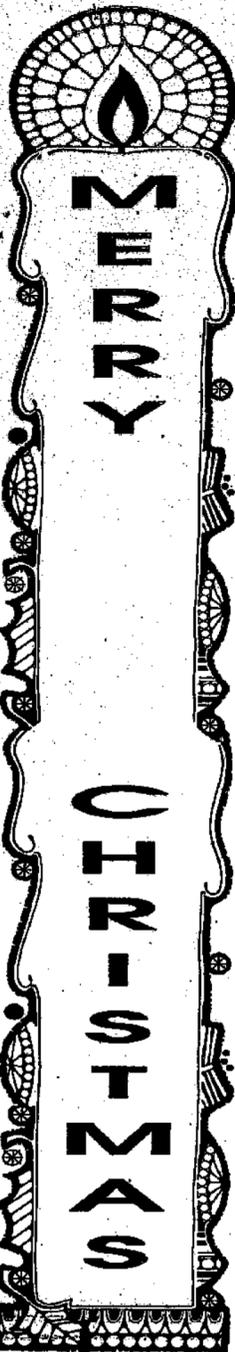
D. The balance, if any, as the Court may direct.

NOTICE IS FINALLY GIVEN that Plaintiff may bid and purchase the property at the foreclosure sale and may apply all or a portion of its judgment as cash toward the purchase price.

BY: **ANNETTE DeBOIS** for **BRENDA SAWYER**
 Special Master,
 P.O. BOX 725
 Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

All inquiries should be directed to **ANNETTE N. DeBOIS, Attorney at Law, LYNCH, PRINZ, ALDRIDGE & GRAMMER, P.A., 1717 Louisiana, NE, Suite 103, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110, telephone (505) 286-8787.**

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VANCE SIDWELL OF NOGAL accepts the keys to this 1986 Buick from **Mary Lou White**. Sidwell won the car in the "Win-A-Wreck" contest Nov. 25 sponsored by Pueblo Video of Carrizozo. Proceeds from the contest were donated to the D.A.R.E. or Drug Abuse Resistance Education program. DARE students in 5th and 6th grades in Capitan, Carrizozo and Corona Schools learned to "say no" to drug and alcohol abuse during a 17-week course taught by Lincoln County Deputy Connie Hopper. Donations were used to purchase educational materials or DARE items which were awarded to the students at their culmination ceremonies last week.

LINCOLN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
The Capitan Landfill
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER - 1992:

21	Mon.....	CLOSED
22	Tues.....	OPEN
23	Wed.....	OPEN
24	Thurs.....	CLOSED
25	Fri.....	CLOSED
26	Sat.....	CLOSED
27	Sun.....	CLOSED
28	Mon.....	CLOSED
29	Tues.....	OPEN
30	Wed.....	OPEN
31	Thurs.....	OPEN

JANUARY - 1993:

01	Fri.....	CLOSED
02	Sat.....	CLOSED



Have A Merry Christmas!

'Church Directory'
 for churches in Carrizozo

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)
JOHNE L. JOHNSON, pastor
 Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186
 Sunday School..... 10:00 am
 Worship Service..... 11:00 am
 Thursday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

St. Matthias Episcopal Church
REV. ROBERT BATTON
 Corner of E Ave. & Sixth,
 1-258-4144
 Holy Eucharist..... 9:30 am Sunday

Santa Rita Catholic Community
FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor
 213 Birch, 648-2853
SATURDAY:
 Capitan Sacred Heart..... 5:30 pm
 C'zozo Santa Rita..... 7:00 pm
SUNDAY:
 Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am
 C'zozo Santa Rita..... 11:00 am
 Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm

Trinity United Methodist Churches
THOMAS C. BROOM, pastor
 1000 D. Ave., 648-2893/648-2848
 Sunday School..... 10:00 am
 Worship Service..... 11:00 am
 Special Meetings: * Trinity Women meet third Thursday every month.
 * Methodist Men meet for breakfast every second Sunday at 8:30 a.m.
CAPITAN
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 am
 Adult Sunday School..... 8:30 am
 2nd Sunday School..... 11:00 am

Evangelistic Assembly
VIRGIL ASHCRAFT, pastor
 711 E. Ave., 648-2952
 Sunday..... 2:30 pm
 Wednesday..... 7:00 pm
 Saturday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Nogal Presbyterian Church
DOUG & LOU GORDON, co-pastors
 648-2944
 Adult Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship..... 11:00 am

Church of Christ
PAUL WETZEL, minister
 Ave. C at 12th, 648-2998
 Sunday School..... 10:00 am
 Worship Service..... 11:00 am
 Evening Worship..... 8:00 pm
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

First Baptist Church
HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
 314 10th Ave, 648-2968 (church) or 648-2107
 Sunday School..... 9:45 am
 Worship Service..... 10:55 am
 Sun: Evening..... Training at 8:15 pm
 Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Community United Presbyterian Church of Ancho
DOUG & LOU GORDON, co-pastors
 648-2944
 Sunday Morning Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
 Adult Sunday School..... 10:00 am

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

There will be **NO DUMPING** on Gary Lovelace property by order of New Mexico Environment Department.
 Violators will be prosecuted.

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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 every Thursday.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 & 25

-Municipal offices in Carrizozo, Capitan, Corona, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs closed.

-County offices closed in Carrizozo and Ruidoso.

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Lincoln County News closed Christmas Day.

MONDAY, JAN. 4

-School resumes in Carrizozo, Capitan, Hondo and Ruidoso.

-Official swearing in of elected county officials at 9 a.m. in the district court room at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. A county commission meeting will follow in the commissioners' chambers, also in the courthouse.

TUESDAY, JAN. 5

-Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce meets at 6:30 p.m. at United New Mexico Bank community room. A dinner will be available. The chamber will meet at night this first Tuesday of the month to encourage better participation. It invites all interested persons to the meeting.

-American Legion Post 57 in Capitan meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month.

JANUARY 12

-Capitan Extension Club meets the second Tuesday of each month.

State To Receive Forest Payments

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—Forty-one states and Puerto Rico will receive about \$324 million in national forest receipts collected in Fiscal Year 1992, announced F. Dale Robertson, chief of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service.

Arizona's payment is \$6,125,695.16 and New Mexico received \$2,007,276.46.

On September 28, the U.S. Department of Agriculture made interim payments of \$236 million to states based on estimated national forest revenues for the year.

By law, 25 percent of the revenues collected by the Forest Service from use of National

Forest System lands and resources are returned to states where the lands are located. The states are required to use the funds for schools and roads. Robertson said the funds are collected primarily from timber sales, grazing, recreation, and minerals extraction on 191 million acres of National Forest System lands.

These payments do not include 25 percent of the 1992 national grassland revenues. Those payments are based on calendar year 1992 receipts and will be made in March 1993.

The three states receiving the largest payments are Oregon—\$137 million, California—\$60 million, and Washington—\$35 million. Arizona ranked eighth and New Mexico seventeenth in the amount of payments received.

Listed in the following tables are final payments made to Lincoln and Otero counties in New Mexico for Fiscal Year 1992.

Lincoln, \$48,196.29 and Otero, \$67,370.93.

The Other . . .

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giving that matters. The gift is the fleeting moment of brightness and joy you create in others, and is separate and apart from the material item transferred. If your gift to another makes him feel better about himself, your gift to yourself is found in the satisfaction of having made his journey through life a little easier. What more could you want?

The ideal gift is neither too much nor too little freely given.

Merry Christmas!



Happy Holiday

Best of everything to you.

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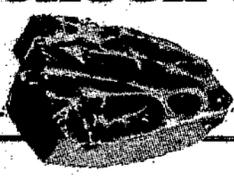
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Grizzlies Take Tigers 77-53

Excitement filled the Carrizozo gym Friday, when long-time rivals Capitan Tigers came to town to play the Carrizozo Grizzlies.

In a fast moving ball game Carrizozo varsity boys defeated the Capitan varsity boys 83-53.

The Grizzlies outscored the Tigers in all quarters but the last, when Capitan made 19 points to Carrizozo's 10. Grizzly Coach Ken Butts sent in some of his secondary players, giving them some time on the court.

The Grizzlies scored 26 points in the first quarter, helped by Blas Herrera's four, two-point field goals. The Grizzlies gained momentum as the game continued, scoring 26 points in the second quarter and 27 in the third.

Capitan scored 12 points in the first quarter, due mostly to Trevor Cox's three field goals and two free throws. The Capitan boys scored 10 points in the second quarter, 12 in the third and 19 in the final. In that final

BOX SCORES CARRIZOSO VARSITY vs. CAPITAN VARSITY

CARRIZOSO:	FG	FT	TP
Cory Collins.....	8	3	9
Blas Herrera.....	4	0	9
Anthony Archuleta.....	0	0	0
Nathan Portillo.....	1	0	2
Jon Vallejos.....	8	0	16
George Vega.....	1	0	2
Heath Rickman.....	6	0	13
Chad Patterson.....	0	0	0
Scott Brown.....	1	1	3
Mike Barals.....	3	1	7
Bryan Turnbow.....	6	5	17

SCORE BY QTRS:	ZOZO	20	26	21	10	77
CAPITAN	12	10	13	19	53	

quarter Michael Fish scored with one field goal and four good free shots and Traylor scored three field goals and two free shots.

Bryan Turnbow was top scorer for the Grizzlies with 17

points, followed by Jon Vallejos with 16 and Heath Rickman with 13, which included a three point basket in the second quarter.

Kyle Traylor was top scorer for the Tigers with 20 points, followed by Trevor Cox with 14.

CAPITAN:	FG	FT	TP
Michael Fish.....	1	4	6
Arnie Trujillo.....	2	0	4
Neil Montes.....	0	1	1
Orlando Baca.....	0	0	0
Chris Smith.....	0	0	0
Damian Royhal.....	1	3	3
Jeremy McGarvey.....	1	0	2
Phillip Garcia.....	0	0	0
Jason Trujillo.....	0	0	0
J.P. Whipple.....	0	1	1
Trevor Cox.....	6	2	14
Kyle Traylor.....	8	4	20

Carrizozo Junior Varsity boys team defeated the Capitan Junior Varsity boys team 49-36 the same evening.

JV GAME SCORE BY QTRS:	ZOZO	13	16	7	8	49
CAPITAN	8	10	4	14	36	

The Grizzlies are now 4-2 in the season.

The Carrizozo teams take some time off for the Holidays and will resume play January 5, when the varsity girls play Tularosa at home, beginning at 6 p.m. The varsity boys and girls play in the Capitan Tournament set for Jan. 7-9.

Members Finally Agree

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doing something different is not correct," Beauvais said. "It's (landfill) basically a fancy hole in the ground."

Also at the regional authorities meeting Dec. 17, philosophical conflicts arose between who was to negotiate with CDM for LCSWA. Dave Warren, technical advisor for the New Mexico Environment Dept., LCSWA and City of Alamogordo wanted to act as negotiator for LCSWA. CDM rejected that and wanted direct daily involvement with Alamogordo only. At one point in the regional meeting, Alamogordo representative Bob Stockwell told LCSWA members to get out of the process if they would not uphold their decisions to designate Alamogordo as lead agency.

At a near impasse, LCSWA members at the regional meeting went into a caucus. They finally agreed to the phase-by-phase negotiations.

Monday, members who attended the regional meeting agreed the conflict of philosophies was counter productive to the goal of a regional landfill. LCSWA vice chairman Ron Wicker said the administrative authority was delegated to Alamogordo through a democratic process. His major concern was the \$130,000 bill for the first phase of the study and the bills for each additional negotiated phase. "The whole study could cost more than \$500,000," Wicker said.

LCSWA did negotiate three favorable changes in the agreement with Alamogordo, including clarifications of equal ownership of the regional landfill. CDM will be responsible for various studies of a selected site on state trust lands south of Alamogordo, near the community of Orogrande.

LCSWA will watch negotiations with CDM and the site acquisition process closely.

Members also learned from chairman Frank Warth that \$43,680 from a New Mexico Environment Dept. grant to Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) will be referred to LCSWA to use for the Lincoln-Otero landfill studies. LCSWA

was one of several governmental entities in southeastern New Mexico involved in the grant which will finance studies for a regional landfill on the east side of the state.

LCSWA withdrew from that to become regional landfill partners with Otero County Solid Waste Authority.



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Annual Banquet

4-H Awards Presented

County 4-H members and their families gathered at Tim's recently for their annual awards presentations.

The group enjoyed a pot luck dinner, with meat provided by the Hondo 4-H club.

Outstanding member awards went to Cara Baker, novice; Julie Barham, junior and Debbie Bond, senior.

Callie Gnatkowski was given the Leadership Award. Barham also received the Achievement and Agriculture

awards.

The 1992 Record Book awards were given as follows: This is 4-H: 1. Joni Autrey, 2. Bob York, 3. Mary Beth Bond.

Leathercraft: 1. Joe Burchett, 2. Betty Hobbs, 3. Lloyd Hobbs.

Baking: 1. Julie Barham, 2. Katie Hightower, 3. Keri Shafer.

Clothing: 1. Buffie York, 2. Callie Gnatkowski, 3. Keri Shafer.

Fit It All Together: 1.

Debbie Bond.

Braiding: 1. Cara Baker, 2. Katie Hightower, 3. Mollie Hightower.

Market Swine: 1. Julie Barham, 2. Katie Hightower, 3. Keri Shafer.

Market Beef: 1. Julie Barham, 2. Rebecca Wells, 3. Colby Wells.

Breeding Beef: 1. Julie Barham, 2. Katie Hightower, 3. Casey Cunningham.

Rabbit: 1. Keri Shafer, 2. Robert Shafer, 3. Casey Cunningham.

Dog Care/Small Pets: 1. Cara Baker, 2. Mary Beth Bond. Normal Animal: 1. Cara Baker.

Needlecraft: 1. Lindsey Bonds (knitting), 2. Lindsey Bonds (embroidery), 3. Cara Baker (crochet).

Welding: 1. Lindsey Bonds, 2. Amanda Greer.

New Mexico Flavor: 1. Julie Barham.

Arts & Crafts: 1. Julie Barham, 2. Barbara Bradley, 3. Amy Bonds.

Sheep Breeding: 1. Callie Gnatkowski, 2. John Gnatkowski, 3. Amanda Bird.

Market Lamb: 1. Joni Autrey, 2. Malaika Tully, 3. Casey Cunningham.

Shooting Sports: 1. Bob York (rifle), 2. Bob York (archery), 3. Briton Goad (archery).

Cabrillo: 1. Tanya White, 2. Dustin Sultmeier.

Dairy Goat: 1. Casey Cunningham, 2. Malaika Tully, 3. Dustin Sultmeier.

Interior Design: 1. Amanda Greer.

Public Speaking: 1. Barbara Bradley.

Poultry: 1. John Gnatkowski, 2. Jan Crabb.

Rodeo: 1. Troy Stone, 2. Tracy Stone, 3. Mackey Tully.

Wildlife: 1. Bryan Hightower, 2. John Gnatkowski, 3. Ashely Martin.

Vegetable Gardening: 1. Julie Barham, 2. Keri Shafer, 3. Barbara Bradley.

Flower Gardening/Landscaping: 1. Julie Barham, 2. Barbara Bradley, 3. Amanda Greer.

Leadership: 1. Callie Gnatkowski.

Photography: 1. Cara Baker, 2. Buffie York, 3. Amanda Bird.

Entomology: 1. Amanda Greer, 2. Annalise Haussler (Exploring 4-H).

Wood Science: 1. Cara Baker, 2. Amanda Greer.



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CAPITAN, NEW MEXICO

Livestock Board Votes Yes On 3 Rule Changes

ALBUQUERQUE—Members of the New Mexico livestock board voted yes on three items presented at public hearing during their regular board meeting.

The board decided to adopt exhibition swine rules, to allow movement of horses on a telephone permit and to adopt a new district map for purposes of inspection.

Board president Harvey Tindell said the swine rule establishes requirements for individual identification, health standards and documentation for all swine used in exhibitions similar to shows and fairs in the state. "The board is attempting to lower the risk of pseudorabies in swine herds in New Mexico as the state moves toward a pseudorabies free status under federal guidelines," Tindell said.

Tindell also said the board voted to help FFA and 4-H kids with exhibition swine by requiring only a 25 cent inspection fee on each hog in addition to the \$3 inspection fee in the country by their inspectors or the \$2 inspection fee by inspectors at the sale.

The telephone horse permit change accepted by the board adds horses to the law which permits movement of livestock by telephoning a livestock inspector to notify him of movement of the animal to licensed sales in the state. Livestock board executive director John Wortman said horse owners still must have proper identification for the horse they move, either have a registered brand on the horse or a permanent horse card issued by the livestock board or have ownership papers or a bill of sale. Wortman said this is particularly important for horse owners who notify the auction brand inspector and receive a telephone permit and then move the horse to a sale across the state where they don't know the brand inspector at the distant sale.

"We hope horse owners will remember the livestock board's people have to verify animal ownership since a big part of our mission is theft and disease prevention," Wortman said.

A new district map was approved by the board, adding four new districts and changing some lines to better reflect the changing livestock location patterns in the state.




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County Files Suit In

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Bureau of Land Management, Dept. of Interior; Larry Woodard, state director, BLM, Dept. of Interior; Leslie Cone, regional manager, BLM as defendants.

In the suit, Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, as plaintiff, alleges that the defendant—employees, officers and agents of the BLM have failed to comply with the Administrative Procedures Act and the Federal Land Management Policy Act in that BLM failed to notify the county or the Governor of New Mexico 60 days prior to taking final administrative action to begin transferring the subject exchange of property.

The suit in state district court was filed on the same day that BLM filed a deed in the county clerk's office for a 429 acre tract and 132 acres water rights near the community of Lincoln. The tract is one of four, with a total of 1,113 acres proposed for trade.

The county is trying to pre-

vent any further exchanges until the issue of land parity is resolved by BLM by having the courts place temporary restraining orders on the agency. Land parity requires BLM to either exchange and/or sell an equal value of public lands within Lincoln County for the private lands BLM proposes to make public.

In the suit, the county maintains that it has "standing to bring this action because of the direct, specific and adverse effects that the (BLM's) actions have had and continue to have on the economic stability and tax base of Lincoln County."

The complaint is for violation of Lincoln County Land Use Ordinance and seeks declaratory judgment and injunctive relief from federal court. The suit raises the questions on state statutes and the county ordinance and how these affect federal lands. The suit also asks the court to interpret the Federal Land Management

and Policy Act (FLMPA) in light of the county land use ordinance.

Since first proposed in 1991, the county has been in dispute with the BLM over the Rio Bonito land exchange. In the exchange Lincoln Valley Land Company proposed trading some 1,115 acres of private land and 345 acres water rights for 36,718 acres of BLM lands in Dona Ana, Valencia, San Juan, Eddy, Chaves and Otero Counties.

Lincoln County scrambled to enact first an interim land use plan, then adopted its formal land use ordinance which, among other things, requires land parity. BLM claims it addressed that parity by selling 1,400 acres of land on the Ft. Stanton mesa for the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

According to Albuquerque land-use lawyer Anita Miller the lawsuits are apparently the first time a New Mexico county has challenged a federal agency

in court over its land-use plan. Miller helped Beauvais draft the lawsuit filed in federal court Monday.

Lincoln County is one of eight New Mexico counties that have passed some type of land-use ordinance or resolution.

3 Killed In 2 Accidents

Three people died as a result of accidents on Lincoln County highways last weekend.

Six year old Daniel Martinez of Amarillo died at University of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque from injuries sustained in a two-vehicle head-on about 11 miles north of Carrizozo on Highway 54 Friday night.

Troy Cunningham, 18, of Texico and Elvira Vidal, 16, of Farwell, Texas, died when their vehicle crashed head on with a semi truck on Highway 70, near Fox Cave, east of Ruidoso Downs.

About 8:15 p.m. Dec. 18, Lincoln County Sheriff's dispatch received a report of an

accident with injuries at mile-marker 135 on Highway 54. A small car had collided with a pickup, and people were screaming in the wrecked car. Carrizozo ambulance, fire department, a sheriff's deputy and New Mexico State Police were dispatched. Lifeguard helicopter was notified.

According to state police the accident occurred when Matthew Gallegos, 24, Vaughn, passed a semi truck with his 1990 Ford pickup, colliding head-on with the 1979 two door Ford sedan driven by Esteban Martinez, 39, Amarillo. Six year old Daniel Martinez was a passenger in the car and reportedly was not wearing a seat belt.

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Beef Producers Fund Special Advertising

Cattle producers in Lincoln County and across the United States have funded a special beef industry advertising feature test program offering retailers special incentives to increase their beef movement in grocery stores.

This pilot program, funded through the national beef checkoff, is designed to build consumer demand through increased beef ad featuring. Over a nine-week period this summer, six participating retail chains sold an extra 3.42 million pounds of beef at an average price of \$1.55 per pound, resulting in lower beef prices for consumers. Beef producers, in turn, enjoyed a \$30 to \$35 return on their checkoff investment.

Negotiations are now underway to involve more retail chains and outlets in the expanded program for 1993.

"The program is a classic example of how the beef industry and retailers can both benefit from increased featuring," says New Mexico Beef Council Executive Director Dina Reitzel. Traditionally, 40 to 60 percent of all beef retail movement can be attributed to retail featuring.

A study recently conducted by the beef industry confirmed that 44.5 percent of total meat ad space went to beef in the third quarter of 1992, whereas chicken and turkey combined account for only 30.9 percent.

Relative to sales, however, beef is still getting a smaller percentage of ad space than poultry. Beef sales account for nearly 60 percent of all dollar sales of meat, compared to only 26 percent for poultry.

The study reported that in the third quarter of 1992, the average advertised price for beef was \$2.60 per pound, compared to \$1.35 for chicken and \$1.51 for turkey. The incentive program took into account ways retail stores could lower their prices for beef and still maintain their profit objectives.

In preparation for the retailer incentive program, the beef industry identified critical time periods in the fed cattle market when retailer demand and support are needed to move the product through the system. Participating retail chains then were offered monetary incentives to increase beef movement through additional featuring on specific beef cuts, such as chuck, round, knuckle and top butt. These items typically are more difficult to sell during warm weather months.

One retailer that normally sold 271 boxes of full-cut round steaks per week at \$3.29 per pound ran a beef feature that priced the steaks at \$1.59 per pound. The retailer subsequently sold 4,518 more boxes than in a typical week.

"We welcome any incentives by the beef industry to feature beef more often, as our overall meat sales are better when beef is featured," says Tom DeMott, vice president of meat opera-

tions, Safeway Corp., Oakland, Calif.

In addition to selling more beef, some retailers applied their incentive payments to

further stimulate and increase beef sales. One chose to reinvest its payments in consumer education programs on preparing specific beef cuts. Another

bought a full-page additional newspaper ad touting "Beef. It's What's for Dinner," the beef advertising campaign theme.

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Capitan Extension

Angie Province installed new officers elected for two-year terms beginning January 1, 1993. President, Joe Blazer; Vice President, Edith Dobbin; Secretary, Louella Roberts; and Treasurer, Edith Malcolm. After a short business meeting, a covered dish luncheon was enjoyed and Christmas gifts were exchanged. Our group is very talented. So many of the

gifts were beautiful, handmade items. The club meets the second Tuesday of each month at the fair building in Capitan or various members' homes. Several educational programs for the coming year have been planned; in addition to a different craft taught at each meeting. Visitors are always welcomed.



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*On one Christmas Eve I saw a light in the sky
It was there, and then gone in the wink of an eye
I stood at the window and looked into the night
With my mind analyzing, what could cause such a light*

*With the question unanswered, I went off to bed
But sleep was elusive; many thoughts roamed my head
I tossed and I turned wanting only to sleep
In a last desperate effort, I tried counting sheep*

*I counted and counted til I finally went under
But at some point a crash tore my sleep all asunder
I heard someone cry out, "Now what shall I do?
The children expect me, I've got to get through!"*

*I jumped out of bed, and into my pants
I was tingling all over, like I was covered with ants
With a false sense of courage I went outside to see
My brain screamed be cautious, it might want to eat me*

*I saw a tangle of horns, and a man dressed in red
And a broken contraption I thought was a sled
Then they all became quiet and looked where I stood
I wanted to run, and I would, if I could.*

*But frozen I was as he came up to me
Then he started to chuckle, in obvious glee
I shivered and shook as he looked me all round
Then at last from my mouth came a most frightful sound*

*He jumped back in fear, and I think I jumped too
Cause I landed in what seemed to be reindeer doo doo
Then he threw something sparkly right into my face
I thought, here we go now, he's sprayed me with mace*

*But my eyes didn't burn, and my fear was abated
I felt almost happy, you could say, quite elated
He was talking to me without moving his mouth
He said, "Let's get this sled into the house."*

*So we picked up the pieces and carried them in
And with hammer and nail, glue and tape, we began
Then in no time the fat man let out a sigh
"It might look quite ragged, but I think it will fly."*

*But we made a mistake, it's too big for the door
So he pulled out a bag, sprinkled dust on the floor
And the sled slipped right through, like a hand in a glove
He said, "I use that to get down from above."*

*We hooked up the deer, He kept saying, "I'm late"
"The children all need me, and Christmas won't wait"
Then all was prepared and he climbed to his perch
With a smile and a wave, he was off in a lurch.*

*In a bright flash of light, he was gone out of sight
So I went back to bed and I thought, "What a Night!"
In the morning, I woke and remembered my dream
How real it all was, or at least it did seem*

*But it couldn't be real, I know there's no Claus
Then a pain in my finger caused me to take pause
Where did I get this splinter, I'll have to be bold
When I got it dug out, it was made out of gold*

*Then I knew that my dream wasn't really a dream
The tales of Saint Nick must be true, it would seem
Just to think, I saved Christmas caused me great joy
And the magic returned that I'd felt as a boy.*

*From then on as Christmas comes round every year
I feel something special, I'm filled with great cheer
I know there's a Santa, and reindeer, and sleigh
And no matter what some silly grownups may say
Keep your eyes on the sky, because Saint Nicks on his way.*

85 Year Old Man Is Busy Pen Pal

Each week, hundreds of letters from around the world fill Robert Mishek's mailbox. Living in Waseca, Minnesota, he stays in touch with adults (including Senior Citizens) from countries like England and France as well as more obscure parts of the world like Milawoi and newly formed Eastern European nations. Men and women are writing him asking him to help them become Pen Pals with adults living here in the United States. Robert Mishek is recognized as the world's most experienced Pen Pal.

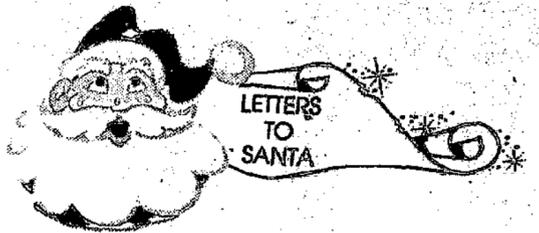
Fifty-eight years ago, Mr. Mishek established the Student Letter Exchange for students who wanted to write to other students in foreign countries. As he approached his 85th birthday and still very involved with the world of Pen Pals and letter writing, he envisioned a Pen Pal program for adults ... especially Senior Citizens. All his life his very favorite thing to do each day has been to open his mail.

Writing and receiving mail has been his passion. And so last May he began to write letters ... and within a few weeks

he had written letters to over 4000 friends and contacts in over 100 different countries.

Now his mailbox is deluged each day with requests from every continent ... from adults between the ages of 50 and 80 years old ... asking him to help them find Pen Pals in the United States. And so, at 85 he has begun the important work of helping people ... one by one ... have the opportunity to exchange letters. He knows, from experience, that the basis for world understanding stems from the personal contacts made by individuals. World understanding has no age limit.

Mr. Mishek has begun a search here in the United States, for adults who would like to write letters to other adults in foreign countries. He is anxious to start filling his mailbox with mail from the United States ... from other adults who would be interested in writing someone in another country. He can be reached by writing: R.C. Mishek, RR 3 Box 220, Waseca, Minnesota 56093. He'll send free details.



Dear Santa,
I want a puseel, 101 Dalmations, Dancing book with Wolves, train set a neu stuffed bear.

Love,
Kelly.

Dear Santa,
I want a santa doll.
From, Zeke Vega.

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll.
From,
Kimberly Vega.

Dear Santa,
I want a Rouldolp doll.
From,
Fribie Adam Vega.

Dear Santa,
I want ballons bubles, music, glow wormm.
From,
Victoria Vega.

Dear Santa,
I am 3 1/2 months old and this is my first Christmas. My grandma made lots of cookies for you. I hope you think I've been a good girl, because what I need from you this Christmas is to help me sleep through the night, so my mommy and daddy can get some rest.

Love,
Jordan Chantel Hill.

Dear Santa,
You are very special to every girl and boy, when you bring their favorite toy.

Your like magic, when a Christmas wish comes true, and most important of all, we

must be good girls and boys, all year thru.

But most of all Santa, with all your reindeer pulling your sleigh, have a Very Safe Trip, on Christmas Day.

Love,
Adam Means.

Dear Santa,
I would like a pin ball moshine on Christmas and my sister wants a pre-computer 1,000 for Christmas. Maybe it won't snow to hard for nany and squeak to came on Christmas.

Love,
Jacob Cayton White.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Hope your Holiday is aglow with happiness.

DR. DAVID ROULEAU and SHERRY
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Carrizozo, New Mexico

On the Desert

Uses For Fruit Cake

By DAVID L. EPPELE

Members of Arizona Cactus began calling the day after Christmas. Our alert telephone answering machine was able to discover a common thread between all these calls...and that thread was in the ribbon wrapped around that most dreaded of all Christmas gifts...the vile American Fruit Cake!

A couple of our dear members were in tears as they related their tale of misery. One couple reported receiving TWENTY SEVEN FRUIT CAKES!

This was a call for Fruitcakeman!

I began researching our large library for some back-ground on fruitcake.

Did you know that fruitcake was thrown around the walls of the Alamo to repel invading forces? Bet you also don't know what Hoover Dam is made of...ditto for that sign on the hill near Hollywood. Half the furniture in the twin cities of Eloy, Arizona and Espanola, New Mexico is reported to contain some form of fruit cake...mostly in the form of glue.

Well gang, I did all the work and I'm most happy to tell you what you can do with your fruitcake.

Here, for your New Year's reading enjoyment, is my all-time, big-time list of "thirty-one ways you can save the earth by recycling your fruitcake(s).

* Put a few in your car trunk or in the back of the pick-up for extra weight when and if it snows.

* Most make great door-stops.

* Chain-saw rectangular fruit cakes in half and use as bookends.

* Those round ones make good wheels for a go-cart.

* Use them to soak up oil in your driveway...don't tell Exxon

* Send them to California to feed cattle during the drought.

* Sell them at yard sales in Scottsdale.

* Use one for home-plate.

* Chip off pieces and give them to Gramps...tell him its "Baccy."

* Hang one in your garage...they're great dart boards.

* Carry some in your boat...they're good for anchors.

* Use as tire chalks...at home, on the road, or at airports.

* The extra-dry ones burn pretty...use them in your fireplace.

* If a town could pool their fruit-cakes...this might lure Elvis out of hiding.

* Chip off small pieces to

plug leaks in your car/truck radiator.

* Wrap small chunks in a tortilla, microwave on high 20 seconds...add chili...great burritos!

* Make a statement in your neighborhood...use those fruit cakes for yard ornaments.

* When carefully stacked, fruitcakes are great to block up your car.

* Most ammunition loaders know that small chunks of fruit-cake loaded into shotgun shells make great slugs.

* Isolate that green stuff and sell it to NASA...their Whitecoats say it contains Methylethylhydrocarbobaenzamine...that's gas for you lay-people (but you knew that).

* Donate them to the Lincoln County Road Department for use as road base...and speed bumps.

* Tape them on the keel of your sailboat for additional ballast.

* Use as a flood control...like sandbags.

* Athletic types keep their pecs toned up by using fruitcake paper-weights.

* Send them to Jane Fonda-Turner...collect.

* Wrap them in the used Christmas wrap, store them in the box with the lights...send them out next season...pray that your relatives don't read this.

* Carve out the inside with a chainsaw...makes a great doggie dish for Rover.

* If cement blocks and boards make great bookshelves, why not fruitcakes?

* Mrs. E. K., of Triple Adobe, AZ, reports freeze-dried fruitcake tastes: "like wild hickory nuts."

* Woodcarvers love the fruity texture...this saves the South American forests.

* Send them (prepaid) to Arizona Cactus for use in their "Coyote Adobe Walls."

Holiday Hints

Navel Oranges: Delightful Ideas For Holiday Season

The new navel orange crop is here, with plentiful supplies arriving in time for the yuletide season. The easy-to-peel and segment oranges have long been a holiday tradition. From the popular stocking stuffer to an elegant fresh fruit ambrosia or a scented pomander ball, navel oranges are a part of the festive scene.

One delightful idea for including navel oranges, along with other fresh fruit, in holiday menus is to serve with a selection of dips. The combination of fruit and dips can be offered as a dessert or appetizer and the dips can be served hot or cold, as you prefer.

Zesty Yogurt-Fruit Dip and Orange Chocolate Fondue are two delicious dip suggestions to offer with navel oranges and other fresh fruit. Both include the added flavor appeal of fresh grated orange peel to complement the fruit. Celebrate this year's holidays with these easy-to-prepare and serve ideas for delicious navel oranges.

ZESTY YOGURT FRUIT DIP

2 containers (8 ounces each) lowfat vanilla-flavored yogurt
2 tablespoons honey
Grated peel of 1 Sunkist orange
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
Orange and tangerine segments, apple slices, banana chunks, grapes

In bowl combine yogurt, honey, orange peel, cinnamon and nutmeg; chill to blend flavors. To eat, with fondue forks or wooden skewers, dip fruit into yogurt mixture. Makes about 2 cups dip.

Lemon variation: Substitute grated peel of 1 fresh lemon for orange.

Congratulations!

New Horizons congratulates Sylvia Ramirez for passing with flying colors State Medication Aide Test!



ORANGE CHOCOLATE FONDUE

1 package (6 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate pieces
1 jar (7 ounces) marshmallow creme
3 tablespoons half & half
Grated peel of 1 fresh orange
2 Sunkist oranges, peeled, segmented
2 Sunkist tangerines, peeled, segmented, seeded
Banana chunks, pineapple wedges, apple slices, grapes, angel food cake pieces, etc.
Chopped nuts and/or toasted shredded coconut

In top of double boiler over hot, not boiling water, combine chocolate, marshmallow creme and half & half; stir occasionally until melted. Stir in orange peel. Transfer to fondue pot, chafing dish or a heavy pan placed over heat to keep chocolate mixture warm. To eat, with fondue forks or wooden skewers, dip fruit and/or cake into chocolate mixture, then in nuts. Makes about 1-3/4 cups sauce.

*Additional half & half may be added for desired dipping consistency. Lowfat milk may be substituted for half & half, but would result in a thinner, less creamy sauce.

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from
LINCOLN COUNTY ABSTRACT & TITLE COMPANY
Staff
RUIDOSO / CARRIZOZO

"IN MEMORY OF" PHILLIP ORTIZ

FEBRUARY 5, 1947 to DECEMBER 25, 1991
"SON, BROTHER, FATHER, UNCLE"

We all miss you very much. One year has come and gone and I can still hear the phone ring early Christmas Day and hearing my Dad say "Your Uncle Phil Died". Its been a year but it seems only like yesterday. Christmas will never be the same.

I think about you every day and will for the rest of my life. I know that death is certain and life is not. But I still have a hard time accepting the fact that you're not coming back. You were so young to be taken from us.

John and Linda needed you, but I guess the man upstairs needed you more than we did. Things are not the same without you. It's hard to believe that one man could affect the lives of so many. It's not like you were President or some kind of war hero, you were just another face in the crowd of life.

You and I have had our differences but we always seemed to work them out. Like the time I ran out of brakes in my '57 Chevy and wrecked into your brand new wrecker and a freshly painted and finished Chevy Luv truck, you wanted to kill me. It took a while but you forgave and forgot. I'll never forget when I was a kid the times you and aunt Georgia would take me riding and for ice cream on those hot summer nights in the silver '58 Chevy Cameo truck. Man 'O' man I loved that truck.

I never really believed that you were gone until about two months later when I came down to visit and I went down to the wrecking yard early in the morning to see you. Every Saturday morning uncle Phil would show up with a big box of chocolate doughnuts from some bakery in Ruidoso, they were the greatest! We all would sit there—uncle Phil, John, Mondo, uncle Dave, me and whoever else would be there that early. We would slam down doughnuts and cokes like crazy. Well I showed up early Saturday morning and waited for you. Time went by and soon it was noon and you and the doughnuts never showed up. I went back to my Nanny's house and told her that uncle Phil was really gone, because you never showed up with the doughnuts.

Where have all the good times gone? You were called to the Stairway, the Stairway to Heaven that is. You are free now and feel no pain. Please give us all the strength we need to go on with our lives.

FLY HV FREE MY BROTHER,
JAY ORTIZ

AARP Warms Elderly To Beware Of Scam Artists

Scam artists use "Living Trusts" to prey upon elderly New Mexico senior and other older Americans throughout the country are being victimized by the latest marketing trick—fraudulent living trusts—according to Earl Nunn of Santa Fe, State Director of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

A living trust is created when an individual transfers real or personal property into a trust. The principal benefit of a living trust is that it avoids the often lengthy and costly process of probate. While living trusts are legitimate estate planning tools for some people, they are complicated legal documents requiring careful individual preparation in order to take into account an individual's personal financial situation.

In recent Congressional testimony, AARP reported that a number of organizations around the country are aggressively promoting the sale of living trusts to older American. Older consumers are approached by salespersons with slick promotional materials describing how prospective purchasers can save thousands of dollars in taxes and probate costs. Rather than providing objective information about whether a living trust is appropriate for a particular person, these companies use high pressure tactics to persuade unsuspecting seniors to spend thousands of dollars for dubious products and questionable services. Many of these companies create the impression that they are affiliated with or endorsed by well-known organizations—such as AARP—in order to improve their credibility.

For their services, these scam artists often charge thousands of dollars, assessing fees well beyond what local attorneys would charge to do the job right. Even the most expensive attorney estimate was far cheaper than the fee charged by many living trust company

operators. Worse, these companies often fail to provide a quality product and fail to live up to many of their highly touted membership services (like access to a local attorney).

Nunn recommends that consumers who are interested in living trusts contact a local attorney knowledgeable about trust law in their states. These attorneys may be willing to provide price information over the phone so consumers can comparison shop.

Consumers who believe they have been victims of a living trust scam should contact the Attorney General's office in Santa Fe, Nunn said.

AARP has prepared a Product Report on Living Trusts & Wills. It provides information about living trusts, pitfalls consumers should avoid, and a price survey. Individual copies are available free of charge by sending a postcard to: AARP, 8144 Walnut Hill Lane, #799, LB 99, Dallas, TX 75231. Specify stock number D 14535.

Film Industry Info Available

Santa Fe, N.M. — The "Telephone Bulletin Board," a community service produced by the New Mexico Film Commission, is undergoing an expansion. The bulletin board, which was launched a year ago, provides production and other film industry information for residents of New Mexico. It is updated on a weekly or biweekly basis as new information becomes available.

Call the New Mexico Film Commission "Telephone Bulletin Board" at (505) 827-7411 for production and other film industry information for New Mexico residents. If you would like to submit an entry, send it to Telephone Bulletin Board, New Mexico Film Commission, 1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, N.M. 87501.



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Al's Musings

BY AL STUBBS

We're hoping that some really useful Christmas presents will be under the tree, Friday, Christmas Day, for some public officials and public entities.

For both Otero and Lincoln Counties, we'd like to see a huge, new, cost efficient landfill unwrapped for use in 1993. This new landfill should have no hidden hitches. Maybe if the landfill meets expectations, we won't have to read reams of copy in the local press in 1993 about landfills. There is no more boring subject. Please, Santa, grant this wish.

For the village of Ruidoso Street Department, let's have a nice Yule present for village workers in that department. Unwrap a guarantee of many 3.9-inch snows this winter. If it snows four inches, city crews, night or day, have to start scraping streets, salting hills, wearing out equipment, etc. We need the snow-heavy on the mountain — but in 3.9 inch increments in town. Santa, please accommodate.

The Ruidoso Village Council could use a 60-day truce from intra-council feuding. One would think that a village election is in the offing. Golly, gee, that election is 15 months away. Hang it up for awhile. Ruidoso's reputation for political manipulations precedes it everywhere. For Mayor Victor Alonso, a little tranquility would be a useful gift. It's rough having someone on your back constantly.

For village manager Ron Wicker, wouldn't it be nice to not have quite so many bosses. For village clerk Tammie Maddox, let her gift be a continuation of her bright smile and her dedication, even under duress. She's a jewel.

For Police Chief Dick Swenor, let Santa bring less crime and a bigger stick to knock down drug dealers in our community.

For the Planning and Zoning Commission, less requests for variances. Orderly development is essential in a resort community.

For the Hondo Valley, a nice gift would be the promise of a huge fruit crop later in the year. We might wish - as long as we're wishing - for less drug activity there, too.

For the village of Capitan, a great year preparing for the Smokey the Bear celebration.

For the Lincoln County News, another year of successful and ethical operation under the relatively new co-owners, Ruth Hammond and Peter Aguilar.

For Governor Bruce King, we wish a magic genie would provide him and the state of New Mexico additional revenue other than through increased gasoline taxes and an increase in the cigarette tax.

A study committee recommends an increase in the gasoline tax, while the governor reportedly favors an increase in the cigarette tax instead.

Heavens, it costs enough for Texans to tank up on gas in Ruidoso currently already. We don't want to discourage Texas travel to Ruidoso.

The idea of a "sin tax" on cigarettes is repulsive. It shows no imagination. A tax should be broad-based, not aimed at just one group. Maybe it's the governor's desire that a heavy tax will discourage people from smoking. Dreamer!

We formed an ACE organization some years ago while editor of the Roswell Daily Record. We asked for smokers to join the Association of Cigarette Exes. The only condition was that if they fall off the wagon, they had to agree to have their names published in a column we wrote at the time.

Well, 17 individuals signed up including yours truly. Eventually, all 17 names appeared in the column. We all failed.

After another try, we've been free of the tobacco habit for five years. It's a tough habit to break.

We'd rather see a tax on salt. Everyone uses salt, and it's cheap. A 25¢ tax on each box wouldn't hurt anyone. And it might discourage salt usage, too much is bad for you.



Letters To The Editor

An Open Letter to the Citizens of the Corona School District:

We are facing a very serious problem. The Legislative Education Study Committee is considering a recommendation to consolidate our school district. This means that students who live closer to other school districts will be forced to go to those school districts. Should this happen, most of the students from Corona will be going to other schools. This would also cause the community to be forced to foot part of the bill for that educating at other schools. The result of a consolidation affecting our district will be a deterioration of the Village of Corona. We need the help of everyone to keep Corona Schools alive. On January 6, 1993, you will have the chance to voice your opinion to our State Representative, John Underwood, and probably also to State Senator Pete Campos. The Town Meeting will be held at 4 p.m. in the Corona Schools Auditorium. Please attend this meeting if at all possible. Thank you for your support!

Corona Schools Student Body.

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Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE—The ranching community has never been keen on Uncle Sam's appetite for buying up private land.

It's something the feds do a lot of—for military bases, national parks and monuments, historic and archaeological preservation, protection of obscure species, recreation, and who knows what else.

Everytime a piece of private land is purchased by the federal government, a little more of our tax base is eaten away. That's bad. But ranchers say the way it's being accomplished is even worse.

It sounds a lot like "Iran-gate." New Mexico ranchers call it "Greengate."

Remember how National Security Council officials used shadowy middlemen to handle their arms deals with Iran? That's also the federal government's favorite way to buy land.

But these middlemen don't lurk in the shadows. They have nice offices and respectable names like the Audobon Society, the Trust for Public Land, and the Nature Conservancy.

As it has been described to me, when bureaucrats decide they want a piece of land, they will drop hints to environmental and preservation groups. Soon local officials get the word and land use boards shut down farming, grazing, logging, mining, drilling and development on the land.

Soon the owner can no longer produce anything of value on the land—but must still pay taxes on it.

At this point a public minded trust comes to the rescue with an offer well below the appraised value. Having been bled dry, the owner will take the offer, sell the land and declare a tax deduction on the loss.

The trust will then sell the property to the governmental agency that had coveted it. The government pays the appraised value and the trust pockets the difference.

Let's see how many times we taxpayers lost on those transactions. First we lose the write-off by the original private seller. We don't make anything on the gain when the nonprofit trust resells to the feds. We foot the entire bill for the full-value purchase by the government. And the land is no longer on the tax rolls. We lose property tax money every six months forever since the chances of the feds over selling the land back to the private sector are close to zero.

Al Schneberger, Executive Director of the New Mexico Cattlegrowers Association, says there are now over 1,000 of these nonprofit land trusts cashing in on the good deals. He contends private land will continue to diminish rapidly because these trusts exist only to find reasons for the feds to buy more land—and to reap their share of taxpayer money off the transactions.

Why are these "middlemen" used? Among the millions of government bureaucrats, isn't there someone who knows how to purchase land? Are we trying to hide something here?

Well, yes, it appears so. If a governmental agency were to announce its desire for a piece of land, it would have to go through the public purchase process. There is always a chance of local opposition. If a private foundation bought the land instead, kept it for awhile and removed it from any public or private use, it could become a "willing seller" to the federal government down the line and no one would hear much about it.

So when will the government and private trusts feel they have bought all the land that needs "protected" and can start winding down their activi-

ty? Schneberger says he gets only evasive answers to that question.

Last May the inspector general of the Interior Department called attention to the tax and land rip off. Little has been said or done about the report. The Interior Department's land acquisition budget keeps increasing.

New Mexico stockmen say it's "the biggest rip-off since Teapot Dome." But they don't expect it to ever be on "60 Minutes" because this time the folks caught with their hands in the cookie jar aren't entrepreneurs but preservationists and environmentalists.

Skeen's Military Academy Nominees

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Joe Skeen, R-NM, today named young men and women who will be nominated to the U.S. military academies.

Among those nominated to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York are: James Anderson, Alamogordo; Joshua Norbury, Ruidoso; and John Ramirez, Holloman Air Force Base.

Nominated to the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado: Blaine Cooper, Roswell; Troy McGrath, Ala-

mogordo; and Ryan Skarda, Roswell.

Nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland are: Randolph Doughty, Alamogordo; Marcus Hay, Holloman Air Force Base; Brian Staffki, Roswell; and Daniel Vigil, Roswell.



Teaching Kids To Never Take Drugs.

GUEST EDITORIAL: True Spirit of Christmas

"I believe you will be interested in the enclosed editorial. It originally appeared in 1956 in the Texas Tech Toreador and was written by a sophomore, Rick Styles, who is now stationed in Ft. Bliss.

Here's the editorial:

"AND IT CAME TO PASS . . .

"How much like the original Christmas story is the Christmas story we live to-day? Perhaps if it were written today it would go something like this:

"And it came to pass in those days, that a decree went out from Washington, D.C. that Dec. 25 of every year should be set aside to commemorate the birth of the Saviour of the world — Jesus Christ.

"And during this time, every college student left his college and went to commemorate this great event, each to his own city.

"And there were in the same country people abiding in their homes, keeping watch over their TV sets by night.

"And lo, the announcer of the station came upon them, and the light of the TV screen shone around about them—and they were sore interested.

"And the announcer said unto them—'Change not your channel, for behold I bring you good tidings of great bargains which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is offered this day in your city many specials which are unequalled.

"And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find these specials wrapped in beautiful Christmas wrappings with reindeer and Santa Claus on the paper lying on our counters."

"And suddenly there was with the announcer a multitude of singers praising the sponsor and saying, 'Glory to our sponsor and on earth peace and good will to all men.'

"And it came to pass to the singers and announcer were gone away from them, the people said one to another — 'Let us go now even unto our city and see these bargains which have come to pass, which the sponsor hath made known to us.'

"And they came with haste during that Christmas season and saw the specials, and bought for all and remembered gifts for everyone—everyone that is—but Jesus Christ, whose birthday they were commemorating.

"Perhaps this story is an exaggeration. But has not our Christmas become in so many ways a time of commercial enterprise rather than one of spiritual interest?

"God gave His only Son at Christmas time. Let's capture the true spirit of Christmas by giving of ourselves in order that God's Gift might be glorified."

The Other Side

By Owen Russell

Only three more chopping days until Christmas and here I sit making out my list of gifts and I am stuck. I don't know who all I should include. Of course there is the immediate family, but what should I give. I tried companionship last year and it was received with varying degrees of acceptance, with a definite cluster on the lower end of the scale. "Cheap" was a part of the most frequent comment I heard. In second place was "freeloader". I guess there are not many people in the world who are satisfied with spiritual expressions, and I will have to assume that the thought of "pay-back time" has crossed the minds of those to whom I expressed a spiritual connection last year. Oh, well, I still have three more days left.

After I have satisfied the immediate family, how far should I extend myself out into the world in general. I certainly should include those from whom I expect to get something, but should I also include those that I would desire to enjoy a more enlightened relationship with, or those from whom I might materially advance myself? Is the thought that they may treat me more favorably in the future if I show them I care to receive the material benefits which might flow from a closer relationship a reason for spending my hard earned money to attract their attention? I am probably going to be saved from this dilemma because it looks like the paycheck is going to be somewhat less expansive than the immediate family anyhow, but this does raise a question concerning the purpose of giving.

What is the reason for gift-giving at Christmas? It can't be in the material gain to the recipient, because after you receive the keys to the Mercedes from Uncle Bob, you also get a rather sizeable guilt complex from the argyle socks you gave him. On the other hand, you feel cheated when you receive the necktie with the flashing lights on it from Aunt Mary after you gave her the fur coat. Can't you recall your disappointment when your brother got the train set with all the flashing lights that you had wanted since you first crawled out of your diaper, and all you got was a color book? And don't you recall your sense of satisfaction when you discovered that you had received more things than your stupid little sister? But, I'm sure you also remember the apprehension you suffered in hopes that the cute little red-head down the street would appreciate your gift to her.

So far, we have guilt, disappointment, envy, greed, and worry. Aren't there any other reasons for participating in the Yuletide bounty? No wonder so many people suffer from depression during the holiday season.

Christmas is a religious holiday that is intended to celebrate the birth of Christianity, which just happened to occur along about the same time as other pagan festivals celebrating the return of the sun from its annual journey to the south, and the Jewish rededication of the Temple. The whole idea of gift giving seems to be centered around trying to create some feeling of compassion for others, but somewhere down the line, we have managed to get giving and receiving all tangled up. It is neither the getting nor the

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LETTERS POLICY

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

The editor has the right to reject any letter.

New \$100 Rental Charge For All Mining Claims

Effective Oct. 6, 1992, legislation was enacted requiring a \$100 per claim rental charge to replace the annual assessment work and filing requirements. The new rental charge is in effect for all claims during the 1993 and 1994 assessment years. Claimants holding 10 or fewer claims may qualify for an exemption from the rental charge.

Claims located prior to Oct. 6, 1992: Document needed, 1992 Annual Filing; Due Date, December 30, 1992; Charge/Fee, \$5/claim. (If claim located prior to 1/1/92, Assessment Work or Notice of Intent to Hold)

Document needed, 1993 and 1994 Annual Rental; Due Date, August 31, 1993; Charge/Fee, \$200/claim. (Covers the 1993 and 1994 assessment years).

Claims located on or after Oct. 6, 1992: Document needed, Certificate of Location; Due Date, Within 90 days of location; Charge/Fee, Service charge to record claim-\$10/claim, 1993 Rental-\$100/claim, Total-\$110/claim.

Document needed, 1994 Annual Rental; Due Date, August 31, 1993; Charge/Fee, 1994 Rental-\$100/claim.

Claims located between Sept. 1, 1993 and Sept. 30, 1994: Document needed, Certificate of Location; Due Date, Within

90 days of location; Charge/Fee, Service charge to record claim-\$10/claim, 1994 Rental-\$100/claim, Total-\$110/claim.

All service charges, such as Recordings, Transfers of Interest and Amendments remain unchanged. Mining claimants holding 10 or fewer claims may qualify for exemption from paying the annual rental charge. To determine if you qualify for

exemption from the new charge or for further information concerning the new rental charges,

call or write to: Bureau of Land Management, Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005. Ask for Russell Jentgen, (505) 525-4351; Shirley Miller, (505) 525-4370; Judy Waggoner, (505) 525-4403; Carol Risner (Socorro), (505) 835-0412.

Free Workshop For Small Businesses

New Mexico's General Services Department recognizes the importance of ensuring that the small business entrepreneur succeeds, and because of that recognition continues to support its Procurement Assistance Program (PAP) which was created to help small businesses become qualified suppliers for local, state and federal governmental agencies.

Five experienced procurement counselors throughout the state schedule FREE workshops for small, minority, and woman-owned businesses on a regular basis and the program's success rate continues to improve with each passing year.

Nate Segel, technical procurement counselor for this area, has tentatively scheduled workshops in Ruidoso on Jan. 26, Feb. 25, and March 30. The only requirement to attend a workshop is to call Segel at his ENMU-Roswell office at 624-7348 and make an appointment.

Attending the free workshop will help small, minority, and woman-owned business executives learn more about expanding their business, hiring New Mexico citizens, increasing their company's financial status and competing in the world economy.



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If you have always looked forward to a happy and joyous Christmas season, you may wonder why we call it the loneliest time of year.

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Without your spouse or loved one, Christmas traditions may become painful reminders. Suddenly, all of the activities which made you so happy in the past have taken on new meaning. Now, there is no one with whom to share them.

So, if you have a friend who has lost a loved one, especially since last Christmas, or if you know someone who can't be with family, please make a special effort to include them in your holiday plans.

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Around New Mexico



Barbary Sheep Season

The hunting season for Barbary sheep begins Dec. 26 and runs through Jan. 24. Barbary sheep are not a native game animal, they were released into New Mexico by the Department of Game and Fish back in the 1950s in the Largo and Canadian River canyons. However, the Game Department cannot claim to be the first to introduce these hardy animals into our state. The first Barbaries escaped from a Class A park on the McKnight Ranch in the Hondo Valley. Barbary sheep like rough, rocky terrain and are very difficult to spot because they blend in with their surroundings extremely well. The cost of a Barbary sheep license is \$38 for residents of New Mexico and \$303 for nonresidents.

Alamogordo Marathon Rescheduled

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Alamogordo Marathon is rescheduled for Jan. 9 due to the snow storm causing organizers to cancel all race events for Dec. 5. Events will include the marathon walk and walking relay at 7 a.m., 5K walk, 5K run and one-mile children's run at 8 a.m., and marathon run and running relay at 9 a.m. For more information call 434-6605.

Electronic Filing Workshop

The Internal Service is offering a free workshop that will cover procedures, changes, and technical information about the filing of individual tax returns through the electronic filing program. The three-hour workshop will be held Jan. 4 from 9 a.m. to noon at 517 Gold Ave. S.W. in Albuquerque. To register or for more information call 766-2687.

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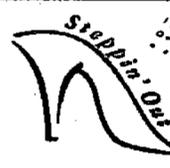


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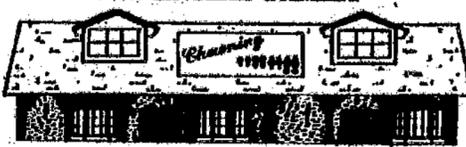
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Sheriff's report

Careless driving on Lincoln County highways resulted in three fatalities over the weekend.

It is law that motorists wear their seat belts, common sense for motorists to slow down and take their time.

Otherwise, things were quiet in the county, with ambulances making several runs, including to Ski Apache Resort.

A dumpster violator was caught and made to remove the construction materials he had placed in the dumpster.

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

DEC. 15
4:51 a.m.—an ambulance was dispatched to a residence two miles south of Carrizozo to transport a patient with chest pains to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.
7:16 p.m.—a strange dog was reported under a house in Capitan. Capitan police advised he would pick up the dog in the morning.

DEC. 16
11:41 a.m.—an accident without injuries was reported at Capitan Post Office. A deputy responded since the sheriff's office was covering the village that day.

DEC. 17
4:03 p.m.—an abandoned vehicle was reported at Alto Lake. The truck had been there since before Thanksgiving. A deputy checked the vehicle out and advised someone had busted into the vehicle and there was trash under a trap in the bed. The vehicle was in bad shape. The deputy called a wrecker to haul it off.
4:36 p.m.—a subject in Fawn Ridge wanted to file a report of a stolen vehicle. The assigned deputy advised it was an unfounded report, but will check the next day. It was possible the same subject was reporting stolen vehicles all the time, the deputy advised.
6:48 p.m.—Capitan ambulance was dispatched to Ft. Stanton infirmary to transport a man in his 50's who had fallen and was unconscious to LCMC.
10:13 p.m.—a horse was reported on Highway 37, milemarker 5. The horse was in poor shape. It was the third call on the horse, whose owner could not be located. The responding deputy put the horse back in the gate on the east side of the road and the horse knew where to go. The deputy advised the owners could be the name on the mailbox at the gate.
Dispatch was also advised of three horses in the area that were in bad shape with no feed, with one a foal in a real tight halter, and no one to take care of them, that could be the same animals. Day Dispatch was to contact the livestock inspector to check the situation out and if necessary contact the Humane Society and/or be prepared to impound the animals. By 2:49 p.m. the next day, the responding deputy advised the owner is removing the horses from the area and there should be no more problems.

DEC. 18
3:17 p.m.—a breaking and entering was reported at a residence on Highway 70 east of Ruidoso Downs.
3:47 p.m.—Ruidoso police advised a vehicle was stalled on Alto Hill with a broken drive line. When the deputy responded he found no vehicle.
8:17 p.m.—an accident with injuries was reported at milemarker 135 on Highway 54.

DEC. 19
11:38 a.m.—Ski Apache requested an ambulance to transport an injured skier to LCMC.
12:08 p.m.—a grass fire was reported across from Riverside on Highway 70. Honda Fire Dept. was dispatched.
4:31 p.m.—Hollywood bar reported a drunken pedestrian would not leave the bar. Ruidoso Downs Police were assigned.
5:19 p.m.—a lower Eagle Creek resident reported construction material going into a dumpster on lower Eagle Creek. The complainant advised the subject was doing remodeling in the area. The responding deputy had the subject take the materials out of the dumpster and advised the subject to haul it to the dump, to which the deputy gave directions.
7:26 p.m.—a longhorn steer was reported on Highway 380 milemarker 104. A deputy responded.
9:04 p.m.—an ambulance was requested for a Carrizozo woman who was not breathing. CPR was being administered. At 9:15 the medical investigator was called. At 9:43 p.m. the request for the ambulance was cancelled as the person had died. LaGrone Funeral Home was notified at 9:58 p.m.
11:01 p.m.—problems were reported at Carrizo Lodge near Ruidoso. Two officers from Ruidoso Police headed to the lodge. They advised there were no problems there.
11:47 p.m.—Carrizozo ambulance was requested at Carrizozo Country Club for a woman who broke her ankle. An EMT went to the club in a private vehicle as first responder while the ambulance was refueling. The woman was transported to LCMC by Carrizozo ambulance.

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11:59 a.m.—a vehicle was reported in the middle of 12th and 2nd Streets in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police were notified. A deputy responded and advised the vehicle was picked up by Means wrecker.
3:33 p.m.—Alto ambulance was dispatched to Ski Apache.
7:12 p.m.—a Carrizozo doctor requested an ambulance for a diabetic patient. Carrizozo ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.
7:48 p.m.—a Carrizozo resident requested an officer because someone had broken the windshield out of a vehicle.

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9:10 p.m.—a one-car roll over was reported on Highway 48. Carrizozo ambulance and New Mexico State Police responded.
A deputy arrested a subject for driving with revoked license.
DEC. 22
7:04 a.m.—a motorist's assist was made at milemarker 91 on Highway 380. The subject's vehicle was stalled in the roadway and wouldn't start. The driver's family was notified the vehicle was moved off the road onto Ft. Stanton road.
The following persons were booked into the Lincoln County Detention Facility:
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A weekly school column from Carrizozo Municipal Schools that serves as a bridge to parents, businesses and community groups who welcome knowing more about their school. News about students, staff and board members will be highlighted.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—Last Thursday evening the old gym was the setting of the annual Christmas program. Students showed their spirit and visual art to the delight of parents, grandparents and others. Danielle Giordano welcomed the audience to the event. The program featured the elementary school singers in conjunction with the junior high and high school choirs as directed by music instructor Richard Brown and pianist Ruby Armstrong, 6th grade teacher.

The program opened with an old Christmas favorite, 'Silver Bells.' The next song was spiritual from the West Indies. The musical style of Jamaica was heard in 'Sweet Little Jesus Baby.' A folk song from Mexico 'A La Ruru, Nino,' brought a Hispanic touch to the program. The song, 'Winter Wonderland' included a skit performed by Giordano and kindergarten students with the aid of a collapsible snowman. Over the years the carol, 'Twelve Days of Christmas' has been rewritten many times. The school's version, written by the high school choir, featured food as the subject. The song was acted out by second grade students who carried large drawings of food and ended with huge drawings of a roll of antacid tablets and a can of weight loss mix. All the visual effects, props and holiday decorations were created by art stu-

dents in grades 3 through 8 under the direction of Polly Chavez.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS—This year's program involved many participants. To celebrate the coming of the New Year the students sang 'Greensleeves,' accompanied by Doug Jarrad on the alto recorder. Fifth graders Lisa Duggar and Holly Schlarb; and six graders Eli Ayila, Julie Samora, Courtney Maynard and Cara Baker played clarinet melodies. Other Christmas program announcers included Thomas Means, Belinda Baca, Keri Shafer, Katie Hightower, Gina Apodaca and Bud Maynard. The success of the program was due to the participation of all the students and their classroom teachers who provided order on stage and behind-the-scenes; the maintenance crew consisting of Nat Chavez, Pat Jiron and Ralph Baroz who arranged seating, and other faculty and staff who saw that rehearsals ran smoothly.

The Christmas holiday production was performed again next day for the faculty, staff and students for their last day at school before their holiday vacation.

YOUNG ARTIST—The art work of Cheri Sanchez, a second grader at Carrizozo has been published in the 1993 Spring Continuing Education Catalog sponsored by the University of New Mexico. The Division of Continuing Education is a self-supporting entity of UNM.

Cheri's pencil drawing of a chick hatching is included with the art works of talented elementary and middle school children throughout the state. The art works were selected from the exhibits at the State Fair in Albuquerque. Cheri, who enters many art contests, placed first in the Canyon Cow-Belle beef poster contest in the kindergarten-first-second grade category.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM—Students in the Elementary Enrichment Program traveled to Las Cruces last Wednesday to see 'Babes in

Toyland.' The stage production, by the American Theater Arts for Youth, was held in the Pan American Center at New Mexico State University. American Theater Arts of Youth provides reading enhancement and motivation; meets students' enrichment needs and explores literature and history. Students who attended the stage musical were Adrian Goad, Patrick Hightower, Matthew Offutt, Andrew Wynham, Charles Dobbs, Cara Baker, Tara Cluff, Renee Rael, Elizabeth Sambra-no, Mollie Hightower, and Robert Shafer. Sponsors on the trip were Kay Patterson, special ed. teacher, Sharon Baker and Mela Herrera. After the production the group stopped for a meal at McDonald's.

Polly Chavez is the Carrizozo Schools news coordinator.

Sheriff's Report

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ra Blanca minimum security prison.

DEC. 15

Kevin P. Puckett, 29, Alto; sentenced to 364 days in county jail by Magistrate Judge Jim Wheeler for DWI 6th, driving on revoked license, careless driving.

DEC. 16

Ray J. Thompson, 32, Ruidoso; two counts attempted child abuse, held for Bernalillo County and three months sentence from Wheeler.

DEC. 17

Paula Dolphus, 26, Ruidoso/ Sunland Park; probation violation, no bond.

Busy Season For Auxiliary

American Legion Auxiliary Post 57 in Capitan has had a busy holiday season. President Thelma Stevens and Santa's helpers met at the Senior Citizen's Center in Capitan on a snowy Sunday afternoon and gave the Center a festive, holiday look. Visitors to the center appreciate the decorations put up by the auxiliary.

Several members and their spouses went to the Truth or Consequences Veterans Hospital to deliver lap robes made by the auxiliary. We purchased a gift and made up a "goodie" basket for each of the six veterans in the Ruidoso Care Center, which will be delivered in conjunction with a short visit to each one before Christmas.

Support of the veterans in the Care Center has been adopted as an on-going project by the auxiliary.

To conclude a busy, produc-

tive year, American Legion Post 57 treated the auxiliary members to a Christmas Dinner at the Smokey Bear Restaurant in Capitan on December 10.

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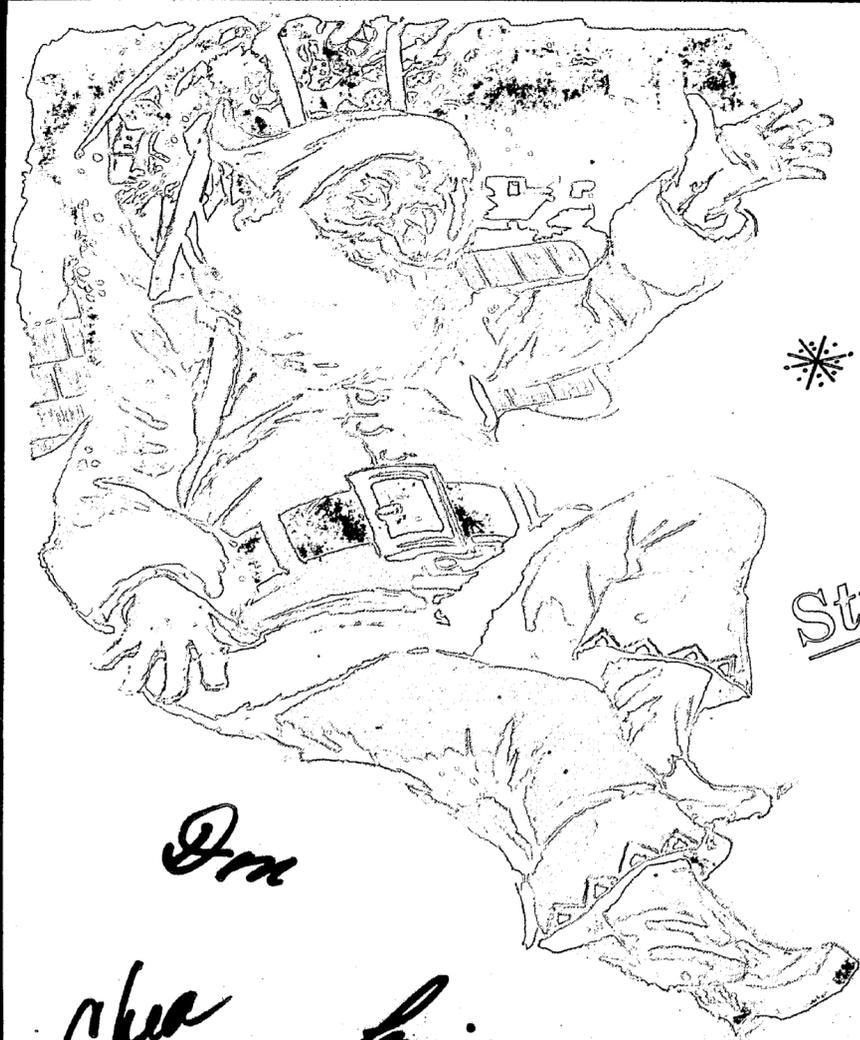
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