

# County Considers Tax Increase

By DORIS CHERRY

The public will have a chance to voice its opinion on a county proposal to impose an additional 1/16 of one percent gross receipt tax to pay for medical care for the needy.

And on March 25, county commissioners Stirling Spencer and Wilton Howell will travel to Santa Fe with county attorney Dan Bryant to negotiate a settlement of the lawsuit against the Bureau of Land Management over the Rio Bonito land exchange.

Monday, Lincoln County

Commissioners conducted a special meeting mainly to conduct a public hearing for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). However, county attorney Dan Bryant brought a proposal before the commission which was not listed on the special meeting agenda. For the last two years, the New Mexico State Legislature has considered making counties provide funds for the Medicaid program for needy persons.

This year, a bill is before the legislature which will allow counties to impose an additional 1/16 of one percent of gross

receipt taxes (sales tax) to fund such a county health care account. Although the bill, SB594, passed the state senate, it is somewhat stalled in the processes, with only four days left in the session, Bryant said.

A reason for the gross receipt tax to fund the Medicaid is because of the tourism based economy of the state, and often those same tourists create a strain on the health care system. One of the benefits of the gross receipt tax is to capture more of those tourist dollars to pay for medical treatment those tourists also enjoy.

Bryant said the county would be ahead to conduct the public hearing and pass an ordinance to impose the tax by April 1, in case the bill is approved. If the county does not have such a tax in place if the bill passes, there are chances the state will require the county to pay for the Medicaid out of its general fund. Bryant sought approval to publish a notice of public hearing on the proposed ordinance for the tax during a special meeting to be held April 1.

Currently Lincoln County has a mill levy which provides an "indigent fund" to pay for

ills at the county hospital which are accrued by indigent persons. Commissioner Stirling Spencer said the commission in the past has looked at the legality of using the mill levy to supplement the Medicaid fund. While he somewhat supported the 1/16 gross receipt tax, he also favored removing an equivalent amount from the mill levy now collected for that purpose.

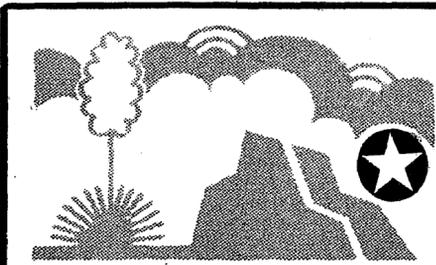
Commissioner Wilton Howell, was not comfortable with the additional gross receipt tax, because the county has a surplus. Howell also agreed that the

only way he would support the 1/16 tax was if the mill levy was reduced. His main objection was that Ruidoso has some of the highest gross receipt taxes in the state.

"By the same token, Lincoln County has the lowest (gross receipt taxes) in the state," chairman Monroy Montes replied.

Montes said that a problem with imposing more taxes, is that he as a business person,

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## Variances Denied For Part-Time Residents

By DORIS CHERRY

If you live in, or own property in the county, and you don't own more than 300 acres of contiguous land, you will have to pay \$5.25 a month for garbage collection. And if you don't pay, you may have your property foreclosed to do so.

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) members at their meeting Monday in Ruidoso Downs accepted the recommendation from their own variance committee to charge county (not in a municipality) residences \$5.25 a month for trash regardless if they are condos or cabins used for a short while each year, full time houses, or boarded up old houses.

But owners of old uninhabited houses have a "window" of 30 days to reclassify those old homes with the county tax assessor to define them as storage or other facilities to avoid

any future monthly garbage billings.

Stating the need for consistency, LCSWA members agreed with the variance committee that everyone, unless qualifying under the 300 acre variance, should pay the \$5.25 fee, the "reasonable" rate established by the county commission.

"The buzz word is impact fees," said LCSWA attorney Robert Beauvais. "If people live in an organized society, they have to pay the cost."

The variance committee, made up of members Ron Wickler of Ruidoso, Joe Hayhurst of Ruidoso Downs, Bill Schwetmann of Alto and LCSWA manager Gene Green, had met and made recommendations on four issues: Bonita Park Nazarene Camp, Alto Alps, Carrizo Lodge condos and variances for old houses no longer inhabited.

Part of the LCSWA operating budget was based on some

3,000 customers in the county, billed at \$5.25 a month. Green figured the number by taking the actual count of dwellings listed on tax roles by the county assessor's office and dwellings listed Otero Electric Co. then subtracting a percentage which might qualify for the variance. To date, no where near the 20 percent of 3,800 residents have qualified for the 300 acre variance, Green said.

Most of the variance requests have come from owners of part time cabins or condos, or owners of old abandoned houses.

Members held fast to their decision to charge everyone \$5.25 a month for garbage, even the cabin owners in Bonita Park. Negotiations for commercial trash pickup will take place with Bonita Park, which is a church owned property with private owned cabins.

The cabin owners will be

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## Montes Asks LCSWA To Consider Name Change

When members of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority went into closed session during their regular meeting Monday, they were given a letter dated March 5 from county commission chairman Monroy Montes addressed to chairman Frank Warth.

In it, Montes stated he and commissioner Wilton Howell have received numerous complaints about LCSWA concerning billings, overfilled dump-

sters, dumpster locations, handling of white goods and trash around dumpsters.

"Also," Montes wrote, "there are internal complaints, indicating generally low morale among the employees."

Montes asked the board to take action to assure the County of Lincoln that LCSWA is a viable entity. He also asked that LCSWA consider changing its name. "There seems to be too much confusion by the public,

evident by the fact that these complaints are being channeled through our (county) offices and causing undue burden on our staff and resources," Montes wrote.

At the beginning of the letter Montes noted that the board of commissioners, "with great hesitancy, but necessity," voted to give authority to LCSWA to charge for and provide waste collection services in the unincorporated areas of the county. "We expressed that such a charge had never been imposed in the rural areas, nor was it customary for there to be such a charge in a non-urban area. This is why the service provided by LCSWA must be of high quality."

When members returned to open session from the closed session Monday they directed their publicity committee to work up information about trash pick up routes and to whom complaints are to be directed. All questions and complaints should be directed to Gene Green, LCSWA general manager, at this office in Ruidoso Downs, at 378-4697.

The day following the meeting, Warth wrote a response to Montes. Warth, who is also mayor of Capitan, told Montes his letter was discussed during the March 13 meeting. He assured Montes LCSWA is a "viable forward-looking organization," a leader in the state in providing solid waste services

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## 15 Properties Sold For Non Payment Of Taxes

A total of 15 Lincoln County properties were sold at public auction March 4 by the Property Tax Division for non payment of ad valorem taxes.

Originally there had been 98 parcels scheduled to be sold. Taxes were paid on 81 parcels before the auction, one parcel was rescinded from the sale list because of an incorrect legal description, and there were no bids on one parcel which will be offered again by the state next year.

Lincoln County Treasurer Janice Ware said the taxes due on the 15 properties was \$13,625. The properties sold for \$14,275. The state will remit to Lincoln County the amount due for taxes with the excess of the money to revert back to the property owner.

Ware said her office col-

lected \$52,232.15 from items on the tax sale list prior to the sale through concerted efforts of her staff. Personal telephone calls, and letters were sent to the property owners by the treasurer's office before the sale date.

The state is required to send certified notices to delinquent property owners as well as to interested parties such as lien holders. The certified notices are sent to the last address on file and the state does not make personal phone calls or contact directory assistance in an effort to contact the owners.

Four of the parcels sold were in the Capitan/Alto area, two were in Ruidoso Downs, six were in Ruidoso and three were in Carrizozo. All properties sold were vacant lots with the exception of one parcel in Carrizozo with a house on it.



CAPITAN SPECIAL OLYMPIANS show off the medals they won at the recent Special Winter Olympics held at Sandia Ski Resort. Olympians on the back row are from left Justin Stueffelbeam, teacher Becky Schultz, Manny Lopez and helper Kathy Dean. Olympians and partners on the middle row from left are unified partner Raif Nowell, Chris Lopez, unified partner Ashley Martin and Norvin Luna. On the front row from left are Christie Hester, unified partner Trenna Stephens, Perfecta Sanchez and unified partner Jessica Neal.

## Capitan Special Olympics Skiers Win 18 Medals

Capitan's Special Olympics ski team came home from the state Special Winter Olympics with 18 medals.

Students earned 12 gold, five silver and one bronze medals and four ribbons for various events held at Sandia Ski Resort near Albuquerque.

This year, the special Olympic team members were paired with elementary gifted students as unified partners during the events.

Students who participated in the Olympics were Christie Hester, Perfecta Sanchez, Chris Lopez, Norvin Luna, Justin Stueffelbeam and Manny Lopez. Unified partners were Trenna Stephens, Jessica Neal, Raif Nowell and Ashley Martin.

Several people and businesses helped make this a successful season. Also helping with their donated time were Jane Terrel, Cindy Fogelson, Paula McKenna, Roxann Hendrix, Lisa Farran, Mike Luna, Ray Hernandez and Emily Stephens. A big thanks goes to Harold Dickerson for driving the students to Ski Apache each week.

Those helping at the Special Olympics were Jane Terrel, Clifton Neal, George Schultz, Kathy Dean and Mike Luna.

## Capitan Students Ask School Board For Schedule Changes

By DORIS CHERRY

Capitan Board of Education welcomed its new members Thursday, conducted a two hour closed session early in the meeting, considered a student proposal to change the class hours in the high school which will allow a study hall and accepted bids on the sale of bonds.

Newly elected members Beverly Payne, Tim Worrell and Russell Shearer were inducted, then the board reorganized. Tom Trost was elected president, Worrell vice-president and Payne secretary.

As their first item of business, the board conducted a nearly two-hour long closed session to discuss personnel.

When members returned to open session at 9:22, with no action taken as result of the discussion, the board heard a proposal presented by Tammy Payne, Diana Lively and Marissa Valenzuela, representatives of the high school student senate. They had prepared posters and schedules to highlight the desires and needs of the student body to begin the day earlier at

8:10 a.m., have shorter class periods of 45 minutes, a longer lunch and a study hall. The proposal was backed by petitions signed by students and teachers.

The students thought the study hall would enable their fellow students to complete homework and improve grades. They had checked on state and school requirements for hours and said the new proposal would meet those requirements.

The students had met with high school principal Darrel Stierwalt and superintendent David Lock about the proposal

## Blood Drive To Be Held In Carrizozo

United Blood Services will hold a blood drive from 1-6 p.m. Friday, March 19 at the Otero Electric Coop office in Carrizozo.

The need for blood is always great. Donating blood is relatively painless and poses no risk to the donor.

before coming to the board.

Letters are being mailed to parents about the proposed schedule change and a public meeting is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 23 in the high school foyer to take input about the change. The board's consensus was to try the new schedule if the parents approve. Members directed Lock and Stierwalt to start the program March 29, at the beginning of the last nine weeks, if the proposal meets parents approval.

If the schedule works for the last nine weeks it will be used next school year.

Trost commended the students for going through the chain of command with the proposal.

Southwest Securities of Albuquerque offered the best percentage rate bid on the sale of the \$1.3 million in bonds to finance the construction of the middle school. Dr. A.L. Clemmons recommended the board accept the bid of 4.644 percent over Eppler and Turner, Inc. at 4.808 percent. Southwest Securities involves the financial institutions of Kiosk and

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# Special Guest To Visit Lincoln County Next Week

A Wisconsin teenager's wish will come true next week when he visits Lincoln County and other places in New Mexico.

Jason Peterson of Kaukauna, Wisconsin, (a town 20 miles southwest of Green Bay) is suffering from a form of muscular dystrophy. He told his parents his fondest wish was to someday visit the places where Billy the Kid became famous.

The Wisconsin chapter of the renowned Make-A-Wish Foundation contacted the Billy the Kid Outlaw Gang, Inc. to make arrangements for the trip for Jason, his best friend, and Jason's family.

Jason will arrive in Santa

Fe March 21, where the Billy the Kid Outlaw Gang members will greet him. March 22 Jason will go to Santa Rosa for tours and a re-enactment of the Kid's surrender at Stinking Springs as well as a cook-out/sleep-out.

March 23 Jason will be in Old Fort Sumner and Roswell before visiting Lincoln for a partial tour and dinner at the Wortley Hotel. After staying overnight at the Wortley Hotel Jason will tour Lincoln March 24 and see a black powder demonstration at the Pageant grounds presented by the Lincoln County Longrifles.

Jason will eat lunch at Capitan and visit Smokey Bear His-

torical Park. He will then visit White Oaks (northeast of Carrizozo) and Fort Stanton and go back to Lincoln for dinner and overnight at the Wortley Hotel.

March 25 Jason will visit the Museum of the Horse and Old Dowlin's Mill in Ruidoso. From there he will go to Mesilla, Las Cruces, Silver City, Socorro and Santa Fe. He will return to Wisconsin March 27.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation is a nonprofit community-supported volunteer organization dedicated to fulfilling the special wishes of children with terminal or life-threatening illnesses. The foundation was created in 1980.

Tourism officials who came together to help make Jason's wish come true arranged for business to provide complimentary lodging and meals. Among those who helped were Lincoln County Heritage Trust, Lincoln State Monuments, Smokey Bear Historical State Park, Museum of the Horse, Wortley Hotel and Friends of Smokey.

Other unannounced surprises are in store for Jason while he is in New Mexico. The Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Mexico will provide a complimentary gift basket for Jason and his family for their return trip to Wisconsin.



CARRIZOSO BOARD OF EDUCATION members are ready for business. Members elected Jan Barham (center) as their new president. Others are from left Dewey Brown (new member), vice-president Nick Serina, secretary Leeroy Zamora (new member) and Gary Hightower.

## Montes Asks LCSWA . . .

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in accordance with statutory mandates of the Solid Waste Act.

Since LCSWA is in partnership with Otero County in the development of a regional landfill, "it would be impractical to consider a name change at this time." He suggested any problems be directed to the authority office at 378-4697.

Warth explains to Montes that prior to LCSWA's trash services to the unincorporated areas of the county, the county contracted for the services, which were paid for by tax revenues. Warth points out that the same service was not provided for the incorporated areas although their taxes were used to pay the contractor.

Warth agreed that while the county collections were being handled by the contractor trash and white goods collected around the dumpsters. "The writer (Warth) refers specifically to the dumpsters at the Highway 380-70 Y. That condition no longer exists, in fact the writer (Warth) feels that these two problems have significantly improved since the Authority began pickup."

Warth told THE NEWS Wednesday that he has not observed any overflow problem with the LCSWA dumpsters located in the Hondo Valley. He went on to say that when he sees a problem with overflowing dumpsters in Capitan, he moves them.

Warth wrote that the Authority cannot be on site when white goods are put at a dumpster, however the pick up driver is to report the condition and the appliance picked up on a scheduled basis. Warth told THE NEWS that Capitan residents should contact the LCSWA office about pickup of white goods, or appliances, and LCSWA will schedule such pickups on Wednesday afternoons. Such white goods must be set out on the curb to be picked up.

"The trash problem is improving with the increased number of dumpsters, however, there are certain people who would rather throw trash on the ground instead of in a dumpster and the Authority would welcome suggestions on how to change that behavior," Warth wrote.

Complaints about dumpster locations should be directed to the Authority office. County residents cannot have personal dumpsters, unless they are willing to become a commercial account. If the Authority is noti-

fied of an objectionable location, it will try to work out a reasonable solution.

Warth goes on to write that the Authority, within two weeks, will put into service a new truck which will be used only for county routes.

As for the internal complaints from employees, Warth wrote that employees should direct their complaints to the operations manager or the general manager.

In Warth's response letter he included a letter addressed to Gov. Bruce King on behalf of the Otero/Lincoln County Solid

Waste Authorities concerning the state's first regional landfill. "This project should provide an excellent example to the entire State on how to create a regional solution to landfill problems," the last line of the letter reads.

The letter is signed by Donald Carroll, chairman of the Otero County Solid Waste Authority and Frank Warth, chairman of LCSWA.

Warth said the response letter will be mailed to Montes, Howell and the rest of the county commissioners.

## Healthy Eating Will Prevent Osteoporosis

By BETTY MCCREIGHT  
Lincoln County  
Home Economist

Preventing osteoporosis needs to begin when children are young, and the best way to prevent the problem is to help children develop healthy eating habits.

The amount of bone a person develops in early life is a key to whether or not osteoporosis develops much later in life.

Half of the bone mass in the adult skeletal structure is laid down during adolescence. Large bone deposition begins at about age 10 for girls and age 12 for boys. Bone mass growth occurs until about age 30 to 40, when bone loss begins.

Some studies indicate that peak bone growth may be achieved in the early to mid-20s. Bone loss begins in adulthood, and is greatly increased in women after menopause.

Taking in adequate calcium during these years of rapid growth is critical to obtaining maximum bone structure. Because everyone begins to lose bone in the adult years, it's vital that bone mass be at peak levels as the losses begin.

Typically, women have

smaller bone mass than men and also have decreased estrogen levels at menopause. This accelerates the bone loss for women, and makes osteoporosis much more devastating for them.

Most teens and young adults in the United States consume a moderately low calcium, high-phosphorus diet. Studies indicate that this type of dietary pattern reduces bone growth.

The Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) for calcium for children is 800 milligrams per day. For age 11 to 24 the RDA is 1200 milligrams per day.

Getting sufficient calcium is difficult if dairy products are not an important part of food intake. A glass of milk has about 290 milligrams of calcium. Other dairy foods, such as yogurt and cheese, contain significant amounts of calcium. Other sources include sardines, salmon with bones, oysters, dark green vegetables and tofu.

Encouraging young children and teens to consume dairy products and other food sources of calcium is important. If they don't care to drink milk try to use milk in sauces, puddings, and on cereal or cook cereal in milk instead of water.

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## Special Olympics Awards Go To Fort Stanton Ski Team

Fort Stanton Special Olympics ski team members brought home nine awards from the state Special Olympics held Feb. 22-23 at Sandia Peak in Albuquerque. Kelly Graham placed 2nd in the 50 meter and 3rd in the 100 meter cross country. Pauline Baldwin placed 2nd in the 100 meter and 3rd in the 50 meter in cross country. Kevin Taylor placed 2nd in the slalom, 3rd in the giant slalom and 3rd in downhill in the downhill Alpine events while Sammy Montoya placed 2nd in the 10 meter race and 4th in the glide in downhill Alpine events. Jerry Hammond, ski team member for several years, was unable to participate this year because of recent knee surgery.

Two fundraisers, a dance held Jan. 23 and a raffle for a glider swing made of redwood, netted enough money for the ski team to participate in the Ski Apache Handicap Ski Program for the '93 season. Skis and equipment were donated all season by Wild West Ski Shop.

Carrizozo Mayor Cecilia Kuhnle was the winner of the glider swing which was built at Fort Stanton Hospital and Training School by residents in the building trades woodshop program.

## Craig Collins On Honor List

Craig Collins, a 1988 graduate of Carrizozo High School has been named to a University of New Mexico honor list for his academic achievements during the fall semester which ended December, 1992. He was included on the list based on his grade point average for the semester.

He is a student in the College of Engineering and was on the College Honor Roll with a 3.2 GPA on 12 hours/semester. He is the son of Paul W. Collins, Alamogordo, and Anne Serna of Carrizozo.

## Fish Planted In Carrizozo Lake

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish announced the planting of rainbow and brown trout in New Mexico lakes, ponds, rivers, etc. during the week of Feb. 20-26. The trout came from hatcheries at Rock Lake, Glenwood, Red River, Lisboa Springs, Seven Springs, and Parkview.

Totals for the state for that week: 76,639 trout less than nine inch length with a total weight of 11,979 pounds, and 26,639 trout more than nine inch length with a total weight of 11,951 pounds.

Carrizozo Lake received 276 rainbow trout, 11 inches long, with a total weight of 141 pounds.

## Free Serger Workshop Is Scheduled

A free serger workshop sponsored by the Lincoln County Cooperative Extension Service will be held March 30 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Otero Electric Coop in Carrizozo.

The workshop will be taught by Dr. Susan Wright, extension clothing specialist of NMSU Cooperative Extension Service. Everyone is invited to attend.

The workshop will be limited to 20 participants. Names will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call the Extension Office in Carrizozo at 648-2311 if you wish to attend. Deadline for registration is March 25. Those who want to actually sew or make a simple tote bag should call 648-2311 for a list of supplies. Please bring a sack lunch for a short lunch break. Drinks will be provided.

## Scholarships And Camps Available For Students

Both the Upper Hondo and Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation Districts are offering \$500 scholarships to students in Lincoln County who plan to major in agriculture, natural resources or a related field of study. All schools — Carrizozo, Corona, Capitan, Hondo and Ruidoso — have application forms available. Students are encouraged to apply. Deadline for scholarship application submission is May 1.

The districts will sponsor students, ages 12-19, to Forestry Camp which is held at Rancho del Chaparral in the Jemez Mountains near Cuba, N.M. June 6-11. Applications must be returned by April 15. Forestry Camp is a 5-day workshop for youth to learn how to care for and appreciate our forests. Students will learn how professionals measure trees, track animals, fight fires, evaluate range conditions, study rangeland, and much more. A Water Camp is being

offered July 26-30 at the Santa Fe Fair Building with field trips to surrounding locations. Students ages 14-19 will learn and become aware of water issues, implications of agriculture, industrial, municipal and home water use on water quality and supply. Deadline for submission of application is June 15.

## Entries Wanted For Youth Art Contest

The 1993 All American Festival wishes to invite artists from kindergarten through 12th grade to participate in the 1993 Youth Art Award sponsored by Ruidoso Ford Lincoln Mercury.

The theme of the 1993 contest is "New Mexico Adobe". The artwork will be on display at the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs from August 1-15, 1993.

To compete in this competition you must be 18 years of age

or younger at the time of the award presentation on August 15. U.S. Savings Bonds from \$50 to \$500 will be the awards given.

Artwork should be delivered or mailed to the Museum of the Horse by July 30, 1993.

To receive an entry blank and rules of the event, please contact Lara Johnson, P.O. Box 449, Ruidoso Downs, N.M. 88346, (505) 878-4431 or Beverly at (505) 878-4200.

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Logan High School Gymnasium  
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Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

Business Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

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- Mike Teeter (Ft. Sumner, House & Ragland area)
- Ralph Lofton (Bellview, San Jon, Logan & Grady area)

# Al's Musings

By AL STUBBS

There are many ways to keep up with what is going on in Lincoln County. One is through On Track's (Channel 11) coverage of Ruidoso village council meetings at 10 a.m. Wednesdays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays during the week the council meets.

Or, citizens always are welcome at "live" village council meetings the second and last Tuesdays at 6:30 at village hall.

We heard a resident comment: "I haven't ever met (so and so) on the village council, but from what I've read I don't like him."

If people would tune in to council meetings, they can decide for themselves if the village manager or the mayor or whoever on the council has two heads or, conversely, is serving the residents of the village with expertise and aplomb.

Witnessing the intra-play on the council first-hand can be quite entertaining at times. Political jockeying is not unknown during council meetings. (The next village election, however, is 359 days away).

Reading this newspaper is another fine way to keep up with unbiased reports of what happens in Ruidoso Village Council meetings for residents who don't have time to tune into reruns of the meetings. The Lincoln County News has no axes to grind.

Residents certainly need to keep up with how public officials are dealing with financial, environmental, quality of life and physical aspects of life in the village. And they do need to rate the performance of everyone on the village council. Only then can they vote intelligently in the far-off village election.

The talk show now hosted by Ed Hyman on Channel 11 each Wednesday at 6:30 is a way of keeping up with other current events in the village. For broad-based county coverage, including news from Capitán, Carrizozo and Corona, rely on the Lincoln County News. It's the county seat newspaper.

Ruidoso and Lincoln County have had a very active program in the past to attract retirees to the area. Roy Crocker headed it up. Retirees still are wooed through the Chamber of Commerce.

The Albuquerque Journal Sunday published a special section on "Retiring in New Mexico." Mentioned are Albuquerque, Deming, Roswell, Silver City and Santa Fe, but nothing about Ruidoso and Lincoln County.

Climate is mentioned as a factor in Deming. Gee, Ruidoso's climate is perfect. We have four seasons. Sure, we have some snow. So? Retirees can stay in by the fire on the few days snow is a problem. And often snow is deeper in Roswell than it is in Ruidoso. Summer temperatures in Deming are something else - hot. In Ruidoso, who needs air conditioning?

Ruidoso isn't the only community in Lincoln County. For a quite, simple life, Carrizozo or Capitán have even better retiree climates than Ruidoso. It's true. Cost of living is an important factor.

Lincoln County would like to be mentioned in any feature articles on good places to retire. We've got it all.

Lincoln County is New Mexico's best kept secret. But we're gradually getting the word out. It just takes time.

Imagine a planned retirement village in Salazar Canyon on the southside of the Capitans. Or, bring Arabela back to life. Corona could use an economic shot in the arm. Okay, so we're dreaming. Dreams often can come true, you know.

A massive dude ranch for retirees on the plains below Carrizo Peak or near Church Mountain. Not impossible!

If you know potential retirees, invite them to Easter Sunrise Service at Valley of Fires or elsewhere in the county. They'll be impressed, if it doesn't snow.

## Health Center Award Is Presented To Domenici

WASHINGTON, DC—The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) has honored New Mexico Senator Pete V. Domenici with its 1993 Outstanding Achievement in Health Award.

The award was presented to Senator Domenici on March 9 at a reception in his honor, during the Association's 1993 Policy and Issues Forum, in Washington, DC.

Community health centers serve people who often have no other access to quality health care because they live in areas where there are no other providers, they have no insurance or cannot afford the cost of care, or their conditions often exclude them from needed care.

Community health centers are local corporations; they include patients and community leaders on their boards, and they are designed to make their service responsive to local needs. The preventive and primary health care services offered by health centers is cost effective, costing less than half the national average per patient.

The National Association of Community Health Centers is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to advocate for improved health care for medically underserved communities, and to support the work of the nation's more than 550 health centers that receive Federal funding as well as the many community based primary health care programs that are supported through a variety of other means.

### EPA Grant Money For Safe Drinking Water

New Mexico will receive over \$577,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to help ensure safe drinking water for New Mexicans, Senator Pete Domenici announced.

New Mexico was given the authority to implement the program in 1978. The program includes the enforcement of all national regulations according to the EPA. Funding will help support inspections, oversight, and the collection of data and samples.

Ed Fischer  
A 1982 Recipient of the Pulitzer Prize  
for his book "The Politics of Power"



## Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE—It appears as though New Mexico will be returning to the pre-primary nominating conventions of old.

House Bill 995 has passed both houses of the Legislature and is on its way to Gov. Bruce King.

The bill enjoys the bipartisan cosponsorship of Rep. Dick Knowles, R-Roswell, and Ed Sandoval, D-Albuquerque, and it has the enthusiastic support of both state party chairmen—Democrat Ray Powell and Republican John Lattauro.

The same proposal had all that going for it two years ago only to get bogged down in the Senate. But this year both houses passed the measure by at least 3-to-1 majorities.

Although King has been less than wild about pre-primary nominating conventions, he is likely to sign this bill. The House and Senate both passed the measure by veto-proof majorities and have sent it to the governor early enough so that he has to take action before this session ends on Saturday. Veto overrides require 2-to-1 majorities.

The proposal would authorize political parties to schedule conventions before the June primaries next year to designate candidates for statewide and congressional races.

Candidates seeking to get on the primary election ballot would have to gather nominating petition signatures amounting to at least 2 percent of their party's total vote for the office in the preceding primary election.

At the nominating convention, the candidate would have to win at least 20 percent of the convention vote.

Candidates failing to win the 20 percent still could get on the ballot by upping their signatures to 3 percent—the amount now required.

New Mexico political parties have had a love-hate relationship with pre-primary conventions over the years. Our last such conventions were held in 1982. They were dropped in order to diminish the power of political parties in the nominating process.

Some Democrat leaders had bad memories of the '82 convention when Toney Anaya took almost enough of the convention vote to keep all other candidates off the ballot. Former Sen. Aubrey Dunn managed to get on the ballot in second position. Les Houston, then a Democratic senator, was shut out. Houston and supporters of Dunn led the charge to eliminate pre-primary conventions.

Since 1982, coalitions that have come and gone in both houses of the Legislature have been blamed on lack of party discipline. Party leaders and political analysts have observed that America's strong two-party system is in danger of disappearing into an anarchy of independent candidates.

So now New Mexico appears headed back the other way. Detractors say this will take politics back to closed-door deal making. It was back-room deals, and maybe some pur-

chased votes, that soured King on pre-primary conventions years ago.

But even without an ethics statute, politics has changed a lot in the past 20 years. It is much less likely today that one powerful party boss can control a convention. That control is now exerted by special interest groups.

If the bill is signed, and it may have been by the time you read this, watch for groups such as Christian fundamentalists, gays, and unions to mobilize for the conventions.

Although it will not be difficult to get on the ballot without winning convention designation, there is still a big advantage to being the top vote getter among convention delegates. Candidates' names would be listed on the ballot in the order of the number of convention votes they receive. Candidates qualifying through the petition method would be listed last.

If King signs the measure, get out your straw hats and American flags. It will be time for the pep rallies to start again.

## New Owners Of The Hobbs Flare Plan Many Changes

Announcement was made Tuesday morning, March 9 of the sale of the Hobbs Flare. New owner Rick McLaughlin of Kermit, and C.J. Head of New York, made the joint statement on the ownership change of the 44-year-old publication.

C.J. Head is the son of the founder of the paper, Agnes Kastner Head, who was referred to by many as the "Grand Lady of Newspapers". Mrs. Head died last July.

McLaughlin is publisher of the Winkler County News at Kermit, the Eunice Press, and the Jal Record.

Mrs. Head established the paper in 1948, giving it the name "Flare" after a huge Phillips gas flare which had guided her into Hobbs one evening from San Angelo, before roads and highways criss-crossed the area.

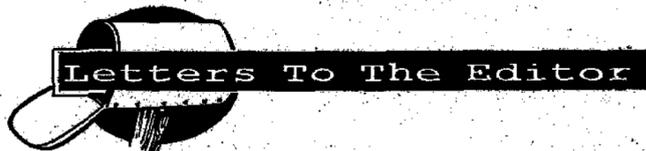
The newspaper carried her well-known weekly column,

"Via the Grapevine", and a long-running series of "Hobbs Recalled", both of which captured Mrs. Head's personality as well as the mission of the newspaper which strived to cover political maneuverings and the other side of the story.

Mrs. Head's tenure, though sometimes stormy and controversial, won her many honors, recognitions and awards, including induction into the New Mexico Press Association Hall of Fame in 1990.

"While we're planning many changes for the Flare in the coming months", said new publisher McLaughlin, "we intend to keep the spirit of the paper alive and well."

"Our plan is to expand our news coverage and circulation, using the same goal and mission as Mrs. Head: to give Hobbs a second newspaper and a second voice," commented McLaughlin.



EDITOR—My reaction to the Archbishop Sanchez story has been an unloading of memories. My grandmother's telling me that she went to Mass everyday not because she was good but because she needed all the help she could get. Or my discovery that the saints were frequenters of the confession box, too. And those words I had read of Catholic theologian Hans Kung, "Jesus got himself mixed up with moral failures, irreligious and immoral people, gave them preferential treatment and even assured them of forgiveness on the spot. What does this mean if not that Jesus presents God quite expressly as father of the 'prodigal son', as *Father of the abandoned?*"

I see the Archbishop's embarrassment as no reason for anyone to become Pharisaical but as an occasion to marvel at the God the Scriptures reveal. And, it turns out, the Archbishop is one of us, the kind of people Jesus preferred. By the way, is anyone in the media aware that, traditionally, the spreading of scandal is considered a serious sin, not something to make a career out of?

B. C. CUMMINGS,  
Carrizozo.

EDITOR—While I have no interest in engaging in a continuing debate with the good folks of "People For The West", I would like to address several points.

First, there seems to be some confusion regarding Deists. Deism refers to a philosophical belief, not a religion. One can be a Christian and a Deist at the same time, as were many of our early leaders.

A more modern analogy would be that of some people in Europe who supported Communism, while remaining Christians, even though the two belief systems would appear to be irreconcilable.

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## The Other Side

By Owen Russell

DATELINE RATON—Here I am sitting under a palm tree again waiting for it to snow. Last time I did this it was snowing like mad, but this time all we have is clouds that look like it could start snowing any minute. I must be a bad influence or something because every time I have been here this winter, it has snowed. They may not let me come back again.

The only news from here is about the local boy who was given probation on a drug charge as a result of (or in spite of) a flood of letters from citizens of varying degrees of prominence written to the judge recommending leniency. It has caused a considerable uproar, with some saying "You're an idiot," others saying "You—too," and the rest saying "Why me?" Incidentally, I understand a similar situation has developed in Tucumcari, with similar results.

All I can wonder is how I got involved in the discussion. This might be a good way to handle such situations, though, because one of the terms of probation is that if he does it again, he goes directly to jail, without passing go or collecting \$200. If that happens, he will have let all the good folks down who helped him the first time, which should give him some incentive to clean up his act. In most situations, the defendant doesn't have that type of encouragement. Let's see how it turns out.

Did you hear about the dyslexic policeman who led his department in passing out IUD's?

I started a discussion a few months ago about the motivations behind truthful behavior and got interrupted because I had reached the respective ends of space and time (column length and deadline), and because I knew not where I was going nor what I was talking about. However, in trying to explain the concept to a friend of mine the other day, it all became crystal clear to me, and I even think he understood it, which proves the old saying that if you don't know what you are talking about, neither will your listener. (I think I just fell into a loop of no return.)

At any rate, why is it considered a good thing to be truthful? And if it is such a great thing, why do some people choose not to conform?

First, truth is the disclosure to another of an accurate account of the facts. There is a lot of gray area here because of the uncertainty in interpretation of perceptions and communications, but be that as it may, for the purposes of this discussion we will assume the fact is fairly concrete.

Second, who or what demands that the disclosure be truthful?

And third, who or what is benefited by truthfulness?

The obvious answer to these questions is that truth is essential to the recipient, but may in fact be damaging or threatening to the disclosing party. In other words, you need others to be truthful to you so you can react on the basis of predictability, but there may be circumstances in which your disclosure of the truth may be harmful to what you feel your best interests may be. In response to this conflict, society has adopted the position that truthfulness is more desirable.

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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.

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**Letters**

(Con't. from P. 4)

Second, the idea that our "Christian forefathers" were all church-going, Bible-reading saints is simply ludicrous.

Washington and Jefferson, two of our greatest presidents, were members of the Southern, slave-holding aristocracy. Being enlightened men for that time and place, Jefferson freed his slaves and Washington made arrangements to free his after he and Martha had passed on.

Sadly, many were not so enlightened and used the Scriptures to justify slavery until the Civil War and our nation's greatest president, Abraham Lincoln, put a final end to that abomination. (Nine of our first 12 presidents were slave-owners.)

Far too many of our "Christian forefathers" were money, land and power hungry lawyers, politicians and businessmen, not much different from those we have today. The founders of our country were white, property owning men. No women, no Blacks, no Native Americans (Indians) were enfranchised until much later.

I would also like to see someone explain how "Christian forefathers" could justify the genocide of the Native Americans simply because they wanted their land and resources.

Slavery and genocide remain two of the darkest chapters in our history, practiced by people calling themselves Christians and we are still suffering today from the consequences of their actions.

My point is, just because people mouth pious platitudes and make a show of religiosity does not prove that they are religious. Leaders must be evaluated by their actions. That is one of the functions of the historian. I speak here of "real" history, not the sanitized, fantasy version most of us were taught in primary and secondary schools.

In the wise and oft-quoted words of Santayana, "those people who do not learn the lessons of the past are doomed to repeat them."

From Webster's New Universal Unabridged Dictionary. Deism-Fr., deisme (from L. Deus, God)

1. The belief that God exists and created the World but thereafter assumed no control over it or the lives of people.

2. In philosophy, the belief that reason is sufficient to prove the existence of God, with the consequent rejection of revelation and authority.

**DONALD QUEEN,**  
Carrizozo.

**EDITOR**—Carrizozo parents recently received surveys regarding the possibility of implementing a 4-day week schedule in the Carrizozo Municipal Schools.

Carrizozo students in grades 5-12 presently attend school a total of 1,155.6 hours during 180 days according to figures submitted by Carrizozo Schools for the 1992-93 school calendar to the State Department of Education. The suggested 4-day plan proposes that students attend the minimum hours required by the state—1,080 hours per school year. This proposal would result in a loss of 75.6 hours in the total number of hours our students in grades 5-12 attend school. All students would be attending school longer each day resulting in fatigue and lowered performance levels. In addition, they would be allowed less daily time at home for school assignment completion.

Our students do not live long distances from school. (Approximately 30 miles is the greatest distance reported.) Most students probably would not have parental supervision during the "day off" and few would be involved in constructive activities.

According to Jack McCoy, coordinator for the 4-day school programs throughout the state, the only real savings that could be applied to local programs would be a 7-10% energy savings. Our bus drivers would be earning considerably less due to a 20% reduction in earnings for mileage and hours, thus affecting the economy of our community by about \$23,000. These dollars would remain in the State Transportation Department fund—not in our school OR our community. All of this is true because bus drivers are paid by the state.

One proposed advantage to the 4-day week is that attendance rates would improve. Mr. McCoy stated that attendance of students and teachers normally only improves during the first 1 or 2 years of the 4-day school plan and thereafter reverts back to previous absenteeism.

The 4-day school plan has its place in truly rural communities where some students must travel up to 90 miles one way and residents live great distances from businesses and medical care. It is my opinion, however, that our community—for a multitude of reasons—is far better served by our present 5-day school week.

**ROSEMARY SHAFER,**  
Carrizozo.

**EDITOR**—Yes, Patrick Henry!

"Give me liberty or give me death"! Patrick Henry Corona's People for the West chapter invites any interested party to view the videotape *America's Godly Heritage*. Contact Beverly Merritt at 849-1128.

**JIMMIE WELLS,**  
Claunch.

**Ruidoso Little Theater Presents Adult Comedy**

Fast Girls, a two-act play by Diana Amsterdam, opens March 18 at Carrizo Lodge in Ruidoso.

This adult comedy begins the 1993 season for the Ruidoso Little Theater. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

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Mary Danielson is the play director. Danielson's assistant director is Gene Templeton.

The cast includes Lucy played by Susan Rogalla, Abigail played by Sally Sandora, Mitz played by Louise Cone, and Joe played by Yancee Sturgeon. Todd Blue plays Sidney, a real nerd.

The play continues on Friday and Saturday. Other play dates are March 25 through March 27, and April 1 through April 3.

Make your reservations by calling 257-9131.

**The Other**

(Con't. from P. 4)

able than self-preservation is to the individual, and thereby mandates that we be truthful in our relationships with others. This cultural trait seems to be more important in capitalistic societies than in others and is probably a result of our economic system more so than for any other reason.

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## FACTS and FICTION

By BETTY JOINER

The bridge will soon be done and the traffic will be routed back to the regular road into Fort Stanton. The crew who was responsible for the construction of the bridge are Elly Gutierrez, Superintendent; Chuck and Julian Romero, foremen; Baron Heidenreich, crane operator and welder; Keith LaRue, loader operator and welder; Oscar Martinez, Jim and Max Romero, Jeff and Richard Sandoval, Pablo Torres, carpenters and finishers. The crew had a mascot named "Rio".

Barbara Beckley sent out close to 1000 alumni letters for our reunion to be held at the Capitan School on July 30-31.

Anyone with addresses of any alumni please send to Barbara at Box 37, Lincoln, N.M. 88338. With our new rules and regulations with the post office all addresses have to be correct with box numbers, street addresses, towns, states and zip. My class of 1963 and class of 1962 will be celebrating our 30th years. Anyone having any addresses of these two years please contact me or Diane Riska. Three of our class I need to know are Joe and Ida Zamora and Viola Chavez.

Bill and Allegra Townsend from Carlsbad stopped in and visited last week. They knew Pauline, Kenny and Terry Cox, Carla Briggs, and many others who have recently moved from

Carlsbad to our area.

Vic and Jean Schaefer were over making plans for the annual cemetery memorial which is every May 22.

Many students are visiting for the spring break week. Erin Keller left March 5 for Miami, Fla., where she flew from there to Costa Rica to continue her marine biology studies. She will be there for a short time.

Evelyn Garvey spent three days in El Paso with her daughter and granddaughters. They attended a track meet where the girls did an excellent job. Evelyn reports Aaron, her other granddaughter, is going to Mexico on a missionary trip.

Jack Forrester was buried in Roswell on Monday the 8th. Another of Capitan's active senior citizens, he will be missed by all of us.

Rita Taylor was buried in the Capitan cemetery. Her husband was foreman of the blocks many years ago and she was Betty Galloways' sister. Doss and Betty Galloway lived on the Tinsley place many years ago.

Once again the sheep shearing is going on in Lincoln County. Donald and Terry Bogle and boys were up from Roswell on Monday. Eddie and Audrey Davis, Waddie Hobbs, Tate Pruitt, and the shearing crew from Texas finished shearing on Thursday. Will Griggs was grading the wool for three days.

Many birthdays have been and will be in March. Ones celebrating are Pat and Patsy Racher, David Lawrence, Mar. 14; Buddy Godinez, Mar. 22; Margie Eldridge, Mar. 20; Jackie Chapman, Mar. 23; and I'm sure many more.

The Lincoln County postmasters meeting was cancelled last Sunday due to the hostess, Louise Babers, getting this terrible flu virus. Get well Louise. Judy Fletcher, Nogal postmaster, was recently chosen to become Mescalero's new postmaster. Cherie Hobbs of Picocho was selected postmaster at Lincoln. Many, many changes in the postal system now.

Donna and Kelsey Cazares stopped in last Sunday to wish "Dad" a happy birthday. Jerry and the boys were down at the arena helping with the steer riding and the "practice" playday. We all send our get well wishes to Bill Bennett who received some bad bruises from

a horse. Bill has been responsible for furnishing lots of stock for steer ropings, and steer ridings for kids and adults alike. Thanks to you and Jo for all you have done.

Ron Joiner reports he has received a promotion with his company in Kansas. If he can find a place to live, he and Teresa will be moving about 40 miles to Plains, Kan. He will be a salesman and is looking forward to this new challenge.

The fire hall was very busy Saturday with everybody and their dogs there. We took Hank Jr. and Hannah for their shots so he can be on his way to Kansas. Was wishing I had my video as it was a sight to see all those dogs, cats, and owners. Debbie Gimmings and Netta were busy getting licenses for the "in city limit" animals.

A couple of addresses and phone numbers you might be interested in. First if you think you might have been a beneficiary of a lost insurance policy send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Missing Policy Service, American Council of Life Insurance, 1002 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004-2599. The toll free number to call the IRS to see if they are holding a refund for you or a family member is 1-800-829-1040. This was taken out of articles published by the Co-op Ext. Service. It stated that the IRS is holding millions of dollars in income tax refunds for 1990 and earlier because the recipients have moved and their addresses are unknown.

Freda made a business trip to Las Cruces on Monday.

Mary Gourley and Celeste left Friday evening to go to Utah to visit relatives. They will return next week. Mary and Chet are fixing up their trailer in the city subdivision.

Debbie Moore, PM, of Corona spent the weekend with her sister and husband Buddy and Sherry Godinez. Nash is doing real well with his fiddle lessons. Another good job done by Cindy Foglesong. Another of her students Josh Jones went to Deming to visit his brother Jake for the spring break.

Until next time, keep smiling!

### Progress Reports Will Be Presented At RC&D Meeting

The South Central Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) will meet at 10 a.m. March 23 in Carrizozo in the commissioner's meeting room in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Dr. Jim Miller, president of ENMU-R, will present the program on vocational-technical programs for Lincoln and Otero counties.

The business portion of the RC&D meeting will include reports on the progress of various projects such as the pinyon-juniper utilization study, Smokey Bear celebration activities, Corona multi-purpose building, an internship program, and Tularosa pipeline.

### Full Tuition Scholarship Is Available

Very Special Arts and ITT Educational Services announce that a full tuition scholarship is available in the Drafting/Computer-Aided Design program at ITT Technical Institute. Knowledge of beginning algebra is required for this art-related field with job opportunities.

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# Friends Of Smokey Plan Year's Events

Smokey Bear Day is May 8 in Capitan and Friends of Smokey are gearing up to start this year's activities.

Capitan FHA will cater the May 9 dinner held in Smokey's honor at Capitan School. The menu will be lemon chicken, rice pilaf, rolls and desserts made by the Capitan Extension Club members.

The dinner will be the first of many events planned this year which will lead up to Smokey Bear's 50th anniversary in 1994. Come this July 3-5, the 38th annual Smokey Bear Stampede rodeo will be held in Capitan at the fairgrounds. Also that weekend will be an art show, Wildfire Chili Cookoff, sanctioned by the International Chili Society; 18th annual 10K Fun Run; barbecue; entertainment; cowboy poetry; vendors, exhibits; photo contest and photo exhibit of Lincoln County sites and a day at Ruidoso Downs Race Track. Events planned in August include a trail ride to Smokey's rescue site in the Capitan Mountains; Lincoln County fair and Ranch Rodeo.

Several Friends met with the Lincoln County Fair board recently to discuss and coordinate events. The fair board requested Friends co-sponsor the Ranch Rodeo Aug. 21 or 22. The board offered to help coordinate the stock, which would cost about \$750. According to the board, the dance which accompanies the rodeo is the big money maker. If Friends chose to co-sponsor the rodeo, they must provide volunteer help to man the ticket gates for the rodeo and dance.

Along with the usual Stampede events of the July 4 weekend, Friends hope to, with help from New Mexico State University, attract a big name musical group to perform a concert in Capitan. Friends also hope to sponsor a performance by Vince Gill in the Ruidoso Civic Events Center sometime during the July 4 holiday. As for the Capitan performance, indications from the NMSU events coordinator are that Garth Brooks has shown an interest in the Capitan concert. However, Friends of Smokey will be responsible for the artist's fee. The average fee for such big-name artists is \$8,000. The Friends event committee plans to meet soon to finalize some of the activities.

Dave Cummings, who will replace Steve Makowski at the Smokey Bear Ranger Station of the Lincoln National Forest in Ruidoso, was introduced to the group. Cummings will help coordinate U.S. Forest Service

activities and funding with the Smokey events. Dan Katima, from the Alamogordo Forest Service office, also was at the meeting to show architect plans for the Smokey Bear signs and pull off parking areas to be located at the west and east side of Capitan. The signs will be bronze and will be placed nearly flat on the pedestals.

Persons wishing to sell items during the July Smokey Bear events, including the parade, must pay a city fee. Friends of Smokey will not charge additional fees. Friends chairman Rick Riddle asked if the village could reduce the fee of \$25. Capitan mayor Frank Warth said the village might consider such a special fee.

By the May dinner, Friends of Smokey posters will be ready for distribution to charter members and for sale, providing permission is given to reproduce the Smokey Bear image. New Friends of Smokey jackets and t-shirts have also been produced and are available to charter members who have not received their items. The jackets and shirts will be on sale at Smokey Bear Cafes in Capitan.

Friends of Smokey also donated a t-shirt and hat and will provide a tour of the Smokey Bear park in Capitan to a child from the "Make A Wish" Foundation for terminally ill youngsters.

Capitan High School student Mike Riska received \$50 from Friends of Smokey to help with his expenses during his stay in Finland. Riska was chosen by Rotary International to be an exchange student.

Friends considered a proposal to enter into a joint venture with the US Forest Service on the elementary school fire prevention program in 1993-94. Some of the federally appropriated funds for Smokey's celebration will be used. After talking with teachers, reported Steve Makowski, they decided bandanas were the most useful, easiest to deal with and safest of all items which could be given to children in grades K-4. The program will involve the K-4 grade students in all school within the Lincoln National Forest. Students will be asked to say a pledge to fire prevention in order to receive membership cards and a bandana.

Friends will first determine the cost of the bandanas before entering into such a proposal.

Makowski also reported on the fire prevention display trailer. The 7 by 16 foot trailer will provide a hands-on display area and a dressing room area with an air conditioner for "Smokey." The trailer will be based at the

Smokey Bear Work Station in Capitan. The completion date of the trailer is not known at this time.

Friends member Jack Johnson was put in charge of the Adopt-A-Mile proposal. He was to take the proper paperwork to the State Highway Dept. in Roswell to begin the process of Friends of Smokey Adopting a mile on Highway 48, within, or just south of the village. Johnson will also coordinate the cleanups along the mile.

Friends will meet again on the second Monday of April.

## Medical Student Will Apprentice With Dr. Rouleau

University of New Mexico fourth-year medical student Annie Simpson, from Albuquerque, will assist Dr. David Rouleau in his Capitan family practice.

Simpson will benefit from the Capitan physician's professional experience during a preceptorship, an apprentice period that the UNM School of Medicine requires of all students seeking an M.D. degree. Rouleau joins more than 120 doctors around New Mexico who contribute their time and expertise in the instruction of medical students in this critical part of their medical education.

During her preceptorship, Simpson will gain skills in patient management, taking medical histories, conducting examinations and analyzing symptoms to reach a diagnosis.

Simpson will also lead community health projects during her preceptorship. Projects typically range from conducting a free community-wide health screening to preparing health information in order to help residents make informed medical treatment decisions.

In addition, the preceptorship program gives future doctors personal ties with people and communities throughout the state, thus encouraging them to set up practices in New Mexico after graduation.

## Capitan 4-H Will Hold Bike-A-Thon

The Capitan 4-H Club met at the Capitan Fairgrounds March 9 for a monthly meeting.

Ruidoso State Bank will help the 4-H members with their animals by lending money, if necessary.

Buffie York, Wesley Armentas and Sabrina Honeyfield are delegates for the county council meeting at the Otero Electric Coop. building in Carrizozo.

An entomology workshop will be held April 6 at the Capitan Fairgrounds. A bike-a-thon will be held April 3 at the fairgrounds. Those participating will need forms for sponsors. For more information call the Armentas at 354-3187 or the Paytons at 354-2774.—Patrick Kennedy, reporter.

# County Considers

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has to explain to tourists why the taxes go up.

When commissioners voted on Spencer's motion to authorize publication for a public hearing in two weeks, Spencer, Bill Schwetmann, Ray Nunley and Montes voted yes, Howell voted no. Howell objected having to consider any item not listed on the agenda before the meeting. "I hate to look at anything on the spur of the moment," Howell said.

The public will have an opportunity to make comment on the proposed tax at a special county meeting Thursday, April 1. Commissioners also voted to conduct their regular meeting scheduled for April 6, on April 1.

The most lengthy item for the Monday meeting was a closed session held for commissioners to discuss litigation and personnel. When they returned at 5 p.m. commissioners took no action on the discussion in the closed session.

However, Montes said everything is still on track for the negotiations with the BLM. "There are no problems at the county commission level," Montes said.

Recent articles in THE RUIDOSO NEWS indicated conflict between Howell and Spencer over the law suit issue. Both men and attorney Bryant were selected to serve as the negotiating team for the county. They will travel to Santa Fe March 25 to meet with the state BLM director and representatives from the BLM national office in Washington, DC to negotiate a settlement on the lawsuit. The county has maintained its stance on land parity.

A public hearing was held to consider a project for a Community Development Block Grant application. However, no public showed up. Rather than forgo application to the federally funded program, Montes recommended the county apply for the maximum of \$400,000 grant to continue its housing rehabilitation program started with CDBG money in 1991.

Curtis Schrader from the

Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) presented the CDBG information for the public hearing. Schrader said the Community Development Council (CDC), made up of the Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of DFA, Secretary of HED and seven lay members representing the seven Planning and Development Districts in state, has approved all housing project applications in the last two years. This year housing project will be allowed \$15,000 for each home to be rehabilitated.

The CDBG program, funded by the federal Housing and Urban Development, is administered through the state DFA, Local Government Division. The CDBG program is primarily geared to benefit low to moderate income families.

Although the 1991 housing rehab project is still underway, Schrader said that the county does meet the threshold requirements since it and the state Dept. of Finance and Administration (DFA) have executed all grant agreements.

Because Lincoln County is a member of SNMEDD, Schrader will prepare and help submit the application. However, the county was "definitely cutting it close," to the deadline, Schrader said. He now is preparing 11 CDBG grants for other member municipalities and counties.

Montes said the current rehabilitation project has made but a small dent in the housing needs in the county and proposed the commission consider apply for a \$400,000 grant to continue the project.

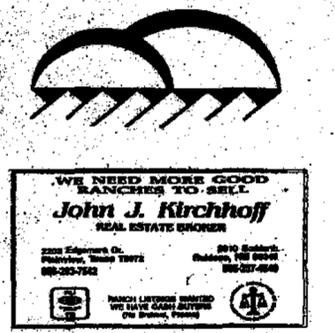
After a two hour closed session to discuss litigation and personnel, commissioners voted unanimously to direct Schrader to complete the application for \$400,000 for housing rehabilitation, and adopted a resolution to that effect.

Montes requested Schrader inform the commission when the CDC will meet in this area, so a representative can compile documentation and be on hand to make a presentation on the county's behalf.

Montes also requested the CDBG information and application be presented earlier so the public will have time to propose projects.

Commissioners also approved an application for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Dept. to participate in the Law Enforcement Protection Fund Distribution for the next fiscal year. The amount of the proposed allocation will be \$21,800.

Commissioners will combine their next regular meeting with the special meeting set for April 1.



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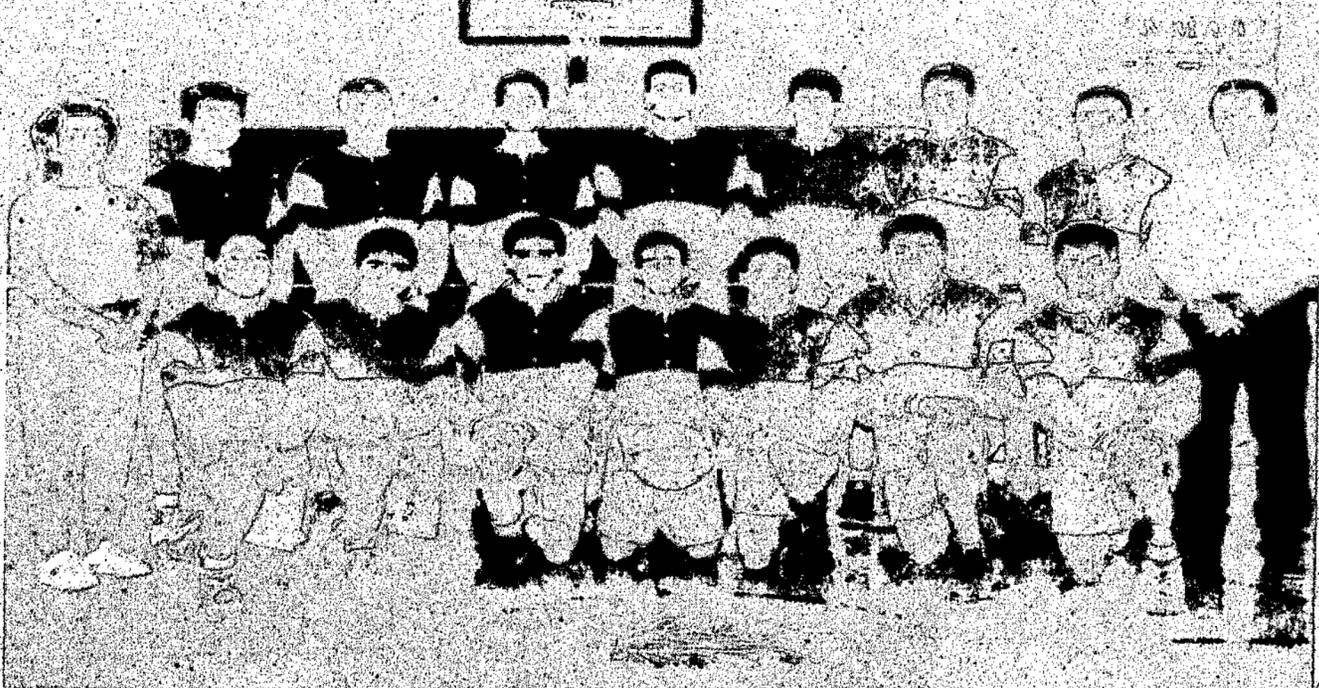
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**CARRIZOZO GRIZZLY 1992-3 BASKETBALL TEAM** lines up for the camera. Players on front from left are Gilbert Barela, Billy Sheehan, Blas Herrera, Davin Epperson, Nathan Portillo, Michael Barela and Anthony Archuleta. On the back from left are assistant coach Christetta Butts, Cory Collins, Heath Rickman, Scot Brown, Bryan Turnbow, George Vega, Willie Archuleta, Jonathan Vallejos and coach Ken Butts.

## Variances Denied

charged the monthly fee, after the Park's contract with Southwest Disposal expires Aug. 15. The park will have the option to continue its commercial account with Southwest Disposal after that date, but the cabin trash will be in the hands of LCSWA.

"We're sorry, but we're the new monopoly in town," said LCSWA member Stirling Spencer who represents the county. "If they renew (the contract with Southwest for the cabins), they'll pay double."

The park had requested a variance from the monthly billings for each of the cabin owners. Instead, the park administrator wanted LCSWA to make one billing for all the cabins, similar to the commercial account the park now has with Southwest Disposal Corp. That account rate is based on the volume of trash.

The contracts with Southwest contain an automatic renewal, unless notified 60 days in advance of the expiration date. LCSWA cannot force anyone to cancel a contract with a private vendor, according to the county ordinance which sets the mandatory fee schedule. However, LCSWA will collect the \$5.25 a month on residences on top of any commercial rate.

The same ordinance that makes the \$5.25 a month fee mandatory for all county residences also provides a lien power to make sure LCSWA can collect past due bills from county customers. Members raised questions how to process liens on properties such as Bonita Park, which owns the land, but not the cabins. Beauvais said Bonita Park is a good example of potential problems with the lien process.

"You better be sure you have the ability to put a lien on such property or it could slander the title," Beauvais said.

The discussion of the liens led to further speculation that the one bill would be better for Bonita Park, since it could take its own steps to enforce the payment of monthly trash bills from the cabin owners.

The county ordinance, however, does not define what is considered over due billings, and does not provide a late fee charge. Schwettmann and Spencer, both county commissioners, agreed the county ordinance needs to be amended to provide a late fee.

After more discussion, members voted to authorize Green to negotiate with Bonita Park about the \$5.25 a month fee to all cabin owners and a commercial rate for the park. A report will be made at the next meeting.

Occupied condominiums in the county will also be charged the \$5.25 a month rate, as recommended by the variance committee.

"Condos are clearer than the church, they have outright ownership," Beauvais said.

Alto Alps Condos are under private contract with Southwest. When their contract expires May 1, LCSWA will begin charging the sold, or occupied, condos \$5.25 a month for trash pick up, even if the condo management does not cancel its contract with Southwest.

Members agreed that Green should negotiate with Alto Alps also.

A similar condo situation is happening with Carrizo Canyon Condos. Also, as with Alto Alps, members agreed to have Green meet with Carrizo and tell them they can carry their commercial account until it expires July 1, thereafter each occupied condo will be charged \$5.25 a month.

Some of the complaints about the monthly charge have been that part time residents should not have to pay the monthly fee, since they are not in that location all the time. Spencer said some people living in Carrizozo also own cabins in the mountains, which are not rented and are only occupied for short times during the years. Such owners are being billed twice for the garbage.

Another situation mentioned was when a single property had two dwellings on it and the owner was billed twice.

Members agreed the owners should be billed for each dwelling, because of the monthly fees are just part of the overall cost of providing trash service.

In addition to the condo issue, the variance committee dealt with another issue—charging for buildings that are listed as residences on county tax roles, but which the owners claim are no longer lived in. Green said he received some

60-70 letters requesting variances to the \$5.25 monthly fee after the first billings were mailed to residents or owners of property in the county. Many of those writing have old houses which are no longer lived in, but are still listed by the county assessor as dwellings. Green said when he and his staff compiled the county billings, they used information from the county assessor concerning mobile homes and permanent buildings.

The variance committee recommended that the uninhabited dwellings also be charged the \$5.25.

"We have only one variance in the ordinance, 300 acres," said Schwettmann. He worried if LCSWA gave variance to owners of uninhabited dwellings, more owners would be requesting similar variances.

Spencer took exception, since the authority's purpose is to collect waste. "If a nonliving dwelling is not generating trash, we should charge where the trash is generated," Spencer said.

Members discussed ways of determining whether the buildings were not dwellings as the owners claimed by contracting to have the assessor's office check, or have the electric company check, or have the trash truck drivers check.

Beauvais reminded members that any variance other than the 300 acres would require an amendment to the ordinance. He recommended using the assessor's staff to determine if the building was a dwelling.

Green recommended owners go to the assessor's office to reclassify any building so it will not be taxed as a dwelling.

The 1993 tax assessment statements were recently mailed to property owners. Owners have 30 days to challenge the statements, or to reclassify any buildings on their properties. LCSWA members had a consensus that property owners who could prove they reclassified an old house to an outbuilding might not be charged the \$5.25 a month. Green was to contact the assessor about the situation and report back next month.

Collections of those county bills was up in February. As of March 12, LCSWA had collected some \$48,000 for a four-month billing period. Green had estimated a collection of some \$68,000 for the period, but explained a part of the uncollected bills was Bonita Park, Alto Alps and Carrizo Condos.

"I feel when we get smoothed out we'll not be far from the revenue projections," Green said.

Members agreed the first billings would be short. The bill collections, however, do cover the cost of operating the county trash pick up.

Green will bring budget

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adjustment resolutions to the next meeting to provide funds for some line items that are overspent.

A major expense for the county trash pick up will be the lease-purchase on a trash truck. Members approved a solitary bid for a used truck at \$73,000 with a 8.66 percent rate over five years. The truck was available immediately.

LCSWA officers will meet to discuss and decide on agenda items prior to a joint meeting of the Lincoln/Otero Counties Solid Waste Authorities at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 23, in Tularosa.

LCSWA members also Monday met in closed session to discuss long range business plans and collective bargaining negotiations.

The next LCSWA meeting will be Monday, April 19.

### Funding critical for White Sands Project

WASHINGTON—Members of the New Mexico delegation have requested the Clinton Administration's plans for a space technology program that is important to the state's space-related economic diversification plans, the nation's space program, and the U.S.'s place in the global economy.

In letters to Leon Panetta, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and Les Aspin, Secretary of the Department of Defense, Senators Pete Domenici, and Jeff Bingaman, and Congressman Joe Skeen, Bill Richardson, and Steve Schiff, stressed the importance of the single-stage-rocket technology (SSRT) program to New Mexico and the nation.

The delegation said development of a spaceport at White Sands has been identified as a critical step because of New Mexico's interest in and suitability for serving as a key part of the U.S. space infrastructure.

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# CAPITAN NOTES

By Pauline McGarry Whittaker

Betty McCreight, Extension Home Economist, presented some very environmental information pertaining to the chemical products found in the home which could be hazardous. Some alternatives relatively free of toxic effects were given, and the do's and don'ts for using chemical household products safely.

Daylene Husy demonstrated the making of a swag placing each flower and ribbon meticulously in place. As she finished the very attractive swag she said "this will be placed in Sandra Collin's bedroom." Sandra, a former resident of Capitan now in Carlsbad, was a visitor in Daylene's house as well as a visitor to the Extension Club which met at the Senior Citizen's Center Wednesday.

Sierra Mall in Ruidoso will be the site of the Cultural Arts Display on Friday, March 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be served at 12:30. Call Jo Blazer for reservation no later than March 15; the fee is \$10. The Lincoln County Home Maker's Council, consisting of all the Extension Clubs in Lincoln County, is hosting the Cultural Arts Display.

On the weekend of April 2-3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Extension Club will hold a garage sale at the Old Village Hall located at the intersection of Highway 380 and 48. Members of the Extension Club are to bring their sale items to the hall Thursday, April 1.

Also of interest at the Senior Citizen Center will be Bingo games and a potluck dinner celebrating St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

Capitan High School seems to have been the perfect background for the daughters and son of Erma and Maggie Trujillo. But where are they now? Next week you will know.

A blessed event for the Kenny Cox family, Keith and Kelly, witnessed the delivery of a colt. A star in the middle of her forehead may determine her name. Fanci, the mother, delivered her colt.

Students home for spring break are Lori Longbotham and Joe Hooten; Tammy Longbotham and Randy Barone and Chris Shanks.

Stormy Trost visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Trost.

## Silvery Minnow To Be Added To Endangered List

The US Fish and Wildlife Service is preparing to add the Rio Grande silvery minnow to the Federal list of endangered species due to habitat loss and hybridization with a closely-related minnow species from another river system.

Comments concerning this proposal should be sent to Field Supervisor, US Fish and Wildlife Service, New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office, 3530 Pan American Highway NE, Albuquerque, N.M. 87107. All comments received by April 30 will be considered.

# Capitan Students Ask . . .

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United New Mexico Bank of Albuquerque. Two banks, First National of Albuquerque and First National of Santa Fe will handle the sale of the bonds.

Clemmons told the board that once the bid is accepted there will be 30 days before the sale. He recommended the school prepare requests for proposals for the construction of the middle school, but to wait until the actual sale to advertise for construction bids.

In personnel action, the board hired Frank Sidwell as full time custodian for the high school and Brian Bett as half time custodian for the gyms and other centralized buildings. L.C. Cozzens was employed on an hourly wage to help prepare the budget.

Howard Shanks, representing Friends of Smokey, requested and was given permission to use school facilities for the summer's activities involving Smokey Bear. The board agreed to help however it can and agreed that this year would be a testing ground for the bigger events planned in 1994, Smokey's 50th anniversary.

Track coaches Ed Davis and Pam Allen asked the board for additional help with the track season, since there are 80 students in the program and only two coaches. The board approved assistant increments for Pat Ventura and Sherry Gowen, with possible consideration to make the increments permanent.

A committee to consider

superintendent applications and to make recommendations to the board was established. Trost will chair the committee made up of one high school teacher, one elementary teacher, the two principals and Sandy Gladden, director of Region 9 cooperative center. As of March 11, there were 10 applications for the position. The committee will screen the applications to the top three or four.

At graduation this year, students will wear just gowns, forgoing the caps. The gowns only was tried last year and met approval from everyone.

The board gave kudos to FFA advisor Randy Fritchard for his many hours of preparation for the 2nd Annual Capitan FFA Invitational Judging Contest held March 6. Some 600-700 FFA and 4-H members, representing 30 schools and five 4-H groups from around the state, participated in 10 contests.

Board member Jack King commended the FFA chapter for the event which brought many compliments from visiting Ag teachers and kudos from

the community businesses which greatly benefited. It was estimated that Smokey Bear Restaurant, Zia Grill, Brewer Shell and Capitan Country Store did three times or more amount of business on the day of the event. The FFA Booster Club raised \$1,400 from concession sales. The sophomore class sponsored the dance held at the fairgrounds the same day.

The board voted to send a letter of commendation to Fritchard and his FFA chapter for the successful event.

Board members approved and signed a resolution encouraging Gov. Bruce King to support the statewide gross receipt tax increase referendum intended to improve public education. Copies of the resolution were to be sent to Gov. King, House Speaker Ray Sanchez, Senate Pro Tem Manny Aragon, representatives John Underwood and Dick Knowles and senator Pete Campos.

The board set a special meeting for 7 p.m. Thursday, March 25 to consider a collective bargaining policy.

The next regular meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. April 8.

# Around New Mexico

## Cattlegrowers' Shortcourse

A wealth of usable information is available at the Cattlegrowers' Shortcourse March 25-26 in Socorro. Topics include matching cattle type to environment, evaluating range supplements and making artificial insemination practical. Updates on fee hunting and feeding for trophy antlers, a comparison of buying and raising replacement heifers and information about a business analysis program developed by the National Cattleman's Association is also on the agenda. The New Mexico Cattlegrowers' Association spring quarterly meeting will immediately follow the shortcourse.

## Poison Prevention Week

The week of March 21-27 is National Poison Prevention Week to inform the public that many household products are poisonous to both adults and children.

## Grant for Girl Scout Council

Zia Girl Scout Council will receive a \$1,000 grant from the 1993 Women's Sports Foundation. The money will be used toward the Girl Scout summer programs in southeast New Mexico, particularly Camp Mary White to promote sports and fitness. Registration for day camp and resident camp is now underway and girls do not have to be a Girl Scout member to participate. Call 1-800-734-9846 for more information.

## Children/Hospitals Week

March 21-27 is Children and Hospitals Week. Children, their families and caregivers at Children's Hospital of New

Mexico will celebrate with various activities.

## Cowboy Poets Festival

The New Mexico Festival of Cowboy Poets will present their 3rd annual Cowboy Poetry Show on March 27 in the Western New Mexico University Fine Arts Auditorium in Silver City. For more information call 538-3567.

## Cancer Camp

Camp Enchantment, a project of the American Cancer Society and New Mexico's only camp for children with cancer, is recruiting volunteer counselors for the camp to be held July 25-31. The American Cancer Society will provide room and board. Camp Enchantment is held in Alamogordo and Ruidoso. For more information call 260-2105.

## Astronaut Photography

An exhibit of 82 photographs taken by American astronauts will be held at the Roswell Museum and Art Center March 20 through April 25. "The View From Space: American Astronaut Photography, 1962-1972" includes images that illustrate multiple points of view by 16 astronauts.

## Traffic Safety Issues Forum

The Forum on Traffic Safety Issues sponsored by the New Mexico Traffic Safety Bureau will be held March 26 in Albuquerque at the UNM Continuing Education Center on University Blvd. just north of Indian School Road. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by the program from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no charge.

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**LEGALS**

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO No. CV-92-203**

**FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION**, in its corporate capacity,  
Plaintiff,

vs. **A.T. ARNOLD; DONNIE BROWN; A.J. DUDEN; HOEFFER; RONALD J. LADD; GENE DUVALL; CARL KELLY, JR.; JANET W. PEARSON; EDWARD PEARSON; and JACKIE POWELL**,  
Defendants.

**FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS SALE**

On January 14, 1993, the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, entered a Stipulated and Default Judgment/Decree of Foreclosure in the above styled and numbered cause against the above named Defendants in the following listed amounts, to wit:

\$119,090.75 — principal  
75,768.97 — interest through October 15, 1992 (14.00% per annum)  
1,500.00 — attorneys fees

440.00 — Court costs  
Said judgment foreclosed the Mortgage of Plaintiff, **FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION**, upon the following described property:

Unit 7 of Pinon Park Condominiums, Phase 2, 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, New Mexico, July 10, 1981, in Cabinet D, Slide No. 26; together with said Units undivided 2.0843% interest in and to the common area and facilities of Pinon Park Condominiums as set forth in that certain Declaration of Pinon Park Condominiums, Phases 2 and 3, as filed for record on the 6th day of August, 1981, in the office of the County Clerk

and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, in Book 72 of Miscellaneous Records, pages 934 to 952, both inclusive.

Said Judgment further directed that the Special Master, **BRENDA SAWYER**, be ordered to sell the above described property at public auction to satisfy the Mortgage lien of Plaintiff. The total amount due and owing to Plaintiff, including principal, accrued interest, interest to date of sale, attorneys fees and Court costs is \$205,291.88 and the costs of the Special Master Sale shall be added to those amounts due and owing to Plaintiff.

Notice is hereby given that the above described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, on the east steps of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. on the 20th day of April, 1993, and such sale shall be subject to the approval of the District Court of Lincoln County, subject to the period of redemption allowed by the Court as provided for in the Judgment for said Defendants.

DATED this 4th day of March, 1993.

**BRENDA SAWYER**,  
Special Master.  
Published in the Lincoln County News on March 11, 18 and 25; and April 1, 1993.

**PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO Probate No. 1622**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD DESJARDINS**,  
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the

first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at 701 Jenny Dr., Newbury Park, CA, or filed with the Probate Court, County of Lincoln.  
DATED: March 4, 1993.

**JODY DESJARDINS**  
Personal Representative of the Estate of Harold Desjardins, Deceased.  
Published in the Lincoln County News on March 11 and 18, 1993.

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN IN THE PROBATE COURT PROBATE NO. 1623**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELAINE ELIZABETH CAMPBELL**,  
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the

first publication of this Notice or their claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at P.O. Box 42, Nogal, N.M. 88341, or filed with the Probate Court of Lincoln County at the Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico.  
DATED: March 11, 1993.

**ALEXANDER J. CAMPBELL**,  
Personal Representative, P.O. Box 42, Nogal, N.M. 88341.  
Published in the Lincoln County News on March 18 and 25, 1993.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Lincoln County EP-1-1 Board will meet on March 29, 1993, at 9:00 A.M. in the County Commissioners' Meeting Room in Carrizozo, N.M. The meeting is open to the public.  
AGENDA  
I. Call to Order.  
II. Roll Call & Introduction of Guests.  
III. Approval of Minutes — December 10, 1993.  
IV. Old Business.  
A. Selection of EP-1-1 PSAP Equipment.  
V. New Business.  
VI. Adjournment.

Published in the Lincoln County News on March 18, 1993.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Please take notice that the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, at their meeting on March 15, 1993 have introduced for publication, an ordinance adopting a one-sixteenth of one percent (1/16%) County Health Care Gross Receipts Tax Ordinance. The Ordinance imposes an additional one-sixteenth of one percent (1/16%) excise tax of the gross receipts of any person engaging in business in the county for the privilege of engaging in business in the county. The Ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 1993. The Ordinance is being considered for the purpose of producing the funds necessary for Lincoln County to comply with the provisions of the Statewide Health Care Act passed by the New Mexico Legislature in 1991 and amended in 1992.

The Board of County Commissioners will consider the Ordinance for final passage at a public hearing to be held at 9:15 a.m. in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commissioners Meeting Room, in Carrizozo, New Mexico, on Thursday, April 1, 1993. The public is invited to attend and comment. Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available from the County Manager's Office.

**MONROY MONTES, CHAIRMAN, Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.**

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**CORRECTED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold a Public Hearing beginning at 11:00 A.M. Thursday, April 1, 1993, in the Commission Meeting Room at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the following proposed ordinance:

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING THE LINCOLN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ORDINANCE; MODIFYING THE COMPOSITION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION; REORGANIZING THE BOARD; ESTABLISHING TERMS**

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed ordinance may be obtained from the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

**MONROY A. MONTES, CHAIRMAN, Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has canceled its regular meeting of April 6, 1993 and rescheduled it for Thursday, April 1, 1993, at 9:00 A.M. in the Commission Meeting Room at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. The meeting is open to the public.

**MONROY MONTES, CHAIRMAN, Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.**

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

**PROJECT NO. CDBG 91-CRS-102-G47 FmHA SECTION 533 HOUSING PRESERVATION FUNDS**

**PROJECT:** Housing Rehabilitation for Lincoln County, New Mexico.  
Separate sealed bids for the Rehabilitation of Owner Occupied Single Family Dwellings - Group III will be received by the County of Lincoln at the Senior Citizen's Center in San Patricio, New Mexico 88348 until 10:00 a.m. on April 12, 1993.

Copies of the work write-ups and bid forms, the Handbook of Operations and Minimum Program Standards will be sent to prospective bidders on request. There will be a mandatory walk thru of the residences held on March 23 and 24.

The Project is financed with a Federal Development Block Grant of \$250,000.00, and FmHA Section 533 Housing Preservation Funds.

All work must be performed by contractors properly licensed by the state of New Mexico. Work will be performed in conformance with applicable building, electrical and plumbing & mechanical codes and the minimum program standards established by the County of Lincoln. Bids will be received, and contracts awarded. All rehabilitation will be administered in conformance with the Handbook of Operations approved by the County of Lincoln and the Department of Finance and Administration, and Farmers Home Administration.

The County of Lincoln, Tierra Del Sol Housing and Farmers Home Administration, reserves the right to waive any informalities, to reject any or all bids, and to accept the proposal it deems to be in the best interest of the County of Lincoln, Farmers Home Administration and the homeowners.  
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after the date of closing time for receipt of bids.  
For more detailed information, contact Tierra Del Sol Housing Corp. 737 S. Campo St., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, phone AC 505 528-4598 Attn: Paul Kuester.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the Capitan Municipal School District No. 28, County of Lincoln, New Mexico, on the 11th day of

March, 1993 adopted a resolution authorizing and directing the issuance of \$1,300,000 general obligation school building bonds of said District.

The Resolution awards the sale of the bonds to the best bidder therefore provides for the form of the bonds; fixes the maturities of, and interest rates on the bonds; provides for the levy of taxes to pay the principal of, and interest on, the bonds; makes certain covenants to the bond purchasers; and provides other details concerning the bonds. Complete copies of the Resolution are available for public

inspection during normal and regular business hours at the Capitan Municipal School District No. 28 Administration Building, Capitan, New Mexico. This notice constitutes compliance with Section 8-14-6 NMSA 1978.

DATED this 11th day of March, 1993.

**BEVERLY PAYNE**,  
Secretary,  
Board of Education.

Published in the Lincoln County News on March 18, 1993.

**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.
- FRIDAY, MARCH 19**
  - United Blood Services will conduct a blood drive from 1-6 p.m. at Otero Electric Coop office in Carrizozo.
- SATURDAY, MARCH 20**
  - Capitan FHA chapter will sponsor a dance from 8-12 p.m. at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan.
- SUNDAY, MARCH 21**
  - Community sing along and pot luck, at 1 p.m. at Christ Community Church in Capitan. The non-denominational, no church function will feature folk country, western and requested songs. Anyone who plays music is invited to bring their instrument. Everyone else can sing along, hum or just enjoy. Grover Dobbins is coordinating the event.
  - The annual Mass honoring St. Patrick will be offered by Fr. Tom Herbst of St. Joseph's Mission at 2 p.m. at St. Patrick-Bridgid Chapel located on the Mesalero Reservation, 11 miles east of the old Three Rivers Post. A covered dish meal will be served, guests are requested to bring personal eating utensils.
- MONDAY-FRIDAY, MARCH 22-2**
  - Carrizozo Schools Spring Break. No classes all week.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 23**
  - Carrizozo Board of Trustees meet at 6 p.m. in Town Hall for a regular session.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24**
  - The Lincoln County AARP chapter invites everyone to join in "A Health Affair" at 10 a.m. in Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. Christopher Robinson, MD AACP, will be the speaker. There will be a covered dish luncheon at noon, followed by a business meeting.
- THURSDAY, MARCH 25**
  - Economic Development Corporation of Lincoln County meets at 7 p.m. in the corporation's office in Suite 3C of the Stroud Building on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso. For more information call 258-5367.

- TUESDAY, MARCH 30**
  - Lincoln County Extension Service sponsors a Serger Workshop at 8:30 a.m. at the Otero Electric Coop building in Carrizozo.
- MONDAY, APRIL 5**
  - The First Monday meeting of the Lincoln County Republican Party will be a "Pot Luck" at 6 p.m. at Hondo School Cafeteria. Monroy Montes, chairman of the Lincoln County Commission, will be the main speaker. Attendees should bring a salad or dessert. Lincoln County Republican Party officers will provide the main dishes, coffee and tea. For reservations, please call Coleta Elliott at 258-4455 or Bob Nys at 258-4372 by noon Friday, April 2, so the officers can coordinate the main dishes.
- RUIDOSO HIGH SCHOOL REUNION Steering Committee** is planning a reunion for those who have attended Ruidoso High School during the years 1947 through 1960 for the weekend of July 9. Persons interested in participating should call Jeanette Thompson Hatch, 258-5717; Joann Martin Hall, 258-4263; Helen Barajas Kilgore Woodfin, 258-5669, or Jim and Genevieve Veater, 336-4296.
- JULY 30-31**
  - Capitan High School Alumni Reunion in Capitan. For more information about the reunion contact Barbara Beckley at Box 37, Lincoln, N.M. 88338.

**OBITUARY**

**EMERSON ONEY**  
Jehovah's Witness.  
He married Marjorie Morrison on Aug. 12, 1954 at Crawfordsville, Indiana.  
Survivors include his wife, Marjorie of Alto; two sons, Glen William Oney of Indianapolis, Indiana and Kevin Oney of Alto; two daughters, Jane Hurley of Greencastle, Indiana and Keira Traylor of Gardendale, Texas; two sisters, Ruth Gordon of Bettendorf, Iowa and Helen Cross of Theodore, Louisiana and seven grandchildren.  
Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.  
Visitation for Emerson Oney, 82, of Alto was March 15 at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso. Funeral services were March 16 at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness in Ruidoso. Officiating was the Minister Don Russell of Belen. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso.  
Mr. Oney died March 14 at his home. He was born Nov. 16, 1910 at Rose Fork, Kentucky. He moved to Alto in 1983 from Belen, where he had lived since April, 1972 moving there from Indiana. In Indiana he was a farmer. He was a member of

**Church Directory**  
for churches in Carrizozo

- Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)**  
JOHNIE 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
- Santa Rita Catholic Community**  
FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor  
213 Birch, 648-2853  
SATURDAY:  
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm  
C'zozo Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm  
SUNDAY:  
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am  
C'zozo Santa Rita..... 11:00 am  
Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm
- Evangelistic Assembly**  
VIRGIL ASHCRAFT, pastor  
711 E. Ave., 648-2952  
Sunday..... 2:30 pm  
Wednesday..... 7:00 pm  
Saturday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
- Church of Christ**  
PAUL WETZEL, minister  
Ave. C at 12th, 648-2996  
Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
- 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
- St. Matthias Episcopal Church**  
REV. ROBERT BATTON  
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1-258-4144  
Holy Eucharist..... 8:30 am Sunday
- Trinity United Methodist Churches**  
THOMAS C. BROOM, pastor  
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Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
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Sunday Worship..... 9:30 am  
Adult Sunday School..... 8:30 am  
2nd Sunday School..... 11:00 am
- Nogal Presbyterian Church**  
DOUG & LOU GORDON, co-pastors  
648-2944  
Adult Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship..... 11:00 am
- First Baptist Church**  
HAYDEN SMITH, pastor  
314 10th Ave; 648-2968 (church)  
or 648-2107  
Sunday School..... 9:45 am  
Worship Service..... 10:55 am  
Sun. Evening..... Training at 6:15 pm  
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

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**NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT**  
 The Town of Carrizozo is now accepting applications for the position of part-time police officer. Qualified applicants should be either N.M. certified or eligible for certification by waiver. Applications may be obtained at Carrizozo City Hall. Deadline for applications is March 19, 1993. The Town of Carrizozo is an E.O.E. in compliance with ADA Title II-A. 3tc-March 4, 11, & 18.

**UNITED NEW MEXICO** Bank at Vaughn, Carrizozo Branch is now taking applications for a full time teller position. Applications may be picked up at the bank. United New Mexico Bank is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 1tc-March 18.

**YARD SALE:** Thurs., 18-Fri., 19 at Clovis Perrys, 215 E. 17th St., Carrizozo. Dining room table with 4 matching chairs, TV, chest of drawers. Lots of other goodies. 1tp-March 18.

**LUMBER AUCTION,** April 3, 1993, 10 a.m. sharp. Location 8600 Broadway SE, Albuquerque. Large selection of new pitch roof trusses, cedar fencing, building lumber plus other building materials. For brochure & info: call GUSTIN AUCTIONS, 1-869-8713. 3tp-March 11, 18 & 25.

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**INDIVIDUAL SEEKS** several rural acres with water—not for speculation—owners only. Reply Box 603, La Luz, N.M. 88337. 2tp-March 11 & 18.

**FOR SALE:** Full-size 'Head-rack' for Ford pickup. Like new. If interested call 648-2973 after 12:00 noon. Or call 648-2933 for more information. nctfn

**LOST DOG:** Male Siberian Husky, (in Carrizozo area) grayish color w/light blue eyes. Answers to name of Trigger. Call 648-2560 or 648-2333 if found. nctfn

**FOR SALE BY OWNER,** 2-story house in Carrizozo, 2800 sq. ft. with 2-car garage. \$15,000. 354-4500. tfn

## Sheriff's Report

Lincoln County Sheriff McSwane hired two new deputies this week. Larry Cearley will be on duty in Carrizozo and the northern area of the county. Bobby Angermiller will be a deputy in the south district of the county. Cearley comes from a law enforcement background in Reserve, Catron County and Angermiller was a former officer for Ruidoso Downs Police Dept.

Deputies also responded to a two-vehicle accident early Monday in the Glencoe area of Highway 70, where two young Texas women were killed.

According to published reports, driver Ashley Turner, 19, Kingwood and Lauren Brandt, 19, Spring, were killed when their 1991 Mitsubishi was broadsided by the 1984 Chevrolet pickup driven by Kevin Gomez, 20, of Glencoe. New Mexico State Police (NMSP) reported that Turner was westbound on Highway 70 when she apparently fell asleep at the wheel and left the highway. When she woke up she overcorrected and crossed into the lane of Gomez's oncoming vehicle.

Michelle Sivianni, 20, Kingwood, Texas, a passenger in the Turner vehicle, was taken to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

Kevin Gomez, and his passenger, William Gomez, 58, also of Glencoe were not injured.

Gomez was pulling a horse trailer with his quarterhorse inside. On impact the trailer flipped up onto the truck. Veterinarian Warren Franklin was called to assist with removing the animal from the trailer. The horse was tranquilized and

pulled out of the trailer. Although she had bruises and cuts she reportedly got right up.

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

**MARCH 9**  
 9:57 a.m.—a grass fire was reported on the southside of Highway 380 at milemarker 45-46, west of Carrizozo. Carrizozo Fire Dept. and New Mexico State Forestry (NMSF) were notified. NMSF called back and advised it was a Bureau of Land Management controlled burn. Carrizozo fire department canceled the run.

1:31 p.m.—a structure fire was reported five miles up Alamo Canyon. The responding deputy advised it was an old mobile home. Hondo Fire Dept. also responded.

3:20 p.m.—a complainant reported a male subject cutting the legs off a dead deer. The subject was driving an older model pickup pulling a trailer. A Game and Fish officer was assigned.

**MARCH 10**  
 A burglary of a vehicle was reported at Ski Apache.

2:48 p.m.—a Carrizozo man requested an officer. The responding Carrizozo police officer followed the subject to his residence.

5:45 p.m.—a grass fire was first reported one-fourth mile up Highway 37, near the intersection of Highways 37 and 48 by an A-frame. Bonito Fire Dept. checked the whole area of 37 and 48 with no fire. Forest Service checked from Nogal to Highway 48, no fire. A deputy checked Highway 37 to Nogal. By 6:08 p.m. the deputy

spotted a controlled burn off Highway 380, near an A-frame, near the Highway 37 cut off, east of Carrizozo. The fire was but of control. NMSE and Forest Service responded with units.

7 p.m.—a Fort Stanton resident reported an accident without injuries. A rock fell off a dump truck hauling out of Ft. Stanton. The complainant's mother ran over the rock and her vehicle was disabled. NMSP were assigned.

**MARCH 11**  
 1:45 a.m.—a person requested a patrol deputy come by to check out loud noises that sounded like someone hitting metal, maybe a garage door. The responding deputy checked the area and talked to the complainant but made no contact.

9:44 a.m.—the Bonito Lake supervisor reported a breaking and entering of the Bonito Lake valve house. Someone broke into the house, then moved the valves to a lower pressure. The lock at the gate entrance was also broken. A deputy was assigned.

10:40 a.m.—Capitan ambulance was dispatched to a Capitan 3rd Street residence for a woman who cut her finger on a lawn mower. The woman was transported to LCMC.

7:31 p.m.—a burglary was reported in the Glencoe area.

**MARCH 12**  
 2:39 p.m.—Ruidoso Advance Life Support (RALS) ambulance was dispatched to Ski Apache to transport a 16 year old girl who had lost consciousness from a blow to the back of the head and back to LCMC.

**MARCH 13**  
 9:02 a.m.—a two car accident with injuries was reported by the old San Patricio church on Highway 70. RALS, Med 1 and Med 2 responded. Medical investigator Danny Sisson also responded for two fatalities. Three deputies assisted state police. A veterinarian also was paged to rescue a horse.

10:41 a.m.—a welfare check of the caller's father was requested. The responding deputy advised he made no contact with the father.

2:22 p.m.—an accident with injuries was reported on the Ski Run road. Alto ambulance was paged.

3:15 p.m.—an accident with injuries was reported north of Corona, at milemarker 174. A car was off the road. Corona ambulance transported the injured to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo. NMSP were notified.

3:32 p.m.—RALS transported a patient with possible internal injuries from Ski Apache to LCMC.

8:36 p.m.—an accident was reported on Carrizo Canyon road, near Rainbow Lakes. The incident was referred to Ruidoso Police.

**MARCH 14**  
 8:39 a.m.—Capitan ambulance transported a possible heart attack victim from Smokey Bear Motel to LCMC.

9:11 a.m.—fishing violations were reported at Bonito Lake. A deputy had detained six subjects, awaiting the Game and Fish officer.

2:59 p.m.—Ski Apache requested an ambulance for a 13 year old female with lower back and hip injuries.

4:31 p.m.—Ski Apache requested RALS. Med 1 responded.

4:50 p.m.—a fire was reported in the back wall of a house on 11th St. in Carrizozo. Carrizozo Fire Department responded, as well as Carrizozo police and two deputies.

**MARCH 15**  
 A wrecker was dispatched to milemarker 122 on Highway 54, south of Carrizozo, to remove an apparently abandoned vehicle on the highway right of way.

11:35 a.m.—Ski Apache requested Alto ambulance. No one was covering, so RALS was dispatched.

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Shelly P. of Kansas City, MO writes: I'm single, live alone and maintain my own home. Someone told me I can file with the IRS as head of household. Is that true?  
*Sorry, no. To file as head of household you must have provided a home for a child or other qualifying person.*

Jeff F. of Los Angeles inquires: During 1992 I worked full time and received wages of \$37,000. I also moonlighted on weekends doing repair work and made \$4,700. Do I have to report the \$4,700?  
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From Debbie T. of Minneapolis, MN: We refinanced our home in 1992 and paid points. Is it true that we can deduct the entire amount as interest for this year?  
*Unfortunately, no. Points paid on a refinancing loan cannot be deducted in the year paid. They must be amortized and deducted over the life of the loan.*

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## CARRIZOZO SCHOOLS CLIPBOARD

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 student, staff, and board members will be highlighted.

**FIRST PERFORMANCE**—Solos, duets, along with several short selections will be featured by the 5th and 6th grade beginning band today, March 18. The event under the direction of Richard Brown will be in the new gym at 7 p.m. The demonstration concert (beginning instrumental music) will involve 20 students. "When the Saints Go Marching in" is among the pieces to be performed this evening. The students have been practicing every day before school begins.

**REGIONAL MEETING**—The New Mexico Pupil Transportation Safety Supervisor's Council (NMPT/SSC) has met three times since its development at the 1992 Summer Institute, with 40 hours of intensive instruction. The State Council includes five regional councils based on geographical locations. Superintendent Jimmie Banks and Principal Joe Price attended the first Southeast Regional Council meeting in Alamogordo March 11.

The New Mexico Pupil Transportation Division under the direction of former Carrizozo resident, Steven Spencer, Transportation Specialist, organized the NMPT/SSC. Spencer co-chaired the first regional meeting at Alamogordo. In the presentation, Banks and Price heard objectives and goals for this region. Current trends and possible changes were discussed.

It is the responsibility of the

NMPT/SSC to advise, review, make recommendations on safety issues as they relate to all aspects of pupil transportation. Areas of concern that the NMPT/SSC may be reviewing, but not limited to, include safety concerns, certification, qualification and licensing standards. The Southeast Regional Council includes Carrizozo, Corona, Hondo, Capitan, Ruidoso, Tularosa, Alamogordo and Cloudcroft.

**WINS SCHOLARSHIPS**—Fabienne Michel, a senior at Carrizozo High participated in this year's science fair. She placed first in her division with her project on gibberellic acid, a plant growth hormone. Michel had a total of eight pea plants in four pots. Her experiment involved watering the plants with different amounts of the acid. The same project earned her another first place award at the regional fair in Portales. In addition, she won a \$1,250 scholarship to New Mexico Tech at Socorro and a \$500 scholarship to ENMU at Portales.

While in Portales, Michel competed in the ENMU Talent Scholarship Day for high school seniors. She placed first with her French essay in the Modern Language division. She received a \$400 scholarship to ENMU. The topic of her essay was "How Do I Protect the Environment?" Her essay, in French, gave the answer. Michel, 18, is a foreign student at CHS. In her native country, Switzerland, she is fluent in the German and French languages.

**EXPLORING CAREERS**—Fifth and sixth graders learned last Friday that there are many kinds of engineers including civil, genetic, nuclear, chemical, aeronautical, safety and computer. Stirling Spencer, a chemical engineer, spoke to the students about the varied areas of engineering.

Spencer said that almost everything in the world has been touched by an engineer and that the next century will require many engineers in all areas of science. Spencer, a local

rancher and Lincoln County Commissioner, encouraged the students to do well in science and math classes but also to gain exceptional skills in reading, speaking and writing. All these are necessary to succeed in all careers. Above all, he admonished them choose a job that makes them happy.

**MATH-A-THON**—Several students in kindergarten through fourth grade participated in a math-a-thon sponsored by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The project helped students improve math skills in a fun way and helped to raise money for research and treatments. Cheryl Fifer, kindergarten teacher was chairman for the project. The stu-

dents will receive certificates, T-shirts, and sports bags according to pledges collected. The following students and amount of pledges are:

Kindergarten, Stephanie Brewer \$80.66; Opal Greer \$42; Brandon Morales \$30; Sonya Vega \$81; David Sidwell \$36.04. First grade, Monique Jiron \$76; Monique Morales \$200. Second grade, Jessica Mora \$100; Raymond Dobbs \$30; Maggie Ventura \$113.30. Third grade, John Serna \$143; Patric Hightower \$88.83; Ward Leslie \$35.25; Brandon Langley \$110.30. Fourth grade, Stella Brewer \$99.20; Lee Dobbs \$34.72; Kayla Hammond \$114.

Polly Chavez is the Carrizozo Schools news coordinator.

## Hagerman, 3-Point 'Sapo' Ends Grizzly Basketball Season

The Carrizozo Grizzlies season came to a shocking end when they lost to Hagerman, 45-44 in the first round of Regionals. Hagerman made two free throws with four seconds left in the game to upset Carrizozo after the Grizzlies had fought back from a 10-point deficit in the second half to take a four point lead.

"I guess it was not meant to be. I mean we fought back to get the lead and they throw up a brick and it banks in for a three pointer," said Coach Kenneth Butts. With the Grizzlies up four and less than two minutes to go, a Hagerman player shot a contested three pointer that went in off the glass. "That shot was the turning point in the game. If he had missed that shot and we had gotten the rebound, in my opinion, the game would have been over," Butts commented.

"I'm just sorry that a great season (19-3) had to end this way. We had worked so hard to get where we were and to be taken away like this, it is just hard to swallow this defeat," said Butts.

"I am more proud of this years team than any other team

I have coached. They got more out of their ability than anyone thought they could. At the beginning of the year I had several people tell me that we would be lucky to win half of our games," commented Butts.

"The team had set their goal this year just to get back to the State Tournament and we fell just one game short. I feel honored to have coached a team that had to overcome so much and go undefeated in district and win the district tournament the way they did," Butts said.

Coach Butts commented on his seniors, "The team and I are really going to miss the seniors next year. Bryan Turnbow had a phenomenal year, leading the state in rebounds and getting doubled and tripled team every game and he still averaged 19 points. If Bryan does not make All-State, I will be shocked."

"Mike Barela had to learn a new position and at the end of the year did an outstanding job running the team. Mike saved his best for last. He carried us in the second half against Hagerman."

"Cory Collins is a player

## DAV Experts To Be In Alamogordo

Veterans and their family members concerned about the effects of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefit changes will have the opportunity to speak with a national service officer of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) next week in Alamogordo.

A DAV field service unit will be in Alamogordo March 29 in a DAV van from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Chapter Home, 119 Dungan Avenue.

The DAV veterans' benefit

expert is fully qualified to help veterans and their families file new and reopened claims for the full range of veterans' benefits. Veterans need not be DAV members to take advantage of these free services.

Veterans or family members visiting the DAV van should bring the veteran's VA claim number, if known, and Social Security number. These will be needed for filing and reopening claims.

## MARINE HOME FROM JAPAN

Michael Hicks, son of Chuck and Rachel Rominger, has just returned from Okinawa, Japan, where he trained for six months at Camp Schwab with the 2nd Battalion 7th Marines. He also trained at Mt. Fuji. He is a Navy Medic stationed at a Marine base in 29 Palms with his wife Viola and son Mark Anthony.

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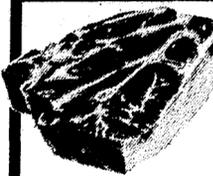
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