



COUNTY AG AND RURAL AFFAIRS MEMBER Kathleen Hellman speaks about the PLUAC before the Lincoln County Commissioners and invites citizens to get involved with the local council

County Approves PLUAC

by Doris Cherry

In 30 days Lincoln County will formally make its claim for more local control with an ordinance which is designed to force the courts to decide on the ownership of public lands.

Following a special public hearing in the courthouse in Carrizozo Tuesday, Lincoln County Commissioners approved, with a 3 to 1 vote, an ordinance which recognizes that the State of New Mexico owns all public lands within the borders of the state and that the County has a duty to

manage the lands, and establishes a Public Land Use Advisory Council (PLUAC). The PLUAC will advise and recommend to the Lincoln County Commissioners on issues concerning public lands within county boundaries. Any action on the recommendations will be taken by the county commissioners.

The hearing, which drew more than 100 citizens to the commission chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo, was the second one held on the ordinance this month. While proponents and opponents

expressed their basic values in relation to the use of the public lands during the hearing, commission chairman Monroy Montes pointed out that instead of hearing two views, "I am hearing 'local control'."

The ordinance adopted was a modified version from the original recommended by the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (ARAAC), which was discussed at the first hearing on November 10. Taking commissioners' questions and concerns about wording, the

ARAAC met and incorporated some of the concerns into a final version of the document which commissioners Montes, Stirling Spencer and Bill Schwettmann voted yes to adopt on Tuesday.

Commissioner Wilton Howell cast the lone nay vote, and said it was because he had gotten no answers about the Legal Rights Foundation, whose representative at the Nov. 10 meeting offered to provide free legal counsel if

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Elderly Man Found Dead Near Cedar Creek In Ruidoso

An 81 year old Ruidoso man was found dead along Cedar Creek Road near Ruidoso Saturday.

According to Lincoln County Sheriff James McSwane, Forest Currell of Ruidoso died of a self-inflicted gun shot wound to the head in the morning of Saturday, Nov. 26.

Ruidoso Downs Police notified the Sheriff's Office about the body, which was found alongside Cedar Creek Road across from the U.S. Forest Service walking track. An officer from the Medical Investigator also responded.

Ruidoso Advanced Life Support ambulance took Currell's body to LaGrone Funeral Home in Ruidoso. McSwane said that the body was later transported to the Medical Investigator's Office in Albuquerque. The examination confirmed initial reports that the wound was self-inflicted.

McSwane said that suicide, family arguments and domestic violence increase during the holiday season.

Help is available for anyone suffering with depression, or stress from family situations or the season by calling the Family Crises Center at 257-7365. The number will be answered by a Ruidoso Police Department dispatcher who will transfer the call to the Family Crises volunteers who man the phones 24 hours a day.

DuBois Recipient Of Farm Bureau Award

New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture, Frank DuBois, is the 1994 recipient of the "Distinguished Service to Agriculture Citation" from the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau, the state's largest, private agricultural organization.

DuBois is from a ranching family at Corona and the original townsite of Corona is located on his great-grandfather's homestead property.

The annual Farm Bureau award is presented to an individual who, "has dedicated a life and a career to improving the plight of those in agriculture," according to John Van Sweden president of the New Mexico Farm Bureau.

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Adult Literacy Program Asks County For Funds

by Doris Cherry

Gambling may create a boom growth in Lincoln County that could affect taxes and local physical and economic infrastructures.

To prepare for the changes gambling may bring to the county, Lincoln County Commissioners at their regular meeting Tuesday, December 6, will appoint a committee to research the effects of gambling on other communities, propose how Lincoln County can deal with the changes, and devise a plan to solicit the state legislature for the county's share of the gambling revenue to cover the costs of those changes.

State Representative elect Dub Williams will attend the meeting to hear the commissioners' concerns about the enabling legislation for gambling.

During the special called county commission meeting Tuesday, commissioner Wilton Howell said the county needs to plan for a boom that might come with the passage of gambling by the state's voters on November 8. Howell said a committee could go to communities impacted by gambling to see how much money is needed to handle problems brought with the boom of gambling. "It's real important to negotiate the proper amount. It's too late to negotiate after the legislature (adjourns)," Howell said.

Commissioner Stirling Spencer agreed and suggested a task force of a county commissioner, a representative from the Village of Ruidoso, and Williams. The committee would have only 30 days to research and make recommendations.

Appointments to the committee will be made at the Dec. 7 meeting.

Amendment 8, passed by more than 60 percent of the voters on November 8, will amend the state constitution to allow a lottery and certain types of gambling (video). However, since the election, the Amendment has come under legal question, which may delay or rescind the legalization of the gambling.

Also Tuesday, commissioners heard a request from Gloria Pafford who is seeking a sponsor for the Lincoln County Adult Literacy Program. The program, which provides adult education classes and tutors, was funded with federal

and state grants which have expired. With the program without funds in mid-year, Pafford asked the commissioners to consider an appropriation of \$5,800 to keep the program going from January until May of 1995, and the county to become the Adult Literacy Council.

Pafford said that studies show that 30-33 percent of Lincoln County residents are in need of literacy services. The county is part of the Southeast quadrant of the state in which 23 percent of its citizens 25 year old and older have less than a high school diploma. While the quadrant has the second highest percent of adults needing more education, the counties in the quadrant received the lowest amount of funding for adult literacy programs.

Currently there are 32 Adult Literacy trained tutors in Ruidoso, 12 in the Hondo area, and seven trained tutors at Camp Sierra Blanca minimum security prison.

Chairman Monroy Montes said the program was a "worthy endeavor." He asked Pafford to return in January when the commission does its mid-year budget review.

Tuesday's meeting agenda item to authorize encumbering funds to purchase the Glencoe Rural Events Center was tabled until the December 6 meeting.

Daytime Curfew For Juveniles In Ruidoso?

by Doris Cherry

Daytime curfew for juveniles may become reality in the Village of Ruidoso.

Tuesday, Ruidoso Village Council argued the pros and cons of a proposed ordinance which would amend the village code to allow a daytime curfew. After considerable discussion about the wording of the proposed ordinance, modeled directly from one passed in Roswell, councilors agreed to let the public make comment during a hearing on January 10, 1995.

Introduced by chief of police Lanny Maddox, the proposed ordinance would require mandatory attendance at school for any child 5 to 18 years old who is enrolled in school. Parent(s) of any child picked



MORE THAN 100 CITIZENS crowd the Lincoln County Commissioners chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo Tuesday for the second public hearing on the ordinance that acknowledges the state owns all public land within the county and the county's responsibility to manage those lands with the help of a Public Land Use Advisory Council, or PLUAC. Most of the group supported the ordinance, while some objected, fearing an imbalance of representation on the council.

Carrizozo School Plans To Begin A Bilingual Program

Carrizozo Schools will begin a bilingual program in fall 1995, if the New Mexico State Department of Education approves an application from the district.

Carrizozo Schools Superintendent Dr. Elna Stowe has initiated the steps required to set up the program in the school by sending surveys

home with students. In the survey, several students indicated Spanish is spoken at home as a second, and sometimes as a first, language.

The survey established a need for the bilingual program, said Dr. Stowe. She has contacted the State Department of Education which will send her an application in

teacher Mercie Epperson has been chosen to assume the proposed Carrizozo bilingual program. She is licensed in bilingual education in Texas and plans to apply for a New Mexico bilingual license.

According to information from the state department of education, the

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that enforcement of the nighttime curfew is 80 percent officer discretion. "We realize our bread and butter is tourism dollars," Maddox said. "The (proposed) curfew is not to harass children and become a police state. It's just to deter the criminal element."

Maddox contended that burglaries affect the local economy.

Village manager Gary Jackson suggested including excerpts from the New Mexico Compulsory Attendance Law.

Councilor Frank Potter said that when he was elected the school came to the council asking for help. Through cooperation between the schools, police department and the courts, special programs were started. Potter supported the

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Women Invited To Attend 9th Annual Christmas Breakfast

The Women's Guild of St. Eleanor Catholic Church invites all area women to attend their 9th annual Christmas Spiritual Breakfast Dec. 3 from 9 - 11 a.m. at Cree Meadows. Registration will be from 8:30 - 9:00. This ecumenical event offers area women fellowship, music, prayer, and an inspirational message with which to begin their busy holiday season.

Special music for the morning will be provided by Lanny Maddox and Eileen Gerber, choir director at St. Eleanor Church.

Guest speaker, Paula Papponi, has chosen "The Role of the Christian Woman in

Today's World" as her topic.

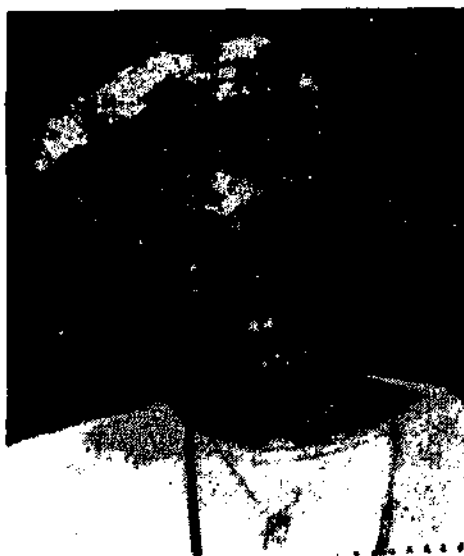
Papponi was born in Brooklyn, New York, and moved to New Mexico in 1979. Formerly assistant principal at Los Alamitos Middle School in Grants, and teacher of English, Speech, and drama at Grants High School, she is presently principal of Ruidoso Middle School.

She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Dowling College in Oakdale, New York, and received her masters degree in curriculum from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

Papponi has been the recipient of many local, state, and national awards and honors, including: Honorary State of New Mexico FFA Degree, Who's Who of American Women, Nominee for Ruidoso Woman of the Year, and membership in the honor societies Kappa Delta Pi and Pi Alpha Sigma.

Additionally, her poetry has been published in Pegasus, Encore, American Poetry Anthology, College Poetry Review, Riverrun, and In-sight/Innovations. Also an artist, she has displayed various exhibits of original oil and watercolor paintings.

Paula Papponi's husband, Gabriel, is a social studies teacher and director of special education at Carrizozo High School. They have three children: Louis and his wife, Connie, of Albuquerque; Janis of Albuquerque; and Adrienne and her husband, Richard, of



PAULA PAPPONI

Grants. The Papponis await the birth of their first grandchild in February.

All interested in attending this special event should call St. Eleanor parish office at 257-2330 for reservations. Please contact Ellie Keeton at 258-4059 for additional information.

New Officers Are Elected For '94-96 By Republicans

On Nov. 12 at a convention of Lincoln County Republicans, a new County Central Committee was elected. The Central Committee, in turn, elected officers for the Republican Party of Lincoln County for 1994-96. They are: Chairman Robert Nys, Ruidoso; 1st Vice-chairman Patsy Hume, Nogal; Co-2nd Vice-Chairmen David and Virginia Vigil, Lincoln; secretary Martha Proctor, Capitan; and treasurer Beverly Nys, Ruidoso.

New Members Are Accepted By Sierra Blanca DAR Chapter

The Sierra Blanca Chapter of N.S. DAR held its November meeting at the Ruidoso Womens Club. There were 18 members and three guests present. Guests were Sue Taylor, Florence Eubank, and Alice Thompson.

The club voted to accept two new members and one associate member. They were Sally Martin and Faye Rowland and associate member Susanne O'Malley.

The charter members, Leota Pfingsten, Marion Spencer, Cleo Dodds, and Marti Yoder were honored.

Everyone brought a Christmas gift for the VA Hospital in Albuquerque. The New Mexico State Regent Lenora Stober addressed the meeting and told about growing up in New Mexico. A covered dish luncheon was served.

Patterson Attends Math And Science Teacher Conference

Carrizozo School science teacher Mariann Patterson attended the annual New Mexico math and science teacher conference in Albuquerque Nov. 18 and 19. More than 500 teachers were at the conference.

Patterson presented a workshop on biology ideas where hands-on models, activities, and labs were demonstrated to a group of about 30 teachers.

The annual conference is

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litigation results from passage of the ordinance. He also opposed the ordinance because it has no comprehensive plan for management of the public lands if the state does receive these properties.

Commissioner L. Ray Nunley was out of town on business.

Some of the changes increase the number on the PLUAC and the length of terms. The PLUAC will have nine members, two from the Lincoln County ARAAC who shall serve for two years, seven members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, one from each commission district and two "at large", all of whom shall serve for one year. All members must be residents domiciled and registered to vote in Lincoln County. Members may be reappointed. Any member who misses three consecutive regular meetings automatically vacates his or her seat.

The ordinance provides no procedure for selecting the PLUAC members. However, a tablet was circulated among the citizens who attended the hearing and was signed by those interested in serving on the PLUAC. Other Lincoln County residents interested in the PLUAC should contact the county manager's office about the procedures for appointment to the PLUAC.

The PLUAC will conduct its business under Roberts Rules of Order, in accordance with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, or a modification thereof as approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Chairman Montes said concerns about getting a quorum to conduct the PLUAC meetings was why the clause was added to the ordinance.

The PLUAC will be advisory, and will be required to make quarterly reports and recommendations. The PLUAC may with approval of the commissioners establish various subcommittees. The PLUAC will coordinate with the county manager, and may be provided with a budget at the discretion of the county commissioners.

Some changes also were made to the section dealing with the PLUAC's powers. "(T)he PLUAC shall advise the commissioners on user fees, land uses, contracts for uses, hear appeals on disputes on competing claims, hear appeals on all issues related to the uses, operation and management of the land; advise the commissioners on all issues related to public lands and make recommendations to the commissioners related to intergovernmental relations bearing on public lands," the ordinance reads.

The county however will not receive user fees under this

ordinance. "No user fees shall be paid to the county, as payment of the fees to the county may result in the loss of lease or permit," it reads.

The citizens who filled the county commissioners' chambers Tuesday were mostly in support of the proposed ordinance which establishes the PLUAC and the regaining of local control over the management of the public lands within Lincoln County. Many voiced their frustrations over the management practices of the federal government in fire suppression, livestock grazing and other uses of natural resources.

ARAAC chairman Joel Bonnell lead the hearing by reading the revised draft of the ordinance, which the ARAAC endorsed. The ordinance was also endorsed by a resolution of the Corona People for the West group.

But a small group opposed the ordinance, because they feared it was pushed by a "small irate minority" and will result in an imbalance of representation of various interest groups on the PLUAC. Ruidoso environmentalist Dave Dale read a two page letter he wrote against the ordinance. "Equal footing will be a constitutional question adjudicated by the higher courts," Dale said. "It is not the business of a sparsely populated county like ours to take on the burden of a constitutional question of this magnitude. Don't please squander my poor taxes and be the mouse that roared."

PLUAC supporter Karen Bremer said she agreed with Dale on the constitution and higher courts. "But if we don't be the mouse, we'll never get before the Supreme Court

where it needs to go," she said.

The other residents who spoke against the ordinance expressed concerns about access to public lands being denied by federal land leases, unanswered questions about the costs of local management, representation on the local council, costs of future lawsuits, and an ethical question of livestock growing for food. "That's my land and millions

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Masonic Lodge Installation Will Be Held Dec. 14

The Carrizozo Masonic Lodge invites the public to its public installation of officers to serve in 1995. The installation will be held Wednesday, Dec. 14 at the Masonic Temple.

Prior to the installation a potluck dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend this also.

Archie Witham Will Be Acting Manager At Norwest Moriarty Office

Norwest Bank New Mexico has announced that for the next few months Archie Witham will be acting manager at the Moriarty office.

Former Moriarty manager John Heckendorn has taken a position with Norwest Mortgage in Albuquerque. Norwest Bank wishes John the best of luck in his new endeavor.

Norwest officials said they feel very fortunate to have someone with the experience and knowledge that Archie Witham has to be able to fill the acting manager position on short notice.

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Canyon CowBelles Plan Christmas Party Dec. 10

The Nov. 2 meeting of the Canyon CowBelles was held at the Carrizozo Rec Center with 25 members and three guests attending.

Knollene opened the meeting and pointed out the "memory wall" she had put together describing all the activities Canyon CowBelles have accomplished this year: The Range Rider newspaper; county and state fair booths; FFA hamburger fry and judging days; book covers; womens conference in Ruidoso; Carrizozo street fair; numerous letters and phone calls regarding rangeland reform, the UN convention, rights of the child, qualified firefighters, biodiversity treaty; guest speakers, numerous ditty bags with brochures, recipes, etc. handed out and several beef luncheons served.

Business included the poster contest for grade school students. The theme is "Best of the West, Nutritious NM Beef". Students will be awarded prizes and the winners will be represented at the state CowBelle meeting.

Carol Wilson needs articles, pictures, anything of interest for the next issue of the Range Rider to be distributed

to students before the Christmas holiday.

The annual Christmas party will be Dec. 10 at the Carrizozo Country Club. If any members have guests they would like to bring, please call Rosemary Shafer by Dec. 1.

Beef gift certificates are available at Norwest Bank in \$10 and \$20 denominations. These make great Christmas gifts.

Canyon CowBelles don't usually have a December meeting but members voted to have a small gift exchange (\$5.00 or under) and cookie sampling at the Recreation Center Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 1 p.m. Final preparations will be made for the Christmas party but no business meeting is planned.

The annual joint Stockmen's meeting is Dec. 1-3 at the Convention Center in Albuquerque. Knollene will be speaking Friday morning and CowBelle State President Anne Ferguson will be saying her farewell address at the CowBelle breakfast Saturday morning.

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—The New Mexico Department of Labor is in Ruidoso every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:15-3:30 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Services include registration for employment and filing claims for unemployment insurance. For more information call the Alamogordo Dept. of Labor at 437-9210.

—Pre-school story hour at Carrizozo School library 8:30 a.m.

TODAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

—Lighting of the Christmas tree at 6:30 p.m. at Ruidoso's School House Park (by the swimming pool). Festivities begin at 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

—Carrizozo Woman's Club Holiday Hoedown, arts and crafts show and sale, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Woman's Club building in Carrizozo.

—Divorce Recovery Seminar, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Gateway Church of Christ building in Ruidoso. No charge.

—St. Eleanor's Catholic Church 9th annual Christmas Breakfast 9-11 a.m. at Cree Meadows Restaurant in Ruidoso.

—AARP Annual Training Workshop, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ruidoso Woman's Club in Ruidoso.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

—Lincoln County 4-H Annual Awards Banquet, at 3 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

—Capitan Chamber of Commerce meets at 12:30 p.m. at the chamber building on 2nd Street.

—Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County and Republican Party of Lincoln County Christmas Party, 6 p.m. Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

—Lincoln County Commissioners meet at 9 a.m. in their chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo for a regular session.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

—Capitan Extension Club meets at 9:30 a.m. at Angie Exrovine's home.

—Canyon CowBelles meet at 1 p.m. at Carrizozo Recreation Center. Among the activities will be a cookie sampling.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

—Capitan Board of Education meets at 6:30 p.m. for a work session and at 7 p.m. for the regular session in the board room in the old administration building.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

—Canyon CowBelles annual Christmas Party at Carrizozo Country Club.

—Corona Christian Home Educators meet at the home of Ron and Sandra Merrit for a potluck supper.

DECEMBER 13

—Water Defense Association meeting at 7 p.m. at Hondo School.

Carrizozo Schools Honor Roll

"A" Honor Roll
12th grade--Lynette Hernandez.

11th grade--Sarah Funk, Debbie Bond, Jim Brown.

10th grade--Katie Hightower, Keri Shafer.

9th grade--Amanda Baca.

8th grade--Cara Baker.

7th grade--Robert Shafer, Renee' Rael, Mollie Hightower, Holly Schlarb, Elizabeth Sambrano, Bryan Hightower.

6th grade--Stella Brewer, Mary Beth Bond, Kayla Hammond.

5th grade--Patrick Hightower, Bianca Baca, Andrea Harkey, Brandon Langley, Cereia Sambrano.

"B" Honor Roll

12th grade--Amanda Vega, Billy Sheehan, Natalie Chavez, D.J. Vermillion, Peter Corp, Joe Vega, Steve Ortiz, Chris Gonzales.

11th grade--Angie Odom, Jacqueline Epperson, Wayne LaBelle.

10th grade--Rodney Zamora, Michelle Barela, Sylvia Zamora, Amanda Najar, Willie Silva, Miguel Garcia, Justin Serna.

9th grade--Joanie Bingerman, Eldon Offutt, Tamantha Means.

8th grade--Briton Goad, Cortney Maynard, Ellie Avila.

7th grade--Ryan Roper, Josh Vega, S'von Peters, Lisa Dugger.

6th grade--Sarah Niederstadt, Lisa Sanchez, John Greene, Jeanette Nowak.

5th grade--John Serna, Abel Avila, Aubry Volquardsen, Dorothy Fee, Nicholas Moreroad, Junior Garcia, Ward Leslie, Matthew Offutt.

OBITUARY

MARIA LOUISA ZAMORA

Prayer vigil for Maria Louisa Zamora, 48, of Carrizozo was Nov. 25 at Santa Rita's Catholic Church where the Mass of the Resurrection was Nov. 26. Officiating was the Rev. Dave Bergs. Burial followed at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Cemetery.

Ms. Zamora died Nov. 23 at

her home. She was born March 3, 1946 in Carrizozo and had lived there all of her life. She was a member of Santa Rita's Catholic Church.

She is survived by her mother: Bernadette Zamora of Carrizozo; five brothers and sisters-in-law: Ted and Christine Zamora, Ruben and Carol Zamora, Nazario and MaryLee Zamora, Lee Roy and Frances Zamora, and Ramon Aragon, all of Carrizozo. Three sisters and brothers-in-law: Juanita and Evaristo Baca, and Sally and David Baca of Carrizozo, and Priscilla and Ray Romo of Roswell. Numerous nieces and nephews.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Let it snow, snow, snow

By Ruth Hammond

The first day of winter is three weeks from today, or that is the official calendar date for the start of winter. According to reports about snow in different places across the United States, winter decided to not wait another three weeks to be official.

Heavy snows can cause damage as well as be the major factor in death due to exposure and/or hypothermia. Any person who will be outside in the cold and/or snow, whether it is for hiking, hunting, fishing, walking, or any of the various other activities that take us outside, is cautioned to wear warm clothing and be extra careful to avoid any type of accident.

Snow removal can be more than a headache for city, county, state, and federal governments as well as for private business owners, not to mention the people who dread having to shovel snow off their sidewalks and driveways. Some people head south in the winter to avoid the aches and pains that accompany the work of removing snow. Actually all they do is move it from one place to another instead of removing it.

Then there are those people who look forward to the snow and the start of ski season. Vacations are planned to coincide with the best time to ski, reservations are made at ski lodges, and ski clothing and equipment are bought in advance.

Many people living in other areas of the country do not know that Lincoln County has a ski area. A couple of years ago our son in Missouri was planning to go to Colorado to ski for a few days. We asked him to come here to Lincoln County and his response was, "Sure, what am I supposed to do, ski on the sand?" When we told him there is a ski area 45 miles from our house he thought we were teasing. We decided to change that.

The first thing I did was call the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and ask them to send him information about the ski area. A few days later our son called and said he had received the ski brochures. He was impressed with what he read, and it was while we were talking on the phone that his wife noticed my phone number listed as the contact.

Our son, his wife, their 10-month-old daughter, and three friends were here that next January. While the five adults were enjoying the ski slopes we had the chance to get acquainted with our grand-daughter. It was a great four days for us.

One of the men said it seemed strange to be in the snow on the top of the mountain and to look out and see the desert in the distance. He used his video camera to record the sight because he doubted if anyone would believe it could be that way. The people he would be talking to live in Missouri, the "Show Me State" and he needed to have a video to show them.

When it snows in the higher elevations in Lincoln County it is not only good for the ski area, it is good for other merchants as well. When people come to ski they eat, shop, drive, and sleep. These visitors help improve Lincoln County economy.

Other parts of the United States receive snow but do not have the benefits we have in Lincoln County. Those areas have to pay to remove the snow, a big business in northern states, and they have to spend more money for warm clothing and heating bills.

While portions of Lincoln County do get covered with snow during the winter, other areas receive very little snow each year. One lady said she liked to live in Carrizozo where she didn't have to shovel a path through the snow to get to her car to be able to go to the store for a quart of milk and a loaf of bread.

Most of the people living in Lincoln County like it here and that is the main reason they stay. They enjoy what Lincoln County has to offer year-round, even the snow in the winter.

If you hear anyone singing the old song, "Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow," in Lincoln County, don't be surprised.

There's no business like snow!



THE OTHER SIDE

According to an Associated Press story last Sunday in the Albuquerque Journal, many of the prospective jurors in the O.J. Simpson case are having problems with the concept of "presumption of innocence" and "proof beyond a reasonable doubt". As stated in the article, 95 percent of the prospective jurors in the Simpson case expressed disagreement with these concepts in questionnaires they filled out.

These principles actually are closely related, in that both deal with the burden of proof on the part of the prosecution. Before the state may deprive an individual of life, liberty or property as punishment for the commission of a criminal act, it must present evidence at trial which will prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the individual charged is guilty of the crime charged. The Fifth Amendment requires that this evidence must be offered by witnesses other than the defendant himself. What this means is that the case must start from zero and the facts upon which a guilty verdict is based must have been presented at trial, not derived from some other source. In other words, the trial proceeds within a protective envelope into which is allowed only such facts and information as are determined to be reliable. If, on the basis of those facts alone, no other conclusion can be reached other than guilt, punishment may be meted out.

The "presumption of innocence" is merely a starting point and assures that the fact that the person is before the court does not lead to the conclusion that he has committed any prohibited act, and that the state must bear the burden of proving he did. After the state has offered sufficient evidence to prove the violation, then the burden shifts to the defendant to show that no crime was committed by him, either on the basis that the evidence offered by the state was untrue or ambiguous or that his acts were somehow justified. These procedures have been developed over the years to assure basic fairness in the criminal process and to prevent a person from being punished because of bias, passion or prejudice.

A secondary purpose in requiring the state to bear the burden of proof and in further requiring that a conviction be based on reliable evidence is to avoid convicting a person of a crime he did not commit. It is unacceptable to me to treat an innocent individual as a necessary casualty in our fight against crime. There is no way, in my mind, that you can repay a person who, after spending years in jail, is released because he didn't do it. Luckily, this doesn't occur too often, but it does happen to some 10,000 people in the United States every year. Our statistically perfect system does seem to have some individual flaws in it.

Why do people seem to be confused about these con-

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Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE—Former governors may figure prominently into the selection of new presidents at New Mexico State University and New Mexico Highlands University.

Much of the speculation, anyway, deals with the possibility of NMHU giving serious consideration to former Democratic governors Jerry Apodaca and Toney Anaya and to NMSU taking a close look at former Republican Gov. Garrey Carruthers.

Apodaca and Anaya both have openly expressed their interest in the Highlands job. Carruthers has been somewhat more coy about the job at State.

Apodaca seems to be working the hardest of the three at being sure regents know he thinks he's the right person for the job. Apodaca is a former teacher. As a state lawmaker, he was Senate Education Committee chairman, in addition to chairing the Legislative School Study Committee.

After becoming governor, Apodaca was chairman of the Education Commission of the States. Since being governor, Apodaca served a six-year term on the University of New Mexico Board of Regents. His former son-in-law, Tom Keesing, just happens to be president of the NMHU Board of Regents. Keesing began the conjecture about Apodaca by mentioning him as a natural for the president's job.

Currently Apodaca lives in Washington, D.C., but his plans call for opening an Albuquerque office, in addition to his Washington and Los Angeles offices. If the Highlands gig doesn't work out, Apodaca has talked about challenging U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici in 1996.

Also interested in the Highlands job is Senate President Pro Tem Manny Aragon. Another former governor, David Cargo hasn't been heard from about the Highlands job, which would be uncharacteristic if Cargo does happen to be interested. But he, too, can list some heavy qualifications.

Cargo grew up in a family of teachers in Michigan. He currently serves on the board of the Albuquerque Technical-Vocational Institute. And the former governor is a champion of the Northern New Mexico region in which Highlands sits. He is the patron of the Mora Public Library and has a home at Rociada in San Miguel County.

Carruthers has much going for him at NMSU. He is a graduate of the institution and, after getting a doctorate in agricultural economics at

Iowa State University, he returned to serve on the faculty at NMSU. As governor, he was chairman of the Education Commission of the States. And two years ago Carruthers returned to Las Cruces to open a business.

UNM Professor Chris Garcia also is being mentioned widely as a possible NMSU presidential selection. He, too, brings many qualifications to the job. Garcia has been dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, a distinguished political science professor and author, and head of Zia Research, a top polling firm in the state.

This column frequently has advocated that university regents would be well advised to look for presidents who can effectively represent the institution with the legislature, alumni and general public. Too often regents choose outstanding academicians who bomb when they interact with the outside world.

Many former governors in

other states have gone on to serve as presidents of either public or private higher education institutions. It certainly isn't a novel approach or radical departure from established procedure in higher education.

And none of the six presidential possibilities mentioned above would be an embarrassment academically to any university. Three of them are juris doctors and two hold a Ph.D.

There are two other living former governors. Jack Campbell was the favorite of many to take over as president of UNM in the late '60s when Tom Popejoy retired. Instead the university tried a series of out-of-state academicians who were utter failures at relating to the outside world—a very unfortunate mistake in those days of student unrest.

And then there is Bruce King. I haven't heard anyone mention old Bruce. Just an oversight, I'm sure.

Ruidoso Oks Agreement For Public Soccer Fields

by Doris Cherry

A street in Ruidoso will be renamed after the current mayor.

Meadows Lane in Second Addition Wingfield Homestead in Ruidoso was changed to Jerry Shaw Lane, after current mayor Jerry Shaw. The street is one of many that was renamed in a process to eliminate duplications of street names and lot numbers to correct the addressing system to improve response time for the Emergency 911 Services. After a public hearing during the regular meeting Tuesday, Ruidoso Village Councilors approved a list of renamed streets and renumbered lots as recommended by the village Planning and Zoning Commission. All affected property owners were contacted, and a public hearing was held by P&Z on the proposed changes.

A few residents responded to P&Z negatively, either wanting no changes, or requesting different names to the streets than the ones proposed by P&Z. During the hearing Tuesday, Herman Thomas of 113 Poor Drive protested the changing of the name of his street, because he said there is no reason for it, since it is not duplicated.

However, councilors approved the list submitted by P&Z which included the name change for Poor Drive to Vir-

ginia Canyon. Overall, the changes of street names and lot numbers will help emergency crews, fire, police and medical, respond to emergencies on a more timely basis. The duplications created confusion for the emergency agencies, and for delivery services.

Village manager Gary Jackson said that now is the opportune time to correct the duplications of street names and lot numbers. Ruidoso is the fastest non-metropolitan growth area in New Mexico, and with the advent of gambling could experience even more growth, Jackson said. Because of this, local response crews may not have knowledge of locations.

Councilors approved a joint powers agreement with the Ruidoso Municipal Schools to convert 17 acres near White

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NATURE'S WAY
 "What goes on in the world around us"
 by TONY GIENARO
 Professor of Biology at Eastern NM University and Director of the Natural History Museum

Energy Flow In Ecosystems

Energy is defined as the ability to do work. In turn, work among living organisms is expressed as their function. Function is eating, running, sleeping, digesting, reproducing—in other words, living. This energy for living is obtained by ecosystems.

An ecosystem (pronounced with a long e) is a distinct environmental unit, ranging in size from a tiny rotting log to the entire planet earth. An ecosystem could be a stand of evergreens in a forest, a stand of grasses on the prairie, a town, city, state, the United States, North America, or all the Americas. The two major parts of the ecosystem are the nonliving and living components. Nonliving components include air, soil, rocks, and water. Living components include plants, animals, and microorganisms. These living components are ranked in the ecosystem on the basis of their proximity to the initial source of energy—the sun. The first level consists of plants, called producers, because they are the original sources of energy for the system. The energy they produce in their tissues is derived from the radiant energy of sunlight. This energy is passed on to animals of the second level, called primary consumers, when they consume plant tissues. A few examples of primary consumers are grasshoppers, rodents, birds, cattle, horses, elk, sheep, and goats. Secondary consumers are in the next level. They obtain energy by ingesting primary consumers. Examples of secondary consumers are insect-eating birds, flesh-eating rodents, snakes, raptors, and lions. Some of these secondary consumers are eaten by tertiary consumers, such as coyotes and other carnivores. Various kinds of animals may occupy more than one level. For example, coyotes can be primary consumers when they consume berries, secondary when they consume rodents, and tertiary consumers when they ingest snakes. Likewise, humans are primary consumers when they ingest plants and secondary consumers when they eat meat from livestock. They can also be tertiary consumers when they ingest food, such as shark steak. And finally, decomposing microorganisms consume nonliving tissues from all levels of the ecosystem.

The efficiency of energy captured in this system, and as well, the efficiency of its transfer through the system is a concern to human societies. To begin with, not all energy of sunlight is available to plants. Only a small part is fixed in plant tissues because most of the sun's energy is reflected as heat, or lost in other ways. In turn, only a small part of the energy within plant tissues is available to primary consumers because it is used for plant metabolism or lost as heat to the atmosphere. Again, energy used for metabolism and lost as heat among primary consumers is not available to secondary consumers. The same is true for subsequent consumers.

This energy loss is of considerable importance when the

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For the Love of Gregory

by Joann Rice

Editor's Note: This column relates a five-year-old's conversations with his grandmother.

Gregory had a very hard day Thursday. One of his cats had been sick for many days. And another was quite ill-behaved and kept scratching him. So on Thursday he came to my house. As usual we sat at the kitchen table.

"Queen Mother, it's been a bad day. Remember the sick kitty and the one who kept me all scratched up? Well, today we took them to the cage place."

"You mean the pound?" I asked.

"Well, yes. But I just call it the cage, 'cause they put the animals in a cage. And I won't ever see them again." He put his hand to his forehead and sighed. "It was a terrible 'sperience. And I'm tellin' you. I won't sleep a blink for a week."

"I'm very sorry," I sympathized.

He got a little belligerent. "Why?" They weren't your cats."

I ignored that remark. "Just think of it this way, Gregory. You have seven cats."

"Not anymore, I don't. Not since we took Chance and Chase to the cage. But when they started to put Chance in the cage, he ran away out the door of the place. And when that big man tried to catch him, I pushed the man and yelled real loud, 'Run Chance, run as fast as you can! And I hope they never catch you!'"

"Did they catch him?" I asked.

"No, I saved him." Then he whispered, "Don't tell my mom, but I left a trail of cookie crumbs so he can find his way home. And I made the trail come to your house, and when he comes back we can hide him out here under your bed."

"But I don't want a cat under my bed," I told him.

"This is not just any cat, Queen Mother. It's Chance. He's a escaper from jail."

"I don't care. I'm not going to hide a fugitive from justice."

Suddenly his mood changed when I offered him ice cream.

As he ate it with glee, he said, "Oh well, Chance was a obnoxious little twit anyway."

"I thought so," I said. "Mom says I'm a obnoxious little twit. Will she send me to the cage?"

"No, Gregory. You can rest assured, your mom will never send you to the cage. Because she loves you very much."

"Yes, she loves me best of all. But it might be pretty scary out there for Chance."

"Yes, it is a scary world if you're alone. But you will never be alone, Gregory."

"No, I'll always have you and Mom and Dad. And all the ice cream I can eat. I think I'll go home now, Queen Mother. And don't worry I didn't really leave the cookie crumbs to your house. I just said that to stir you up."

More PLUAC...

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of other Americans," said Bob Hollis of Ruidoso.

"Local control may be counter to my interests," said Jan Prince, Ruidoso business person.

Bonnell said that there are lots of misconceptions of the PLUAC. "It won't be made up of just ranchers. We want to have all users (of public lands) on the council to get all input. We want the citizens to have their say."

Newly appointed member of ARAAC Kathleen Hellman explained the make-up of the PLUAC, and the ARAAC, a five person committee made up of two ranchers, one psychologist from Ruidoso, a retiree from the Bureau of Indian Affairs who lives in Ruidoso, and herself, a non-rancher.

After hearing that livestock growing destroys the grasslands and wildlife, PLUAC supporter and multi-generation livestock producer Pete Gnatkowski said, "It would be idiotic for us who utilize the land to destroy it."

Ruidoso resident Mike Kakuska said that a very small percentage of ranchers misuse their public land grazing permits, which causes a bad name for all.

Carrizozo resident Patsy Sanchez, who works with county planning committees, said PLUAC would give local control over local problems, such as hunters who drive over the grasslands during deer season. She pointed out that the ordinance however does not address mineral rights on the public lands, and there has been no discussion about that. Sanchez did support the ordinance because she wanted the revenues from the federal lands to "stay here rather than go to Korea."

To Rex Wilson, the hearing was the American political process at work. "It's exciting to hear people stand up and speak with conviction," he said. Wilson led the call for passage of the ordinance.


Mortez closed the hearing after an hour and a half of public comment. Commissioners commented then Schwetmann made the motion to adopt the ordinance, Spencer seconded it. After the roll call vote of 3 for and 1 against, the audience gave a standing ovation.

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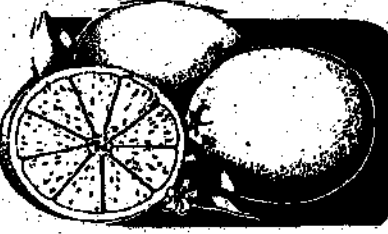
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Other Side

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cepts? First, they consider that one should be required to pay for his misdeeds. Second, they have generally only been exposed to the system on a hypothetical basis and haven't had to consider the meaning of these concepts in a particular situation. And third, their attention is focused more on the specific instance than on the policy underlying the system. They understand that we must do something about criminal activity, but they haven't been exposed on a personal basis to how it is to be done. Is it more important that we convict this individual than it is to avoid making a mistake? I think the popular feeling that the criminal system is intended to control crime rather than to determine if a person is guilty of a crime has something to do with people's attitude toward it. Our founding fathers must have also thought so when they added the 4th, 5th, 6th and 14th Amendments to the Constitution.

Nature's Way

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problem of increasing human populations comes to mind. Two technological efforts are in progress. One is to decrease energy loss during its original capture by plants, and the other is to increase the efficiency of energy transfer from one level to the next. The purpose is to increase the availability of food energy to the level consumed by humans. In turn, this increase will bring about a greater production of human tissue—in simple terms, it will provide increasing amounts of food energy to satisfy the demands of increasing human life.

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Grizzlies Beat Alamo Freshmen 67-48 For First Win Of Season

The Carrizozo Grizzly boys basketball team came away with one victory and two losses at the Alamogordo JV Tournament Nov. 25-26.

In their first game of the

season, against the Deming JV, the Grizzlies were outscored 83-58. Billy Sheehan (senior) led Carrizozo in scoring with 25 points; sophomore Willie Silva scored 14.

Carrizozo faced the Gadsden JV in second round action and lost 63-40. Sheehan again led the Grizzlies in scoring with 16 points, junior Zac Chavez tallied 9.

The Grizzlies earned their first victory of the season against the Alamogordo 9th graders 67-48 in third round action. Sheehan had a game high 23 points, Silva was next with 15, Chavez was also in double figures with 10, and D.J. Vermillion chipped in with 7.

"We've yet to develop the team discipline needed to win in tough situations", coach Kearns said after the tournament. "In the first two games, execution of our offense and defense was poor. We've got a lot of work ahead of us to be ready for upcoming games. I feel certain, however, that our boys are up to it".

Next up for the Varsity boys will be the Floyd Tournament December 8, 9 and 10. First home game will be Thursday, Dec. 15 against Hondo.

The girls varsity will host NMMI (today) game scheduled to tip off at 5:00 p.m. The Jr. Varsity boys will travel to Tularosa on Friday, Dec. 2 for their season opener, with a 5:30 tip off. Junior High boys and girls will host Hondo Saturday, Dec. 3, tip off set for 3:30 p.m.

"Carrizozo School News"

Carrizozo Schools counselor Howard Bauman recently began a study program each school day from 7:45 to 8:20.

The breakfast brunch is an open study hall held in the foods room for students to finish homework, study for tests, do make-up work, and receive tutoring and supervision.

Bauman has been providing juice, hot chocolate, and doughnuts for the breakfast brunch.

"Some of the students come to school in the morning without stopping for breakfast," Bauman said. He believes it is too long to go without eating until lunch and he has been buying the food. He asks if any home bakers would like to donate goodies for the program. Anyone interested should contact Bauman.

The eighth grade class went to Bonito Park for a team building workshop sponsored by Region IX drug-free schools program on Nov. 17.

The workshop showed students how to work together as a team to overcome obstacles. Students were in the woods doing a variety of activities:

walking a double tightrope in teams of two, guiding a blind-folded team member through a maze, and rock wall climbing.

After each activity the two leaders would discuss the feelings and thoughts of the students.

Kathy Echols presented a seminar on drug and alcohol resistance with the emphasis on who to listen to when making choices in life.

Instructional assistant and arts coordinator Polly Chavez attended the statewide arts conference in Albuquerque Nov. 4 and 5 to learn how art can motivate students.

Chavez also attended the Las Cruces International Mariachi Conference Nov. 10-13. The conference provided information to promote Hispanic heritage in the schools through music, song and dance.

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DISTRICT COURT REPORT

The following criminal cases were recently filed in the 12th Judicial District Court in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

November 7:
Joseph Beard, 28, New Mexico State Penitentiary; escape from penitentiary; (June 27 escape from Camp Sierra Blanca).

November 8:
David M. Crawford, 25, state penitentiary; aggravated

assault on a peace officer; escape from jail; conspiracy; (August 20 attempted escape from Lincoln County Detention Center, (LCDC) county jail).

Bill Eaton, 32, Lincoln County Detention Center; aggravated assault on a peace officer; escape from jail; conspiracy; (August 20 attempted escape from LCDC).

Bradley Newton, 23, LCDC; two counts of conspiracy; escape from jail; (August 20 attempted escape from LCDC).

Edward Jiron, 48; Carrizozo; two counts of attempt to commit a felony (July 24 incident).

November 9:
Dudley Eric Schroff, 39, Ruidoso; tampering with evidence, criminal damage to property, injury to animals; October 2 incident.

November 21:
April A. Matjeka, 24, Ruidoso; distribution of methamphetamine (accessory), conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia; November 5 incident.

David Maury Brown, 34, Ruidoso; distribution of methamphetamine, conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia; November 5 incident.

Marla Jenine Sowell, also known as Kimberly George, 32, Ruidoso; possession of methamphetamine; November 5 incident.

Kevin Calloway, 27, Capitan; possession of methamphetamine; November 5 incident.

November 22:
Guerrero Tomas Holguyn Rey, 19, LCDC; two counts of aggravated assault with deadly weapon (firearm enhancement), negligent use of a deadly weapon, minor in possession of alcohol; November 6 incident.

Joe H. Lane, 23, Las Cruces; possession of a firearm or destructive device by felon; August 31 incident.

November 23:
David Burchstead, 39, Ruidoso; DWI 4th or subsequent, driving on suspended or revoked license, speeding 60 in 35 mile zone, no insurance; October 30 incident.

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CAPITAN NOTES
BY MAUREEN SULLIVAN

AARP Training Workshop
The AARP annual training workshop for District VIII, Lincoln and Otero Counties, will be held Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. will be a covered dish meal.

All officers, board members, and committee chairmen are urged to attend. All members and prospective members are welcome.

Workshops will be held for officers, committee chairmen, legislative chairmen, nominating committee chairmen, and new member orientation.

Water Defense Association
The Water Defense Association will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 13 at Hondo School.

Christian Home Educators
Corona Christian Home Educators will meet Dec. 10 at the home of Ron and Sandra Merrit. There will be an ornament exchange between the children and singing of Christmas carols.

Supper will be potluck, call 849-1423 for more information.

The meetings are open to anyone interested in home schooling or family fellowship.

Divorce Recovery Seminar
Tom Vermillion will be the guest speaker at the Divorce Recovery Seminar at the Gateway Church of Christ Building, 415 Sudderth, in Ruidoso Saturday, Dec. 3. The seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Topics will be the adjustment journey, the emotions of divorce, God's healing for the divorced, and children and divorce.

There is no charge for the seminar and child care is available at the building. To pre-register call 257-4381. It is not necessary to pre-register but it is suggested.



Greetings from my old house by the side of the road to your house.

The month of November is almost over and they must have just skipped October, for I have hardly any recollection of it. Do any of the rest of you folks out there feel the same way? Are the days actually going by faster? Aren't there twelve months in the year anymore or seven days in the week or even 24 hours in the day? When I was in high school and college and was looking forward to a special date with a special boy or a very special ball it never would arrive. Especially when the music was to be rendered by one of the big name bands of that memorable era that was on tour and we were lucky enough to have them for a one night stand. Oh the glory of those bygone days. Memories are so important, especially so as we get older. No one that I have met has had their life go along like a song. Everyone has their moments of sheer delight and joy, but along with those delightful thoughts and memories are memories of tears and heartbreak, but it is nice to have those memories to reach back into time and bring them out for a few moments of sheer pleasure and abandon. And frankly most of the exciting and wonderful ones have been wrapped in our jewelry case of "Memories." The more we remember them, the more wonderful and exciting they become to us. So much for the walk down Memory Lane for the moment.

I have two accounts of the same announcement that I am supposed to make. Melba Robertson called the other day and gave her report on the big Christmas Party that the Capitan Extension Club will be enjoying at the beautiful home of Angie Provine. Then this morning Alice Phelps came with the same announcement. Poor Alice. This was our first meeting and I was upstairs doing a few pieces of ironing. I heard the knock at the door, front door, that is, but as I have slowed considerably in my dotage (am

only young and frisky in my thoughts) and as I have to take my time descending my stairs, could only yell "I'm coming." Alice, poor dear, could not hear me from inside the house calling to her, so she went round to the back door. I immediately rushed, if you can call it rushing, to the back door and Alice had gone to the side door. Finally we made contact. I have heard so many lovely things about Alice and I bet she thought she had met the most disorganized female in Capitan, to her way of thinking, and I cannot blame her. Well to return to the topic in discussion, both accounts are well thought out and well written, so will just combine the two and that way both ladies' account of this pleasant afternoon will appear in print.

On December the 7th, the Capitan (AFCE) Extension Club will hold its annual Christmas Party at the home of Angie Provine at 9:30 a.m. Also the installation of next year's officers will be held. Both ladies stressed that you ladies bring a covered dish and a homemade gift. Also toys for Santa's Cops will be collected and please bring new toys and do not wrap them. Also Angie, as hostess, will serve the meat and the drinks. You all come and have a wonderful time.

Hope you people all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. From the few people I have talked to, each celebration was a bit different from the others, but the main thing is that we should all be very, very thankful that we live here in Lincoln County instead of all of the other terrible places we hear about from one night to the next. I so well remember I did not want to move to Capitan. Now no one can get me to leave. I own my home free and clear, I have made some wonderful friends and there are some very gracious and lovely people living here. We are getting a few that are possibly discarded from "outer space", but we can try to accept them and make the best of it. But for the most part, the new folks are lovely and well worth getting to know. And to those, we say Welcome to Capitan.

On October 24th, Cody Michael Colbert, weighing in at 8 pounds and 7 ounces made his debut in Odessa, Texas. Cody Michael is the son of Michael and Vicki Colbert and the first grandbaby of our new owners of the Ace Hardware Store, Mary and Johnnie Lunsford. Congratulations to you both and to the proud parents. Vicki Colbert is the daughter of the Lunsfords.

Also proud grandparents to also be congratulated are Keith and Louise LaRue. Their grandson is now three months old and not only does he tip the scale at 16 1/2 pounds, but he is cutting two teeth. At the rate he is going he will probably be walking by New Years. Congratulations Keith and Louise. I so well remember the thrill of our very first grandchild.

Had a lovely letter from Ila Mae Payne, formerly of this area and now residing at 212 W. First St. in San Angelo, Texas. She complimented me on the column and told me some of her history, which I have certainly enjoyed reading. But the highlight is one of her two poems that she wrote. Following is her story: "I've never lived in Capitan, but I spent many happy hours there and will always remember them. I married Vernon Payne in 1931 and we lived 22 years on a ranch north of the Capitan Mountains. Now

we live here in San Angelo, 41 years, but still think of the old ranch as home. Our son, Norman, was born in 1935 about half way on the road to Roswell. He surprised us by getting in a hurry and coming a month before expected. Then our daughter Naomi went the extreme opposite and came later than we expected, causing me to spend three boring weeks in Roswell waiting. Of course, that is just one of the many stories I could tell of those happy years out there away from the noise, sins and worries of the cities. We visited the ranch many times over the years and it was ever present in our hearts and minds.

On a dreary day, several years after we moved here, I sat down and wrote this poem about the mountains the last time I visited out there and when I returned home my mind was so full of memories I wrote "The Gate". Thought you might want to print one or both in your articles that I enjoy so much. Happy holidays and keep up the good work. And thank you Ila Mae for your lovely letter, your compliments and your very special poems. I certainly shall print one this week and save the other for next week. Incidentally, I called Beverly Payne, who is the office manager of the Gas Company and she said that not only did she know and remember you, but that you had written a lovely story that should also be printed. So Ila Mae Payne, how about letting us print your story? And thank you dear again for your lovely letter. And now for the beautiful poem:

About 30 years after we had left Saw Tooth Ranch, some of us went back to the old place, which is now called "The Abandoned Place" by the few neighbors still living in Township 5 South, Range 15 East. We went over the grounds where bits and pieces of memory came crowding like sheep after cottonseed cake. It was such a profoundly moving experience, I tried to get it

into a poem here.
The Gate
'still swings on it's hinges
the elm trees stand silent and still
a hawk glides silently overhead
as shadows creep over the hill.

The house stands open and waiting
on the porch runs the old creeping vine
is it now, or then, or years in between,
or suspended somewhere in time?

You stand at the threshold as years fade away
the joys of the past to unfold
familiar pathways beckon you there
where lilacs once bloomed in the snow.

You linger there in a fantasy world
where cares of today are behind.
you know it won't last, but it's yours for awhile
as you're drifting somewhere in time.

Dark rainclouds hang over the mountains
as cattle still graze on the hill.
Phoebie and Mockingbird
mingle their songs

to waken the heart with a thrill.

Did it happen today, or long, long ago.
today's and tomorrows entwined,
you seek for answers, but somehow you know
they are waiting somewhere in time.

Ila Mae Payne, July 1983
Thank you Ila Mae.
And so for another week, have happy thoughts and though Thanksgiving is over on the calendar, keep it always in your heart and be thankful for all the little things that we take so for granted. And may God bless all you who are my friends and even those who aren't.

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FORT STANTON FACTS & FICTION

Post office construction is going on all over the county. Alto is being remodeled to add some badly needed boxes. Mary will be so glad to have this done as she has been working around, over and through boxes in her post office.

Hondo and Fort Stanton post offices are adding handicap ramps and bathrooms. A driveway for handicap wheelchairs and access inside the post office will be done shortly. My customers and myself really hate to see the covered driveway done away with, but the federal regulations don't allow for any other solutions. Parking will be a problem, but maybe we will all have to exercise and walk a little further. Cillasen construction out of Albuquerque is doing the work with Rael Torres and helper doing my work. George Schultz with Pat Huey construction, poured the first cement on Nov. 22 and if weather permits, Valley Tran-

sit will pour the rest on Nov. 23. Snowflakes falling on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 2:00 may halt this process. Along with the Thanksgiving holidays.

Antonia and David Lopez are glad he is doing better after a setback over a week ago. Get to feeling better David as the baby needs you.

Dottie McVeigh and Jo Ann Washburn's kindergarten classes recited two or three poems about turkeys Wednesday, Nov. 23. Hope to get names and words of the poems later on.

Tigers tried their best to outdo Jal in Artesia, but were unsuccessful. Weather was windy, but not as cold as everyone expected it to be. We are all still proud you all got this far—Tigers. Many fans traveled to watch the game.

Origami cranes have been created by the third grade. The stamps for week before last and last week were whooping cranes and sign language. The third graders

have pen pals in Russellville, Alabama and plan to write letters to them talking about their school, themselves, teachers, stamp collecting, families, and other facts of interest. They all remembered how to find their zip +four. I sent them home an envelope for them to practice writing their address and to tell their parents and guardians to learn to use the zip +four to speed up the mail. The rates will be changing in January with the 1st class postage going to 32 cents for the first ounce. The most often asked question I have from customers is why don't you make the amount as even 35 cents. The post office answer is 35 cents would be too much and you shouldn't have to pay more than necessary. Our mandate is to break even.

A G-stamp will be made to represent the new first-class rate and a new "make-up" stamp to cover the difference between the 29 cent rate and

the new rate. These two will be available to all.

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Many clerks and others will be taking the civil service test in Alamogordo on Nov. 28. Hopefully, clerks will make high scores on this test. Remember to mail packages by

the 10th and cards by the 15th.

On November 19 many postmasters from all over the state attended an appreciation dinner in Albuquerque. Shirlene Fitzner and L.C. Perkins planned this for all postmasters and especially for the ones working to make the past national convention a success.

Raycelle Zamora is home after having her appendix removed last week. Get well soon Raycelle.

Fred Payton has enjoyed getting a bunch of hunters to enter a "Big Buck Contest" for deer season. This year six entered the contest with Fred Payton, Wes Nowell, Pat Joiner, Isidro Peralta, Howard Hobbs and Curtis Payne entering. Pat's ten-point was the

"big" one winning the \$60 prize. Know the meat was the "best" prize. It sure was tasty! Don't know of anything better than canned deer meat.

Lisa Annala stopped by last week and said she would like to have anyone interested in chairing the Lincoln County Pony Express Race to get in touch with her. She is just not able to take on the whole responsibility of it, but will help anyone in anyway she can. Contact Lisa at Box 632, Capitan, if you would like to take charge of this. It is time to get started now, not later!

Ron and Teresa drove in from Kansas to spend Thanksgiving with us. Sure hope the weather holds for everyone traveling.

Lupe Page is anxiously waiting for her trailer to arrive from Texas. Leroy and Billy are helping to get the wiring, plumbing and heating ready.

Joyce Cox is very happy working with the bunch of good people in the treasurers office.

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MARY VIOLA COFFMAN

Services for Mary Viola Coffman, 107, of Ruidoso Downs were Nov. 26 at the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs. Officiating was Rev. Randy Smith, pastor of the church. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso.

Mrs. Coffman died Nov. 22 in Albuquerque. She was born March 12, 1887 in Pittsburg, Texas. She was a charter member of Reserve Baptist and a member of First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs. She moved to Ruidoso Downs 34 years ago from Reserve. She was a homemaker.

She married Chester Arthur Coffman on July 26, 1906 at Pittsburg, Texas and he preceded her in death on July 9, 1966.

She is survived by two daughters: Zula Bunt of Ruidoso Downs and Voncell Clark of Albuquerque; five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons: Erman Coffman and Lloyd Coffman and a daughter, Wilner Coffman.

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

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EARLY PUBLIC REVIEW

Date of Publication: December 1, 1994

This Town of Carrizozo is considering street and drainage improvements to portions of Sixth Street, Fifth Street, G Avenue, H Avenue and F Avenue as a Community Development Block Grant project. Parts of the proposed project have been determined to be located in a 100 year (Zone A) flood plain based on the Flood Plain Insurance Map (FIRM), Panel No. H-01, effective date August 22, 1975. The town is interested in discussing any practicable alternatives and mitigating measures which may reduce the overall potential adverse effects to the flood plain. Written comments will be received by Mayor Cecilia G. Kuhnle, Carrizozo Town Hall, P.O. Box 247, Carrizozo, NM 88301 until December 16, 1994.

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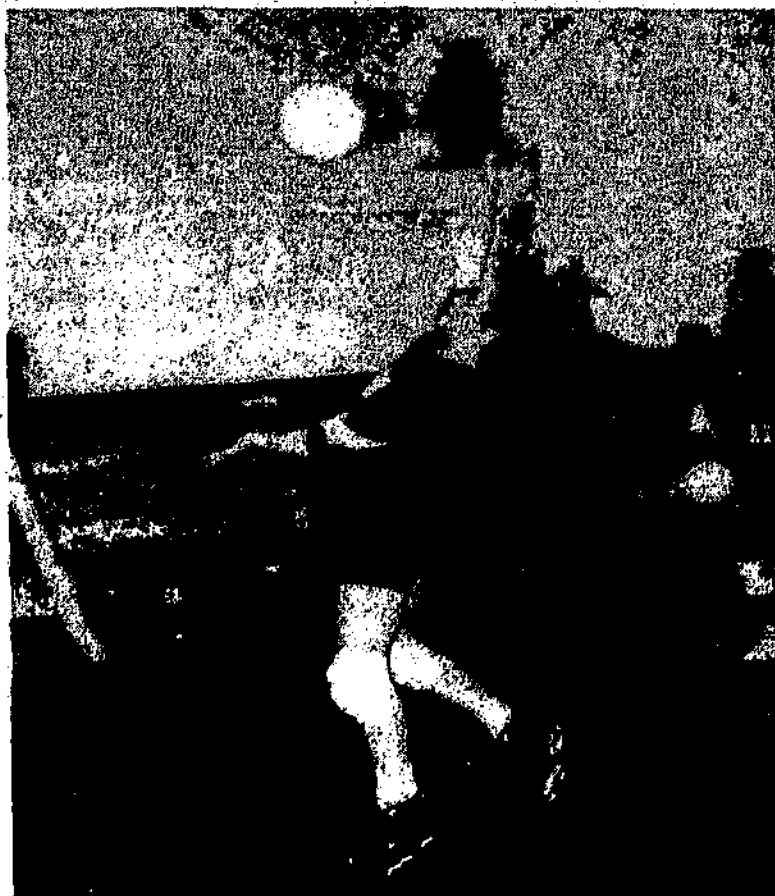
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CORONA HIGH SCHOOL'S 1994 football team. (l-r, first row) Rocky Bagley, Phillip Lueras, Brad Wheeler, Chris Daniels, Leonardo Gonzalez. (l-r, back row) Asst. Coach Alfonso Garcia, Juan Gonzalez, Rick Bagley, Otalee Brown, Travis Joy, Marcus Johnson, Russell Lueras, Coach Gid Allen. The Cardinals finished the season 3-5 — which is one win better than last year.

CORONA CARDINALS



KIMBERLY RILEY of the Corona High School Volleyball team was named to the District 3-A All-District Team. This team consists of twelve players chosen by the coaches of the five district teams. Each player received a plaque signifying her accomplishment.

Corona Cardinals Pick Up Trophies At Hondo Tourney

Corona High School picked up two trophies at the Hondo Invitational Basketball Tournament Nov. 18 and 19. The boys' team won first place, and the girls' team placed second in their respective divisions.

The Corona boys defeated Hondo 45-43 in their first game and then defeated Vaughn 71-57 for the championship. In the latter game, Otalee scored 30 points, and Juan Gonzalez had 26, 15 of which came from three-pointers. Both players made the All-Tournament Boys' Team.

The Corona girls beat Hondo 28-24 in their first game and then lost in the finals to House 32-23. High scorers for the girls were Kim Riley, Lindsey Bonds, and Shayla Marshall. Kim Riley made the All-Tournament Girls' Team.

CORONA NEWS

The annual Christmas Eve candle lighting service will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24 at the Corona Presbyterian Church. This program follows the earlier arrival of Santa at the fire station. The elementary school Christmas program is scheduled for Dec. 13 with the high school play Dec. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Holleyman spent Thanksgiving in Portales with the Dwayne Kibbes. They went a day early to watch J.D. and Kasi play ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Gid Allen were in College Station, Texas to enjoy the Cowboys win.

Friends and four generations of family sat at the Thanksgiving table of Mr. and Mrs. Butch Allen in Portales. Included were Mary Emma Allen, Capitan; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bob Allen and July, Melrose; Inez, Grant, Los Lunas; Kay and Melvin Sultemeier, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allen Davidson, Tysa and Ryan, and Geraldine, Lori, Shawn and Rand Perkins, all of Corona. In the late afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Perkins and Geraldine went to Clovis to visit with the Hadley family gathering. There were four generations and a little football there, too.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Yancey and Bernice McCord took off most of last week to visit Renie Yancey Adams and family in Wichita Falls. Mrs. McCord went on to Nocona to be with two cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryan, daughter, Mary Lee, and Julie Kessler went on a field trip to Acoma Pueblo Friday.

Woody Vickrey is at home in Taos to recuperate a few days before returning to Santa Fe for more tests and treatment. Monday he was reported to be feeling a little better and able to eat. Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Vickrey plan to go to Taos Thursday to be with him on the Santa Fe trip.

Nora Ann McCloud O'Dell, Chatanooga, has left the hospital and is at home recovering from cancer surgery.

Crown CowBelles will have their regular meeting, instal-

lation of officers, and gift exchange Thursday, Dec. 1 in the Rasak home, and drawing for the quilt.

Mrs. L.K. Merritt returned home Saturday after several days with her family in Fort Sumner.

Mr. Joel Ware and Mr. and Mrs. John Ware, Lubbock, and the Corona Kesslers met in Clovis at the home of Renee's uncle and grandfa-

ther, Ray and Gus Ware for Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Davidson ate turkey Thursday with the Bobby Carroll and Kay Thompson families in Roswell.

Mrs. Pauline McCloud left Tuesday of last week for Las Cruces where she joined her brother, Frank Smith, for the drive to Green Valley, AZ and a visit with their sister and brother-in-law, Madelyn and Terry Shannon. This week the group is in Rocky Point, Mexico for some fishing.

Watch for the lighting of the community Christmas tree.

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Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

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Santa Rita Catholic Community
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213 Birch, 648-2853
SATURDAY:
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SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am
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Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm

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Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am
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United Methodist Men Breakfast
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United Methodist Women Every
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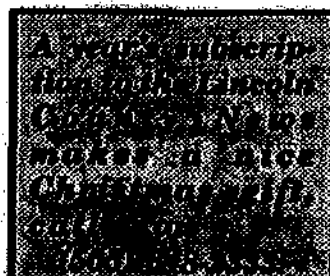
FISHING NEWS

The New Mexico fishing report issued Nov. 22 announced that a total of 5,040 catchable sized rainbows were stocked in the Bosque Redondo, Carrizozo Lake, Chaparral Park Lake, Eunice Lake, Green Acres Lake, Green Meadow Lake, Harry McAdams State Park, Jal Lake, Ned Houk Ponds, Oasis Park Lake, and the Pecos River SSB.

Fishing in the Ruidoso River was listed as a hot spot in the Nov. 29 issue of the fishing report which states, "Fishing is very good using wet flies for brown trout. The best area is just below the reservation boundary. Angler pressure is light."

The report also states that fishing is good using salmon eggs at Grindstone Reservoir.

Fishermen are advised to read and observe fishing regulations and to be prepared for any sudden changes in the weather because hypothermia is deadly.



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On Nov. 13 at about 12 p.m. the New Mexico State Police responded to a possible homicide near Moriarty. The location was a private residence approximately one mile northeast of I-40 exit 203.

The victim, David Angel, a 44 year old male, was found deceased in his home. His grey 1992 Ford F-150 pick up, bearing a New Mexico Purple Heart license plate - license number PH 2336, was missing from his residence.

If you have any information on this crime, please call New Mexico Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-800-432-6933. You will remain anonymous and you could earn up to \$1,000.00.

**Natural History
Museum Offers
Free Admission**

Residents of Lincoln County, Otero County, and Dona Ana County will receive free admission to the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science in Albuquerque during December.

This free museum policy is part of the Museum's County recognition month to welcome and honor New Mexico resident from around the state for supporting the Museum and its numerous statewide educational programs. Admission to the giant-screen Dynamax Theater is by the regular charge.

The Museum is open every day (*except non-holiday Mondays in January and September) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

County recognition month provides residents of specific counties with free Museum admission during specific months. Proof of residency is required.

Also, the Museum has designated five days during the year when everyone is admitted free: the first Monday in February, the first Monday in March, the second Tuesday of the New Mexico State Fair in September, Veteran's Day - Nov. 11, and Christmas Eve day, Dec. 24.

OBITUARY

MINNIE BELLE MORRIS

Graveside services for Minnie Belle Morris will be held Friday, Dec. 2 at the Tinnie Cemetery.

Mrs. Morris, 88, had lived in Capitan most of her life. She was born Dec. 7, 1905 in La Luz. She died Nov. 29 in Roswell.

She married to Ernest Purcella in 1922 and he preceded her in death.

She married Loss Morris of Capitan in 1954 and he preceded her in death.

Survivors are one daughter, Mary Lee Morris of Roswell; three sons, Wayne Purcella of Waterfong, NM; Roy Purcella of Austin TX; and Wilson Purcella of Las Cruces; two step-sons, George Morris of Devils Elbow, Missouri, and David J. Morris of Capitan; 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

**National 4-H Conference
Dec. 3-7 In Orlando, Fla.**

National 4-H Congress will be held Dec. 3-7 in Orlando, Fla. 4-Hers from all over the United States will attend the conference. New Mexico will send 23 representatives.

These representatives were chosen based on the records of their learning, leadership, and citizenship activities throughout their 4-H careers.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff's deputies are still investigating the discovery of a body on Cedar Creek Road near the Forest Service Ranger Station in Ruidoso. The body was found in the forested area. No details are available at this time.

Domestic Violence and other violent acts are on the rise with the holiday season.

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

November 21:
1:15 p.m. damage to property was reported at a residence in Deer Park in Alto. The calling party requested a deputy to investigate damage to her three vehicles. A deputy was assigned.

A deputy with the White Mountain Task Force advised of a juvenile arrest for possession of marijuana under an ounce and possession of drug paraphernalia; the juvenile was referred to the Juvenile Probation Officer.

11:39 p.m. an ambulance was requested at a residence on 18th and E. Ave. in Carrizozo. Carrizozo ambulance transported the patient to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

November 22:
7:37 a.m. a domestic violence incident was reported in the Angus area. Deputies were advised to use caution because the subject was armed and dangerous. The calling party advised her husband tried to run over her and her son. He told her if she called the cops he would be armed. At 7:56 a.m. the responding deputy advised he told the calling party to contact the judge for a domestic violence order and also advised the woman about the Family Crisis Center; The man was later arrested by responding deputies and Lincoln County Sheriff James McSwane.

9:31 a.m. a breaking and entering of a vehicle was reported in Agua Fria Estates. Someone broke into the calling party's pickup and took a weapon. A deputy took a report.

November 23:
2:29 p.m. a welfare check was requested of a subject living at some apartments east of Ruidoso Downs. The responding deputy had the maintenance man open the door and they found the subject unconscious. The deputy requested an ambulance. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) Med 1 responded.

Med 1 was dispatched by Ruidoso Police to a restaurant on Highway 48 in the Alto area. Med 1 advised it was dispatched by Ruidoso Police, and asked if Alto ambulance had a crew. Only one Alto EMT responded so Med 1 handled the call. A man was found unconscious but breathing.

9:23 p.m. a domestic violence situation was reported by Ruidoso Downs Police. Med 1, two deputies and a Ruidoso Downs officer responded. A man was arrested and transported to Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo.

November 24:
10:30 a.m. a domestic violence arrest was reported in Ruidoso Downs.

November 25:
1:53 a.m. an ambulance was requested on Ski Run Road to a location where a vehicle was upside down in the roadway. Alto ambulance transported the injured driver to Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

A theft of building materials was reported at a construction site in the Airport Road area. A deputy was requested.

November 26:
3:16 a.m. a fire was reported

ed on the side of Highway 48 near the Cora Dutton Road turn off south of Capitan. Capitan Fire Department advised there were no buildings involved and the fire was one acre in size. Capitan fire chief advised the fire was mopped up at 3:28 a.m.

6:55 a.m. criminal damage to property, graffiti, was reported at the VFW building in Ruidoso Downs.

9:07 a.m. criminal damage to property was reported by Gady's Pic and Pak. The calling party advised that a sanitation truck hit their building and left the scene. The responding deputy advised the truck belonged to the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority. The authority was called, but no answer. The deputy was to contact the authority regarding the incident.

11:50 a.m. a breaking and entering was reported at a school house on Gavilan Canyon Road. The calling party advised the school house was broken into sometime since Thursday. The front door was kicked in, also there were signs of a party and drinking. A deputy was assigned.

11:54 a.m. a dead on arrival (DOA), Office of Medical Investigator (OMI) Call. Ruidoso Police advised that a male subject was DOA on Cedar Creek across from the walking track by the US Forest Service office. The OMI arrived and the sheriff and undersheriff were notified. RALS

transported the body to the funeral home.

1:48 p.m. an irate child out of control was reported in Capitan. The calling party advised her daughter was irate and she needed assistance from a deputy. A Capitan officer and a deputy responded and advised that all was okay and no report was made.

3:56 p.m. U.S. Forest Service reported seven missing people, about eight miles south of Glencoe off Forest Road 443. The subjects were three hours overdue. At 4:13 p.m. the calling party advised the missing persons have returned. New Mexico State Police were notified at 4:14 p.m.

November 27:
4:39 p.m. a fire was reported south of the overpass near the railroad tracks in Carrizozo. Carrizozo Fire Department responded and advised that one of the railroad apartments had been broken into, and the fire was in the weeds, but was out now. 5:09 a.m. dispatch called the Southern Pacific Railroad headquarters about the incident.

2:20 p.m. an ambulance was requested by Ski Apache. Alto ambulance responded.

5:26 p.m. an unattended campfire was reported at the first camp ground in Cedar Creek. The responding deputy advised all was okay.

**Lincoln County
DETENTION CENTER REPORT**

The following people were booked into, or released from, the Lincoln County Detention Center in the courthouse in Carrizozo:

November 22:
Kimberly Rae Murphy, 21, Indianapolis: probation violation: no bond set by District Judge Richard Parsons: arrested by Ruidoso Police.

Romolo Acosta, 53, Las Cruces: held for Camp Sierra Blanca minimum security state prison with no bond.

James Thomas, 37, Fruitland, NM: held for Camp Sierra Blanca, no bond.

Glen Gaynor, 49, Nogal: failure to appear, Portales warrant: \$400 bond posted, same day and released: arrested by Lincoln County

Sheriff's Office.
Rodney Alamanza, 25, Ruidoso: DWI 2nd aggravated, careless driving, probation violation of DWI continuation, child endangerment, assault on a peace officer; no bond set by Magistrate Judge William

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 1tp-Dec. 1.

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 parties responsible for the
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 Grill on Sunday, Nov. 20
 (approximately between 3 a.m.
 and 5 a.m.). Items stolen were
 rolls of quarters in unmarked
 orange wrappers and older
 model Navy Colt pistol, 38
 caliber, with finger grips on
 handle, in leather holster with
 initials RJ. Contact Carrizo-
 zo Police Department
 648-2351 / can remain
 anonymous.

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE.
 Lincoln County is now accept-
 ing applications for the posi-
 tion of **DETENTION OFFI-
 CER** in the Lincoln County
 Detention Center. Obtain
 application at the Lincoln
 County Manager's Office in
 Carrizozo or by calling
 505/648-2385. Application
 must be received no later than
 5:00 P.M., December 9, 1994.
 Lincoln County, Equal Oppor-
 tunity Employer and in Com-
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 Scholarship in the amount of
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 Women's Clubs and qualified
 applicants are encouraged to
 apply.
 Applicants must be female
 and shall have been accepted
 by or acceptable to an accer-
 dited college, university, or
 technical school within New
 Mexico.
 Each applicant must submit
 three testimonials, one from
 her high school, one from the
 local Woman's Club, and one
 from a responsible business
 representative of the commu-
 nity. These shall vouch for the

applicant's ability as a stu-
 dent, her character and her
 need for receiving such a
 grant. Each recipient must be
 approved by a majority of the
 Board of Trustees of the New
 Mexico Federation of Women's
 Clubs. This grant may also be
 available to a worthy female
 for continuing education upon
 recommendation of a local
 club, expressing the need of
 the applicant.
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Mail Order Catalogs Give New Twist To Shopping

By Betty McCreight
 LINCOLN COUNTY
 HOME ECONOMIST

Back in simpler, pre-heli-
 copter Santa days, there used
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 Roebuck and Montgomery
 Ward.

Other than those two, the
 mail order business was com-
 prised mostly of adolescent
 junk you could buy from the
 back of comic books or get
 with 25 box tops from Rice
 Crispiess. Now there is a cata-
 log for every hobby or proclivi-
 ty you can imagine.

Detention Center

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Butts: arrested by Ruidoso
 Downs Police.

November 23:
 Jack W. Russell, 35, Angus:
 assault and battery, domestic
 violence: sentenced to 360
 days by Butts.

Gary Sandoval, 39, Ruidoso
 Downs: assault and battery,
 domestic violence.

Johnny Thomas Madrid, 18,
 Ruidoso: receiving stolen prop-
 erty, \$8,000 bond set by
 Butts: arrested by Ruidoso
 Police.

November 25:
 Darryl Dwayne Ohmart, 36,
 Gilbert AZ: DWI, careless
 driving, possession of drug
 paraphernalia, possession of
 marijuana; \$2,700 bond set by
 Capitan municipal judge Jack
 Johnson; released same day
 on OR Bond: arrested by
 Capitan Police.

November 27:
 Benny Sanchez, Ruidoso:
 aggravated battery; \$25,000
 bond set by Magistrate Judge
 Gerald Dean Jr.: arrested by
 Lincoln County Sheriff's Of-
 fice.
 Michael Bonhotel, 30, Abu-
 querque: held for Camp Sierra
 Blanca.

November 28:
 Paul A. Gomez, 30,
 Tularosa: shoplifting; \$100
 bond: arrested by Tularosa
 Police.

Luis Pino, 39, Tularosa:
 battery, probation violation,
 criminal damage, eluding
 police officer: arrested by
 Tularosa Police.

William Avalos, 38,
 Tularosa: trespassing: sen-
 tenced to 30 days in jail by
 Otero Magistrate Judge Jerry
 Hardison: arrested by
 Tularosa Police.

The following people were
RELEASED from the Lincoln
 County Detention Center:

November 15:
 David B. Vickers, 37, trans-
 ported to Las Vegas Hospital.

November 16:
 Stanley Venego, 31,
 Mesalero: time served.
 Ray L. Duran, 50, La Luz:
 posted bond.

November 22:
 Raul Dominquez, 53,
 Ruidoso: time served.

November 28:
 Ralph Nosker, 32, San
 Patricio: released to HOW
 Foundation.

The good news is that
 because of all the competition,
 the mail order business has
 matured and grown more
 respectable. You can also be
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 catalog retailers offer second
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 charge and overnight shipping
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 refund.

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 return merchandise if the
 package appears to be dam-
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If possible, pay for mail
 ordered merchandise with a
 credit card. It will speed your
 order by as much as seven
 days and also give more op-
 tions for dispute resolution in
 the future. In addition, some
 credit card issuers offer dou-
 ble warranties and breakage
 insurance when you use their
 cards.

If you have a dispute with
 a mail order company, credit
 card issuers offer "charge
 backs" while you are resolving

your problem whether it be no
 delivery, faulty merchandise
 or incorrect billing. This
 means your account will be
 credited with the amount of
 the purchase until the issue is
 resolved. And in most cases,
 the credit card issuers will act
 as mediators between you and
 the mail order company.

Although the shipping
 charges usually cancel out
 any cost advantage, there are
 some people who catalog shop
 to save on sales taxes. If the
 catalog company does not
 have a store or warehouse in
 your state, you usually don't
 have to pay sales taxes on
 items you purchase.

For example, Robert Red-
 ford has his "Sundance" mail
 order business in Utah so
 Utah residents have to pay
 sales tax, but anyone else
 ordering from the 49 other
 states do not.

In most states you are
 supposed to pay this sales tax
 back when you file state in-
 come tax forms. This is called
 a "use tax" because the item
 is used here even though it is
 purchased elsewhere. For
 instance, if you bought \$1,000
 worth of lingerie from Skippy
 Imports in Rhode Island, you
 would be required to pay
 about \$60 to the state when
 you submit your 1994 tax
 return. This is the law but so
 far it relies on voluntary com-

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE
AMENDING
ORDINANCE 94-5

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the Governing
 Body of the Village of Capitan
 will discuss Ordinance
 94-7, during a public hear-
 ing on December 12, 1994
 amending Ordinance 94-5
 at 6:30 p.m., governing gar-
 bage, refuse and trash pick-
 up in the Village of Capitan.

Ordinance 94-7 will be con-
 sidered for adoption at 7:00
 p.m. at the regular meeting
 of the Board of Trustees.

DEBORAH CUMMINS,
 Clerk-Treasurer,
 CMC
 Village of Capitan.

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 coln County News on
 December 1 and 8, 1994.

TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN

No. CV-94-188
 Div. III

RAMPART CAPITAL CORPORATION, a Texas
 corporation,
 Plaintiff,

CHARLES C. WOOD and **LELIA V. WOOD,** husband
 and wife; **FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPO-**
RATION, in its corporate capacity as Receiver for
 Texas National, formerly known as Coronado Bank of
 El Paso; **U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRA-**
TION, an agency of the U.S. government; and **ALTO**
LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, INC., a New Mex-
 ico corporation.
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 22,
 1994, at 10:00 A.M., at the front entrance to the Village of
 Ruidoso Municipal Building in Ruidoso, New Mexico, the
 undersigned Special Master will offer at public vendue and
 sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described
 real property situate in Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New
 Mexico:

Lot 5, Block 13, **ALTO LAKES GOLF AND COUNTRY**
CLUB SUBDIVISION, Unit 4, Lincoln County, New Mex-
 ico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the
 County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County,
 New Mexico, on December 12, 1988.

This above described property is located at 180 Broad-
 moor, Alto, New Mexico.

Plaintiff's Judgment directed foreclosure of the Mort-
 gages on the real property described above to satisfy the fol-
 lowing Judgment liens:

Principal and interest - 12/22/94.....\$1,008,870.70
 Costs 592.11
 Special Master's fee 200.00
 Attorney fees 5,000.00

Total\$1,008,862.80
 In addition to the foregoing Judgment liens, there will
 be accruing costs, including costs of publication of this
 notice.

The Special Master may continue the Special Master's
 sale scheduled December 22, 1994, so long as the Special
 Master or his representative appears at the designated
 time scheduled for the sale and announces the post-
 ponement of sale to another specific date.

WITNESS my hand on November 21, 1994.

By: Lee Griffin,
 for Nick Vega, Special Master.

Attorney for Plaintiff
 Lee Griffin
LEGAL SERVICES INC., P.C.
 1906 Mesquite Drive
 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345

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 22; and December 1, 8 and 15, 1994.

Ruidoso OKs Agreement . . .

Mountain School for public soccer fields. The agreement establishes an advisory committee consisting of the school board president, member of the school board, superintendent of schools, the mayor, a member of the village council, village manager, parks and recreation director, and a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. May-

or Jerry Shaw appointed councilor Leon Eggleston to the board.

The agreement came about after residents approached the village for help to develop the site into public soccer fields. The village met with the schools which has the property, and a public hearing was held about the proposed development.

The village will pay the schools a dollar a year rent, and will provide insurance to cover the property. In exchange, the village will attempt to provide fields at the village owned Eagle Creek Complex for organized high school baseball/softball which the schools plan to implement.

The village manager said he also talked with county commissioners about using county equipment to develop the site.

Councilors also approved submitting a Project Information form to the Regional Planning Organization to include Phases 2 and 3 of the MainStreet Redevelopment Project in the New Mexico State Highway Department's Five Year Plan. Inclusion in

the five year plan will provide an avenue for possible future funding.

According to councilor Frank Potter, the highway department is planning some \$5 million in projects on Highway 70 from Mescalero through Ruidoso Downs.

Councilors also learned from the village deputy manager that three highway projects are planned for Highway 48 (Mechem Drive). Reconstruction from Sudderth Drive to White Mountain Drive is planned as the first phase with construction expected to start in Fall 1995. The second and third phases will upgrade Highway 48 from White Mountain Drive to the ski run road in Alto.

All proposed highway projects are estimated to cost more than \$50 million.

Councilors approved the submission of applications for federal grants funds to hire four extra police officers, and for the All American City award. Police chief Lanny Maddox said the federal grant for cities under 50,000 in population, part of the Crime

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Act of 1994, will provide up to 75 percent of the total salary and benefits for each officer up to three years, to a maximum of \$75,000 a year. The village will have to provide 25 percent of the funding for the grant period.

The All American City Award is given by the National Civic League and is based on such criteria as the community's civic infrastructure and other citizen involvement. Taos was the only New Mexico city to win the award last year.

Councilors authorized the re-bidding of the addition and alterations to the Ruidoso Public Library and Senior Citizens Center, because they received no bids from the first solicitation.

DuBois Recipient . . .

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Prior to taking the position of New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture, DuBois also worked as a legislative assistant to U.S. Senator Pete Domenici and as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Water Resources with the U.S. Department of Interior. According to Van Sweden, DuBois has been responsible for writing, "some of the best laws on the books affecting many aspects of agriculture and rangeland policy."

DuBois came up through the ranks at NMDA first as a field inspector then policy specialist, assistant director/secretary and now secretary of the department.

"Under Secretary DuBois the NMDA has consistently worked to solve problems and implement programs that assist our important industry. He has also placed additional emphasis on improving conditions for our agricultural producers in Northern New Mexico and his efforts have paid off for all New Mexicans," Van Sweden said.

According to Van Sweden, "Secretary DuBois has always been totally committed to excellence throughout his career and we know it's important to recognize such efforts on behalf of the state's growers."

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Carrizozo School Plans . . .

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February 1995. The application must show how the district will provide the services, materials and curriculum and what portions of the day will be devoted to the program.

Dr. Stowe plans to begin with a kindergarten through 2nd grade program. Her experience in establishing a bilingual program in the Portales school District taught her to start such projects on a limited basis. By doing so, it guarantees success.

The program will be built around an instructor, licensed and certified in bilingual education. Current first grade

bilingual-multicultural education programs will include New Mexico cultures in select aspects of the curriculum and will provide for linguistic, cultural and conceptual development in the home language as needed.

If the Carrizozo Schools application for the bilingual program is approved by the state, the program should begin in the Fall 1995. Carrizozo Schools will receive extra funds from the state department of education, based on the number of students and the hours spent in the program.

Daytime Curfew . . .

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proposed curfew, and wanted the public hearing to take input. Potter also supported the curfew because 75 percent of the homes in Ruidoso are unoccupied, and home owners "hate being burglarized."

Maddox said that the daytime curfew would enhance the ability for parents and schools to have control over school-aged children, but its main focus would be to "eliminate the criminal element."

After Maddox proposed a written procedure policy for his office, councilors were more favorable of the proposed curfew ordinance going to public hearing. Donaldson made the motion that set the public hearing for the January 10 meeting. All councilors approved.

Copies of the proposed daytime curfew ordinance will be available from the village clerk at the village administration on Cree Meadows Drive.

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