

# County Wants State Funds To Purchase Sales Barn

by Doris Cherry

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"We're re-packaging a good idea in a way that hopefully is not so threatening to members of the community," said Lincoln County Commission Chairman Monroy Montes during a discussion of the Cowboy Symposium at the

Super Select Sales Pavilion at the regular county meeting in Carrizozo Tuesday. "And to realize anytime we embark on a new idea to attempt to solve economic problems that there may be some changes, but it's always hoped it will benefit all of Lincoln County."

Montes acknowledged he had some apprehension about discussing the Cowboy Symposium because of last year's debate over the county purchasing the huge sales barn facility for a county fair loca-

tion: That proposal was dismissed because of its direct conflict with the county fair in Capitan.

"We've thrown around the idea of the different needs this county has for economic development, for saving some of the cultures represented here, not only the Hispanic or Indian culture, we're also talking about the cowboy culture which has been so instrumental in the development of Lincoln County," Montes said. But not only does Montes

want to maintain the Cowboy symposium at the Glencoe location, he hopes that the facility will serve to attract the Cowgirl Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Museum of Hereford, Texas, which is looking for a new location.

As a coincidence, Montes said he was contacted by the operator of Hondo Gallery, Harry McKee, according to a published report, about the Cowgirl Hall of Fame looking for a new home.

The annual Cowboy Sympo-

sium also hopes to continue in Lincoln County. Montes deferred the discussion to Frank Potter, chairman of the Cowboy Symposium. Potter said the Symposium is into its fifth year. The annual event held in October features cowboy poetry, cooking, music and dance, as well as Indian and Hispanic cultures.

In its first year, the symposium was financed with \$30,000 each from R.O. An-

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### Marijuana Confiscated In Drug Bust

Some 51 pounds of marijuana, packaged for market, was busted early Monday afternoon, west of Carrizozo.

Lincoln County Sheriff James McSwane and deputy Angelo Vega confiscated the largest amount of marijuana discovered by law officers in the Carrizozo area. Along with the marijuana, McSwane and Vega arrested two men and a juvenile girl at a roadside table on the MalPais on Highway 380. Another woman was arrested later at a Carrizozo motel.

Carrizozo resident Charlie Niederstadt, 33, was arrested for possession of 51 pounds of marijuana with intent to distribute, conspiracy and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. La Luz resident Ray Duran, 48, was arrested on the same charges.

Also arrested at the scene was a 17-year old female, of Carrizozo, and charged with possession with intent to distribute and conspiracy.

According to McSwane, he and Vega realized something was going on when they approached the individuals at the roadside table. When McSwane and Vega stopped, the 17-year old female proceeded to leave the scene in her pickup, but McSwane and Vega detained her. They arrested her for driving without a license.

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**BAGGING A BARBARY SHEEP:** CHRIS BARELA of Carrizozo bagged this barbary sheep in the Mal Pais west of Carrizozo Jan. 3. The animal weighed 275 pounds and had horns 29 1/2 inches long. Shown with Barela (right) are Michael Barela Sr. (center) and Michael Barela Jr.

### County To Negotiate With State Highway Department

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners will hold a special meeting at noon Wednesday, Jan. 12 in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

One of the items to be discussed at the meeting is a proposed agreement between the Lincoln County Fair Association and the county.

Tuesday, during the regular county meeting in Carrizozo, association president Gordon Barham said the group is now a non-profit organization in good standing, thanks to commissioner Ray Nunley.

Barham provided the commissioners with a copy of the association's proposed lease/management agreement. In the proposed agreement, the association asks the county to provide \$34,000 a year for the association's management services. Also the association agreement requests coverage by county insurance and occasional use of county road equipment and personnel. The management services provided for the \$34,000 would include \$25,000 a year for a full-time employee and \$9,000 for a part-time employee. Also the association will

operate the county fair, the annual fund raising Smokey Bear Stampede, oversee the uses of the facility and collect usage fees, and act as overall management of the facility.

The employees would be hired by the association, not the county.

The lease/management agreement would set out the responsibilities of the association, and would not violate the state constitution's anti-donation clause which prohibits the outright giving of money by governments

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### Candidates File For Municipal Positions

Election year 1994 kicked off Tuesday, when municipal candidates filed for various positions.

Capitan candidates who filed for mayor were incumbent Frank Warth, and Norman Renfro. Candidates who filed for the two trustee positions were: Byron Carpenter, Connie Hopper, Johnny Lunsford and incumbent Leroy Montes. Candidates who filed for magistrate judge were Jack Johnson, Mary Lunsford and John Whitaker.

Carrizozo candidates who filed for mayor were incumbent Cecilia Kuhnel, and Harold Garcia. Candidates who filed for the two trustee positions were: Ruth Armstrong, Rick Emmons, James Silva, Cheryl Sparks, incumbent Patsy Vallejos, and Angelo Vega. Candidates who filed for magistrate judge were Gilbert Archuleta, Johnie Johnson, incumbent S.M. Ortiz, and R.O. Chuck Rominger.

Corona incumbent Ernest Lueras is the only mayor's candidate. Candidates who filed for the two council positions are LeeRoy Mulkey and Walter J. Garfield.

Ruidoso candidates who filed for mayor were incumbent Jerry G. Shaw and Frank T. Cummins. Candidates for the three council positions for four years are James R. Dickson, E. Leon Eggleston, Joe Gomez (currently completing a position to

which he was appointed), incumbent William L. Karn, Frank Potter (currently completing a position to which he was appointed), Charles Rennick, Norman Smith and Robert P. Sterchi. Candidates for the one council position for a two-year term are Robert P. Donaldson, Allen J. Full, S'r and M. "Mac" McDougal, Richard Merle Mound. Candidates for municipal judge are Danny B. Garcia, incumbent Charles E. Hawthorne, Michael Line, Jerry P. Propsner and Jerry Wright.

Ruidoso Downs incumbents Ray Hayhurst and Margie Morales are the only candidates who filed for the two trustee positions.

Candidates who filed will have an opportunity to withdraw on Tuesday, Jan. 11 only, between the 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. They can withdraw by filling out an affidavit form provided by the municipal clerk.

Anyone who is interested in running for any of the municipal offices can file a write-in between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 18 with their respective municipal clerks. As with the other candidates, write-ins must have updated certified copies of the voter's registration affidavits showing the candidates physical address.

Municipal election day is March 1. Polling places will be listed in Feb. 24 issue of THE NEWS.

### Capitan Taxes Increased For Street Repair

The Village of Capitan gross receipts tax rates increased Jan. 1. The municipality enacted a .0625 percent increase for municipal infrastructure gross receipts tax.

Revenue from the tax will be dedicated to financing a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) match and purchasing gravel and cold mix (street repair material).

The new tax rate will be 5.9375 percent. The previous rate was 5.785 percent.

The New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department announced gross receipts tax rates increased in 22 New Mexico locations and decreased in one location.



**CARRIZOZO'S LUMINARIA DISPLAY** on Christmas Eve was the result of hard work by many volunteers, including this group lighting candles in front of the Lincoln County Courthouse. Carrizozo Police were stationed at each end of town to ask drivers to turn off their headlights and drive slow to fully enjoy the beautiful display.

### Carrizozo Plans Special Meeting

The Carrizozo Town Council will once again begin their twice a month meetings for the year when they meet in regular session Jan. 11 at 6 p.m.

A special meeting will be held the next evening, Jan. 12 to meet with State Representative John Underwood concerning proposed requests for funding for the town from the state legislature.

During December trustees met only once, on Dec. 14, to conduct business. After a one hour and 15 minute closed session for contractual agreements and personnel matters it was announced that a contract would be directed back to the town attorney for changes. Trustees also agreed to a one-time \$300 incentive

increase for all town employees.

In other business trustees adopted and approved the 1993 amendments to the 1990 uniform traffic ordinance which were to go in effect Jan. 1, 1994.

--Trustees discussed repairing the roof on the airport building and agreed to advertise for bids for the work.

--When trustees approved the monthly expenditures it was noted an expense for municipal court did not have a purchase order prior to making the purchase.

--Carrizozo resident Susan Hancock told the council she was not satisfied with the reply she received concerning

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# Purchase Sales Barn . . .

person and R.D. Hubbard. Advertising funds for the event came from Lodgers Taxes from Ruidoso. Since, the event has become very successful and last year attracted 8,000 people.

The four-day Symposium also has been on the National Tour Association circuit for about three years. The association claims credit for helping develop Branson, MO's attractions, Potter said.

Potter said the Symposium's home, the super select sales pavilion, serves the event perfectly. Parking is a bit small, but cooperation from adjacent landowners provides extra parking room. He said the water system, lighting

and bathroom facilities are quite good.

"We (Cowboy Symposium) are financially sound, but not if the building moves," Potter said.

Last year Ruidoso real estate agent Bill Herschfeld offered the building and property on behalf of the owners to the county for \$250,000. According to records in the Lincoln County Courthouse, the pavilion and property belongs to Richard D. and Joan L. Thompson, of Ruidoso, who filed the deed in May, 1992.

Potter said he knows that some have looked at the building to buy. "If so, we're out the door," he said.

He encouraged the commis-

sion to request that District 26 State Representative H. John Underwood (Democrat) apply for state funds to purchase the property and facility.

Commissioner Ray Nunley said he visited with Underwood, who seems to think it would be a good opportunity to acquire the facility as a state historic site, with emphasis on the tri-cultures, not just cowboy.

Potter went on to say how the Symposium does portray three cultures, and has qualified for \$20,000 from the National Endowment for Humanities.

"It is a county project," Potter also said. County residents contribute as much as \$5,000 in volunteer labor during the event.

Potter said Highway 70 is a perfect location for the symposium, and for the Cowgirl Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Museum. Nogal rancher Fern Sawyer, who died last year, is one of the Hall of Fame honorees. The Cowgirl Hall of Fame, in Hereford TX, is looking for a new home, having outgrown its current location. According to Potter, and to a published report, several other areas are pursuing the hall of fame, including Fort Worth.

Potter said the Secretary of Agriculture, a good friend of

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his, asked him if we were interested in the Cowgirl Hall of Fame. "The cowboy culture in Lincoln County fits magnificently with the state's tourism industry. We (the Cowboy Symposium) really push the Western heritage-Mexican heritage, Indian heritage and cowboy heritage," Potter said.

But commissioner Bill Schwettmann asked how financially sound the Symposium is, and whether it makes a profit. Potter said the Symposium is a non-profit organization with a 501(c)(3) status. It takes about \$110,000 to put on the event. By down-scaling expenses to meet revenues the symposium breaks even.

The Symposium pays no rent to use the facility for the four-day event. Funds to publicize it continue to come from the Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Lincoln County Lodgers' Taxes.

Potter said he will be at the state legislature during the session in January for other things. He also said the governor and many legislators are aware of the Cowboy Symposium, but he was unsure whether they were aware of the situation with the facility's ownership.

In answer to a question from commissioner Stirling Spencer, Potter said that the Cowboy Symposium is structured to taking over the operation of the facility if the legislature provides funds to acquire it. But Schwettmann challenged the acquisition of the building just for one function.

"One function will not warrant even the maintenance of the facility," Schwettmann said. He also worried the facility and its events could detract from Ruidoso's convention center.

Potter said the Cowboy Symposium would not interfere with the civic center, and several other events could be held at the Glencoe facility. He said the Glencoe facility could be used for a multitude of uses such as the Hondo Apple Festival, Hondo Fiesta Dancers, all of which people would love to see.

Potter's main emphasis was that the facility would provide a permanent home to the Cowboy Symposium and had the potential of providing a home for the Cowgirl Hall of Fame, which would enhance the existing tourist attractions in the county.

Montes said that in order for Rep. Underwood to be successful in obtaining funds from the legislature, it is important for the county commission to make a commitment of some sort to pursue acquisition of that building. "Or more truthfully, the preservation of the Cowboy Symposium in Lincoln County whether through that building or whatever method," Montes said.

Ruidoso resident Bob Nys questioned whether the county will assume any possible debt on the Super Select property and who will pay for any expansion of the building if the Cowgirl Hall of Fame is enticed to relocate here. He also worried about a possible tax increase to retire any debt. And as for the Cowgirl Hall of Fame, he questioned whether Lincoln County was able to compete with the 15 other locations seeking the museum, especially those with big money behind them such as Fort Worth.

Montes said the county is not buying the Super Select facility and property, rather it is supporting a proposal to the state legislature for enough funding to cover the purchase price and any expansions or remodeling.

"There's not one single county better than we are," Nunley defended.

Spencer invited Nys to attend the special meeting

with Underwood on Jan. 12. He said considering his own background it would seem he would be highly prominent of the Cowboy Symposium. However, Spencer said he was not for encumbering the county with any ongoing costs. "I'll watch this very close,"

Spencer said. Commissioners will discuss the funding proposal with Underwood at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12 during a special meeting which begins at noon. The mid-year budget review will be held during the special meeting.



LIGHTING LUMINARIAS on Central Avenue in Carrizozo Christmas Eve was back-breaking work, as shown by Carrizozo Fire Chief LeRoy Zamora. The luminarias were placed along the center stripe of Central Ave. as well as both sides of Central Ave. and 12th Street. The brilliant display sponsored by the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department is the first major luminaria display for Carrizozo.



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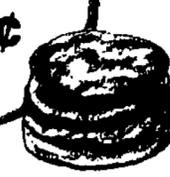


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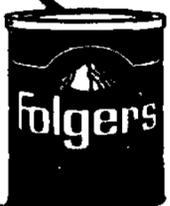
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**RUIDOSO'S NEW VILLAGE MANAGER** Gary Jackson is sworn in by village clerk Tammie Maddox during a brief ceremony Monday while Mayor Jerry Shaw, councilors Barbara Duff and Frank Cummins, various staff and village residents look on. Jackson returns to Ruidoso after spending some 15 months as manager of Harkér Heights, a city of 15,000 near Fort Hood, Texas. Jackson worked as Ruidoso deputy manager in 1992. He said he was pleased when the Village called offering him the manager's position. "It is a wonderful community and I would have been foolish not to respond. I am excited that the mayor and council had enough confidence in me," Jackson said. He hopes to do all he can to enhance the quality of life in Ruidoso.

## Negotiate With State (Continued from Page 1)

without an exchange of services.

County attorney Alan Morel said the agreement was also important because it would transfer the responsibility for updating the building to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act requirements to the association. As a non-profit group the association would have lower ADA requirements than the county government.

Barham said the association earned \$40,856.32 on its fund raising Stampede and Ranch Rodeos, and donations, last year. But it spent \$41,817.06, including more than \$10,000 in operating costs. Fortunately the association had enough saved from last year to cover the loss.

The association will begin charging usage fees of \$5 a meeting for the small meeting room for non-profit groups, \$25 for the dance hall plus a cleaning deposit.

Barham told commissioners that this year there will be four rodeo performances dur-

ing the Smokey Bear Stampede and four dances. The association is also considering booking a big-name band to perform on Saturday, July 2.

Commissioners also were updated on the status of the quiet title suit for the fairgrounds property. Morel said the suit should be wrapped up within one to two months. As yet, no one has claimed any interest on the property, although he has received numerous calls from people adjacent to the fairgrounds. "We're not taking their property," Morel said.

As for the improvements at the fairgrounds in Capitan, an account has been opened for the \$100,000 from the state. The county has contracted with Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District to manage the project. All that is needed now is some direction from the fair association as to what improvements are most needed.

The proposed agreement between the county and the fair association will be dis-

cussed again at the special meeting Jan. 12 meeting.

Also Tuesday, commissioners approved a revised joint powers agreement with the Coalition of Arizona and New Mexico Counties, of which the county is a member. The agreement was re-worded to meet Arizona legal requirements.

The Coalition was started as a way to get the attention of various federal agencies which are impacting the social, cultural and economies of Arizona and New Mexico counties which have extensive state and federally owned lands. Now it is impacting the state and federal agencies themselves.

"We're on the cutting edge of representation," said commissioner Stirling Spencer who is the county's representative on the Coalition. Spencer said the U.S. Fish and Wildlife has recently contracted with the Coalition to conduct a study of the impacts of re-introducing the Mexican wolf. Spencer also said the Coalition is attracting the attention of several eastern U.S. states which have conflicted with the federal government over the protection of private property rights.

As for the re-introduction of the Mexican Wolf, Spencer said he recently met with officials at White Sands Missile Range. The range is one of the locations being considered for the wolf re-introduction.

Fearing the re-introduction of the Mexican Wolf, and release of any wild animals into Lincoln County prompted the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee to propose an ordinance prohibiting such actions in the county. Bill Hays, committee chairman, said the proposed ordinance was because of the impact the re-introduction of the Mexican wolf, and the release of mountain lions in particular, will have on the county's livestock industry.

"We know wolves are being raised in Lincoln County," Hays said. "Why, we don't know...they may be turned loose." He spoke of a recent incident when a veterinarian's small son was attacked by some wolves being raised by

someone near Ruidoso, when the child got too close to the cage. "Wolves raised in captivity are used to man," he added.

Hays recommended the proposed ordinance also include the words "health, welfare, safety and economic well being."

Spencer said the wordings would widen the focus of the proposed ordinance from just how releasing wild animals in the county affects the livestock industry, to including how such releases will create problems for the county's citizens. At least two other counties in New Mexico have passed similar ordinances, Spencer said.

Spencer said the Coalition of Counties recommended the county pass the proposed ordinance to serve as a tool in dealing with agencies wanting to release wild animals into the county. Spencer said that in the case of the Mexican Wolf, the animals can travel a 60-90 mile radius in one day for predation.

Morel said that while the county is allowed by law to pass ordinances, he questioned how enforceable such an ordinance would be.

The proposed ordinance provides a \$300 fine and/or imprisonment of 90 days, upon conviction of violations of the ordinances which would prohibit the release into the wild any animals of the genera Canis, Ursus, or Felis.

Morel also recommended the proposed ordinance include a disclaimer that would negate the ordinance if it conflicts with federal laws or constitution.

Commissioner Bill Schwettmann questioned the term "Canis" which by dictionary definition means wolves, jackals and domestic dogs. He said without further definition the ordinance could be violated by people whose dogs get loose.

County manager Andy Wynham said the real issue is the definition of "release." "We're talking willful placement of animals to be running wild and free at large," he said.

But Wynham also questioned why domestic dogs should be allowed to run wild and free in the rural areas of Lincoln County.

The proposed ordinance, along with revisions discussed during the meeting, will be again discussed during the special meeting Wednesday, Jan. 12. A public hearing on the proposed ordinance, when the public will have time to voice their comments, was scheduled for the February regular commission meeting.

Commission chairman Monroy Montes updated the group on State Road 214. Last year the commission asked the state to take more responsibility for the Airport Road. But the commission turned down an unacceptable offer, then passed a resolution stating the county would no longer maintain the state's portion on Road 214. The resolution got the attention of the Highway Department, which since has put cold millings and an overlay on the section between Fort Stanton to the airport turn off.

Last week, Montes and commissioner Wilton Howell met with the governor and highway department head Lou Medrano and the chairman of the state highway commission. All agreed Lincoln County has a valid

issue, but also the state has the same problem as the county—it doesn't want any more roads.

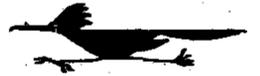
As a result of the meeting, the county will continue negotiations with the state highway commission on two proposals in two areas. But Montes said he was not at liberty to discuss those proposals.

Montes is scheduled to appear before the state highway commission on Jan. 18 in Santa Fe. Commissioner Bill Schwettmann recommended the county manager prepare a professional display presentation outlining the county's, village of Ruidoso's and the state's

responsibilities.

Spencer recommended the county solicit the leadership of Fort Stanton and Camp Sierra Blanca to also attend the meeting in support of improving State Road 214. Last year employees at Fort Stanton petitioned the county to improve State Road 214, a major link to the Ruidoso area.

Camp Sierra Blanca leaders were on hand at the Tuesday commission meeting to discuss another matter, and were asked to support the county's proposals for State Road 214.



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## WORKING EARLY AND LATE

By MICHAEL MCKIM SWICKARD  
Lincoln County News Columnist

Today, January 6, is the 82nd anniversary of New Mexico's statehood. I'm sure there will be the usual speeches by state officials. It always reminds me of a memorable interview.

My grandmother was teaching school in White Oaks, N.M. when we became a state but she had passed away so I was looking for someone who could recall from memory what it was like the day we became a state.

An acquaintance of my grandparents, William Gallacher of Carrizozo fit the bill. I drove out to his ranch in 1978 to ask him about New Mexico becoming a state. I was writing a story about the first statehood celebrations.

Since he had graduated from NMSU four years earlier he would be a perfect person to interview. Few people witnessed the change in this state as he did. From living in White Oaks before the turn of the century and before the railroad came, he lived to see the landing of the space shuttle 60 miles from his ranch.

He was 35 miles away from the first atomic explosion at Trinity Site, July 16, 1945. While a student at NMSU, on February 29, 1908, near the NMSU campus Pat Garrett was killed in a gunfight, ending New Mexico's frontier era.

He also was one of the few people in New Mexico who could look up in the sky and say, "Halley's Comet, what do you know, there it is again."

I pictured writing about people firing guns in the air, the firecrackers going off, people toasting statehood and speeches being made by politicians about, "Our date with destiny and our place in the sun."

The first election was held on November 7, 1911. New Mexico's first elected governor was Gallacher's neighbor back then, William C. McDonald, owner of the famous Bar W ranch north of Carrizozo.

On the drive out to Gallacher's ranch over about 18 miles of corduroy dirt roads I visualized this scene I supposed in my mind of the joyous celebrations that the people had that day—January 6, 1912.

Mr. Gallacher greeted me warmly and we sat over coffee at the kitchen table. He was the kind of person to always look right at you when he spoke. You knew right away what he thought about you.

I asked about statehood and told him my perception about the celebrations of January 6, 1912. In fact, I told him that I felt sure that there must have been some big celebrations in Lincoln County since the first elected governor of New Mexico was William C. McDonald.

He thought for a moment and then leaned closer, as a school master would to a student who was a slow learner, "Celebrations?"

"On the day we became a state I'm sure I got up about an hour before dawn, had a little breakfast and at first light went out to tend to sick animals, try to kill the coyotes and do all of sorts of chores that used up the entire day so that about an hour after sunset I came back and had a little supper and went to bed. I'm sure I was cold, tired and hungry. I would not ride into town for some celebration.

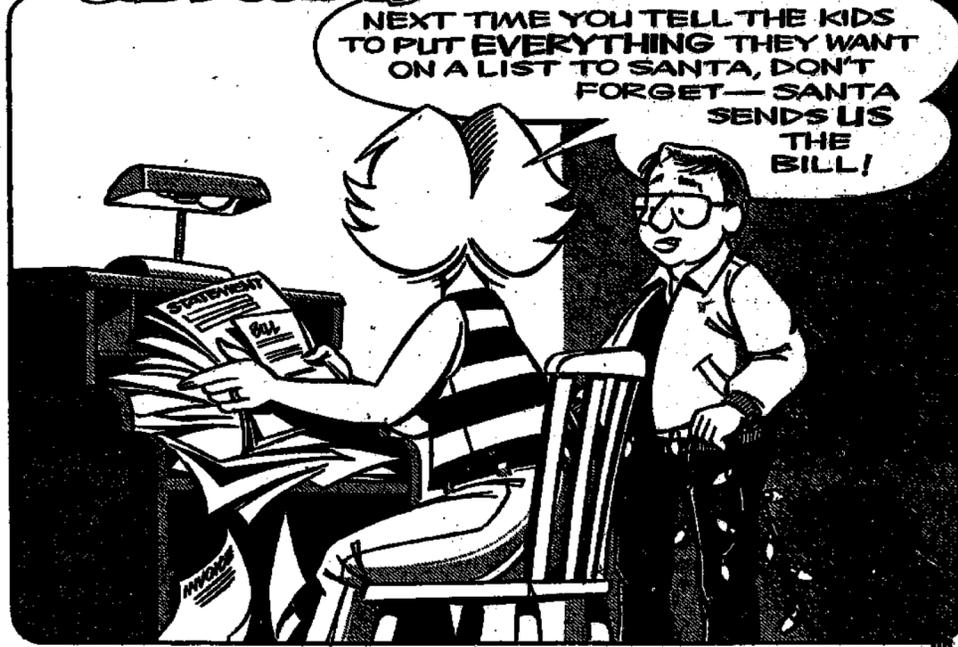
"The truth is we never even noticed statehood for the first 25 years or so. We were too busy just trying to stay alive, feed ourselves and to carve out home. Every day I got up early and worked late. I had no other energy and didn't come in off of the range at times for months."

He noticed my lack of comprehension so he continued, "Politicians and celebrations were a luxury most of us then could not afford. For 20 or 30 years on this land with my animals, I was working with all of my energy. It wasn't 40 hour a week, it was every bit of seven days a week or we wouldn't have made it."

I am thankful Mr. Gallacher showed me the truth before I wrote something silly about the celebrations the citizens had as New Mexico became a state. Some celebrated, some didn't.

It was a hard time back then, more so than most of us can even realize. January 6, 1912 was just another working day. The way to celebrate statehood correctly is by going to work early and working late. MS

## J.R. Doodles



## Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE—New Mexico state government is using the wrong version of the Great Seal.

If you have more than one document lying around your home or office with a picture of the state's Great Seal, chances are you won't have to look far to find two that don't match.

In fact there are several versions of the Great Seal floating around state government and it would seem logical that only one meets specs. But the question is which specifications do we use?

The problem arose when New Mexico's 1st Legislature appointed a commission to select a Great Seal of the state. The panel liked the seal that had been in use since 1887, so it made only three basic changes. "Territory" was changed to "state;" "MDCCCL" was changed to "1912;" and, instead of a Mexican eagle sitting under the wing of an American eagle, the commission specified that both birds were to be "perfect types of the American Golden Eagle."

But something happened on the way to the Compilation Commission. A 1915 codification of New Mexico's statutes failed to include a latter stipulation. Instead it retained the wording of the 1887 territorial legislation specifying that the second eagle be a Mexican eagle.

So which version is correct? For many years, no one noticed that the statutes didn't include the change adopted by the committee appointed by the 1913 Legislature. Secretary of State Antonio Lucero, who had served on the selection committee, kept on using the committee's version and so has every secretary of state since.

But when New Mexico's current Capitol was built, someone noted that the huge tile Great Seal on the floor of the rotunda did not fit the language of the statute.

Consequently some state agencies recently have begun using a seal on their stationary that substitutes a crested eagle for the smaller, bald American Golden Eagle.

And in recent copies of the New Mexico Blue Book, the secretary of state has used the traditional seal throughout the publication except for the illustration in the section describing the Great Seal. That picture and description are of the Mexican Brown (or Harpy) Eagle.

The Mexican Eagle controversy was brought to light in an article by state historian Robert Torrez in the Decem-

ber New Mexico Magazine. Torrez suggests the state's "legal eagles" will have to figure this one out.

Let's hope both birds on the Great Seal remain birds. Most state agencies, boards and commissions have the right to adopt their own seal. If they already feel free to redraw the Mexican Eagle, imagine what would happen if a "Jim Baca environmentalist" at the State Land Office or the Game and Fish Department decided to substitute the endangered Mexican Spotted Owl in order to dramatize the cutting of our forests.

With attention now drawn to our schizophrenic state seal and the possibility of unilateral alteration, might the Human Rights Commission decide to investigate the political correctness of the smaller Mexican Eagle being "shield-

ed" by the American Eagle?

Evidently the symbolism of the two eagles during early territorial days was to assure that even though the United States had taken the territory from Mexico, New Mexico's citizens of Mexican ancestry would always be protected.

But does that sound a little paternalistic these days? After all, New Mexico's constitution has guaranteed equal standing for the Spanish language ever since statehood 1912. Wouldn't American and Mexican eagles of equal size be more appropriate now?

But enough of all this silliness. Eventually some uniformity in our state seal would be nice, but not at the expense of any taxpayer money being used to make the Mexican Eagle politically correct.

## BLM Acquires Land Along Rio Bonito

On Dec. 21 and 22, 1993, the Bureau of Land Management issued patents for a portion of Parcel 2 of the Rio Bonito land exchange. This action transferred 7.5 acres in San Juan County and 980.77 in Sierra Counties to the Lincoln Valley Land Company. In return, BLM received a 46.39 tract, including 12.6 acres of water rights, near the village of Lincoln, N.M.

The Rio Bonito land exchange is the public's best interest according to Roswell District Manager Leslie Cone. "We intend to manage the area in keeping with its historic uses while enhancing its riparian and recreation values."

This is the second land transfers in the exchange. In December, 1992, BLM traded 25,010 acres in Eddy, Chaves, Otero and Dona Ana counties to the Lincoln Valley Land Company for a 429-acre tract that included 132 acres of water rights.

Land involved in federal land exchanges must be appraised at fair market value and lands changing hands must be equal in value. While the number of acres is unequal, the values of the lands and water rights in this exchange are equal.

The Lincoln Valley Land Company proposed the exchange with BLM in January of 1990. When the exchange is completed, BLM would receive a total of 1,115 acres of land, including 330 acres of associated water rights along the Rio Bonito. In exchange the Lincoln Valley Land Company

would receive up to 36,000 acres of federal land in Dona Ana, Otero, Eddy, Chaves, San Juan and Valencia Counties. The federal lands had been previously identified for possible disposal in BLM land use plans as difficult to manage small, isolated tracts.

### SNMEDD MEETING

The Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) annual board of directors meeting will be held Jan. 7 in the Campus Union Building banquet room at ENMU-Roswell.

## THE OTHER SIDE

I reported last week that it had finally snowed in Ruidoso. We woke up to about 3 or 4 inches of white stuff and it was still putting it down. By the end of the day we had 6 inches or so here and there. I must be getting old, though. It took me so long to shovel my car out, the snow had melted before I got through.

Speaking of last week. I reported I was going to do a book review of Rush Limbaugh's latest effort, but a very influential friend of mine advised me that it was important that I read the book first. In that case, I will be a little longer getting it done, but don't give up.

One of the subjects I intend to explore is the cause of Rush's popularity. I guess one place to start would be to consider the competition, but I am still confused. His program comes on every night opposite "Nightline" on ABC and "Hard Copy" on NBC. I know "Nightline" is informative but not very exciting, and "Hard Copy" is exciting but not very informative, but where does that leave Rush? I guess I had better read the book.

Since one of the things a newspaper is supposed to do is report the good things along with the bad, I feel obligated to announce the following: I received today (January 4, 1994) approval of an application made to a state agency in Santa Fe that they received on December 28th and mailed back to me on December 30th. It usually takes me a month or better to get something back from that agency, and the Post Office didn't do too bad, either. "Way to go, guys!"

I guess you would expect me to now report some of the bad. I heard of an incident over the weekend which disturbs me to no end. Last Saturday, which was New Year's Day, there was a woman, from out of town of course, who needed a prescription filled. It seems she had developed the mother of all toothaches. She searched the town high and low and couldn't find a pharmacist anywhere. It was suggested to her that she could find one in Alamogordo, but she replied, "No, if I'm going to have to go out of town, I'll find one in Lubbock or wherever I'm from." I know New Year's Day is considered a holiday by some, but since we profess to be a vacation town, it would seem more than imperative that we arrange for basic services for our guests who come here on holidays. There has been entirely too much of "I'll never come back to Ruidoso again!" lately, and we should pity ourselves that another incident like this occurs on the first day of the new year. People will love us if we let them.

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EDITOR—Attention hunters, target shooters, ranchers, and the general public of New Mexico. There is presently legislation being considered in Santa Fe that would cause the following laws to be enacted:

1. Make it illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to own a gun. This means our sons and daughters would not be able to hunt or target shoot unless they were under the direct supervision of an adult.
2. Make it illegal to carry a loaded firearm in your vehicle.
3. Place more taxes on firearms, ammunition and components.

None of the above will have any affect on crime. Please write the Governor and your state senators and congressmen and let them know that you don't need any more government intervention in your lives.

ROBERT J. MILLER, JR.  
T or C, N.M.

EDITOR—I have been researching historic names in Fort Stanton Cave. One location 3000 feet in is known as the Dragon Site. It has confirmed names of members from companies B and K of the First Dragoons with dates of 1855. Emil Fritz of Lincoln County War fame has his name here (he arrived in the area as an immigrant-soldier and private in Co. K).

From regimental returns we know that these men visited this portion of the cave within a short time after Ft. Stanton construction (by the 1st Dragoons) started. These are Fort Stanton Cave's first Euro-American visitors and their scout this far in the cave may be the one from which the "pursuit of Apaches and second entrance" tale derives.

One of the 1855 names is perplexing, however. It is "William Richards, Capitan, N.M.," and occurs both with the 1855 date and in another location, in pencil, with an 1861 date. Richards name is not found in any regimental returns, so it is possible he was a civilian working for the military. I have found a William Richards of Bernalillo County in the 1870 New Mexico census, but no reference to any other town or locality in New Mexico that may have been known as Capitan.

I understand the town of Capitan was preceded by a Mexican

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**Letters Policy**

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

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# CALENDAR

## THURSDAY, JAN. 6

—The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority and the Otero County Solid Waste Authority will conduct a dedication ceremony at their new Otero/Lincoln Regional Landfill site at noon. The landfill is located 24 miles south of Alamogordo on U.S. Highway 54.

## FRIDAY, JAN. 7

—The Central Committee of the Republican Party of Lincoln County meets at 11 a.m. at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

## MONDAY, JAN. 10

—Friends of Smokey meet at 1 p.m. at Smokey Bear Cafe in Capitan.

—Capitan Board of Education will hold a special meeting with state representative John Underwood at 5:30 p.m. in the school library.

—“First Monday” dinner meeting of the Republican Party of Lincoln County will be held at 6 p.m. at Cafe Carrizo in Ruidoso. Colin McMillan will be guest speaker. For reservations call Bob Nys at 258-4372 or Jack Page at 336-4050 by noon Jan. 8.

—Capitan Trustees meet at 7 p.m. in village hall.

## TUESDAY, JAN. 11

—Craig Hipple from the State Engineer's Office will be available from 9 a.m. to noon at the Ruidoso Civic Center to assist water right owners and interested parties.

—Bookmobile in Corona 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and Carrizozo 4 to 6 p.m.

—Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce meets at noon at Carrizozo Municipal Airport.

—Carrizozo Trustees meet at 6 p.m. in town hall.

—Ruidoso Council meets at 6:30 p.m. in the village administration center.

## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12

—Bookmobile in Carrizozo 8 to 9:30 a.m., Capitan 10 to 11 a.m. and 5:30 to 7 p.m., Fort Stanton noon to 1:30 p.m., Lincoln 2 to 3 p.m., and Hondo 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

—Capitan Extension Homemakers Club will hold its January meeting at 9:30 a.m. at Capitan Senior Center.

—Lincoln County Commissioners will hold a special meeting at noon at the courthouse in Carrizozo. At 3 p.m. they will meet with Rep. Underwood.

—Carrizozo Trustees will hold a special meeting with Rep. Underwood at 6 p.m. at Town Hall.

## THURSDAY, JAN. 13

—Ruidoso Public Library will be closed today and Friday, Jan. 14, for inventory.

—Capitan Board of Education will meet for a work session at 6:30 p.m. and a regular session at 7 p.m. in the school library.

## Letters To The Editor

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settlement at or near the present location, and that the name Capitan was given well after the 1860's. My questions and appeal for help to *Lincoln County News* readers are:

Is it possible that there was a general region in the Ft. Stanton-Capitan area known as "Capitan" in the 1860's through '60's? Were there any other townsites with this name that anyone has reference to? Is anyone related to or have information on the William Richards in question?

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## OTHER SIDE

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It was reported in Ray Barry's column in the *Albuquerque Journal* the other day that a certain school board was considering banning the use of the alphabet because it contained such things as "sex", "penis",

racist, and "antiintellectualism"; the first three because they were inappropriate and the last because no one possessed the appropriate attention span nor knew what it meant. I am reminded of the story of William F. Buckley uttering a few appropriate seven syllable words when he hit his thumb with a hammer.

I have been following the news on the dress code controversies in our public schools with horror. Many of the items being banned are ordinary clothing that you might wear on one of your more frivolous occasions, and they are being banned because they somehow create a sense of identity for so-called gang members. They do look terrible, but so did the duck-tail haircuts of my day. And the ban will do nothing to control gang activity. It will only convince the gang members of the legitimacy of their activity and make them harder to pick out of the crowd. (Hey, George, sell all of my "Dickies" stock and reinvest my money in hula hoops.)

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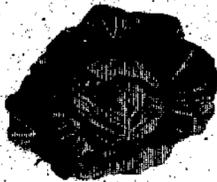


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**CAPITAN NOTES**

Greetings once again from my old house by the side of the road to your house. Arrived home Sunday and that old cliché, "There just ain't no place like home certainly holds true! I had a good time, I had a good visit, but about two weeks ago I began counting the days left before I could begin to pack and be "Home-ward Bound."

The biggest thrill of the return trip though was getting to see my first great-grandchild Kirbi Christine Sullivan, weighing seven pounds and six ounces arrived to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to her parents, Paul and Diane Sullivan of Arlington, Texas, her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C'de Baca, also of Arlington and her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sullivan of Capitan. I was hoping, and yes, praying a bit, that she would arrive on Dec. 14, which is my birthday. However, she chose not to make her debut until Dec. 17 and she is one beautiful little girl. We had such a little time to view her in the airport between planes, but I did get to hold her for a moment. She had her eyes closed, but she smiled the sweetest little smile and I was jubilant, then she opened one eye slightly and when she saw me, she puckered up and began to cry. Not much of a compliment too her aging great grandmother, but we are all thrilled and thankful to the Good Lord above for sending us such a beautiful little one.

Last weeks column was faxed down to Carrizozo before Gertrude's letter arrived in the afternoon mail and I know you are all anxious for another chapter to begin. Gertrude did miss a week because of the Huey Family Christmas Reunion which was held on Dec. 19 at the Senior Citizens Center. Gertrude wrote me in Omaha that there were 49 family members and four invited guests at the dinner.

Her son in Pennsylvania was unable to attend, nor did any of his family, and they were missed, but the rest of the family had a great day. She also asked me to correct a statement that I made in an earlier chapter: Gertrude was never on welfare. She did, however, take other folks who were on welfare to Carrizozo to pick up their supplies. Also I understood that her husband, Mr. Huey, set up the Magistrates Court. My error. He was on the committee who did set it up. He served several years as Magistrate, until he became ill and then Gertrude replaced him and served for six rewarding years, as she wrote. And now to continue with her story:

"Things just weren't good for two years. There were lots of tragedies. We buried six people in those years. Glenda's husband Dennis Wickware and Glenda were in a serious wreck where he lost his life and we almost lost Glenda. Next we lost Delores's husband Luther McInnes with a heart attack. Then Glenda's second husband Jim Gaston was in a wreck in Lincoln. A young boy was driving. Then on March 23, 1973 we lost Billie Joe, our youngest boy and his wife. They left two children behind. Then in September of 1973 Mr. Huey passed away. Then I took my Dad for two years who was then 93. Then we lost him. My mother had passed on in 1966.

In 1980 I moved back up to Gran Quivera and lived there until Stubby sold the place and had me moved home. I was then in Pennsylvania. I went back up on my Dad's homestead to find out if I could live that way again, that is to cut wood, cook on a wood stove, use water off the house or haul it from Mountainair in jugs. There was no electricity or running water. Had to heat the water on the stove for a bath. Yes, Pat, let me have the bath tub from Claunch so I made a very nice bathroom. The kids and grandkids from Capitan loved staying with me. They liked to cut wood and even brought it in in a wheelbarrow. Two of the young folks and I roofed the kitchen, even sheet rocked one room. When I moved up there I moved on my VFW Dash. Then Idell went to Roswell and helped me get a pickup so I'd have something to haul wood and water on.

After coming back to Capitan I lived over a year at Pat's small home by him, then I moved back home. So nice to get back home where I had raised my children. It may be old, but lots of love is still in it."

Gertrude, I have enjoyed writing this for you and many times have had to stop and wipe tears from my eyes. You are a great story teller and to think this was actually your life, makes it doubly interesting and precious. I only hope, in all sincerity, that your family will appreciate all the love and work that has gone into preparing this for them, which should prove to them how much you loved them.

you were and still are. It has been my pleasure to know you. May God bless you many times in the years ahead!

And to the many readers of the Lincoln County News, let me wish each and every one of you a most wonderful, happy and prosperous 1994.

A few more bits of this and that by L.M. Boyd of Crown Suncide Inc. (These are in the Omaha World Herald and my daughter promised to send more to me as they appear.) "Gunmen recently hit a bank in Brussels, Belgium and right in the middle of the robbery, according to news accounts, a 27 year old teller tried to, but failed to follow orders: She threw up her hands, then lay down on the floor and had a baby.

Early Americans, particularly along the Atlantic Seaboard, gave their newborns some mighty curious names. State listmakers so learned when they set about computerizing the old records. They came across Cigarette, Navel, Alien, Turnipseed, Comfort Care and there was even one registered as Nicie Horse.

Hospitals generally use four words to identify the condition of their patients: Good - Comfortable with excellent indications - Fair - uncomfortable maybe but with favorable indicators. Serious - unstable, with indicators outside normal limits - Critical - abnormal vital signs, possibly unconscious.

Where is the Sea of Fear? That is an old name for the Bermuda Triangle.

How many pyramids remain in Egypt? Still 38.

When did Artificial Christmas trees finally outsell real trees? In 1991.

What did the infamous Benedict Arnold do before he got into being a traitor? He sold a mixture of garlic, brown sugar and rose water as a cure for sore throats.

Texas long ago turned into law this ancient commandment of farmers: If you don't own the cow, don't milk 'er!

The American Hot-Dog is even more popular in China right now than Chinese food is in your town or mine. That is what correspondents report.

**Ruidoso Public Library Planning To Make Changes**

The new year promises to be a busy one for the Ruidoso Public Library. As a vital part of the Lincoln County community, the library will be looking at changes to meet the challenges of the coming year.

Topping the list will be the new computerized circulation system which will improve efficiency in handling records and statistics in the everyday operations of the library. In preparation for the installation of this new system, the library staff and volunteers will be taking inventory on Thursday, Jan. 13 and Friday, Jan. 14. The library will be closed to the public on these days. Anyone who has an hour or more to spare on either of these days is invited to stop by the library and sign up to help with inventory or call the library and add your name to the list.

As a special gift to all library patrons, January 1994 will be No-Fine month. No fines will be charged for overdue materials returned to the library during the month of January. So as you clear away the holiday decorations and clean out the closets, bring those overdue books and tapes and videos back to the library and pay no fines during January.

Finally, the Ruidoso Public Library has had some personnel changes during the past few months. The new Library Director is Nancy Eckert. Chris Mulqueen and Suzie Serra are newly hired Library Assistants. Ingrid Schmitz, a member of the library staff for the past 12 years, remains as Childrens Librarian.

The Ruidoso Public Library staff is on duty to assist you with your reading and reference needs Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by phone at 257-4335.

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C'ozo Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm  
SUNDAY:  
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am  
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Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm

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Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

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Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am  
Worship Service..... 11:10 am  
Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 6:30 pm  
United Methodist Men Breakfast  
2nd Sunday..... 8:30 am  
United Methodist Women Every  
3rd Wednesday..... 9:30 am  
Fellowship Dinner Last Sunday of Month  
..... 12:30 pm

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Adult Sunday School..... 8:30 am  
Worship Service..... 9:15 am  
Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 am  
Fellowship Time..... 10:15 am  
Adult Sunday School..... 11:00 am  
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# FORT STANTON FACTS & FICTION

Happy New Year! Hope 1994 will be a very good year for everyone who reads this.

On Thursday, Jan. 6, P & G Pizzeria and Subs, the former B and L Pizza, will be opened by its new owners, Bennie and Carol Peterson. Know they will do as well or

better at managing the pizza place as they have done with the hardware. Bonnie McEuen and her special friends, Louise LaRue, Mona McEuen, and Betty Hobbs, plus all of her many friends enjoyed her open house on Dec. 23. All kinds of goodies were served

to lots of acquaintances. How we will all miss you Bonnie making those (only pizzas Bonnie could make) pizzas and your friendly hello and funny stories. My family has known Jim and Bonnie McEuen ever since we came to Capitan, and can vouch they are the "Best."

Della and David Bonnell were delighted to have all three of their kids home with their families over the Christmas holidays. Ruthie and Jim Bradley and daughter Krystyn of Springs, Texas, Joel and Cristy Bonnell of Glencoe, and Paul and Marie Bonnell and daughters April and Cerina of Albuquerque were happy to spend time with Grandma and Grandpa. Louise Joiner and Eddie and Audrey Davis spent Christmas Day with them.

Toban and Shelly Tate's wedding anniversary was Jan. 3. Hope you had a happy anniversary. Always remember their day as this was the day my Mom and Dad, Bessie and Milt Jones married. If he was still living, this year would have been 60 years.

Have had so many wonderful visitors this past two weeks. Just a little while ago, Pauline and Alton Whittaker stopped in to say hello while they were out driving around. The weather is still cooperating and they were bored so took a drive. Thanks to you both for stopping in. They are getting ready for their granddaughters wedding on Jan. 15. Stacey Cox and Kelvin Reynolds will be married at the Church of Christ in Capitan on this day. A very special congratulations to this couple. Stacey went to work in Alamogordo on Jan. 3. We are all proud of your accomplishments. On Monday, I was staying in my office during lunch time as the snow had made the roads bad. I had a call from some friends who had been at the Smokey Bear Restaurant and were coming out to visit. What a nice surprise when Francelle Chizos, her husband Alton, and son T.J. came by to visit. Francelle and her mother Katherine Schul, visited Fort Stanton a couple of years ago looking for information about Katherine's grandfather. We became good friends and have corresponded back and forth ever since. T.J. had not been where it snows very much. We walked around the Fort, taking pictures of the wooden Christmas decorations that make our Fort special during the holidays, and lots of snow balls were thrown during the picture taking sessions. Francelle and family were going on to Colorado and then back to Texas.

Katy Massey came by a few days before Christmas and stopped in to say hello and tell me Margaret Rensch was o.k. Miss her being out and about. Katy was going to get Margaret a poinsettia, but as I said before they were all sold out. Margaret keep smiling and may you have a healthy 1994. We all miss you. Remember that!

N.E. Britton is walking around the house without his walker. He is doing very well and is sure happy to be home. "Missy", his dog is happy he is home too.

Liz Sambrano fell and broke some bones in her leg. We hope you are on the mend and will be back to work soon, as we miss you.

Butch and Tommie Allen spent some of their holiday time with his mom, Mary Allen.

Thanks to Willie Hobbs working for me through the New Year holidays, I enjoyed a long four days.

# Drug Bust

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While they were arresting the juvenile female for no license, two men approached her pickup and grabbed two garbage sacks out of the back of the pickup. McSwane and Vega told the men to release the bags. Upon a search, the marijuana was discovered and the men were also arrested.

The marijuana was packaged for shipment, McSwane said. No weapons, or other kinds of drugs were found.

The juvenile female's pickup and a station wagon belonging to one of the men were confiscated also.

Officers then went to a Carrizozo motel, where Ernestine Lopez, 20, of Carrizozo, was also arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of less than three ounces of marijuana and conspiracy to traffic marijuana.

The adults were arraigned Tuesday by Magistrate Judge William Butts, who came to

Carrizozo. He set bond for the men at \$20,000 and bond for Lopez at \$8,000. They are detained in the Lincoln County Detention Center. There was no bond for the juvenile, who was on probation for a previous charge. She was taken to the juvenile detention center in Otero County.

Officers with the White Mountain Task Force assisted the sheriff with the arrests

and Carrizozo police helped with surveillance at the motel and for transporting prisoners.

With information received after the arrests, McSwane said his office will be expanding the investigation of drug trafficking in Carrizozo.

McSwane said there is a possibility that additional arrests will be made in the area.

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## Kelly Sheehan Earns Degrees From NMSU

Kelly Sheehan of Carrizozo graduated Dec. 8 from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

Kelly graduated with a Bachelors degree in journalism and mass communications. Kelly plans on going to graduate school in August of 1994.

Kelly is a 1988 graduate of Carrizozo High School. She is the daughter of William and Beatrice Sheehan and granddaughter of Oralia Najjar, all of Carrizozo.

## Joe Skeen Announces

Congressman Joe Skeen, lifelong New Mexican, announced his intention to seek an eighth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. He made the announcement yesterday in Roswell.

Skeen, a Republican, was first elected to Congress in 1980 as a write-in candidate. He has been re-elected six times.

## CORONA NEWS

A belated New Year greeting from Around Corona.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allen Davidson are the parents of eight pound one ounce Ryan Neil, born early Sunday morning Jan. 2 in an Albuquerque hospital. The baby has a sister, Tysa. Maternal grandparents are Melvin and Kay Sultermeyer. Jackie Davidson claims the paternal grandfather spot.

Corona firemen spent much of New Years Day helping control a blaze on the R. J. Reynolds Ranch, a 15,000 acre blaze.

Mrs. Bernice McGord checked into a Roswell hospital Tuesday evening in preparation for a knee replacement Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Byron Yancey took her mother to Roswell.

Mrs. Robin Pfeiffer spent Christmas in Phoenix as the guest of her grandson, Scott Kimball. Sally, Stan and Sara were there for a special time.

Billy Kessler, San Diego, spent part of the holidays with the Mike Kesslers and with his grandmother, Mrs. Elsie Snodgrass.

Charlie Babb and daughter, Allison, Colorado Springs, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Snodgrass.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, Plaintiff,

vs. GROUP I SEABORN T. GRAY ) AND SARAH C. GRAY; JOHN R. RIGGINS and AMY RIGGINS; ALEXANDER G. MARYFIELD; ZINA HUGLEY; JOHN MARYFIELD; CYNTHIA EASLEY; MOSA MARYFIELD; INDIA MARYFIELD; HART HALE; MAMIE HALE; RUTH MEANS; LAVON MEANS; EVA MAE COLEMAN; QUINCY COLEMAN; VELMA COLEMAN; LT. COLEMAN; VERA LEE ARNOLD and ALVORD J. ARNOLD; BENJAMIN F. STAFFORD; MABEL C. YATES and WILLIAM A. YATES; GEO. W. SMITH, a/a/a GEORGE WASHINGTON SMITH and MINNIE OLA SMITH; THOMAS C. KEY; J.A. SCOTT; ELLEN AMANDA KEY; HILDA KEY YOUNG; ERNEST PAYTON KEY; W. A. STERRETT and ADA STERRETT, a/a/a ARA STERRETT; MARGARITE CHAVEZ; FRANK MORRIS; R.D. KINGSTON; HUNTER HOBBS; ROBERT W. CALLAWAY; WILL ED HARRIS; JACK REILY HARRIS; ETHEL L. HOWARD; J.L. BLACK, a/a/a JAMES L. BLACK; R.W. ALLEN; KITTIE T. BLACK; PATRICIA L. ALLEN; JAMES E. HARBROW; ALLEN HICKERSON; CORA E. BRUBAKER and J.A. BRUBAKER; and their heirs, devisees, or assigns; GROUP II ALAMOGORDO IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, a New Mexico Corporation; THE TITSWORTH COMPANY, INC., a Corporation; SCHOOL DISTRICT #28; DELLA SUBBLETTE, a/a/a DELLA SUBBLETTE; EDNA BURCH, a/a/a EDNA MARYFIELD BURCH; NETTIE McINNESS HARCROW; their heirs, devisees, successors, and assigns; GROUP III JOHN DOES, 1 through 100, & all of their lawful heirs, devisees or assigns; GROUP IV AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF; Defendants. AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION OR PROCEEDING THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: THE DEFENDANTS LISTED IN GROUPS I, II, III AND IV ABOVE GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, Plaintiff, has filed a Complaint for Quiet Title in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket Number CV-93-192. The object of said action is to obtain declaratory judgment against the Plaintiffs in order for the Plaintiff to obtain a clear title in and to the following described real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico:

Block 58, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Block 59; Lots 15, 16, 17, 18, and 20, Block 65; and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Block 66, and Lots 2 through 8 of the Fletcher Hall Addition; all in the Original Townsite of Capitan, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown on the plat thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico; all more commonly known as the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before February 14, 1994, declaratory judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiff in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiff's Complaint for Quiet Title.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff are as follows: Alan P. Morel, Parsons, Bryant & Morel, P.A., P.O. Box 1000, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this the 22nd day of December, 1993.

MARGO E. LINDSAY, Clerk of the District Court. By: Elizabeth Luera, Deputy.

RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF SPECIAL SCHOOL BOND ELECTION AND PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TAX ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Hondo Valley Public School District No. 39, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, has determined that a Special School Bond Election and Capital Improvements Tax Election, (herein, "the Election") be held on March 8, 1994, pursuant to Sections 1-22-1 through 1-22-19, NMSA 1978; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the District has determined upon its own initiative to submit to a vote at said Election, the question of the issuance of its general obligation bonds in the maximum amount and for the purpose hereinafter specified, as permitted by Section 22-18-2B NMSA 1978, and the Bond Election Act; and

WHEREAS, neither the bond question herein submitted nor any other bond question has been defeated by the voters of the District at a bond election held within a period of two years from the date of the Election hereinafter set forth;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 22-25-3, NMSA 1978, the Board has determined, and does hereby determine, that there should be submitted to the electorate at said Election, the question of whether or not a property tax of \$2.00 per each \$1,000.00 of net taxable value of property allocated to the District under the Property Tax Code should be imposed for the property tax years of 1994, 1995, and 1996, for the purpose of capital improvements in the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE HONDO VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, NO. 39 CONSTITUTING THE GOVERNING BODY OF SAID DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN AND STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. On the 8th day of March, 1994, there will be held in the Hondo Valley Public School District No. 39, Lincoln County, New Mexico, a special school district election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the question of creating a debt by the issuance of general obligation bonds and for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the question of whether or not a property tax should be imposed for the purpose of capital improvements in the District.

Section 2. The Voting Districts for this Election shall be as follows: Voting District 1. General Election Precinct: 3, 12A, 12B & 12C.

Polling Place: Hondo Valley School Gym Lobby, Hondo, New Mexico. In addition, there will be an Absentee Voter District established as described in Section 7 herein.

Section 3. The polls for said Election will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

Section 4. At such Election, the following question shall be submitted to such qualified, registered electors of the District: GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND QUESTION "Shall the Board of Education of the Hondo Valley Public School District No. 39, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the District, in one series or more, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$680,000 for the purpose of erecting, remodeling, making additions to and furnishing school buildings and purchasing or improving school grounds or any combination of these purposes, said bonds to be payable from general (ad valorem) taxes and to be issued and sold at such time or times upon such terms and conditions as the Board may determine?"

At such Election, the following question shall also be submitted to such qualified, registered electors of the District: PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TAX QUESTION "Shall the Board of Education of the Hondo Valley Public School District No. 39, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, be authorized to impose a property tax of \$2.00 per each \$1,000.00 of net taxable value of the property allocated to such District under the Property Tax Code for the property tax years of 1994, 1995 and 1996 for the purpose of the following capital improvements in the District, i.e., erecting, remodeling, making additions to, providing equipment for and furnishing school buildings, purchasing or improving school grounds; maintenance of public school buildings and public school grounds exclusive of salary expenses of employees of the District; and purchasing activity vehicles for transporting students to extracurricular school activities?"

Section 5. The tax contemplated by the capital improvements tax question shall be in addition to the tax contemplated by the bond question and to any tax imposed to pay debt service on the bonds or for any other purpose. Such capital improvements tax shall be authorized pursuant to the Public School Capital Improvements Act, i.e., Sections 22-25-1 through 22-25-10 NMSA 1978 (being Chapter 5, Laws of the New Mexico, 1975, Special Session, as amended and supplemented).

Section 6. A person is a qualified elector of the District if he or she is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age on the day of the Election and a resident of the District on the day of the Election. In order to vote, qualified electors of the District must have previously registered with the County Clerk of Lincoln County in accordance with law. Any qualified elector of the District who is not now registered and who wishes to vote at such Election should register during regular office hours prior to 5:00 p.m. on February 8, 1994, being the twenty-eighth day immediately preceding the Election, at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, or at the office of any deputy registration officer appointed by the County Clerk of Lincoln County (which may include

the municipal clerks of all municipalities in Lincoln County).

Section 7. Absentee voting will be permitted in the manner authorized by Section 1-6-1 et seq., NMSA 1978; provided, however, that pursuant to Section 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, qualified electors may also vote absentee in person at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, during the regular hours and days of business from 8:00 a.m., February 11, 1994, being the twenty-fifth day immediately preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m., March 4, 1994; being the Friday immediately prior to the Election.

Section 8. Voting shall be by voting machine, except for absentee voting which shall be by paper ballot. At least one voting machine shall be used at the polling place for each Voting District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of December, 1993.

/s/CURTIS McTEIGUE, President, Board of Education.

(SEAL) Attest: /s/ VICTORIA E. SANCHEZ, Secretary, Board of Education.

Published in the Lincoln County News on January 6 and 13, 1994.

RESOLUCION Y PROCLAMACION DE ELECCION ESPECIAL DE BONOS ESCOLARES Y ELECCION CON EL FIN DE APROBAR IMPUESTOS PARA MEJORAS MATERIALES

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Junta de Educacion del Distrito Escolar Independiente Num. 39 de Hondo Valley (en esta, la "Junta" y el "Distrito", respectivamente), en el Condado de Lincoln y el Estado de Nuevo Mexico, ha determinado que se lleve a cabo una Eleccion Especial de Bonos Escolares y Eleccion Con el Fin de Aprobar Impuestos Para Mejoras Materiales (en esta, la "Eleccion") el 8 de marzo 1994, conforme a las Secciones 1-22-1 a 1-22-19, inclusiva, NMSA 1978; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Junta del Distrito ha determinado, por iniciativa propia, someter a votacion en dicha Eleccion, la cuestion de la emision de bonos de obligacion general de suma maxima y para los fines que mas adelante se especifican, segun lo permite la Seccion 22-18-2B NMSA 1978, y la Ley de Elecciones de Bonos; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la cuestion relacionada con los bonos que aqui se somete a votacion ni cualquiera otra cuestion de bonos ha sido derrotada por los votantes del Distrito en una eleccion de bonos convocada dentro de un periodo de dos años antes de la Eleccion que mas adelante se especifica;

CONSIDERANDO QUE, conforme a la Seccion 22-25-3, NMSA 1978, la Junta ha determinado, y por medio de este determino, que se debe presentar a los votantes en dicha Eleccion, la cuestion si se debe imponer o no un impuesto de \$2.00 por cada \$1,000.00 de valor neto tributable sobre la propiedad asignada al Distrito conforme alCodigo de Impuestos Sobre la Propiedad para los años tributables de propiedad 1994, 1995, y 1996, con el fin de hacer las mejoras materiales en el Distrito.

AHOR, POR LO TANTO, LA JUNTA DE EDUCACION DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE NUM. 39 DE HONDO VALLEY, EL CUAL CONSTITUYE EL CUERPO GOBERNANTE DE DICHO DISTRITO, EN EL CONDADO DE LINCOLN Y ESTADO DE NUEVO MEXICO RESUELVE:

Seccion 1. El 8 de marzo, 1994 se llevara a cabo una eleccion especial en el Distrito Escolar Independiente Num. 39 de Hondo Valley, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico con el fin de presentar a los votantes habilitados del Distrito la cuestion si se

puede crear una deuda con la emision de bonos de obligacion general y con el fin de someterles a los votantes habilitados del Distrito la cuestion si se debiera imponer o no un impuesto para las mejoras materiales en el Distrito.

Seccion 2. Los Distritos Electorales para la esta eleccion son los siguientes: Distrito Electoral 1. Precincto de la Eleccion General: 3, 12A, 12B y 12C.

Sito de Votacion: Recepcion del Gimnasio de Hondo Valley School; Hondo, Nuevo Mexico.

Ademas habra un Distrito para Votantes en Ausencia segun se expresa en la Seccion 7 mas adelante.

Seccion 3. Los Contros para Votar en dicha Eleccion permaneceran abiertos entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y 7:00 p.m. el dia de la Eleccion.

Seccion 4. En dicha Eleccion, la siguiente cuestion sera sometida a la consideracion de dichos votantes habilitados y registrados del Distrito: CUESTION DE BONOS DE OBLIGACION GENERAL "Se le concedera la autorizacion a la Junta de Educacion del Distrito Escolar Independiente Num. 39 de Hondo Valley, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico a fin de que emita Bonos de una serie o mas de obligacion general del Distrito, en la suma agregada principal que no exceda de los \$680,000, con el fin de construir, remodelar, anadir y amueblar los edificios escolares y comprar o mejorar los terrenos escolares o cualquiera combinacion de estos proyectos, dichos bonos se pagaran con los fondos derivados de los impuestos generales (ad valorem) y se emitiran y se vendoraran en tal fecha o en tales fechas y conforme a los terminos y las condiciones que la Junta determine?"

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Seccion 5. El impuesto que contempla la cuestion del impuesto para las mejoras materiales se agregara al impuesto que contempla la cuestion sobre los bonos y se agregara tambien a cualquier impuesto que se imponga para pagar el servicio de la deuda de los bonos o para cualquier otro fin. Dichos impuestos para pagar las mejoras materiales seran autorizados conforme a la Ley de Mejoras Materiales de las Escuelas Publicas, es decir, las Secciones 22-25-1 a 22-25-10 NMSA 1978 (siendo Capitulo 5, Leyes de Nuevo Mexico, 1975, Sesion Especial, segun fueron enmendadas y suplementadas).

Seccion 6. Una persona es elector habilitado del Distrito si el o ella es ciudadano (a) de los Estados Unidos, tiene por lo menos 18 años de edad el dia de la Eleccion y es residente del Distrito en la fecha de la Eleccion. Para votar, los electores habilitados del Distrito deben haberse registrado previamente con el (la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, conforme a la ley. Cualquiera elector habilitado del Distrito que no este registrado ahora y que desea votar en dicha Eleccion debe registrarse en la oficina del (de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, en el Edificio de la Corte del Condado de Lincoln, Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico, durante las horas habiles antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 8 de febrero, 1994, cayendo una fecha veinte y ocho dias antes de la fecha de la Eleccion, o tambien en la oficina de cualquier auxiliar de registracion nombrado por el (la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln (quienes pueden incluir a los (las) escribanos(as) municipales de todas las municipalidades del Condado de Lincoln).

Seccion 7. La votacion en ausencia se permitira conforme las Secciones 1-6-1 et seq., NMSA 1978; siempre que conforme a la Seccion 1-22-19, NMSA 1978 los electores habilitados podran votar presentandolos personalmente en la oficina del (de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln durante las horas y en los dias habiles entre las 8:00 a.m., el 11 de febrero 1994, fecha que cae 25 dias antes de la fecha de la Eleccion, y las 5:00 p.m., el 4 de marzo 1994 que es el dia viernes que antecede la fecha de la Eleccion.

Seccion 8. La votacion se llevara a cabo usando maquinas electorales, salvo la votacion en ausencia la cual se llevara a cabo usando boletas de papel. Se colocara, por lo menos, una maquina electoral en el sitio electoral de cada Distrito Electoral.

APROBADA Y ADOPTADA esta dia 14 de diciembre de 1993.

/s/CURTIS McTEIGUE, Presidente, Junta de

Education. (SELLO) Dey Fe: /s/VICTORIA E. SANCHEZ, Secretaria(e), Junta de Educacion.

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## Sheriff's Report

New Year's Eve went quietly in Lincoln County, with two accidents with injuries, several minor fender benders and minor incidents.

The following information was taken from dispatch records in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in Carrizozo; Dec. 28:

8:01 an unattended death by natural causes was reported on the east side of Capitan. The medical investigator requested a deputy meet him at the location.

Capitan Police Chief Tony Cano advised he recovered a stolen car. Cano requested dispatch check the plates on a car. The dispatcher's inquiry returned as a stolen vehicle. Walter W. Davis, 53, was arrested and charged with possession of a stolen vehicle.

1:51 p.m. Ski Apache requested an ambulance for a subject on a back board. Alto ambulance transported the patient to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

11 p.m. Ruidoso Police requested an ambulance for a subject who had hit his head during a seizure at a residence in the Gavilan Canyon area. Alto ambulance was paged, but later advised Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) took the patient to LCMC.

Dec. 29:  
 2:30 p.m. a deputy requested an ambulance at a cafe in Capitan for a 78 year old male having a hard time breathing. At 3:03 p.m. the patient refused transport.

2:58 p.m. Ruidoso Police advised an ambulance was needed in Loma Grande. The complainant received a call from a seven year old female about her baby sitter having a hard time breathing. Alto ambulance was paged after Capitan ambulance advised they were stuck in a ditch.

6:47 p.m. an ambulance was requested in the White Oaks area for an 80 year old woman with the flu. Carrizozo ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

8:03 p.m. a deputy advised he had two prisoners arrested for DWI, and requested a wrecker be sent to the location.

8:23 p.m. an accident with injuries was reported at mile marker 277 on Highway 70. A car was in the ditch by the bridge. New Mexico State Police (NMSP) and Hondo ambulance responded.

Dec. 30:  
 10:38 a.m. Ruidoso Downs Police advised of two runaway juveniles, with a dog, possibly trying to get to Mesalero. Bureau of Indian Affairs was notified and the juveniles names entered into the National Crime Information Center.

10:37 a.m. an accident with injuries was reported at mile marker 81-82 on Highway 380. A woman walked into the sheriff's office to report the accident. A report was taken.

12:58 p.m. Ski Apache requested an ambulance. Alto was paged, then RALS. At

1:39 p.m. Alto ambulance advised that they were cancelled and RALS will transport the patient to LCMC.

4:17 p.m. Ruidoso Downs Police advised of a breaking and entering/burglary in a trailer park east of the village. The complainant did not know when the incident occurred because he had just returned from a vacation.

5:24 p.m. an accident without injuries was reported at Ski Apache. NMSP were notified.

6:37 p.m. a structure fire was reported in upper Cedar Creek. Bonito Fire Department responded, along with a deputy and Alto Ambulance. AT 6:55 p.m. Bonito Fire Chief requested the Ruidoso fire Department for an engine. The fire at the Boyd Sterwell house was reportedly caused by a defective wall heater.

7:07 p.m. someone threatening suicide in Alto was reported. The complainant reported his wife was on the phone with the subject who was threatening suicide. AT 8:05 p.m. Paul Gallegos from the Counseling Center was called and given the subject's telephone number. At 8:25 p.m. a deputy was on duty, returning to the sheriff's office with a prisoner.

Dec. 31:  
 8:38 a.m. a disabled van was reported at mile marker 9 on Ski Run Road in the roadway and causing traffic problems. A wrecker and NMSP were notified.

8:52 a.m. an ambulance was requested at a Highway 70 east residence for an 87 year old man who possibly drank

too much.

10:02 a.m. an ambulance was requested at some condos in the Alto area for an elderly woman with a possible back injury. Alto ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

12:20 p.m. a burglary/breaking and entering was reported on Deer Park in Alto. A deputy responded.

6:05 p.m. an attempted breaking and entering was reported in Alpine Village. No entry was gained. The responding deputy made no contact.

5:58 p.m. a prowler was reported at a ranch near Nogal. The complainant heard noises, saw lights on her vehicle and heard someone slam the door and run off. She had a gun. A deputy responded.

8:37 p.m. a suspicious vehicle was reported at a residence off Highway 70. The unknown vehicle was at the house when the complainant arrived home. The complainant was afraid to go to the house and went elsewhere to call for a deputy. When the deputy arrived, he advised all was okay, a known subject had left the vehicle at the house.

11:12 p.m. an abandoned

camp fire was reported in the Eagle Creek area off Ski Run Road. A deputy and Bonito fire chief responded.

11:22 p.m. an accident with injuries was reported at the top of Picacho Hill on Highway 70. At 11:39 p.m. Rescue 2 was in service, NMSP advised that Roswell had an ambulance and police unit on the way. 11:45 p.m. a suspicious vehicle was reported at a shop west of Capitan. A strange vehicle was backed into the fence. Capitan police and the responding deputy made no contact with the vehicle.

Jan. 1, 1994:  
 8:41 a.m. public relations were requested. A subject had left his vehicle at a party where a fight occurred the night before and he wanted to get his vehicle back. The responding deputy advised the keys were locked into the vehicle, but they finally got it open and all was okay.

11:30 a.m. a dead deer was reported in a backyard of a house on Smokey Bear Road in Capitan. The animal had been hit by a vehicle.

12:50 p.m. Ski Apache requested an ambulance. Alto ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

12:50 p.m. an accident without injuries was reported in High Mesa. NMSP were notified.

6:30 p.m. a suspicious person was reported on Lincoln

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Property which was valued in 1993 in this county by the county assessor is not required to be reported or rendered for 1994 or subsequent years, EXCEPT FOR:

- 1.) mobile homes
- 2.) livestock, and
- 3.) land used for agricultural purposes

If, for any reason, your property was not valued last year and it is subject to valuation this year, you are required by law to report it to the county assessor on forms provided either by mail or at the assessor's office.

All nongovernmental entities (property owners) which claim to be exempt from the property tax must report their property and claim their exemption for 1994 if the exemption was not claimed in 1993.

Reports for mobile homes, livestock, land use for agricultural purposes, property not valued last year and claims for exemptions by nongovernmental entities must be completed and mailed or delivered to the county assessor not later than the last day of February.

If you made improvements to your real property and:

- 1.) the improvements cost more than \$1,000 and
- 2.) a building permit for the improvements was not issued;

you must report the nature of the improvements and their cost to the assessor not later than the last day of February. These reports must be on forms provided by the assessor.

If you believe your property decreased in value during the preceding year, you must report, on forms provided by the assessor, a signed statement which:

- 1.) describes the property affected.
- 2.) states the cause and nature of decrease in value, and
- 3.) states the amount you contend the value has decreased.

This statement must be filed with the county assessor no later than the last day of February. Veterans claiming an exemption must bring in or mail to the County Assessor's Office their New Mexico Veterans' Certificate of Eligibility no later than the last day in February.

If the head-of-family exemption was claimed and allowed in 1993, no new claim for that exemption is required to be filed. However, if that exemption was not claimed and allowed in 1993 and it is now claimed, claim must be made by the last day of February by filing with the assessor the form provided by the assessor.

Beginning in the 1992 tax year, taxpayers are responsible for declaring their property classification to the assessor, as residential or nonresidential. When the declaration is accepted by the assessor, it shall remain as such and need not be made in subsequent years unless the classification changes. If a taxpayer has not declared their property to be residential in 1993 and desires that classification for 1994 they must complete a declaration of residential classification and return the signed declaration to the county assessor's office by the last day of February, 1994.

Certain mineral property and personal property of contractors operating in more than one county are required to be reported to the Taxation and Revenue Department, Property Tax Division of the State of New Mexico in Santa Fe. Information about property to be reported to the Taxation and Revenue Department, Property Tax Division can be obtained from the county assessor or the Taxation and Revenue Department, Property Tax Division, Central Assessment Bureau, P.O. Box 630, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87509, Phone: (505) 827-0893.

THIS NOTICE is only a brief statement of the provisions of Section 7-38-6, 7-38-8.1, 7-38-13, 7-38-17 and 7-38-17.1 NMSA 1978 of the Property Tax Code. It is not intended to reflect the full contents of these statutory provisions. If you wish to review the full contents of these provisions, they can be examined at the office of the county assessor.

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# Sheriff's Report

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Street in Capitan. The complainant reported the man walked up to her door and scared her half to death, she had never seen him before. He made several interesting propositions. She slammed the door in his face. He just stood there. She finally slipped out to get to a phone. At 7:04 p.m. Capitan police responded and advised the man was on foot, but not in the area of the complainant's residence. The officer never made contact with the man.

9:14 p.m. a fight was reported at a residence in Carrizozo. When Carrizozo police arrived the fight was over and the subject had left the premises.

11:18 p.m. a security officer at the Inn of the Mountain Gods reported vandalism. The officer wanted to question two juveniles, whom he had dropped off at a lodge nearby. After dropping the boys off, the officer found the vandalism. The officer wanted to ask the boys about another man involved with the damage. At 11:51 p.m. the assigned deputy advised the security officer has taken care of the situation and all was okay. One of the juveniles turned 18 years old at midnight.

Jan. 2:  
11:20 a.m. Ski Apache reported a theft/stolen property. The subjects were there with the stolen property. The responding deputy advised the situation involved Mexican Nationals and a misunderstanding, and everyone is happy now.

12:31 p.m. Ski Apache requested an ambulance for a 10 year old girl on a back board with hip tenderness. Alto ambulance responded.

4 p.m. loose cattle were reported at High Mesa. Six

cows were loose in the complainant's back yard. Finally someone located the ranch foreman.

9:51 p.m. a deer with a broken leg was reported at the old Lincoln Courthouse in Lincoln. Game and Fish in Santa FE were notified at 10:09 a.m. Later the responding deputy was advised by a Lincoln resident that the animal was a deer with an old injury and it is fine.

11:39 p.m. a woman reported lost keys on White Oaks Ave. in Capitan. The subject was extremely drunk and was disorderly on the phone with the dispatcher. Capitan police and a deputy were assigned.

Jan. 3:  
2:23 a.m. an accident without injuries was reported on top of Angus Hill.

The following persons were booked into the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo:

Dec. 29:  
Sharon S. Guevara, 47, Capitan: parties to a crime; \$200 bond; released Dec. 30 after posting bond.

Richard Guevara, 37, Capitan: DUI 2nd, careless driving; \$1,200 total bond posted Dec. 30.

Harry "Chuck" Whipple, 42, Capitan: bribery of a witness; \$25,000; released on order by Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr. on Dec. 30.

Dec. 30:  
Terry Brady, 33, El Paso: protective custody; released Dec. 31 to his brother.

Garland L. Yulay, 27, Mescalero: failure to comply with conditions of probation; no bond.

Dec. 31:  
Michael D. Shirley, 44, Bryan, TX: arrested on bench warrant issued by Dean; no bond.

Jan. 3:  
Faustino E. Miranda, 18, Ruidoso: court commitment of 15 days by District Judge Richard Parsons.

Sammy R. Chavez, 28, held for Camp Sierra Blanca minimum security prison.

Ernestine J. Lopez, 20, Carrizozo: possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of less than three ounces of marijuana; conspiracy to traffic marijuana; \$8,000 bond.

Ray L. Duran, 48, La Luz: possession with intent to distribute 51 pounds of marijuana, conspiracy, contributing to the delinquency of a minor; \$20,000 bond.

Charlie A. Niederstadt, 33, Carrizozo: possession with intent to distribute 51 pounds of marijuana, conspiracy, contributing to the delinquency of a minor; \$20,000 bond.

## Forest Service Increases Price Of Visitor Maps

Effective Jan. 1, 1994, the price of Forest Service visitor maps for the Southwestern Region will increase from \$2.00 to \$3.00 each. The cost of Forest Service wilderness maps will remain at \$4.00. The Southwestern Region includes National Forests in Arizona and New Mexico and National Grasslands in Oklahoma and Texas.

The price change for maps in the Southwestern Region is part of a nationwide price increase to recover more of the costs associated with production of the maps. The new prices apply to maps bought by mail or in person from USDA FS offices.

# Obituaries

## VICENTE D. HERRERA

Prayer Vigil for Vicente D. Herrera, 87, of San Patricio was Jan. 2 at St. Jude's Catholic Church in San Patricio. Mass of the Resurrection was Jan. 3. Officiating was the Rev. Richard Catanach. Burial followed at St. Jude's Catholic Cemetery.

Mr. Herrera died Dec. 31 at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. He was born Jan. 22, 1906 and had lived in the Hondo Valley area all of his life. He was a farmer and carpenter and was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church.

He married Cipriana Gonzales on Aug. 27, 1932 at San Patricio.

He is survived by his wife of the home; a son, Rufino G. Herrera of San Patricio and a daughter, Bertha H. Sanchez of San Patricio; three brothers, Jimmy Herrera of Hondo, Frank Herrera of Tucson, Arizona; and Antonio Herrera of California; nine grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

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

## MOZELLA L. STROMEI

Mozella L. Stromei, 80, of Deming, New Mexico, died Dec. 31, in an Albuquerque hospital. She was born Sept. 22, 1913 in Corona, to Hark and Esther Colbaugh who have preceded her in death.

Mrs. Stromei was a member of the Baptist Church, had taught school in New Mexico for over 40 years. She had been a resident of Deming since 1968 and formerly lived in Mountainair, N.M.

She married Frank T. Stromei in Raton, N.M. in 1938, he survives her of the home. She is also survived by

four sons, Frank Stromei of Albuquerque, Dan Stromei of Los Lunas, David Stromei of Belen and Tom Stromei of Los Lunas, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by one sister.

Funeral services were conducted Jan. 4, at the Corona Baptist Church with Shirley Sweat and Doris Jaquess officiating. Interment followed in the Corona Cemetery with pallbearers being Tommy Stromei, Casey Stromei, Shelby Hunt, Tom Stromei, David Stromei and Dan Stromei.

## GEORGE ALBERT LAWRENCE JR.

Services for George Albert Lawrence Jr., 20, of Ruidoso were Dec. 31 at the Episcopal Church of The Holy Mount. Officiating was Rev. Ann Gaddy, Rev. Jan Davey and

Rev. Bob Batton all of the church. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Lawrence died at Lincoln County Medical Center on Tuesday, Dec. 28. He was born Aug. 9, 1973 at the Academy of West Point, New York. He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America, an Explorer Scout, a member of the Ruidoso Downs Volunteer Fire Dept. He graduated from Ruidoso High School in 1993 and was attending Eastern New Mexico University in Ruidoso.

Survivors include his parents: Christina and George Lawrence, Sr. of Ruidoso; a brother, Nicholas A. Lawrence of Ruidoso; two uncles, Peter Solento of Saopaulo, Brazil and Frank Solento of Poughkeepsie, New York; an aunt, Toniann Milioto of Ossining, New York.

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