

Looking Back at 1994

Welcome to 1995.

We are now in the last half of the last decade of the last century in the millennia.

1994 is totally over. IRS report forms were in the mail before the holidays, with some delivered already, and some ready to be delivered, reminding taxpayers of the year that was.

The year 1994 will go down in history as the year that

conservative citizens made themselves heard at the polls.

Nationally, the Republican landslide at the November elections gave the party the majority in both sides of Congress, the first time in 40 years. Conservative congressmen moved into the Washington scene ready to change government, and promised to make the first days of session a grueling work out.

On a state level, voters took the Republican route, replacing seasoned Democrat governor Bruce King with unknown Albuquerque businessman Gary Johnson, who vows to make people first before politics.

Locally, Lincoln County remains Republican, with a majority of the voters registered in that party. Republican county officials outnum-

ber the Democrats, with Commissioner L. Ray Nunley and Magistrate Judge William Butts the only Democrats elected to county races.

Republican Dub Williams, also a newcomer to the political arena, ousted two-term incumbent Democrat H. John Underwood for the District 56 position in the New Mexico House of Representatives. Williams ran on a conserva-

tive platform that included more state's rights and local control.

The election in 1994 not only brought newcomers to the political scene, it also set in motion events that will happen in 1995 and beyond.

Voters Approve Gambling
The passage of a state constitutional amendment to allow a lottery and certain

games of chance, which has been interpreted to mean video gambling, will create tremendous impact on the communities in which the gambling is allowed. It is now up to the elected state legislators to make the determination where and how gaming will be allowed and regulated.

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Four People Are Arrested On Drug Charges In Ruidoso

The Lincoln County Narcotics Unit arrested four people on drug charges in Ruidoso.

William C. Surratt, 30, San Patricio, Harold Dixon, 39, Ruidoso and Dennis Foster, 38, Ruidoso were arrested December 30, after police searched Surratt's temporary residence at 511 Grindstone Canyon Road in Ruidoso. Under the direction of the Lincoln County Narcotics Enforcement Unit, officers from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department and Ruidoso Police Department searched the residence with a warrant that was issued based on information confirmed through the unit.

As a result of the search, officers seized two eight-ball baggies of cocaine with a street value of \$1,000, drug paraphernalia such as scales and a syringe, and currency.

The men were arrested at the residence, then transported to Carrizozo where they were booked into the Lincoln County Detention Center in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

Surratt was charged with trafficking cocaine by possession with intent to distribute, conspiracy to traffic cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana less than one ounce. His bond was set at \$10,500.

Dixon was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cocaine. His bond was set at \$2,000 which he posted the same day and he was released.

Foster was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and his bond was set at \$500. He posted the bond and was released the same day he was arrested.

The fourth person was arrested in connection with the case on Wednesday, January 4. Norman Pinkston, 29, Ruidoso, was booked into the Lincoln County Detention Center on charges of trafficking cocaine, possession with intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia, conspiracy to traffic cocaine. Her bond was set at \$25,000. She posted the bond at court and was released the same day she was arrested.



Five County Officials Take Oaths Of Office

by Doris Cherry

Tuesday, in the 12th Judicial District Courtroom in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, Judge Richard Parsons swore in county elected officials.

Republicans Monroy Montes and William Schwettmann took the oath of office for their third and second terms as county commissioners. Democrat commissioner L. Ray Nunley was sworn to his second term.

Republican county clerk Martha Proctor was sworn to her third term, and newcomer treasurer Republican Joan Park joined the Republican ranks in county government.

All officials will serve four year terms. This election

completes the staggered cycle for county elected officials, set up in 1990 when the county established the five member commission and four year terms.

In two years, the commission districts 1 and 3 (held by Stirling Spencer and Wilton Howell), assessor and sheriff positions will be open for election. Those offices began with four year terms, and will continue with four year terms.

Judge Parsons, dressed in a royal blue robe, addressed the group of elected officials, visitors, families of officials, and staff from the elective departments. He reminded the officials that they were elected by their fellow citizens to represent their county. "And I have to say that the people of this county have very good taste," Parsons said.

Parsons complemented the elected officials for their "unequaled era of goodwill and mutual assistance."

He first swore in commissioners, beginning with Nunley from District II, followed by Schwettmann District IV then Montes from District V. Then sworn were Clerk Proctor and her chief

deputies and staff, and treasurer Park, her chief deputy and staff.

Refreshment were served afterwards.

That afternoon, the courtroom soon returned to its usual setting as Judge Parsons finalized four children's cases, held a judicial inquiry into a probate estate and heard two domestic violence cases.

Commissioners get to work Friday, when they hold their first meeting at 9 a.m. in their chambers of the courthouse in Carrizozo. At 10 a.m. they will have a public hearing on a liquor license transfer to David Hawkins, d/b/a Ramon's Bar of Roswell.

Also slated to be discussed, as a type of work session, will be the re-establishment of a Lincoln County Zoning Ordinance. The planning and zoning commission has been working on the defunct 1988 zoning ordinance, to produce a more current document. Commissioners at their December meeting voted to pursue the zoning ordinance, and to hold the work session during the January 6 meeting.



LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK Martha McKnight Proctor takes the oath of office for her third term along with her chief deputy and staff during the ceremonies Tuesday in the district courtroom in the courthouse in Carrizozo.



LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER Joan Park, her chief deputy Joyce Cox and staff are sworn to office by District Judge Richard Parsons Tuesday.

County EMS Offers EMT Class To Public Starting January 24

Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services has ambulance crews in Alto, Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona, Fort Stanton and Hondo. All Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) crews are volunteers. Most came to the EMS by attending local EMT classes.

EMT classes will be offered to anyone 17.5 years old or older, who is interested in becoming an EMT. Registration for the EMT class begins at 6 p.m. January 24, at Capitan High School. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6 to 10 p.m. through May 15.

The class is being offered by

the University of New Mexico EMS Academy and ENMU Roswell. Students can receive nine college credit hours or may arrange for high school credit.

Instructors for the class will be Devil Bill Adams and Kathleen Williams.

EMT class graduates will be invited to join the county volunteer ambulance service where the graduates live.

For more information about the class call Connie Hopper, Lincoln County Emergency Services Coordinator at 505-648-2385, or Devil Bill Adams at 505-354-2763.

Candidate Withdraws From Capitan School Board Race

by Doris Cherry

One candidate for a school board position in the county's five district races withdrew by the deadline Tuesday, and no one filed as a declared write in.

Jack King, who filed for Position 5 in the Capitan District race, officially withdrew as a candidate at the Lincoln County Clerk's Office

in the courthouse in Carrizozo. King is currently serving in that position on the Capitan Board of Education. King was unavailable for comment by press time.

Tuesday was also the only day for filing as a declared write-in candidate. But no one chose to go that route, leaving the 39 candidates who filed on December 20 to be on the February 7 school board elec-

tion ballots.

With King's withdrawal that leaves in the Capitan district, candidates for Position 3 Edmund A. Jones, Freda L. McSwane and Jody D. Roberts; for Position 4 Beverly Payne; for Position 5 James R. Hobbs, Herbert L. Bridges, Thomas J. Sidwell, John L. Fish and Greg G. Holguin.

Candidates who will be

listed on school board election ballots for the other county districts are as follows:

In Carrizozo, for Position 1 are Larue Wetzel and Joseph (Jody) Ventura Jr.; for Position 2 are Gary A. Hightower; for Position 5 are Patricia Vega and Steve P. Harkey.

In Corona, candidates for Position 1 are Nicky Huey, James F. Bagley and Catherine J. Perez-Muniz; for Posi-

tion 4 are Ricky L. Huey, Eddy L. May and Richard L. Gage.

In Hondo, candidates for Position 1 are Curtis P. McTeigue and Jimmy R. Aragon; for Position 3 are Judith (Diane) Romero and Antonio Archuleta; for Position 4 are Frank L. Sisneros, Victoria E. Sanchez and T.

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Pete Campos Selected As Flemming Fellows Member

State Senator Pete Campos has been selected as one of 35 emerging public leaders from around the country to participate as a member of the first class of Flemming Fellows named after Dr. Arthur Flemming, an exemplar of the public servant and sponsored by the Center for Policy Alternatives of Washington, D.C.

This inaugural class of diverse leaders from throughout the United States will be exposed to different leadership techniques, experience a self analysis process geared to enhance their own style of leadership: be informed of public policy alternatives, and, be better prepared to analyze issues facing our society and offer solutions to the problems which will impact us well into the twenty-first century.

Senator Campos said he is honored to have been selected to participate in the leadership institute. He went on to state, "our future depends on us reviewing history, learning from the challenges past generations faced, and devising a long term agenda which will serve as an American framework necessary for the quality of life in all our urban and rural communities across the country. If we work as a genuine united force, I believe every person will be afforded opportunities to better their personal lives and our society in general."

Campos, who was recently reelected to serve a second two year term as New Mexico State Senate Majority Caucus Chairman, went on to mention, "I remain grateful to the people of District 8 for placing

me in the position as their Senator. If it weren't for their support, I would not be gaining this experience to pass along to others."

Campos, known for his strategic planning and energetic efforts to return taxpayer dollars back to communities in the form of programs, employment and projects or PEP has indicated he will continue to work under the principles of a prudent and humane (ph) balance in government to help meet people's needs.

The leadership institute will take place January 6-8, 1995 in Raleigh, Durham, North Carolina; April 27-30, 1995 in Eastern Shore, Maryland; and, July 7-9, 1995 in San Francisco, California.

Candidate Withdraws . . .

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Michael Henderson; for Position 5 are Billy J. Brady and Lucinda Loveless.

In Ruidoso, candidates for Position 1 are Susan P. Randle, Kent W. Beatty and Susan Marie Lutterman; for Position 2 are Karen J. Anderson, James S. Stover and Doyle C. Howell; for Position 3 are Darlene S. Hart, Ronnie L. Hemphill, Danny B. Garcia and Dawna R. Reyes.

Voter registration closes on Tuesday, January 10. Residents can register to vote, or update their registrations to reflect a change in residence or other information at the clerk's office in the courthouse in Carrizozo until 5 p.m. that day. Call the Lincoln County Clerk's Office at 505-648-2394 for more information.

Early absentee voting for the school board elections begins Friday, January 13 and runs until 5 p.m. Monday, February 6. Registered voters may do the early absentee voting at the Lincoln County Clerk's office in the courthouse in Carrizozo only. Applications for regular absentee ballots (through the mail) may be requested from the clerk's office also.



LINCOLN COUNTY BIRD CLUB observed wildlife at Grindstone Lake Dec. 17. From left: Shirlee Chiavario, Jean Kappier, Larry Cordova, Anita Powell, Cap Naegle, Dave Dale, Helen Wolf, Tom Wolf. Not pictured: Mary Hasenbuhler, Dennis Kauffman, Ernest Powell.

Lincoln County Bird Club Watches County Wildlife

The newly organized Lincoln County Bird Club held its first field trip Dec. 17 at Grindstone Lake. Eleven club members gathered with binoculars and spotting scopes to observe native wildlife. Wintering ducks, waterfowl and woodland birds were observed, including our national bird, the bald eagle, which was recently removed from the endangered species list.

A trip to Bitter Lake Na-

tional Refuge east of Roswell is planned for Jan. 7. This refuge is one of the best places in the Pecos Valley to see large numbers of waterfowl and shorebirds. Several species of duck breed there, and large numbers of sandhill cranes, snow geese and ducks are winter residents. The outing is open to the public. This is a good chance for anyone who has not been to Bitter Lake Refuge to join in a

group visit. A carpool will leave promptly at 8 a.m. from the WalMart parking lot in Ruidoso. Individuals coming from Carrizozo, Capitan or Lincoln can rendezvous with the group at the Hondo Post Office at 8:30 a.m. It is suggested to bring a snack and the group will stop for lunch before returning to Ruidoso.

Persons who plan to join the outing, please call 257-5352.

UNM Wants To Improve Teaching For Teachers

The University of New Mexico College of Education and College Arts and Sciences are entering into an unprecedented collaboration to improve the preparation of elementary teachers in the areas of science and mathematics.

"Much of the recent criticism about public education has centered on the fact that many students fail to learn math and science in the early grades or that they learn to fear math. Both Arts and Sciences and Education faculty believe that we can help resolve this problem by rethinking how we prepare prospective elementary teachers," said Dr. Peggy Blackwell, dean of the College of Education.

The 12-member Working Group on Preservice Teacher Preparation in Science and Mathematics consists of Teresa Kokoski from the College of Education; Bel Campbell, Bert Kudo, Tom Kyner and Ed Walters from the College of Arts & Sciences; teachers Rose Randall and Teresa Viramontes from the Albuquerque Public Schools; and Ken Eckelmeyer and Richard Nygren from Sandia National Laboratories.

Funded under a grant from Sandia, the group has been meeting over the last several months to prepare a plan to address this problem. The group's findings, which will include recommendations for revamping basic mathematics and science courses taken by all education students, will be officially presented to the deans of both colleges by mid-October. It will then be up to the deans to direct program implementation.

Blackwell said that many education majors currently receive their science and mathematics content in very large classes through lecture formats. Students often memorize the factual material but lack the skills to translate that material into a context that is appropriate for young students. "What we want to accomplish is the preparation of teachers who can excite young people about the joy of learning math and science," she said.

"We recommend that class sizes be limited to no more than 25 students, and that students acquire interdisciplinary conceptual knowledge and problem-solving skills through hands-on group and investigative activities. We are aligning the curriculum revisions with the national standards and the state's systemic reform efforts in math and science. Our expectations are that teachers will be knowledgeable about the context and will be able to use a variety of teaching strategies that will enable their students to have the best possible foundation in math and science at the elementary level," Blackwell said.

"Our hope is that students in these new classes will develop an appreciation and enjoyment of science and mathematics early in their educational careers and that

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T. MICHAEL HENDERSON has joined The Prudential Grievous Group in Roswell as a Realtor-Associate. He has been active in the aggregate business in Roswell the past year and has 28 years of marketing and financial experience. He and his wife Lucy Loveless are building a house in Hondo. Michael is a graduate of the University of Illinois where he received a BS in pre-medicine. He received an MBA from the University of Chicago where he was named to the Dean's list.

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I know I leave that office in trustworthy hands, as your newly elected Treasurer, Joan Park, will serve you well.

Thanks again. It was great!

Gratefully,

Invitation to White Sands Missile Range Public Information Fair

White Sands Missile Range, in conjunction with the U.S. Army Space and Strategic Defense Command, invites the public to attend a public information fair on January 12 at the Macey Center in Socorro.

Officials from White Sands will be available to answer questions concerning safety and evacuation procedures, airspace procedures, and other related activities at White Sands Missile Range and the Firing in Extension (FIX) area north of White Sands. Officials from the Space and Strategic Defense Command will be available to answer questions concerning ongoing missile programs and the process for evaluating the environmental impacts of these programs.

The Space and Strategic Defense Command is currently preparing an Environmental Assessment of proposed Theater Missile Defense (TMD) Flight Test activities at White Sands and the extension area. The TMD Flight Test program will ultimately involve between 20 and 53 flight tests between 1995 and 2005, including target launches from the FIX area with intercepts over the missile range.

The public information fair will be held in the Galena Room at the Macey Center at New Mexico Tech in Socorro and will run during two sessions, from 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

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Stirling Spencer Named S&W Conservation Rancher of 1994

The Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District has recognized Stirling Spencer of Carrizozo as its annual Conservation Rancher of the year for 1994 for his stewardship and management of the Bar W Ranch. This award is for natural resource conservation and stewardship of rangelands. Bill Hightower, chairman, presented Spencer with a plaque at the district's regular meeting on Dec. 6. Other members of the district Board include Knollene McDaniel, Billy Bob Shafer, Bob Carter, Gordon Barham, Howard Harkey, and Melvin Johnson.

Managing the family ranch for 18 years since 1976, Spencer has demonstrated that agricultural production, environmental quality, and species diversity can all work together. The Bar W is located at the edge of the Valley of Fires malpais or lava flow. This lava flow is proposed for Wilderness status, which he supports. Two very diverse ecosystems, rangelands and malpais, come together here. Where two ecosystems meet, a phenomenon occurs known as "edge effect". Stirling grew up observing this zone, called an "ecotone", and he became keenly aware of the unusual diversity of plants and animals. His concept of stewardship over the years has in-

cluded "biodiversity" before it became a popular term. He feels strongly about the environment, species diversity, and caring for the natural resources. He also feels strongly about individual freedom and is an advocate for private property rights.

In 1976, there had been no antelope on the Bar W Ranch for many years. With careful planning and good range and wildlife habitat management, today the ranch is home for more than 250 antelope, also mule deer, blue birds, owls, horned lizards, dove, quail, and many other birds, mam-

mals, reptiles, insects, and other species too numerous to mention. Also, there is a tremendous plant diversity that has improved over the years. There are many strong indicators of good and excellent range condition and a trend to further improvement.

The resource management system in operation on the ranch includes a planned grazing system along with wildlife habitat management. Investments of money and hard work have been made in order to improve management. Numerous projects have included many miles of man-

agement fences, including solar-powered electric fences, water developments, and brush management. Wells have been drilled and upgraded with solar pumping equipment, many miles of pipelines have been built, along with numerous storage tanks and troughs. Without the water developments, there would be very little wildlife. Costs of operation have been cut in half while production of beef has increased about 15 percent. Spencer has accomplished a lot in 18 years, but he says there is always room for improvement.



STIRLING SPENCER (center) was named Conservation Rancher of the Year for 1994 by the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District. From left: Melvin Johnson, Gordon Barham, Spencer, Carrizozo S&W chairman Bill Hightower, and Howard Harkey.

Scott Pilgreen Participates In Guam Festivity

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Scott D. Pilgreen, son of Sam L. and Karen D. Pilgreen of Ruidoso, recently participated in the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Guam with the dock landing ship USS Germantown.

Together with fellow crew members of USS Germantown and embarked Marines of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, Pilgreen took part in several ceremonies, parades and receptions attended by local community leaders and numerous American veterans of the World War II battle.

While in Guam, volunteers from Pilgreen's ship worked at a local elderly care home doing landscaping and gardening. Homeported in Sasebo, Japan, USS Germantown is one of the ships in the overseas family residency program.

The Navy and Marine Corps operate forward deployed as a team, projecting a positive American image, while building international coalitions and demonstrating U.S. power and resolve from the sea. These forces are uniquely capable of conducting sustained operations in remote areas of the world.

The 1988 graduate of Ruidoso High School joined the Navy in February 1992.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, JANUARY 5-7
Smokey Bear Basketball Tournament in Capitan. Spaghetti dinner from 5-7 p.m. Friday, and pancake breakfast at 7-9 a.m. on Saturday, in the school cafeteria.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6
—Lincoln County Commissioners meet at 9 a.m. in their chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo. Items on the agenda include a public hearing on a liquor license transfer, discussion of the proposed zoning ordinance, awarding of bids, and appointment of PLUAC members.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9
—Republican Party of Lincoln County "First Monday" dinner meeting at 6 p.m. at Alto Lakes Golf and Country club. For reservations call Pat Hume at 354-2382 or Bob Nys at 258-4372 by noon Saturday, Jan. 7.
—Capitan Village Trustees meet at 7 p.m. in village hall for a regular session.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10
—Carrizozo Town Council meets at 6 p.m. in Town Hall for a regular session.
—Ruidoso Village Council meets at 6:30 p.m. in the village administration center for a regular session.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11
—Capitan Extension Club meets at 9:30 a.m. at Capitan Senior Citizens Center.
—Carrizozo Masonic Lodge meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the lodge hall in Carrizozo.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12
—Capitan Board of Education meets at 6:30 p.m. for a worksession and at 7 p.m. for a regular session in the old administration building. Items on the agenda include a closed session for personnel discussion, the audit report, transportation contract, concerned parents, request to add polling place in Alto for February election, discussion and recommendations for the 7th period activity hour and personnel.

CORONA NEWS

Foggy and 24 degrees this Tuesday morning. During the holidays Mrs. R. L. Merritt spent a week in Fort Sumner with her family where she had a checkup with her doctor. She now awaits the results of tests. Tootie Fouratt and Carol Macsas, Capitan, stopped by Saturday. They were enroute to Santa Fe to attend the inaugural festivities. The Bryans had guests for the holidays including Jimmy Bryan Sr., Panama, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bryan, Austin, Texas, Rebekah Bryan, Las Cruces, Maureen Dunleavy,

New York and Jimmy Bryan Jr., Miami, Florida, Barbara and Dan Hutchison, Oklahoma City. Several members of Pauline McCloud's family visited her during the holidays: Mildred, Bill and Elizabeth Criddle, Jumping Branch, West Virginia, Shirley and Phil Dix and Tonya, Bloomfield, James and Bonnie Lackey with Rebekah, Beth and James David, Aztec, and Scott Deane, Albuquerque. Rebekah, a senior at UNM, and Scott are planning a Jan. 21 wedding.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Happy New Year!

By Ruth Hammond

Happy New Year is the phrase most often heard this past week and we don't want to be different. We wish each and every one of our advertisers and readers a happy and prosperous new year, a year that is guaranteed to bring many changes.

The increase in postage will certainly have an effect on most businesses. Anytime the price of anything is increased for a business owner that price must be passed on to the customer or the business will not succeed. Costs for supplies and materials are figured into the amount businesses charge for their goods, and/or services. When the wholesale price of an item increases for a business, the result will be an increase in retail prices.

While most people have been complaining about how much more it will cost to write that weekly or monthly letter to Aunt Jane or cousin Linda, they have not considered that three cents per letter can have a far more serious effect on a business that mails out hundreds of letters and packages each month.

Many businesses will be forced to raise prices to compensate for their added postal costs. The increase at some businesses will be small and not make much difference to their customers but other businesses will be required to increase prices quite a bit, depending on how much of their business is conducted by mail. Some businesses mail statements on accounts as well as regular mail for correspondence and to pay bills.

County, city, and village governments will also be affected. Most governmental entities have a set budget for the remainder of their fiscal year, usually through June 1, 1995. The increase in postal rates will cause some governmental entities to have to adjust their budgets to allow for the additional postage costs. Elected officials will have difficult decisions to make while they adjust their budgets and residents will probably object to some of the adjustments which could cut services in some areas.

Utility companies will also be affected. The cost to send monthly bills to customers will increase their operating costs and could very well cause an increase in the amount they charge for utilities, whether it is electricity, gas, water, telephone, sewer, cable for television, or trash removal. We take these utilities for granted and even though we don't like to think about it, we must be aware there could be an increase in costs soon.

Increasing prices for goods and services is something that is necessary at times, just as it will be for many businesses when they raise their prices to help pay postal costs.

The News is faced with the same problem. This week we were informed of an increase in the cost of newsprint, which is what this newspaper is printed on each week. And, as with other businesses, The News has to be realistic. With an increase in cost for printing The News each week and with the increase in postage, it means our operating costs will be higher than they were last week and last year.

The only way we can pay additional costs each week is to charge more for advertising, subscriptions, and news stand prices. It has been several years since the last rate increase at The News and as much as we would like to continue at the rates now being charged, we have no control over the prices we must pay. And we are not that different from the elected officials who must face unhappy voters when they announce budget cuts. We have to justify any cost increase we make.

We have not made a definite decision as to the amount of the increase in the cost of subscriptions, advertising, and news stand prices but we will make every effort to continue to provide The News at as reasonable a price as possible.

We want you, the readers and advertisers of The News to continue to enjoy The Lincoln County News. Happy New Year!

Cost Increases Are Necessary



LETTERS

to the editor

EDITOR—A BIG THANK YOU to Santa Cops and helpers for their time and caring to make my children and family to have a nice Christmas. You don't get enough credit or praise for what you do. Thank you again,

from a family on B Avenue Carrizozo

EDITOR—How fortunate we are in Capitan to have Frank Silva as our school bus contractor and to have Bill Shafer as our keeper of the buses. Frank provides us with the best equipment available and the most qualified drivers anywhere. He and Kathy Chapman see that all drivers get the proper training and are kept up to date on all rules and regulations. Bill takes care of all buses making sure that they are in top condition at all times. I'm sure that there was never a mother hen that takes better care of her brood than Bill does of his buses.

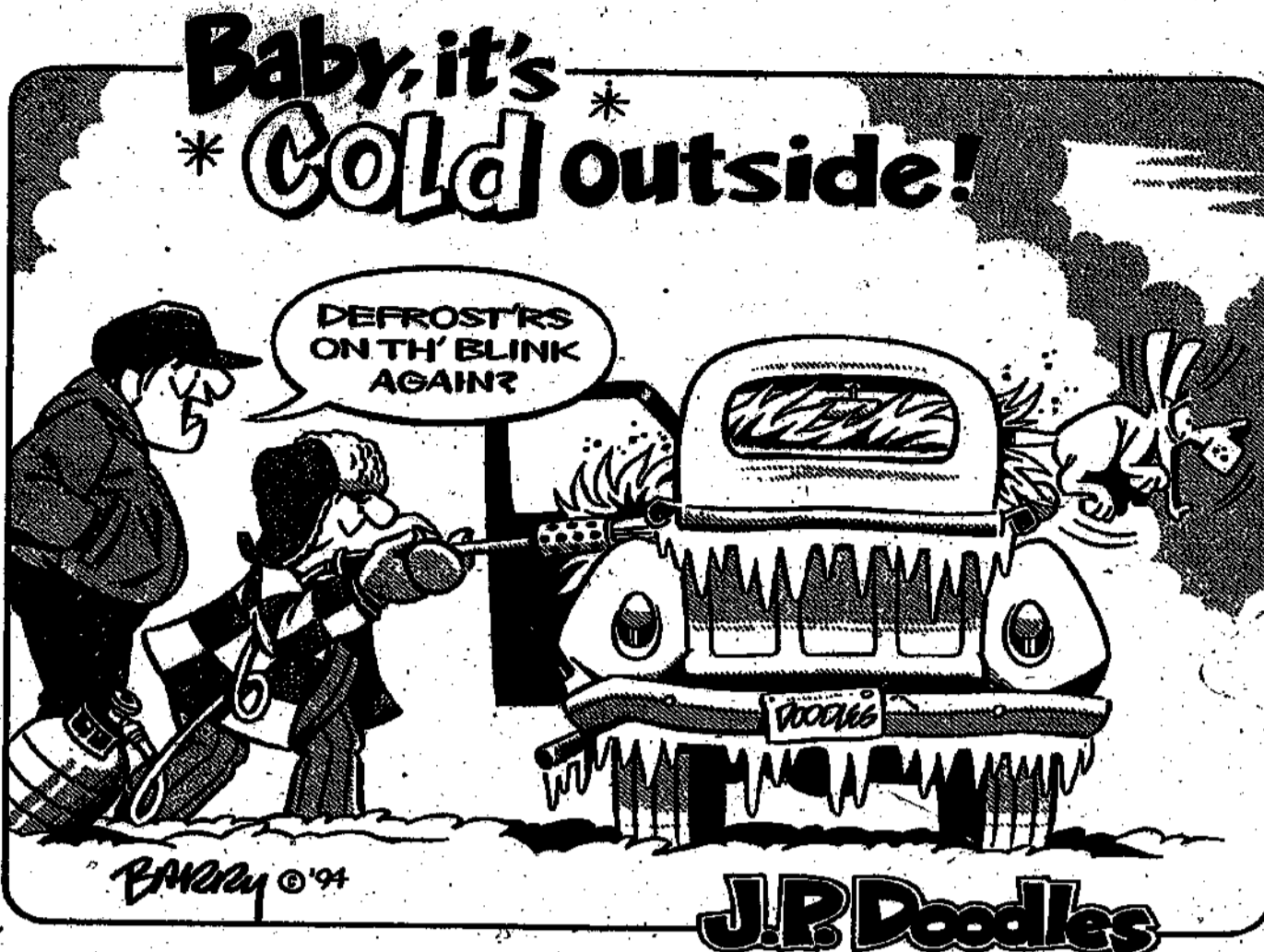
I am told by people in the know, that on one recent state wide bus inspection that Capitan was the only school that had no buses red tagged. In my thirteen years as a New Mexico State Police Sergeant for Lincoln County, there was never a time that I recall finding a problem with a Capitan bus that could not be corrected in ten minutes or so. Now Frank, Bill, the drivers, school administration and school board have taken care of their part. I would like to discuss parents and students for a moment.

I often wonder how many parents take the time and responsibility to think about their children while they are riding the school bus. All students should be at least as well behaved on the bus as they are in the classrooms. Few students are on a school bus for more than one hour, so surely they can control themselves for that length of time.

School bus drivers have so much more responsibility than the average driver, teacher, or parent for that matter. They not only have to drive a vehicle that is much larger, heavier, longer and harder to manage than most people realize; but they constantly have to observe all mirrors to be sure that "Johnny" is safely seated and facing forward also being reasonably quiet in the unlikely change of a sudden stop, turn or accident. Also the bus driver must be aware of approaching and passing traffic at all times. School bus drivers are carrying the most precious cargo that there ever could be, our children. Parents and children associated with the school bus sys-

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Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE—Gambling legislation and pork barrel bills won't be the only things burying lawmakers in the next session.

Memorials are another sore spot with some legislators, although not with enough to accept Senate Democratic Whip Tim Jennings' suggestion to do away with them altogether.

Almost 250 House and Senate memorials were introduced in 1994's short 30-day session. There's no telling how high that number will climb in the coming 60-day legislature.

Memorials are used to ask someone to do something in a non-binding sort of way. Since they don't have the force of law, state agencies don't have to carry out requests expressed in memorials. But state officials who don't act can expect to have to answer to an irate lawmaker during the next year — and possibly lose something for their agency as a result.

The problem got so bad last year that Gov. Bruce King wrote to legislative leaders telling them that state agencies would not be honoring memorials that would require money or significant staff time to implement.

And legislative leaders didn't complain too loudly. Jennings is a legislative leader and his solution was to completely do away with memorials.

But other leaders looked for some middle ground and came up with an instruction to their colleagues that memorials costing the state time or money will have to be introduced as joint memorials — requiring passage of both houses.

Last year only 44 joint memorials were introduced. Most lawmakers figure they don't need to risk losing a joint memorial in the other house if a simple memorial will work just as well.

The requirement that certain memorials pass both houses is likely to reduce the number of memorials that are passed, but it may not reduce the number of memorials that are introduced.

Memorials requesting action from a state agency or memorials requesting a legislative committee or state agency to do a study often are introduced as a result of the sponsor losing a bill on the subject. Memorials are much easier to pass, so lawmakers are able to tell their constituents they got something done on the subject. And they don't require a gubernatorial signature so they can't be vetoed.

Another large segment of memorials clogging up the process every year are those that congratulate someone for an achievement. Not only do state high school championship athletic teams get memorialized, but many of the losers do too. And so do individual players, and people who turn 70 or 80 years old. Other memorials honor deceased constituents. And still others are similar to gubernatorial proclamations.

The New Mexico House has figured out a way to keep from spending too much time on such memorials. The House Rules Committee, chaired by businesslike Barbara Casey of Roswell, considers these memorials in large batches and quickly issues Certificates of Congratulations — and that's it.

But in the Senate, and in some cases the House, the memorial goes to the chamber floor for flowery speeches. And

many introductions as the memorial's subjects are honored — for very political reasons.

When Jennings suggested abolishing all memorials, some lawmakers on the Legislative Council told of using them to get action from the federal government for some project in their district or to request other states to join in on combined efforts to accomplish some good purpose.

Memorials are largely unneeded. But they will survive because they serve two very important political purposes — keeping constituents happy and getting lawmakers re-elected.

Those may not be the noblest of purposes but they make memorials very much a part of the legislative process. As Senate Republican leader Billy McKibben of Hobbs calls them: "The heart and lungs of the whole system."

So why mess with success?

Fewer Farms And Greater Challenge

By Stewart Truelsen

There are now fewer than 2-million farms in the United States, as counted in the 1992 Census of Agriculture. This marks the smallest number of farms since the Civil War, when our nation was obviously much smaller. Farm numbers have been declining since 1935 when they peaked at 6 1/2 million. The pace has been slow in recent years, but total numbers don't tell the whole story.

Only 334-thousand farms now account for 83 percent of commodity sales. These farms with sales of \$100,000 or more, actually increased in number. There are 40,000 more of these larger units than in the 1987 census. The '92 census also shows an increase in farms of 1,000 acres or more. These figures are indicative of the concentration taking place in agriculture.

Smaller units are being combined or are dropping out.

What does this mean? For one thing, it's purely amazing that a nation as big as ours relies on so few farms and farmers to supply the groceries and other products derived from agriculture. When you look at the price of food, the variety, the perishability, it's amazing that the system works so well. We don't have to worry about empty shelves or unaffordable prices, and there is plenty left over to sell abroad.

Fewer farms and larger farms present some problems however. The decline in farm population means a loss of clout in Congress. Larger farms are also less favored by the public. They think all farms should look like the ones on Christmas cards.

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History By Committee

By Edwin Feulner

OK, time to draw up standards for teaching history to America's school children.

Let's start with the Declaration of Independence. According to tradition, it was signed on July 4, 1776. But who am I to impose my male-dominated, Eurocentric, linear thinking on the event? Who knows when it really was signed? And what's so important about the date anyway? Isn't it enough to know that it was a heartfelt cry for emancipation we all can identify with?

I definitely think we need more points of view here. Say, maybe if we get enough people together, we can take a vote on whether kids should know when the Declaration was signed — or whether to teach it at all.

In some ways, I have just recreated the debate now going on within the education establishment. While you and I apparently weren't looking, the "experts" decided that history is a matter of majority vote. In defending the set of standards for history teaching just released by the National Committee for History Standards (NCHS), Carol Gluck, a professor at Columbia University, bragged recently in The New York Times that "nearly 6,000 teachers, administrators, scholars, parents and business leaders had their say in the drafting" of the standards. "No other country makes curriculum by consensus," Gluck brags even more explicitly. Thank God. History will survive somewhere.

Who ever heard of putting history up for a vote? Why not just have everyone vote on whether to teach the Missouri Compromise or the Boston Tea Party? What ever happened to competent authority? "I think we want to bury rote learning and the emphasis on dates, facts, places, events and one damn thing after another," says UCLA history professor Gary Nash, co-director of the NCHS, as if in answer to the question. Competent authority has been replaced by know-nothing "educationists."

Apparently, Lynne Cheney, when she chaired the National Endowment for the Humanities during the Bush administration, approved funding for developing higher standards for the teaching of history in America's classrooms. The obvious hope was that we could, as a society, resume the process of passing on to the next generation the rich heritage from which our civilization sprang — a process that is perilously close to total collapse in America's today.

Instead, the education establishment used the funding to turn the tables on Mrs. Cheney. In the new guidelines, entitled "National Standards for United States History: Exploring the American Experience," the educationists do to history what they have done to every other area of education in America today: trivialize and dumb it down by submitting it to the latest pseudo-intellectual fad.

In this case, history has been turned into a showcase for "multicultural" and "politically correct" views. Heroes like Ulysses S. Grant, Paul Revere and the Wright Brothers are glossed over or omitted while demons like Sen. Joseph McCarthy receive extensive treatment; events like the discovery of the New World are sanitized of "Eurocentrism"; and traditional historical periods are redrawn to reflect "inclusive-ness."

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For the Love of Gregory

by JoAnn Rice

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

Beware

On Thursday, Gregory came in and said, "Don't gibe me a thing to eat. I'm on a diet."

"What kind of diet are you on?" I asked.

"The kin' to not get fat, naturally. Is there any other kin'?" Boy Queen Mother, it gets harder an' harder to talk to you."

"Well," I said, "I don't think you are likely to get fat, at your age. Why are you worried about that. You're as skinny as a stick."

"Cause I got in a whole basket a trouble. All 'cause a fat!"

I stared at him blankly and said, "I don't understand that one, Gregory."

He waved his hands in disgust. "A course you don't, Queen Mother. That's 'cause I habn't 'splained it to you yet."

"Well are you going to explain it to me? Or are you just going to sit there and starve to death?"

"Well, do you wanta hear it?"

"Yes, yes! A thousand times yes!"

"Well it wuz las' night, an' it wuz dark. Mom wuz doin' somethin' in the kitchen what she said was real 'portant. She wuz standin' on a chair and bangin' away wif a hammer. I neber did figger out what she wuz doin'!"

"Did you tell your Mom she was fat?"

"Oh heabenly days, no! Do ya think I'm crazy?! I wuzn't borned under a rock, Queen Mother. I got a few brains."

"Now that we have established that you are an intellectual, Gregory, get on with your 'fat' story."

"Anyways, there wuz a knockin at the door, an' Mom tol' me to go open it. An' I did. An' I almos' slammed it back again. Such a sight you neber sawed. So I hollered for Mom. I said real loud, 'Mom you better come see this.' An' she yelled back, 'Who's at the door.' An' I hollered back, 'That's what I want you to see! It's a fat man! Boy, Mom, he's real fat! I neber sawed such a fat man! Mom, you better come! He's sooo fat.' 'Bout that time Mom wuz there and whacked my bottom an' said, 'Hush, Gregory! I'm sure the man knows he's fat! Go to your room!'"

"That's some bunch of trouble, Gregory. What happened next?"

"Mom gave me the worstest an' longest lecture I eber had. An' then she made a sign an' nailed it to the door a the house."

"What does the sign say," I asked.

"You're not gonna beliebe this, Queen Mother. It says, 'Beware of Kid!'"

"Do you think you could get your Mom to make me one of those signs?"

"You too, Queen Mother!"

"Well," I said, "forewarned is forearmed."

"Well, I tell ya one thing I learned. To keep the ol' trap shut when I see a fat man! Nosirree, not this kid! I'm not gonna' say a word! I'll jus' stan' there like a post!"

"That's a good lesson to learn Gregory. People can't help what they look like on the outside. It's what is on the inside that counts."

"I spose you're right, Queen Mother. But I'm not diggin' through all that fat. I don't care what's inside!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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tem, please take time to think about the safety of your children and both encourage as well as insist that they remain in their seats on the bus and behave in a relatively quiet manner.

JACK JOHNSON,
Captain.

EDITOR—How do you feel about the proposed storage of "HIGH LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE" OR "ANY NUCLEAR WASTE" in our great state?

Currently, there are 32 Nuclear Power Companies planning to transport and store TONS AND TONS of "High Level Nuclear Waste" on the Mescalero Indian Reservation near Three Rivers. (Not to mention the plans for Carlsbad.)

AREAS OF GREATEST CONCERN:

1. There is no container that will hold this waste without the potential for leakage and contamination of the environment.

2. New Mexico has precious little water. What would we do without it?

3. By the end of the first year, the Mescalero Apache Nation will have become dependent on the millions of dollars in "Nuclear Waste Facility" income. Thus, from an economical standpoint alone, once it arrives, it will be here forever.

4. How will the "HIGH LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE" will be transported? Be it truck, rail or air, our communities and our families are at risk! How would your city react to a broken tanker on main street? Who would be responsible for the clean-up?

5. The UNANSWERED QUESTIONS: If this "High Level Nuclear Waste" is truly safe and contained: WHY are the power companies anxious to pay millions of dollars to have it transported and stored in our backyard? Wouldn't it make more sense to keep the nuclear waste benefit in the states creating it; giving those communities the benefit of the millions of dollars in storage royalties?

6. Additionally, IF the government is truly going to build a permanent storage site; why haven't they done so before now? "Could it be that bringing the waste to New Mexico is the solution to their problem and the beginning of ours?"

If we do not act now, New Mexico, our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren will inherit a "Nuclear Waste Legacy", which we could have prevented.

GREATLY CONCERNED AND TAKING ACTION,
Larry and Tresa VanWinkle, RN
Alamogordo, NM

Thank You

I wish to thank all my relatives and friends for all the kindnesses shown to me — with the many cards, calls, visits, love and prayers, during my recent illness. God Bless each of you.

Leora Zumwalt

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CAPITAN NOTES

By MAUREEN SULLIVAN

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

Happy New Year to each of you and may 1995 bring you the answer to all your dreams and prayers!

For some folks it was a most exhilarating year that we just bid our "Adieu" to, but for some, it was a glad "Farewell" to a year mixed with tragedy, misery and sorrow. And so to those who have suffered beyond what should be considered 'one's fair share of woes,' let me say that we hope and pray that 1995 will be a brighter, happier and more prosperous year for you and yours.

Speaking of happiness, Capitan has four brand new grandmothers. I must say not one of these new grandmothers look like they are old enough to be grandmothers, but they are now the famous four of Main Street. I am referring, of course, to Darlene Bobb, Mary Lunsford, Louise LaRue and Jackie Bandy who could all pass a beauty contest with flying colors. So congratulations once again girls and stay as sweet as you are.

Mona and Corky McEuen spent a wonderful weekend with friends Danny and Sandra Castillo of Clovis. They are old friends and what better way to enjoy old friends than to ring in the new year with?

Another year for us older folks to look back on. Pretty soon looking back will be our highlights for the day. Old age

is like jet lag, two steps forward and one step back. Sometimes at the end of the day I feel like a three legged donkey that has just climbed up the hill, but the old adage, you only fail when you fail to try, keeps some of us "over the hill folks" still climbing and trying.

Announcing the January 1995 meeting of the Lincoln County Association for Family and Community Education (extension club).

Date and time: Wednesday, Jan. 11, 9:30 a.m.

Place: Zia Senior Citizens Center, Capitan.

Program: Welcome Wagon, Chairman of committee, Edith Malcolm.

Hostesses: Bea Payton and Vernabelle Pease.

Crafts: Potpourri Pie, Alice Phelps. Bring glue gun and approximately 50 cents extra.

Submitted by Sarah Ewoldt, reporter for the extension club, telephone number 354-2702. Copies sent to Maureen Sullivan, Lincoln County News and Betty McCraight, Lincoln County Extension Home Economist, Carrizozo.

This is one of those days when you try your darnedest to get two thoughts to merge, hoping they will erupt into an idea, but I keep this little prayer handy when I have one of those days and it always helps.

"Dear Lord: There is nothing you and I together cannot solve today." Today will be a test for Him and do hope He isn't out to lunch.

'Big Red' is now the National Football Champions. 'Big Red,' naturally being what they call the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska. I had the privilege of attending one of their famous games several years ago and besides the outstanding crowd they usually have, they have the most gorgeous crowd. All the spectators wear these bright red western hats, and it is a beautiful sight to behold.

Never know what you will find when you sort through some of my stuff on the "back burner." Ran across this that my son-in-law had sent to me from the Omaha World Herald some time past and somehow it got itself filed in File X. These bits of "info" were written by L. M. Boyd of the Crown Syndicate. What country is more than 92 times bigger than the country from which it got its major language? Brazil with its Portuguese.

Did you know that Alaskan florists sell more flowers per capita than florists in any other state?

Something like wood that isn't wood can be made from ground up newspapers mixed with soybean flour. It looks

like granite. It's harder than oak. But it can be sawed and sanded. And those who so report say it one day will be turned into desks, furniture, flooring, even whole houses. They call this product "Environ."

The wind deflector mounted over the cabs of some truck tractors is called a "Varashield." Bet you didn't know that one. In Romania's ancient history, it is recorded a man once had to get a government permit to grow a beard.

The beard of the native Ethiopian is invariably curly. It has been estimated that you can season 1,440 hens eggs with an ounce of pepper.

One out of every three ethnic restaurants in the United States are Chinese.

The Caspian Sea is about the size of Japan. Bet you have been wondering about that one.

They say the four D's of marriage, according to author Fay Angus are depression - despair - drink - divorce.

An endeavoring to dispense with some of the clutter I have accumulated in this little spot I refer to as my office. Only the good Lord knows what is buried under what and he isn't talking. So bear with me - just might find something interesting. You gals should like the sound of this one beauty tip and it is cheap.

For an instant lift and new youthful firmness for face, neck and chin. Give yourself a once-a-week facial firm-up with the white of a single egg. It's albumen is a natural skin firming. Just beat white of egg in bowl until frothy. Then coat your entire face, neck and chin and leave on for 30 to 45 minutes or until you feel a strong drawing and tightening action. Rinse off, and repeat weekly. More next week about 'el cheapo' cosmetics.

I know there is news out there. I know folks had company and folks went visiting. The only fly in the ointment is

that they have not reported any of their goings and comings to me. There is only one way to get your news printed. The number is 354-2591.

When I agreed to do this column, I said I would not chase after the news. Would be more than happy to write it up but my time and energy are limited and what bit I do have is spread pretty thin doing other things that are necessary. So if you have any news, please call me.

Before bringing this missive to a halt I want to profile some folks that I think are very, very special in my book. I am doing this without their knowledge or their permission, but folks like Bonnie and Jim McEuen need someone to sing their praises. When I was first lured to this small metropolis Jim and Bonnie were working in their Pizza Place, which is right next door to me. The first winter was very cold and as I was supposed to take my small amount of garbage and trash clear out to the alley in the back by aforementioned alley sometimes it was quite slippery. Wayne and Willie Hobbs had the garbage franchise then and sometimes I wish they still had it. If what we have now is progress, give me a bit of old fashioned regress, but don't let me get started on that issue, am about out of time for my deadline. Well anyway several times after I had slipped and slid out to the said pick-up spot, some darned half fed dog would discover it and tear it open and Wayne and Willie were not obliged to gather up remnants of garbage, just the bags. Then Wayne suggested that I just set it on the top of my wall in the alley opposite the Pizza Parlor. That worked out fine for awhile, until one morning after a big snow and it being colder than the dickens, some darned cat discovered there were chicken bones way down deep in them tar bags, and went after them, resulting in the entire contents, bag and all, being pushed down inside the wall, not on top of the wall like they were supposed to be. Result, said bones et cetera were passed by. I was out there with tears in my eyes, my fingers cold and bemoaning to myself or to anyone that would listen that I

wished I had never heard of the town of Capitan, let a lone be forced to live in it. And then a very pleasant voice said, "Here let me help you and from now on you just put your garbage and trash over here in one of our big cans and then the cats and dogs can't get to it." I looked up into the nicest, kindest pair of eyes and it was Bonnie McEuen. From then on, come rain, come shine, come spring, come fall, either Bonnie or Jim were there for me. It was such a comforting feeling that someone that near and close gave a continental darn about whether I froze my fingers or whether I didn't. When the weather was nice and pleasant Jim and I would talk and visit over the fence. One day I go well remember I needed a ladder. Tom would not loan me his for fear I would use it. Well you do not want a ladder unless you intend to use it

and so I asked Jim if he had one. Yes, he replied, but it is out at the house. I'll go get it for you. No, no I demurred, that is too much bother. Jim pooh-poohed the bother and off he went for the ladder. I accomplished my little task, whatever it was and returned the ladder to him. In the dead of winter one evening, all the electricity went off and it was pitch dark outside, besides being pitchier dark inside. Then the phone rang and it was Bonnie. We have a few candles over here, why don't you come over and have a coke with us? It was like Manna from Heaven just to hear her voice. She cautioned me about how slippery it was and said she would meet me and she did. I will never forget it. That is just a sample of the kind of people Jim and Bonnie McEuen were. We all know that Jim is ill. We also

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The winners of the Capitan Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lighting contest this year were Stockman's Feed and Supply operated by Gary and Jo Lanning for the commercial display and Joel and Vivian Crossno on Mt. View Road for residential display.

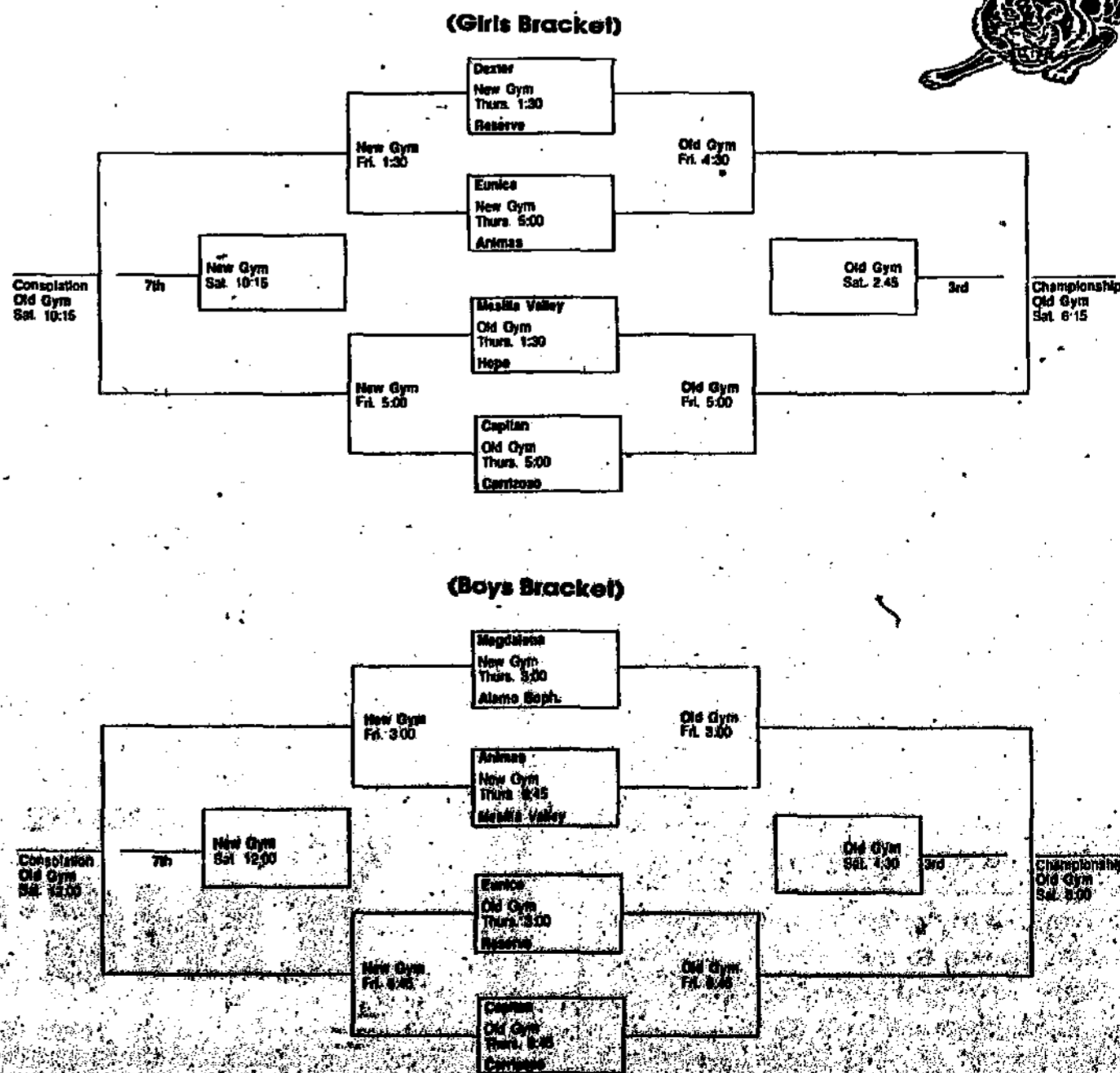
The winners will receive \$50 gift certificates which can be redeemed at any Capitan business.

The judges toured and judged on the night of December 23. The chamber judges told THE NEWS that they were impressed with the many nice lighting displays throughout the village this holiday.

Chamber of Commerce sponsored Bingo is at 7 p.m. today, Thursday, Jan. 5 at the Chamber Building on 2nd Street. The January chamber meeting was canceled.

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Sheriff's Report

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

Dec. 27:
10:16 a.m. an ambulance was requested at a residence on B. Ave in Carrizozo for an elderly woman who had fallen. Carrizozo ambulance responded, but was refused. Carrizozo police also responded.

2:38 p.m. an ambulance was requested at the Nazarene Campground for an elderly man who had fallen. Alto ambulance transported to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC).

3:02 p.m. an accident without injuries was reported on

the ski run road. New Mexico State Police (NMSP) responded.

3:39 p.m. an accident with injuries was reported at Highway 48 and Cedar Road in Capitan. A male subject had possible back injuries. Capitan EMS was paged with no response. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) responded.

A domestic incident was reported in the Capitan area. Capitan police and a deputy responded.

Dec. 28:
4:04 a.m. an ambulance was requested in the Hondo area to transfer a cancer patient to LCMC.

9:39 a.m. an ambulance was requested at a residence on B.

Ave. in Carrizozo for an elderly woman who fell and has possible broken bones. Carrizozo ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

4:39 p.m. a two car accident with injuries was reported at the intersection of Highways 54 and 380 in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police, ambulance and two deputies responded. The ambulance was refused.

9:24 p.m. an accident without injuries was reported in the parking lot of a restaurant in Alto area. The calling party advised his vehicle was hit while it was parked. A deputy took a report because no state police were available.

Dec. 29:
11 a.m. a complaint was made by a White Oaks area

resident about construction tearing up trees and land. The forest service requested a deputy handle the situation. A deputy responded and spoke with the calling party.

12:13 p.m. cattle were reported at mile marker 278 on Highway 70.

12:18 p.m. a possible burglary in progress was reported on Sunrise Drive in Alto. The calling party advised that three young males in a black vehicle were in front of a residence and they did not belong there. The caller also saw the subjects enter the residence. At 12:29 p.m. the calling party was contacted again for more information and she advised that her brother saw the subjects come out with bags of trash. The responding deputy was advised the subjects were maids or a cleaning service, based on the calling party's information. The caller finally advised that the subjects had left.

1:19 p.m. dispatch advised of bogus 911 calls. The dispatcher received a 911 call from a number in Rancho Ruidoso. The caller sounded like a very young girl and was hard to understand. The phone number was at a pay phone, and dispatch advised it was a child playing with the phone. Dispatch also received three calls from the same phone number the day before. Officers responded to those calls but found no one there. Dispatch spoke to the manager where the pay phone was located and was advised no one was at the pay phone. The manager advised they would keep an eye out for any child on the phone. A deputy finally connected with the callers and warned them about using the 911 number.

Damage to property was reported at the White Oaks Cemetery. A deputy took a report and also located the responsible subjects who returned and repaired the damage done with the exception of the state highway fence. The damage to the fence was reported to the state highway department in Santa Fe.

3:10 p.m. an ambulance was requested at Ski Apache for a 13 year old with ski injuries. Alto ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

An assault was reported. The victim made the report in person at the sheriff's office.

10:09 p.m. harassment by phone calls was reported in the Alto area. The calling party wanted a report and to get a restraining order. A deputy was assigned.

Dec. 30:
8:28 a.m. vandalism was reported to the Alto Lakes Water Corp. pump house. A deputy responded.

11:15 a.m. vandalism, damage to property was reported at a residence on Deer Park Drive in Alto. The responding deputy advised it was intentional criminal damage to property. A tire was slashed.

5:16 p.m. a 911 call was received about a one vehicle rollover at mile marker 292 on Highway 70. Glencoe Volunteer Fire Department responded with its Jaws of Life. New Mexico State police also responded.

The Lincoln County Narcotics Unit arrested three subjects.

3:08 p.m. a breaking and entering was reported on 12th St. in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded and are still investigating.

7:42 p.m. an ambulance was requested at a D. Ave. residence in Carrizozo for a 71 year old asthmatic. Carrizozo ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

Dec. 31:
10:20 a.m. an ambulance was requested at a residence on 17th and 1st in Carrizozo for a woman who was not breathing well. Carrizozo ambulance transported the patient to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo.

1:02 p.m. an ambulance was requested at Ski Apache. Alto

ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

11:25 p.m. a 911 call reported a structure fire on Del Monte Drive. Bonito Fire Department and a deputy responded.

January 1:
2:23 a.m. a chimney/structure fire was reported on French Drive in Alto. Bonito Fire Department, Ruidoso Downs Fire Department, Capitan police and ambulance responded to the full structure fire.

4:39 a.m. a Capitan area resident reported threats with a gun. The calling party advised that at 2:30 a.m. a man threatened his son with a gun at the son's ex girl friend's house. The son was to wait for the officer at a restaurant in Capitan. At 5:15 a.m. the officer was advised that the incident occurred in Ruidoso, but he was to check.

2:29 p.m. an ambulance was requested at Ski Apache. Alto ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

9:20 p.m. an ambulance was requested at a residence on 18th and E Ave. in Carrizozo for a 50 year old woman with diabetes. Carrizozo ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

Jan. 2:
2:17 p.m. an ambulance was requested at Ski Apache for a 16 year old with a fractured wrist. Alto ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

6:22 p.m. an ambulance was requested at a store in Hondo for a woman with possible gas poisoning. Hondo ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

11:04 p.m. an ambulance was requested at a residence on Forest and Smokey Bear Blvd. in Capitan for a man whose oxygen tank ran out. Fort Stanton ambulance was paged, and an EMT later advised that the oxygen arrived from Ruidoso and the patient was hooked up.



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- Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
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JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186

- Sunday School..... 10:00 am
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Santa Rita Catholic Community
FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor
213 Birch, 648-2853

SATURDAY:

- Capitan Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm
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SUNDAY:

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Ave. C at 12th, 648-2996

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- 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
- Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 7:00 pm
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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO NO. CV 94-271 Division III

STONE REVOCABLE TRUST, UTAD May 9, 1986.
Plaintiffs,

PERSONS; HUNT HOBBS, BLOYS CRAIG HOBBS, CONWAY C. CRAIG, GROUP II: THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF CONWAY C. CRAIG, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, HER UNKNOWN HEIRS, GROUP III: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS.
Defendants.

ANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS.
Defendants.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSONS; HUNT HOBBS, BLOYS CRAIG HOBBS, and CONWAY C. CRAIG; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF CONWAY C. CRAIG, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, HER UNKNOWN HEIRS; and ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that Preston L. Stone Jr. and Willa E. Stone, Co-Trustees of the Preston L. and Willa E. Stone Revocable Trust, UTAD May 9, 1986, Plaintiffs, have filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-94-271, Div. III, wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiffs seek to obtain constructive service upon you.

The general subject matter of said action is to quiet title to certain real estate, which is the subject matter of the above-captioned and numbered cause of action and is described as follows:

TRACT 1:
A tract of land 364 feet in width and 392 feet in length located in the NW/4 of Section 10, Township 9 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M., described as commencing at the corner common to Sections 3, 4, 9 and 10, said Township and Range; thence South along the Section line dividing Sections 9 and 10, 300 feet to a point, being corner No. 1 of the tract conveyed hereby; thence East 354 feet; thence South 392 feet; thence West 354 feet to the said Section line; thence North along said Section line 392 feet to the point of beginning; and

TRACT 2:
A tract of land described as follows: Beginning at the NW corner of the Hobbs place (described above); thence North 191 feet; thence East 316 feet; thence South 191 feet; thence West 316 feet to point of beginning; all in Section 10, Township 9 South, Range 14 East;

EXCEPTING from the above described land a tract of land described as follows: Starting at corner common to Section 3, 4, 9 and 10, Range 14 East, Township 9 South; thence South 0 degrees 19' W. 678.0 feet to a true point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 50' E. 354.0 feet; thence South 0 degrees 19' W. 14.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 50' W. 354.0 feet; thence North 0 degrees 19' E. 14.0 feet to the true point of beginning.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before February 6th, 1995, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiffs in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiffs' Complaint.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiffs is: Archie A. Witham, P.O. Box 83, Noyal, New Mexico 88341.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this the 20th day of December, 1994.

MARGO E. LINDSAY, Clerk of the District Court
BY: ELIZABETH LUERAS, Published in The Lincoln County News on December 28 and 29, 1994; and January 5 and 12, 1995.

UPPER HONDO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(B) of the Open

Meetings Act (Section 10-15-1) through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978) states that, except as may be otherwise provided in the Constitution or the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, commission other policymaking body of any state agency hold for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of such board, commission or other policymaking body, are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, any meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution, rule, regulation or formal action occurs shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public, and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Upper Hondo SWCD on this 3rd day of November, 1994, that:

1. Regular meetings of the Upper Hondo SWCD shall ordinarily be held each month at 4:00 P.M. on the first Thursday of each month at the district and Natural Resources Conservation Service office. A proposed agenda will be available from Sue Stearns, whose office is located on Hwy 380 West, Capitan, NM. Notice of regular meetings will be given seven days before the meeting to parties who request it in writing. Notice of regular meetings will be released seven days before each regular meeting to The Lincoln County and Ruidoso News and K-RUI radio station.

2. Special meetings of the Upper Hondo SWCD may be called by the chairman or a majority of the members upon 7 days notice. Parties who have requested notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone. The Ruidoso and Lincoln County News and K-RUI radio station will be notified by telephone.

3. Emergency meetings called under circumstances which demand immediate action by the Board of Supervisors. Although the board of supervisors would avoid emergency meetings whenever possible, such circumstances may occasionally arise. Emergency meetings may be called by the chairman or a majority of the members upon 3 hours notice. Parties who have requested a notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone. Notice of emergency meetings will be posted at the district office, at the Post Office in Capitan, at the Ruidoso State Bank in Capitan, the Post Office at Hondo, and the Post Office in Ruidoso.

4. Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(E) NMSA 1978, the Upper Hondo SWCD may close a meeting to the public if the subject matter of such discussion or action is included in Subsection E or the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978. If any Board of Supervisors meeting is closed pursuant to Section 10-15-1(E) NMSA, such closure:

(1) If made in an open meeting, shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Supervisors and authority for the closure shall be stated in the motion calling for the vote on a closed meeting. The vote on a closed meeting shall be taken an open meeting and the vote of each individual member is to be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects announced or voted upon prior to closure by the Board of Supervisors may be discussed in a closed meeting; and

(2) If called for when the Board of Supervisors is not in an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting is given to the

members and to the general public.

MARY SHANKS for, JOHN COOPER, CHAIRMAN, Board of Supervisors Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District November 3, 1994.

This resolution passed upon motion by Fred Pfingsten and second by James Sanchez with vote as follows:

John Cooper	Absent
Mary Shanks	Yea
Ernest McDaniel	Yea
Bob Boebinger	Yea
Clem Weindorf	Absent
James Sanchez	Yea
Fred Pfingsten	Yea

ATTEST:
Sue Ann Stearns, Administrative Assistant.

November 3, 1994.

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PUBLIC HEARING 1995 CDBG APPLICATION PROCESS

The Village of Capitan Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on January 9, 1995 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the 1995 CDBG application process for applying for Phase II Street Improvements.

DEBORAH CUMMINS, Clerk Treasurer, CMC, Village of Capitan

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold their Regular Scheduled Meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 1995 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

AGENDA will be posted in accordance with Resolution 94-14, Twenty-four hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public.

CAROL SCHLARB, CMC/AAE, Town Clerk, Town of Carrizozo.

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NATURE'S WAY

"What goes on in the world around us"

by TONY GENNARO
Professor of Biology at Eastern NM University and Director of the Natural History Museum

Insect Behavior

Most of us have watched how insects behave. Some common observations include ants in a line carrying food from a source to their living quarters, bees pollinating flowers, and paper wasps building their nests. I have rested on my knees and elbows for hours on the desert sand watching the behavior of tumblebugs and dung beetles. These insects work with dung from a grazing animal and form a ball about one-half inch in diameter. They roll this dung ball several yards, dig a hole, bury the ball, and then the female lays eggs in it. During my observations, I couldn't help but think that detailed planning and thought was involved in this dung rolling process. However, science indicates otherwise.

Insect behavior is primarily innate or instinctive, meaning insects respond to a cue or stimulus. For example, the entire procedure among dung beetles from dung ball formation to the laying of eggs is driven by responses to cues. The paper wasp is another example. A certain part of their nest may be unfinished. This unfinished part acts as a cue and brings about a response from the wasp to add more material to that area. Subsequent cues follow, and the wasp continues to add material and respond to cues until the project is completed. In other words, a wasp doesn't use a thought process to construct a nest in the same manner we would to build a house. Our ability to build stems from intellectual reasoning based on previous experience, from being told, or from reading instructions.

However, we can't say all insect behavior is entirely instinctive because some insects use both instinct and learning. Learning can be defined as a change in behavior brought about from experiences. Worker bees are good examples. They determine the direction and distance of nectar from the hive by responding innately to the body signals of a scout bee when it returns from a nectar source. However, because of their previous foraging activities, some worker bees are familiar with potential nectar sites in the area of the hive. They find nectar sources earlier than bees that are not familiar with these sources.

Important as learning is, instinct cannot be considered an ineffective form of behavior. It is truly an asset for short-lived animals in order for them to conduct the numerous behaviors required to propagate themselves. Instinct is time-saving. Learning takes time, and it is most common among organisms with a long life span, such as humans and other mammals.

Finally, we ask, do insects display intelligence? Scientists say no. Intelligence involves reasoning. Reasoning exploits knowledge gained from experiences. The amount of knowledge required for reasoning is immense, and a large brain relative to body size is necessary for storage of that knowledge. Also, a very elaborate nervous system is necessary to conduct the various kinds of behaviors typical of intellectual function. Insects lack these neural components which are supportive of intellectual capabilities. Therefore, scientists conclude that the behavior of insects is primarily instinctive, along with some learning, but they do not display intelligence.

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

The rural Bookmobile will be in Lincoln County next week. The following is a schedule of stops:

Tuesday, January 10

Corona Post Office.....12:30-2:30 p.m.
Carrizozo - Otero Electric office.....4-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 11

Carrizozo - Otero Electric office.....8-9 a.m.
Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe.....9:30-11 a.m. & 5:30-7 p.m.
Fort Stanton Administration Building.....12-1:30 p.m.
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Hondo Store.....3:30-4:30 p.m.

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Capitan Notes

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know that Bonnie and no one else is caring for him like the wonderful dedicated woman that she is. She will not even listen to anyone even suggesting that she do otherwise. And so this week I want to especially pay tribute to two wonderful caring, giving and welcoming people. They made me feel welcome and I shall cherish them and their kindness always. There aren't many folks like Bonnie and Jim McEuen these days, I am sorry to say. And so folks if you happen to see Bonnie when she is in town on one of her rare occasions, don't forget to give her a big hug and whisper in her ear how great and wonderful we all think she is.

And so will ring down the curtain on this epistle and close with the following "Indian Prayer."

O' Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds, And whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me. I am small and weak, I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. Make my hands respect the things you have made and my ears sharp to hear your voice. Make me wise so that I may understand the things you have taught my people. Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy -- myself. Make me always ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes. So when life fades, as the fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame.

And so for another week, Happy New Year again and again and God bless you one and all.

History By . . .

(Con't. from P. 4)

"Our goal," professor Nash says, "was to bring about nothing short of a new American revolution in history education." My response to Mr. Nash is this: Who asked for such a thing? Certainly not parents. Parents aren't worried that their kids are learning "the wrong kind" of history. They're worried that they're not learning history. They don't want some new-fangled version squeezed through the latest ideological fanaticism. They want the schools to do their job. *Editor's Note: Edwin Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based public policy institute.*

Lincoln County DETENTION CENTER REPORT

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

Dec. 27:
 Manuel Linares, 20, held for Camp Sierra Blanca (CSB) state prison.

Ruben Herrera, 27, Mexico: DWI 2nd aggravated, reckless driving, no drivers license, no registration, no insurance, striking highway department property; sentenced to 364 days in jail by Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr.

Dec. 28:
 Valerie Crenshaw, 25, Capitan: arrest clause, no headlights, no drivers license: \$1200 bond set by Dean; released same day on orders from Dean.

Phillip E. Garcia, 18, Capitan: failure to pay fines; \$100 bond set by Capitan Judge Jack Johnson posted same day and released.

Dec. 29:
 Gregory Norville, 28, Camp Sierra Blanca/Los Angeles: held for CSB.

Jason L. Garland, 20, Camp Sierra Blanca/Hobbs: held for CSB pending investigation by Ruidoso Police; released Dec. 30 to CSB.

Dec. 30:
 William C. Surratt, 30, San Patricio: trafficking cocaine by possession with intent to distribute, trafficking cocaine by distribute, conspiracy to traffic cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana less than one ounce: bond set at \$10,500.

Harold Dixon, 39, Ruidoso: possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of cocaine: \$2,000 bond posted same day and released.

Dennis Foster, 38, Ruidoso: possession of drug paraphernalia; \$500 bond posted same day and released.

Francisco Bustos, 30, Ruidoso: court commitment of 48 hours by Ruidoso Judge Mike Line; released Dec. 31 time served.

Charlie Niederstadt, 33, Carrizozo: aggravated assault, assault; \$5,000 bond set by Dean, posted same day and released.

Dec. 31:
 William D. Krattiger, 46, Roswell: two counts of telephone harassment; \$2500 bond set by Dean posted same day and released.

Jan. 1:
 Chris Barela, 22, Carrizozo: DWI, no headlamps: \$500 bond set by Dean. Released on orders from Dean.

Jan. 2:
 Ismael H. DeLeon, 33, Wichita KS: speeding: \$143.21 bond set by state police.

RELEASES:

Dec. 31:
 Charles Gutierrez, 19, Ruidoso Downs: time served for 30 day sentence by Magistrate Judge William Butts. Arrested Dec. 16 for charges of minor in possession of alcohol, criminal damage to property, receiving stolen property. Sergio M. Ramirez, 33, Ruidoso: posted \$50,000 bond and was released. Arrested Dec. 20 for charges of trafficking cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia.

George Fidler, 65, Capitan: served time on 48 hour commitment for DWI.

Fewer Farms And Greater . . .

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In this session of Congress, farmers generally prevailed over those who proposed costly and unnecessary environmental regulations that threatened property rights and property values. Farmers who favor voluntary, incentive-based programs rather than mandates to further environmental protection, may not be so lucky the next time.

The new Congress will have the opportunity to craft the 1995 Farm Bill, and some members are waiting with relish to attack farm program spending. Farm programs should probably be relabeled consumer food programs or consumer subsidies. They certainly haven't stopped the decline in farm numbers, but they do maintain stable food supplies and prices. Farm programs benefit consumers as much as farmers.

Despite fewer farms and

farmers, agriculture is no less important to the welfare of the nation with under 2-million farms than it was in 1935 with 6 1/2 million farms. In fact, you could argue that it is more important because we've got more mouths to feed. Agriculture is not an industry in decline unless we ignore its needs and let it become one.

Editor's Note: Stewart Truelsen is director of broadcast services for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

UNM Wants To Improve . . .

(Con't. from P. 2)

the classes themselves will serve as models for the classroom the new teachers will someday lead," said Bill Gordon, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Many of the changes proposed by the committee reflect national calls for educational reform.

"It has been recognized at the national level that more emphasis needs to be placed on science and mathematics," Gordon said. "Technology is all around us, and the need to know is not limited just to engineers and scientists."

Once the group's plan has been approved, the first step in implementation will be a pilot program next fall that draws on talented teaching faculty from both colleges.

Free Parenting Seminar To Be Held In Capitan

A free parenting seminar, *Resolving Conflict With Teenagers and Preteens* will be held at Capitan Schools each Tuesday evening for six weeks. The first meeting will be Jan. 10 in room 113 at Capitan High School.

The seminar is sponsored by Capitan Schools and Region IX Educational Cooperative.

Dr. Birgit LaMothe will lead the course. Books will be available. Pre-registration is not required.

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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 1995 if the exemption was not claimed in 1994.

Reports for mobile homes, livestock, land use for agricultural purposes, property not valued last year and claims for exemptions from 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 that 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.

If the veterans exemption was claimed and allowed in 1994 no new claim for that exemption is required to be filed. However, if that exemption was not claimed and allowed in 1994 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.

If the head-of-family exemption was claimed and allowed in 1994 no new claim for that exemption is required to be filed. However, if that exemption was not claimed and allowed in 1994 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 1994 and desires that classification for 1995 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, 1995.

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 7-38-8, 7-38-8.1, 7-38-15, 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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Looking Back At 1994 . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

Since Lincoln County is home to the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and the resort village of Ruidoso it is considered to be a good candidate for the gambling.

Both the county commission, and the Ruidoso Village Council tapped staff and members to serve on ad hoc committees to study the effects of gambling on other similar small communities and counties. Reports are to be given at the January 6, county commission meeting and at the January 10, Ruidoso Village Council meeting.

While gambling will impact Lincoln County, an ordinance approved by the county commission may have impact on a much broader scope.

PLUAC Established

On November 29, 1994, Lincoln County joined a movement initiated by Catron and Otero Counties to force the federal courts to determine who has ownership of the public lands within the state. Lincoln County Commissioners followed Otero County in approving an ordinance which lays claim of federal public lands for the state, and establishes a Public Land Use Advisory Council, or PLUAC. Lincoln County's ordinance became effective on December 29.

Otero County has had its first test case of a rancher filing suit in federal court over which agency he must pay grazing fees, but no action has been taken in Lincoln County yet.

PLUAC members will be appointed by county commissioners during their 9 a.m. Friday, January 9 meeting at the courthouse in Carrizozo.

The PLUAC ordinance carries the farther reaching concept of state's rights. Lead by

livestock growers, timber and mining interests, government officials who are tired of unfunded federal mandates, and others who believe that more control should be given back to the state and local governments from the federal government, the states' rights issue will most likely appear in the 1995 state legislative session.

The PLUAC ordinance will most likely be challenged in 1995.

While the PLUAC was a dramatic end to 1994, Lincoln County underwent some other changes.

County Buys Sales Barn

Early in 1994, Lincoln County went to the state legislature asking for money to buy a horse sales barn, to convert it to a county run facility which could be used as a "rural economic development" tool. The funds to cover the asking sales price of \$250,000 were approved in two separate bills, one from the house of representatives introduced by Rep. Underwood, and the other from the senate, introduced by Sen. Pete Campos.

It took nearly the whole year before the money became available for the county. Commissioners impatient to get into the facility, approved renting it in May until the purchase funds were sent from the state. A manager was hired, and the facility opened for rent.

Five major events were held. Then on December 6, state funds had finally been authorized and the county commission approved encumbering county funds to purchase of the Ruidoso Super Select Sales Pavilion in Glencoe. The county will be reimbursed from the state for the \$250,000.

The county commission will now pursue more funds from the state to upgrade the Rural Events Center (REC), with an indoor arena. But the facility's use in the winter is limited by the lack of heating in the main barn, and the need for an electrical remodeling.

The REC created controversy when commissioners wanted to buy it with county money in 1993, with thoughts of making it a location for the county fair. That led to the Lincoln County Fair Association, which runs the fair in Capitan, breaking away from its county affiliation. The now privatized Fair Association negotiated a \$19,000 annual management agreement with the county, and the county agreed to pay.

In 1994, the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan finally got a clear title. A quiet title suit was filed by the county, and was settled, giving ownership of the fairgrounds, its facilities and acreage to Lincoln County.

Improvements to the fairgrounds arena, which was funded by a state appropriation in 1993, was delayed when the contract bids went over the funding and had to be re-bid.

The Smokey Bear Stampede rodeo on July 4, and associated 50th anniversary party for Smokey Bear, came and went, without the improvements. Despite that, large crowds gave the fair association the best gate in history for the rodeo.

In the fall, the canopy on the arena stands and a storage building were constructed at the fairgrounds.

County Development

Development expanded, as the county approved a major subdivision, Ranches de Sonterra, in the Sierra Blanca

Airport area.

As the number and value of building permits increased in Ruidoso and surrounding areas, realtors and others involved in the development industry began to ask for some type of county wide zoning. A zoning ordinance adopted in 1988 was defunct, lacking maps to make it enforceable. County planning and zoning commission began to work on the document, which will be discussed in the January 6, county commission meeting.

Some of the need for planned development is the result of the lack of rainfall in 1994.

1994 Is A Dry Year

The winter of 1994 was mild, and offered little snowfall. Rains fell unusually in May, the hot dry winds of June soon evaporated the moisture and set up the county's forests for the conflagrations that flared after dry lighting storms in late June and early July. Smokey Bear was very much on the minds of many local residents, with some angry with the way federal government agencies have managed forest and brushland resources. Blaming the Smokey Bear attitude of preventing all forest fires, some advocates proscribed controlled burning of the forests as the only way to prevent the destructive forest fires that gutted the Patos Mountains in the White Oaks area.

The forest fires brought bus loads of fire fighters to the county while visitors came to Capitan to celebrate the little bear which became famous from an advertising campaign started by the forest serviced in 1944.

With the many extra visitors in Capitan for the Smok-

ey Bear party, and the visitors escaping to the mountains to beat the desert heat, villages found themselves using more water than they had rights to: Alto Lake, which provides water storage for Ruidoso, was pumped dry. Capitan pumped more water than it had rights to. Both communities asked its residents and visitors to conserve water. Ruidoso initiated a water restriction program, only after the Labor Day weekend. Capitan called a moratorium on annexations, until more sources of water were found. Having half ownership of water rights from Eagle Creek, which flows out of Sierra Blanca, Capitan came to the end of 1994 still seeking funds to construct a pipeline from the creek.

The county commission in the fall called for the state to conduct a water survey. All governments, village and county, acknowledged that development would depend totally on the availability of water.

County Management

County management took a change this year. Former county manager Andy Wynham had initiated a remodeling of the sheriff's offices and the jail. But a dispute over the manager's volunteer time led to his resignation.

On May 4, Wynham resigned, after he been appointed by the Carrizozo mayor to become municipal judge, to fill the position vacated when Judge S.M. "Sally" Ortiz died. Commissioners were concerned about Wynham's time being too diverted from county business, and his numerous volunteer activities in the community.

A few weeks later, commissioners hired Carolin Cooney,

the second woman to fill the county's manager position, the first being Suzanne Cox.

The town of Carrizozo said goodbye to Sally Ortiz on March 24. Ortiz had served as Lincoln County sheriff, magistrate judge and Carrizozo municipal judge. For nearly 20 years, Carrizozo voters had elected Ortiz as their town judge.

Carrizozo resident Bill Meeks was finally appointed to become municipal judge.

Some things about county government have not changed. The same commissioners who welcomed 1994, will be sitting the board in 1995. They will have to continue to deal with some of the same problems of providing county services and keeping county employees paid fairly.

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