

# School Board Election Results

School board members were elected in the five school districts in Lincoln County during the school board elections Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Voters in the Corona School district approved the two mill levy for the property tax years 1995, 1996 and 1997 with 110 votes cast for the two mill levy and 43 votes cast against.

The two mill levy is not an additional tax but will be an extension of the two mill levy

that is currently in place and will expire at the end of property tax year 1994.

The two mill levy money is to be used for capital improvements, which include erecting, remodeling, making additions to, providing equipment for and furnishing school buildings, purchasing or improving school grounds, maintenance of public school buildings and public school grounds exclusive of salary expenses of the

district, and purchasing activity vehicles for transporting students to extracurricular school activities.

## School Board Results:

Capitan School district:  
Position 3: Edmund A. Jones 39, Freda L. McSwane 202, and Jody D. Roberts 155.  
Position 4: Beverly Payne 352.  
Position 5: James R. Hobbs 147, Herbert L. Bridges 9, Thomas J. Sidwell 138, John

L. Fish 40, and Greg G. Holguin 64.

## Carrizozo School district:

Position 1: Larue Wetzell 119, and Joseph (Jody) Ventura Jr. 202.  
Position 2: Gary A. Hightower 187.  
Position 5: Patricia Vega 192, and Steve P. Harkey 136.  
Corona School district:  
Position 1: Nicky Huey 43, James F. Bagley 34, and Catherine J. Perez-Muniz 95.

Position 4: Ricky L. Huey 52, Eddy L. May 3, and Richard L. Gage 119.

## Hondo School district:

Position 1: Curtis P. McTeigue 96, and Jimmy R. Aragon 112.  
Position 3: Judith (Diane) Romero 114, and Antonio Archuleta 91.  
Position 4: Frank L. Sisneros 94, Victoria E. Sanchez 104, and T. Michael Henderson 13.

Position 5: Billy J. Brady 140, and Lucinda Loveless 46.

Ruidoso School district:  
Position 1: Susan P. Randle 177, Kent W. Beatty 126, and Susan Marie Luttermann 389.  
Position 2: Karen J. Anderson 268, James S. Stover 192, and Doyle C. Howell 229.  
Position 3: Darlene S. Hart 154, Ronnie L. Hemphill 336,  
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SENIOR CITIZENS FROM LINCOLN COUNTY were in Santa Fe Feb. 3 to distribute literature to state legislators about the impact the senior citizens funding bills will have on local programs. The main emphasis of senior citizens programs is to assist senior citizens to be able to maintain independence in their home, remain active and involved, improve and eliminate isolation in order for them to maintain happy, healthful lives. Lincoln County Zia Senior Citizens Centers program director Cheryl LaBelle (sitting in front) said the 34 Lincoln County senior citizens who went to Santa Fe enjoyed making the trip and getting a first hand view of how the state legislature works.

## County Increases Tax 100 Percent For Subdivision Property Owners

A resolution to increase the County road footage assessment 100 percent from 10 cents to 20 cents per linear foot of county road footage was passed despite overwhelming opposition from the public in attendance at the regular session of the Lincoln County Commissioner's meeting held February 7 and 8 in Ruidoso.

Dewayne Williams was the first in a long line of 15 to 20 people to voice opposition to the assessment. In his words the tax was "discriminatory" in that it did not apply to all who use the roads.

Former county attorney David Thompson addressed legal issues of New Mexico State Statute 67-4-20. This is the legislation which supposedly empowers counties to tax county road footage and provides legal guidelines for the taxing.

"Consideration with respect to density" was a phrase in the statute which seemed to most concern Thompson taken together with "a subdivision area" suggesting that an area such as Lincoln County might not have the density necessary to make the empowering statute valid.

One resident, Gunther Carlson, sought supervision for road crews due to his alleged observation of a road crew near where he lived "smokin' and jok'in" on a "two hour job that lasted six hours". This, he relates, could solve a large part of the funding problem.

President of the Fawn Ridge Homeowner's Association and past commissioner and one-time commission chairman Bill Elliott hit the legal issues again and provided the Webster's Dictionary definition of the word "extraordinary" as "special". He indicated monies sought by a tax hike were for "ordinary" maintenance.

Elliott also related minutes of the meeting at which the original resolution for the County road footage assessment was passed during which a Mr. McMack stated the tax assessment monies were traceable. Elliott stated they never have been traceable and still are not traceable.

During Elliott's comments, county commissioner Wilton Howell made a statement that

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## REPORT FROM THE ROUNDHOUSE

by Doris Cherry

Santa Fe-Senior Citizens from throughout Lincoln County converged on the state capitol building Friday, Feb. 3, along with about 1,800 other seniors statewide.

It was seniors day in the Capitol, and Gov. Gary Johnson addressed them in the rotunda. Only problem was that just a very few of the capacity crowd could hear

him. Apparently the governor voiced his support of senior programs.

Later that day, several "lowriders" were at the capitol to give the governor a spin around the block in one of their vehicles. Governor Johnson had attracted some attention with comments after his State of the State speech back in January. He told reporters that he had felt fearful that gang members drove a low slung car with tinted windows which had appeared to follow him as he walked along a Santa Fe street last fall. Taking offense to the suggestion that all such vehicles belong to gang members, the lowriders brought their beauties

to the Capitol to give the governor a ride. He did, in a red convertible lowrider Cadillac.

While the Capitol building was crowded with visitors, the legislators continued to meet in committee and in their floor sessions.

Sen. Pete Campos, D-Dist. 8, (Lincoln, San Miguel, Guadalupe and De Baca Counties), is working on several issues that will directly affect Lincoln County.

Fort Stanton Campos is working closely with the governor's office trying to find a significant need and use for the facility. The proposals from the administration side have been to

contact private health care industries to take over the facility for long term care. Presbyterian and Horizon health services are scheduled to go to Fort Stanton in the next two weeks to evaluate possible uses for the Fort.

From a legislative perspective Fort Stanton, as a state facility, has a strong historical significance. Between \$6 to 8 million has been spent or proposed for renovation of the facility. "We don't want to see the doors close," Campos said.

The proposal that is getting most evaluated now would deal with a boot camp for juvenile offenders.

This reporter came across Lincoln County commission chairman Monroy Montes in Sen. Campos' office Friday. Montes was in Santa Fe to work for Fort Stanton. Montes said that the Legislative Finance Committee has indicated that it is feasible that the Fort could be considered for a juvenile facility under the Children Youth and Families Division budget.

"Why should the state build (new facilities) when we already have the facilities," Montes said.

Campos later told this reporter that there are other options. "The key factors being considered now are cost effectiveness, timely use, and a long term approach to en-

## White Resigns As Carrizozo Chief Of Police

Carrizozo Chief of Police Charlie White, has resigned effective Feb. 17. White submitted his resignation to the Carrizozo Board of Trustees Friday, Feb. 3.

The trustees held a special meeting Tuesday, Feb. 7 to discuss limited personnel matters in a closed session.

After the closed session the town accepted White's resignation. The town will also advertise for a full-time New Mexico certified police officer. Applications will be accepted until Monday, Feb. 27 at 4:30 p.m.

White has been hired as the DWI coordinator for Lincoln County. He will begin his new job Monday, Feb. 27.

## Convention And Visitors Bureau Would Include A Marketing Plan

During their regular meeting Jan. 31, the Village Council of Ruidoso authorized Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB). A presentation by the chair of the Ad Hoc Committee included a Mission Statement as follows:

The mission of the Ruidoso Convention and Visitor's Bureau will be to provide a consolidated and comprehensive marketing program, facility, and management structure

that will increase the number of tourists and conventions that are attracted to Ruidoso while maximizing the resources available.

The presentation also included a detailed outline of convention, visitor and tourism services to be provided, guidelines for including key community and business entities to improve effectiveness and specifics of the advertising

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## Special Meeting Today For Rec Center Contract

The Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees will meet in special session today, February 9, at 1 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to hold a closed session for the Carrizozo Rec Center contract.

Previously it was reported the contract had been signed by the town and by the lessees, Tom and Forest Hansell. The signed contract was to be sent to the town attorney to be finalized according to agreements reached by both the town and the Hansells.

During the special meeting the Hansells reached the agreement with the town, the Hansells had requested the contract negotiations be held in open session instead of having the closed session. The public was not allowed to speak during that meeting.

It has been reported that when the contract was returned from the town attorney it included stipulations that were not agreed to by the Hansells and the town.

## Carrizozo Memorial Flags Are Recovered

Richard "Ricky" Niederstadt, Carrizozo was arrested Sat., Feb. 4 by Carrizozo Police Sgt. Duane Vinson on charges of criminal trespass, criminal damage to private property, and larceny under \$100.

The charges stemmed from two separate incidents, one for the theft of the three original flags from the Carrizozo Veteran's Memorial, and the other for damage to the Little Laundromat on 12th St. in Carrizozo.

Niederstadt is being held in

the Lincoln County Detention Center (county jail in the courthouse in Carrizozo), bond was set at \$5,000 by Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr.

The flags were stolen on or about Oct. 30, 1994. The damage (broken windows) to the Little Laundromat occurred on or about Nov. 18, 1994.

The ongoing investigation conducted by Carrizozo Police led to the recovery of the original flags as well as the charges being brought against Niederstadt.

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suring the integrity of the facility by keeping the need at the forefront and providing stable employment for residents of the area," he said.

"I would hope that there would be little retraining necessary so those established state employees could continue to be employed at the facility and maintain their dignity and way of life they have chosen," Campos continued.

"I believe rural New Mexico as well as urban New Mexico deserves to be protected and a balance continue so that whoever has chosen to live in any part of the state will enjoy the way of life they wish to live," he said.

**Gaming**  
Allowing gaming in the state's "destination points" appears to be winning favor in the senate's select gaming committee.

Such communities as Ruidoso, Santa Fe and Taos are considered such destination points, and far enough apart that out of state visitors here for gaming would have to travel through other communities on their way to the next gaming destination.

"I believe," Sen Campos said, "we need to have whatever gaming is approved to be placed strategically in New Mexico, especially at the state's race tracks."

The committee is leery of allowing gaming in every community. "Statistics indicate that in a 50-mile radius (of the community which allows gaming) each person in that community contributes \$200 to some form of gaming a year," Campos said. With that criteria 99 of the state's municipalities would not be able to participate.

Campos, a member of the Senate Select Gaming Committee, said according to information in the committee Friday, legislation for a lottery will be approved. Other members of the Senate Select Gaming Committee are Senators John Arthur Smith (Democrat and chairman), Don Kidd (R)-vice chairman, Joseph Fidel (D), Emmitt M. Jennings (R), Fernando R. Macias (D) and Leonard Lee Rawson (R). The committee is now taking testimony and gathering data in order to make a recommendation to

the rest of the legislature as to what level of gaming will exist in New Mexico.

The crucial areas the committee is considering are: regulation of the entire gaming operations. "This is imperative regardless what we go with," Campos said. "Whether it be a lottery or video gaming the regulations have to be put in place before there is anyone authorized for gaming in New Mexico," Campos said.

Campos continued about the Governor's proposed gaming compact with the state's Indian Tribes and Pueblos. "Before the governor signs any compact, we (legislators) need an opportunity to review what is proposed and to heavily consider offering a level playing field to those affected, such as race tracks which already have a proven form of gaming in New Mexico," Campos said.

"Our concern is if we allow wide open gaming without controls in process, it could devastate the state. We'll look to organizations with proven records for consideration of implementation on any form of gaming legislation that is approved and signed by the governor," he said.

What the gaming committee assesses and makes recommendation on will totally depend on the compact and what is finally agreed upon between the governor and Indian Tribes (and Pueblos), Campos added.

"It is imperative we are sensitive of government working closely with the private sector," Campos continued. "As we hear talk of 're-shaping' New Mexico, I believe we have to look at the after effects of whatever decisions we make this session, particularly as they pertain to the gaming question, and what repercussions may occur if we are not careful and thoughtful and visionary in our approach."

**Capital Projects**  
Sen. Campos introduced Senate Bill 8 (SB8) on the first day of legislature. SB8 incorporates capital projects funding for projects in Lincoln, DeBaca, Guadalupe and San Miguel Counties. "It was one of the first bills with multiple projects that went in," Campos said. This year legislators are being asked to incorporate all capital projects for their district into one bill. SB8 is just that. From the floor of the Senate, SB8 went directly to the Senate Finance Committee for consideration and recommendation.

While the capital projects are listed in terms of priority needs for the communities, funding often is available for projects that are not so priority. For example, if no money is left for top priority water projects, a recreational project which is a lower priority item may get funded because there is money for it. "Funding is determined by where the money is available," Campos said.

For Lincoln County, SB8 seeks authorization to issue severance tax bonds to the Department of Finance and Administration to provide: \$200,000 for construction and equipping an addition to the Capitan Village Hall; \$250,000 for improvements to the Carrizozo Golf Course; \$1,808,000 to construct and equip an indoor arena at Glencoe Rural Events Center; \$100,000 to construct and equip a police department and court complex in Carrizozo; \$7,733,300 to construct and equip Phase I of a recreation complex in Ruidoso; \$250,000 to purchase a fire truck for Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department.

SB8 also seeks severance tax bonds for the Environment Department to provide: \$600,000 for water storage and line improvements in Capitan; \$800,000 for a water

project in Corona; \$220,600 for purchase of water rights and water system improvements for Ruidoso Downs; \$1,156,000 for wastewater system repairs and improvements in Ruidoso.

SB8 seeks severance tax bonds for the Highway Department to provide: \$15,000 for street repair and road improvements in Corona.

SB8 also calls for funding for capital projects in many other communities in Senator Campos' District 8.

On the House side, Rep. Dub Williams will be introducing legislation this week

## County Increases . . .

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he was for reduced taxes. In the end he voted for the 100 percent increase in assessment taxes.

Jan Houser states she is a new resident who would not like to see long time residents have to leave due to higher property taxes. She emphatically states "I intend to stay!"

E. J. Fouratt said elected officials "cannot act in a tyrannical manner..." using as an example of this the forming of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority as a means through which the county was able to reduce expenditures out of the general fund for trash disposal by going along with the formation of a trash authority, through which a separate fee could be imposed, relieving the county from having to utilize funds for trash. Also, Fouratt mentioned that rather than a tax increase that doesn't meet legal requirements, the commission may be hearing such words as "rebate" and "refund".

Former county attorney Gary Mitchell brought attention back to a fundamental legal issue of what the county was chartered to do. Roads, he indicated, were a primary function of the county government, infrastructure. Rather than looking at the drain on the general fund, the county perhaps should be taking a new look at the purpose for its existence, to see that the government is doing what it was set up to do. Finally, he brought up the subject that no legal "findings" have been determined, therefore, the legality of the assessment is in question.

Alto resident Ken Wiles is concerned that even when residents pay for paved roads, if the county does not maintain the road, they can fall into a state of disrepair requiring monies in excess of what would be required with routine maintenance.

"Discriminatory" was again used to describe the assessment of people in more rural areas with larger properties, having more county road footage, being assessed a tax for roads used by all. Roy Robertson was making the point that these people bear an unfair tax burden. Robert Reynolds provided his view as a Capitan resident and owner of lands throughout Lincoln County in general agreement with the sentiments of the public in attendance.

Judy Blucher, owner of properties in White Oaks, mentioned many people in the White Oaks area have county road footage on two sides of their property, essentially having to pay twice what others would pay.

Blucher indicated county folks expect only that their roads be maintained.

Charlotte Jarratt, a representative from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), said, "...you'd be wise to leave the 10 cents alone and be glad you're getting it!"

An impromptu "report" from Bill Cupit was presented at the request of county commission chairman Montoye Montes. Afterwards, Montes asked

about school discipline and other subjects. House bills Rep. Williams has introduced so far are: HB172 seeking severance tax bonds to provide for state forestry offices; HB245 and HB314 which seek severance tax bonds to provide for Lincoln County projects; HB329 seeking severance tax bonds to purchase an activity bus for Corona Schools.

Thursday, Feb. 2, Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Race Track, and the Lincoln County Commissioners hosted a reception at El Dorado Hotel in downtown Santa Fe. The

reception was very well done, the food and spirits and entertainment excellent. But it was the visuals that really made the reception outstanding. Everywhere in the room were slides showing the many things to do in Lincoln County, and the beauty of surrounding nature. Displays from the Museum of the Horse were brought, along with other whimsical things as a gift cart. The reception was well attended by legislators, and this reporter saw Ruidoso Mayor Jerry Shaw having a serious talk with some representatives, including David Pederson, and Leo G. Watchman Jr. from the McKinley county area.

This reporter also saw Senate President Pro Tempore Manny Aragon enjoying the reception also.

Lincoln County Commissioners, expect Stirling Spencer, were also at the reception, hoping to have time to discuss Lincoln County matters with the state's law makers.

This reporter talked with Shannon Brazel from Fort Stanton in the capitol building elevator one day. She was seeking information from the new Health Department Secretary Alex Valdez about his proposed lay off plan. Seems things are still very uncertain at the Fort way.

Hasta La Vista, until next week.

county manager Carolin Cooney for the condition of the general fund, should road expenditures continue at their present rate. Cooney indicated that eventually the county would run a deficit.

A few mentions of the "indiscriminate actions" of past commissions by way of laying blame on past administrations led to the voiced concerns of commissioners Stirling Spencer and Bill Schwettmann.

Spencer suggested the commission consider a "base" or minimum requirement of county services be determined rather than to go with previ-

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## Capitan School Seminar On Gang Intervention And Prevention Is Set

A seminar on gang intervention and prevention will be held at Capitan School today and tomorrow, Feb. 9 and 10.

Guest speaker will be Tommy Valencia, of Streetwise Universities in Roswell.

Today, Feb. 9 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. staff training will be held in the multipurpose room. Topics will be: reasons for gang affiliation, initiations, development of gangs, identifying members, reasons for teen violence, and questions and answers.

This evening, Feb. 9, parent training will be held in the multipurpose room from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The topic will be:

how to discourage your child from joining a gang.

Tomorrow, Feb. 10 student assemblies will be held with the high school assembly set for 8:30 a.m. and the mid school assembly set for 12:30 p.m. Both assemblies will be held in Cummings gymnasium.

The Title for the assemblies will be *So You Want to be a Gangster?* Topics will be: Tommy's life story, gang violence, drug sales, consequences, goal setting, and questions and answers.

For more information contact the school at 354-2239.

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# Convention And Visitors

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ing and marketing plan. Some question as to the validity of making the marketing plan 25 percent of a weighted evaluation process when deciding on a contractor, was brought up by a council member. Others in the council felt that to have an Ad Hoc committee as well represented with successful business people and many with advertising and marketing backgrounds, would be to defeat the purpose of the committee or at least to make the committee less effective.

Eventually, the council agreed with the evaluation process indicating that it would provide only a basis for selection, not necessarily the actual selection, and the process could be changed. Neil Freed, a local hotel owner, asked the council to let whoever receives the contract "do their job". The contract, as recommended by the Ad Hoc committee, will be performance based. Measures of performance will be an increase in the Lodger's Tax Funds and Gross Receipts Tax compared to the previous year, and the increase in the number of conventions booked as compared to the last year.

The Ad Hoc committee chair mentioned some concern about whether outside advertising and marketing agencies would be familiar with the needs and concerns of the community. Mayor Shaw suggested that these concerns could be addressed throughout the RFP process and need not hold up action on the results of the CVB Ad Hoc committee. Village Attorney John Underwood advised that the Lodger's Tax Committee should play a continuing role in the process. Joan Bailey, Executive Director of the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce, also suggested the Lodger's Tax have continual representation in the CVB. Bill Chance, chair of the Lodger's Tax Committee, provided a handout to members of the council with recommendations from the committee. Of the eight (8) recommendations the council agreed to four (4) upon final approval of authorization for RFPs. Those recommendations which were included provided for a three year contract-renewable yearly, providing a definition

of acceptance date and start date for the contract, that the contractor selection committee include a member of the CVB committee and that the recipient of the contract maintain a monthly report and provide a quarterly review by the Lodger's Tax Committee. The village of Ruidoso can only fund for a year at a time, however, a three (3) year contract with annual renewal, will provide the intention of

continuity to the contractor while not obligating funds beyond the one year point if the contractor does not perform satisfactorily. Joe Gomez moved to remove himself from discussion and vote due to a possible conflict of interest, since he is active with the Chamber of Commerce. The Council unanimously approved Gomez's participation with the CVB issue.

Approval of the authorization for RFPs still means there will be some fine tuning. At least the hard work of those volunteered for the Ad Hoc CVB committee and the Lodger's Tax Committee will not have worked in vain. Some of these people will continue to be involved in forming a new and brighter future for the Village of Ruidoso.

- TODAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9**  
 —Free adult basic education classes 5 to 8 p.m. in Capitan High School room 109.  
 —Capitan Schools seminar on gang intervention and prevention will be held for parent training 6 to 7:30 p.m. in multipurpose room.  
 —Capitan School Board meets at 7 p.m. in the board room in the old administration building.
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10**  
 —Carrizozo Woman's Club meets at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Charlie White.
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13**  
 —Capitan Village Council meets at 7 p.m.
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**  
 —Carrizozo Town Council meets at 6 p.m.  
 —Ruidoso Village Council meets at 6:30 p.m.  
 —Free adult basic education classes 5 to 8 p.m. in Carrizozo High School room 6.
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**  
 —Carrizozo Schools teacher in-service day. Students will not attend school.

## Children's Sunday School Begins At Nogal Presbyterian

Nogal Presbyterian Church at Nogal will begin a children's Sunday School Feb. 12, at 10 a.m., preceding Sunday Worship. Anyone wishing more information may contact Lisa Shivers at 648-2847, or either Don or Marjorie Daniels at 648-2650.

## Carrizozo School In-Service Day Is Next Wednesday

Carrizozo Municipal Schools will hold a teacher in-service day Wednesday, Feb. 15. Students will not attend school that day.

## School Board

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Danny B. Garcia 65, and Dawna R. Reyes 128. The official canvass of votes was conducted by the canvassing board yesterday in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo in the commission chambers. The canvass board consists of the school superintendent of each school, the county clerk, and Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr. Lincoln County Clerk Mar-

tha Proctor appreciates the cooperation of the precinct boards, school administrations and her staff. "The election went off without a hitch," Proctor said. "The new electronic voting machines are proving to be voter friendly. The poll workers as well as the canvass board found the results printed on the machines much easier to interpret."

**THANK YOU!!**

A sincere THANK YOU to all who supported me in the school board election Tuesday.

"I will work for our children".

Pat Vega

**BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE**

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

**Tuesday, February 14**  
 Corona - Post Office.....12:30-2:30 p.m.  
 Carrizozo - Otero Electric office.....4-6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 15**  
 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.  
 Lincoln Post Office.....2-3 p.m.  
 Hondo Store.....3:30-4:30 p.m.

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## M. Hicks Graduates From Naval School Of Health & Science

Michael L. Hicks has graduated from Surgical Tech School at the Naval School of Health and Science in San Diego. He will be stationed at the Naval Hospital in Lemoore, California with his wife Viola and son Mark. His parents are Chuck and Rachel Rominger of Carrizozo.

## Nine Area Students Attend Eastern New Mexico University

Six students from Carrizozo and three from Corona are enrolled for the spring semester at Eastern New Mexico University. Eastern, with an enrollment of approximately 3,800, is a public, liberal arts university with approximately 50 majors which attracts students from across the United States and many foreign countries. Students from Carrizozo attending ENMU are Ruby Armstrong, Mike Goins, Nathan Portillo, Charles Rickman, Kevin Sheehan, James Smith. Students from Corona attending ENMU are Candice Byrd, Melissa Mulkey, Kara Wilson-Allen.

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**THOUGHTS**

From the Editor's Desk

**Broken Promises**

By Ruth Hammond

Lincoln County residents living in subdivisions will have an increase of 100 percent on their road front footage taxes in 1996 due to action taken by the county commission Tuesday.

What had been scheduled as a public hearing, to be held in Ruidoso for the convenience of the county residents living in the Ruidoso area, turned into an attack on subdivision property owners all across the county. It appears the county commission speaks with a forked tongue. The public hearing on the road front footage tax was SUPPOSED to be one of several hearings the county commission would conduct. Instead of being true to their word, the commission chose to bring the issue to a vote during the meeting in Ruidoso. Apparently that was their plan all along and they assumed the people living in other parts of the county would not make the trip to Ruidoso to voice their opinions. They were wrong! The public DID attend, and they DID voice their opposition to the tax they consider unfair.

Three of the county commissioners voted to increase the road front footage tax while two chose to cast nay votes. Stirling Spencer cast a nay vote and Bill Schwettmann cast a "Hell NO!" vote but the motion was approved by the other three.

If it was their intent all along to increase the taxes why did they go to the trouble of holding a public hearing? If it was their intent all along to shaft subdivision property owners, why did they try to make it look as if they wanted to hear the people speak? If it was their intent all along to tell the very people who elected them that their opinions do not matter, then why ask for their input at said public hearing?

While it is not our place to say whether the road front footage tax increase of 100 percent is fair or not, it is our place to say that when our elected officials do not keep their word it makes us wonder why elected officials make promises in the first place.

First Gov. Johnson broke the state's promise to keep Fort Stanton open as a long term care facility, and now the county breaks its promise to conduct more public hearings.

Democracy in a Republic is supposed to be government of the people, by the people and for the people, or that is the way it was taught when I was in school. Perhaps the history books should be changed. Perhaps our children and grandchildren should be taught that we live in a democratic republic with our elected leaders being dictators with no concern or consideration for what the general public wants or needs.

Gov. Johnson apparently did not check back to find out what the state had promised to the people before he made his decision to close Fort Stanton. Johnson said it was the "STATE" when in fact it was Johnson himself and his selected advisors.

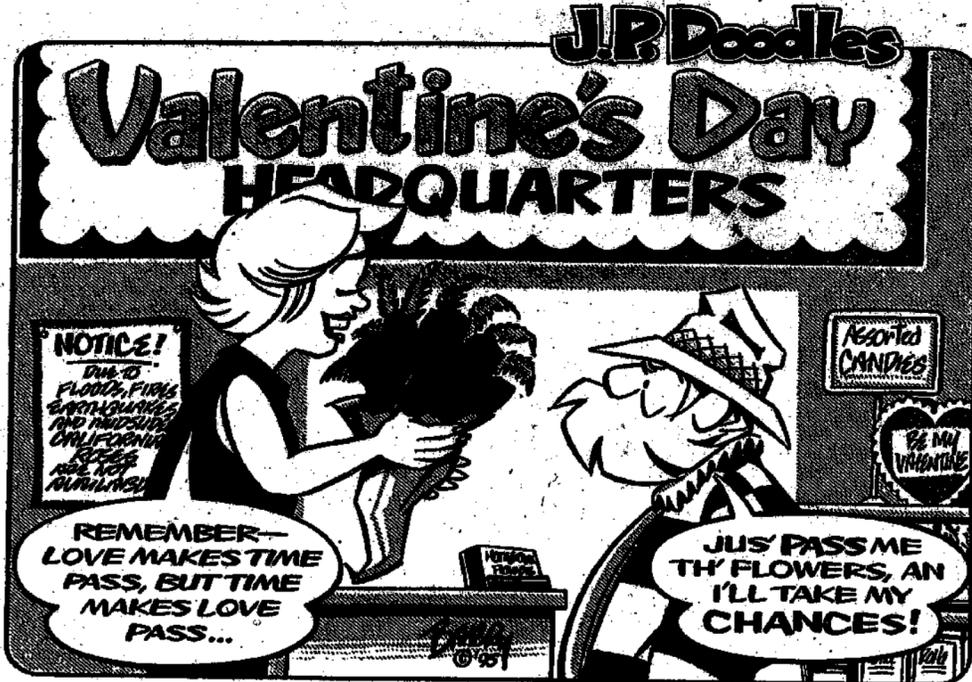
Health secretary Alex Valdez told Fort Stanton employees on January 17 that Fort Stanton would stay open through the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1995. Then on January 26 Valdez said he would have the lay-off plan ready by January 30. His promise would be broken in a short 13 days, the same number of steps that lead to the gallows where people are hung.

Several times in the past few weeks I have been asked; "Just who exactly IS the state?" Now I will probably be asked, "Just who exactly IS the county?" The answer appears to be whoever holds the highest office, whether it is at the state level or at the county level, and whoever WILL NOT answer to the public.

The United States of America was founded by a group of people who objected to taxation without representation and who wanted to be a part of the governing body.

Today if a person objects to taxation without representation or objects to dictatorship, the person is called a radical. Maybe we need more radicals in New Mexico and Lincoln County.

*Government against the people?*



**Inside The Capitol**

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE—Plans for the nation's first commercial spaceport north of Las Cruces have finally come down out of the clouds.

When you're talking about something as exciting as a spaceport, it's difficult not to let imagination soar. That phenomenon caused New Mexico's space facility planning to get a little ahead of itself.

For awhile, it sounded as though we'd be having rocket launches by this summer, and if we didn't, New Mexico would lose all its potential commercial space business.

After meetings early in the second week of the '95 Legislature between Gov. Gary Johnson, lawmakers, aerospace industry representatives and Las Cruces boosters, the project has come back to earth to move at deliberate speed, rather than the breakneck pace of the previous month.

Several months of progress were lost last summer and fall because of the unfortunate timing of a gubernatorial race superimposed on the spaceport's development schedule. Political considerations kept then-Gov. Bruce King from moving the project along as quickly as it should.

As a result, potential spaceport users became disenchanted with New Mexico's lack of commitment and began looking elsewhere. That frustrating lag led to a frenzy of activity once the gubernatorial race ended and new governor Gary Johnson announced his support of the effort.

But Johnson didn't want to go off half-cocked. And that's just where the program was. Plans had been drawn and interested aerospace firms identified, but no economic or environmental studies had even been started.

Anyone who has lived in New Mexico the last few years has to know that environmental impact statements are necessary anytime a spoonful of dirt is moved. And it is also amply evident that there are many people in this state who don't want to see anything changed.

Reportedly the environmental community was one of Gov. King's biggest concerns last fall when he declined to announce that a site had been chosen for the spaceport. He was trying to woo those folks back into his camp at the time and knew he'd blow his chances if he appeared interested in using any of New Mexico's land—no matter how desolate.

By this time the spaceport meeting took place in Santa Fe on Jan. 23, accusations were flying in all directions

about lack of commitment to the project.

But at a meeting attended by the governor and lieutenant governor, legislative leaders, Las Cruces community leaders and industry representatives, the unanimity was inspiring.

After McDonnell Douglas trotted out former astronaut Pete Conrad to make a pitch for a state commitment within six months and Tom Taylor of Kistler gave the state six hours (no kidding), New Mexico's political leaders, Republican and Democrat/executive and legislative, gave unhurried opinions about the project's importance and their commitment to it.

But to a person they said they would have to look at the economics of the situation and the environmental impact before committing large amounts of taxpayer money.

What they did commit to was the funding from this legislature for any necessary environmental studies, along with any other reasonable expenditures that could be made concurrently.

At the time, it appeared that improvement of roads to

the site could proceed at the same time as the environmental study, but Economic Development Secretary Gary Bratcher informs me the state has learned that even road improvements require a detailed environmental impact statement.

Bratcher also had another piece of bad news concerning the roads. Supporters of the spaceport had talked of a 9-to-1 match of federal funds, leading state officials to believe this was money over and above New Mexico's normal allotment. But it turns out that money would have to be diverted from other projects.

AT this point the only money the legislature may be asked to spend this year is for environmental studies on the roads and the site. That will take at least a year.

Meanwhile we can get our ducks in a row for the road building priorities and the necessary land acquisition from the BLM and private interests, while giving assurances to aerospace firms of our interest—assuming the environmental studies give us a green light.

**International Group Tours County Areas**

On Saturday afternoon, Jan. 14, a tour bus pulled off Hwy 380 along side the Espuela Arena in Hondo to permit representatives of 24 countries, international officers and wives, from the Marine Corp. Commission and Staff College of the Marine Corp. University, Quantico, VA to view first hand the old western tradition of roping. This group is in the United States for nine months, taking courses and touring major cities, as part of the American culture information program which is designed to orient and familiarize participants with American culture and society.

Dr. Donald F. Bittner, Lt. Col. Ret., professor of history, is the escort and tour guide. He stated that most of the group was more familiar with American western movies of the 40s and 50s than most Americans at the college. When the group toured Lincoln, they were already more familiar with the legend and lore of Billy the Kid than he was, so when the bus passed Espuela Arena they insisted on stopping.

Owner Ralph Montes explained the activities, posed for pictures, and allowed the more brave tourists to sit on

his horse for more pictures.

Col. Bittner mentioned some of the participating countries included Kuwait, Bahrain, Jordan, Malaysia, Taiwan, United Arab Emir, Saudia Arabia, Lebanon, Po-

land, Tonga, Venezuela, Thailand, Singapore, Japan, Phillipines, Korea, Canada, Australia, Britain, Norway and Spain.

**LETTERS POLICY:** Letters to the editor of THE LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS are encouraged. Each letter MUST be signed and must include the writer's telephone number and address. The phone number and mailing address will not be printed, but the writer's town or village will be included with his/her name. Letters will be edited for grammar and spelling. Letters may have to be shortened without changing their meaning. The editor has the right to reject any letter.

**New Ag Secretary Faces Challenges In Important Role**

By: JOAN WALDOCH

When President Clinton nominated former congressman Dan Glickman to serve as agriculture secretary, farmers breathed a sigh of relief. Glickman's experience as a farm state representative and his leadership on the House Agriculture Committee qualify him to serve the nation in this important and challenging role.

It will be particularly challenging this year, for a number of reasons. At the top of the list is the rewrite of the farm bill. Glickman is a veteran of three congressional farm bill debates and adds a respected voice in agricultural policy to the administration. He is aware of the increasing attention farm legislation is getting from groups outside agriculture and the growing list of players who want to be involved. He also appreciates the need for a viable farm program, and that ought to be reassuring to those most directly affected by the farm bill—farmers and ranchers.

The task of writing a farm bill would be difficult enough if all the players had even roughly the same vision of what farm legislation is designed to do. But they represent a wide variety of interests, constituencies, tactics and spheres of political influence. In addition, the entire debate must be considered within the context of political battles over balanced budgets, private property rights, federal mandates, environmental issues and food safety.

Glickman comes to the job at a time when USDA is undergoing a major reorganization and agriculture is under extreme scrutiny from all sides. This scrutiny has intensified since the GOP took control of Congress. And with belt-tightening a certainty throughout the federal government, farm spending is sure to be looked at even closer.

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Richard Lugar has proposed a thorough examination of current USDA programs, saying he wants to "lay it all on the table." He has pledged to raise a number of fundamental questions about those programs. House Republican leaders Newt Gingrich (Georgia), Richard Armye (Texas) and John Kasich (Ohio), with new power and influence over the budget, have all acknowledged that agriculture spending will be seriously reviewed. With Armye's much publicized opposition to farm programs, that's a promise we expect will be kept.

The Clinton administration has been criticized for not having a meaningful agriculture policy. In the past two years, it hasn't been a major

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**LETTERS**

The following letter has been sent to Gov. Johnson with copies of the letter to Sen. Pete Campos and State Rep. Dub Williams: Dear Governor Johnson—My motives for corresponding with you are to appeal for the retention of Fort Stanton as a viable entity. I feel Fort Stanton can be utilized for various constructive purposes, enjoyed, possibly enhanced, and possibly utilized to produce some profit for its maintenance and periodic up-grading. The intention of this letter is purely & entirely for the history, the cultural value, for the folks of Lincoln County, and for all New Mexico.

We possess such a radiantly valuable treasure in this Fort Stanton area. It is truly a Buena Vista! As such Fort Stanton surely can not be categorized and evaluated purely on quantitative terms. Qualitatively Fort Stanton possesses so much potential vibrancy than can fill volumes of written, photographed, sketched, and painted material that can be capitalized on.

I am an "outsider" in regards to Lincoln County. I reside in Palm Beach County, Florida. I have visited the Fort Stanton area several times and personally find the area mystically captivating. Maybe I'm the "pinon nut" but the area is precious and if I were financially able I would provide funds for its up-keep. I virtually lack an objective manner to describe what my sixth sense radiates to me when I approach and am in the fort Stanton area. That, governor, is how solemnly positive I feel affinity for Lincoln County and Fort Stanton.

Fort Stanton is part of our American history, culture, and integrity of the whole country. Indeed it is a highly notable weave in the entire durable, dynamic, and outstanding fabric of our United States of America. We Americans face a distinct challenge to retain as much of our heritage in a viable thriving condition as is possible. We can and will overcome each-and-every challenge! The enthralling opportunities presented by Fort Stanton eclipse any superficial conditions a visiting evaluating task force may observe. Their deductions and evaluations presented to you are probably in the interest of rigid fiscal responsibility but I submit that there is an entire realm of quite sound reasoning to re-think their conclusions.

Fort Stanton continues to possess perennial bounty which the folks in surrounding areas can utilize for constructive purposes and share with all New Mexicans. My personal appeal to retain Fort Stanton aside...let's work together to seize the opportunities our Fort Stanton presents us. Let's set some goals for the area, make some plans, and implement some viable workable flexible tactics to engage those plans to reach the goals.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I remain

At your service,  
**ERIC H. SORENSON**  
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Edca Raton, Florida.

**EDITOR**—Congratulations to the Mescalero Apache People for having the courage and wisdom to reject the radioactive waste dump that was about to be foisted on them by the nuclear energy industry and even by some of their own leaders.

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Joan Waldoch and Ruth Hammond

# For the Love of Gregory

By Joann Rice

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

## "Politics By Any Other Name"

Thursday, I had just settled down with a good magazine when Gregory walked in. "Whut ya' readin', Queen Mother?"

"An article about how to handle problem children," I answered.

"Oh. Well when you're through with it, pass it on to my teacher. She got a lotta problem children in that school. I try to help her all I can. But there's not a lot I can do bein' in the position I'm in. I hafta get along with these kids ya' know. 'Cause they're my peers."

"Learn a new word, did you?"

"Yeah. Peers. It means people ya' sociate with on a daily basis. That's two more new words. Basis an' sociate."

"Well Gregory you're a regular walking dictionary."

"Yeah. An' I figger if I learn three new words a day, by the time school is out this year, I'll be a reg'lar genius. Then I won't have to go next year."

"Whut do ya think?"

"I think you might meet with some opposition from the school board."

"What does that mean, Queen Mother? They can't make me go to school if I'm already a genius."

"Government can make you do anything, Gregory."

"Whut's government?"

"That's the people like the President and Congress who make the rules that we all have to live by. Like going to jail if we don't pay our taxes."

"Whut's taxes?"

"Everyone in this country has to pay money to the government."

"We pay 'em to tell us what to do, Queen Mother?"

"Pretty much."

"In other words, we have to pay to live here in this country. What ever happened to the 'land of the free'?"

"The price just went up."

"Queen Mother, you mean if I don't pay money to these people to tell me whut I can an' can't do, they'll put me in jail?"

"Something like that."

"Well, I'm here to tell ya', that don't make no sense to me. But it does gibe me a idea. Hmmm. Maybe I can get the kids at school to pay me to tell them whut to do. 'Cause I pretty much tell 'em anyways."

"That's what they've got the teacher for, Gregory."

"Oh, I can get past her. I mostly tell her whut to do, too."

"And I'm sure she appreciates it."

"Hmmm. I'll set up a election. An' I'll be the President after they vote for me. An' they'll pay me taxes. A course, I'll habe to think up another punishment if they don't pay. 'Cause we don't habe a jail in school."

"You ought to."

"I could make 'em stay in at recess. Yeah that'll do it."

"Sounds like a dictatorship to me."

"Well its somethin' to think 'bout. Queen mother, do you think that's the way it all started when the people camed over on the Mayflower ship?"

"Probably, Gregory. Probably."

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Con't. from P. 4)

I am sure that your ancestors would be proud of you for refusing to allow your beautiful homeland to be poisoned and destroyed for the sake of the (once) almighty dollar.

The nuclear energy industry, the old Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Energy have never, in the entire history of their existence, been known to tell the truth about the health hazards and real costs of atomic energy.

Instead, they rely on the corrupt politicians they bribe, the experts they hire who will prostitute their scientific and technical knowledge for high-paying jobs or grants, and minority peoples desperate for jobs, to promote their agenda.

Some of the world's greatest scientists, those who cannot be bought or silenced, have proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that radioactivity does cause birth defects and cancer, does poison the air, land and water, for thousands of years, despite the best efforts of man to contain and control this deadly fire.

Unfortunately, they lack the financial resources to propagandize the American people, as does the nuclear energy industry with their lies about cheap energy.

The truth is, the monetary costs alone are astronomical and will be borne by on-coming generations.

It has been many years since I read the Holy Bible, but I seem to recall something in there about the sins of the fathers being visited upon their children even unto the seventh generation. This is a classic example of that with the difference being that radioactive waste will be with the human race and all other living things for literally hundreds of generations.

In addition to Rufina Laws and the Mescalero Apache People, I would like to thank the R.U.C.A. Anti-M.R.S. Campaign and all the others who worked to oppose this madness.

Even many of the politicians were on the right side of this issue for a change and they too deserve our thanks. (Will miracles never cease?)

Although its rare in this day and age of rampant greed and materialism, it's nice to know that the good guys can still win one. Now, if we can just get them to cancel WIPP.

If radioactive waste is so wonderful, let those who produce it bury it in their own backyards.

We don't want it in New Mexico.

DONALD QUEEN,  
Carrizozo.

**EDITOR**—We are approaching the 1995 fire season and with any luck we may not have a repeat of the 1994 fire season. However there are still many unanswered questions from 1994. The Forest Service has investigated itself and has not found itself in the wrong. According to them everything was done by the book and according to policy.

The Forest Service and the New Mexico State Forestry have a joint powers agreement, whereby the State Forestry has initial attack responsibility. In the case of the Big Rocks Complex (Potosi Fire) in 1994, the State Forestry responded by calling in the hotshot crew for the small one-tenth of an acre fire and the state forestry flew over the larger fire and determined that it was beyond their initial attack capability, and turned both fires over to the Forest Service. The fire did not escape the initial attack efforts of

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# CAPTAN NOTES

BY MAUREEN SU

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

Dorothy Smith said all of her wonderful friends were so kind to her on her birthday.

And Dorothy, may I take this opportunity to wish you a very special Valentine's Day. I kept thinking that I had one more week before St. Valentine's Day and then it dawned on me that by the time I write my next column, Valentine's Day will be history for 1995. So while I am on the subject, let me wish a Happy Valentine's Day to each and everyone of you. Especially you senior citizens who probably all have fond memories of school days and the big treat the Valentine Party was at school. The exchanging of small hearts to your friends, and oh what fun it was to receive all those hearts and special verses from the very special boy or girl that you especially liked. Ah! memories. What would we elder folks do without them?

Gloria and Hollis Cummins just returned from a trip to New Orleans. Danny Cummins is now flying out of New Orleans—he is a pilot you know and has been to many port's of call. It must seem awfully 'slow and snail' like here in Capitan after you have seen the rest of the world, doesn't it Danny? But let me remind you that when you get old enough to belong to "The Over the Hill" crowd, you too will think it is a pretty nice place to be. Congratulations on the new job.

I checked with Netta for some news. Deborah was out of the office. None, but last week Netta did tell me this tidbit. When she and Butch were married, when they checked into the hotel, they were ushered right up to the honeymoon suite. Sounded wonderful, but they were a bit chagrined when the door was opened for them and the room was furnished with twin beds.

They say friendship has many faces. That is true, the only fly in the ointment, sometimes you have trouble differentiating between the ones with one and the ones with two.

We may have to call this column "Hit and Run Accident". I am just beginning to Hit it and have to Run to get this in the mail before five o'clock. Reason for the haste, I received a letter yesterday from a certain lady at Physicians Mutual Insurance Company in Omaha, Nebraska. Ending it with when I was in Omaha, to be sure and contact her and she would show me around the place. Well I just tried to call her. Such a time. I got so many different people to talk to, so many different referrals to this one and that one, and before I could get my entire reason for calling, was switched thither and yon and each told me to punch one for this and punch two for that and punch three for I can't even remember. If I had had anybody from the company close to me, the telephone would be the last thing I would punch. Progress. I even hate the word. I do not own any touch tone telephones except the one upstairs in my bedroom that my dear son-in-law bought and installed for me when he was here last summer. The reason I did not use it, first of all I was not about to lug all of my papers

up the stairs and the other reason is that I am too stupid to really manipulate it except to say hello and goodbye. Like my husband used to say, "Honey you should have been born in the horse and buggy days."

And before I begin to luxuriate in this and that about the good old days, let me congratulate Michael Francis, the editor of the brand new edition of The Talk of the Town. I just picked up a copy at the market and understand that I missed the first copy. It is quite innovative, clever and informative. And before I forget it, Michael Francis is the handsome son of the late Maurice Francis, a very gallant and charming gentleman that some of us were fortunate to know. But Michael is a chip off the old block, as the saying goes.

I don't have any news, goings and comings news, that is. I know things I dare not print. I know secrets that must remain just that. Secrets. So like I have said before. If you have any news, please contact me at 354-2591 or write it and slip it under my door at 105 Smokey Bear Blvd. (Doesn't that Blvd. really grab you?)

A bit of trivia from the Crown Syndicate by L.M. Boyd.

Did you know? Few people can name that river with the biggest delta, the Ganges.

"Reasonable men behave much the same the world over — be they corporate directors or tribal natives." writes a client. Quite so. Observed Mark Twain on one missionary's fate among African cannibals: "They listened with great interest to everything he had to say, and then they ate him."

Did I mention the Panama Canal is almost due south of Pennsylvania?

Where is the biggest swamp in the world? Brazil. The Gran Pantanal in Mato Grosso State and is more than half the size of Minnesota.

If you want to be happy, put aside those fuzzy queries to yourself about what will really make you happy. So suggests a psychologist. His advice is the less you think about it, the happier you will be. I think he has a point, don't you?

How old are most of Japan's geisha girls? Age 35 is about average. Those women have their patrons, who buy them gifts as custom decrees, and as custom decrees, too, they also have their special boy-friends, who don't buy them gifts.

Do you have any idea which country in the world has the lowest murder rate? It is Norway.

Welcome home Elaine Beaudry and just for the record, try staying there for a spell. Elaine Beaudry just returned from a months sojourn in Arizona where she met some old friends and made a host of new ones, but that is par for the course for our Elaine. To meet her and to know her is to love her. From someone that really knows. Welcome home again dear.

And so for another week, let me close with this little poem.

For Being Kind  
by Michael Dubina  
Of the many friends I've treasured-

Those who've lived the longest time

Are the ones who were the kindest  
With their gifts of heart and mind;  
Never selfish; Never greedy  
Never sparing loving care;  
Always sharing of their harvests  
And the fortunes of their prayers.

They were, always busy people -  
Helping others with their needs -  
And, forever, sowing kindness  
In their acts of Christian

deeds.  
None were, ever, rich or noble  
Or possessed of master minds.  
They were only humble people,  
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And thank you again Elaine for the beautiful and delicious oranges. And also thank you Elaine for being my dear, dear friend.

Adios and God bless you one and all.

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**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

PROBATE NO. PB94-42

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF BILLIE F. GRIST, DECEASED.

**AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE BY ANCILLARY REPRESENTATIVE**

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, TO: Charles E. Geist, Jr.; Cindy Geist Seay a/k/a Cynthia Jane Geist Seay; John Robert Geist; James Milton Geist; Paul Geist a/k/a Paul Dudley Geist; American State Bank, Lubbock, Texas, Trustee of the Billie F. Geist Estate Trust; the unknown heirs of Billie F. Geist, deceased, and all unknown persons claiming any lien upon or right, title or interest in or to the Estate of Billie F. Geist, deceased, GREETINGS:

You and each of you are hereby notified that American State Bank, Lubbock, Texas, Ancillary Personal Representative of the Estate of Billie F. Geist, deceased, has filed a Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Ancillary Personal Representative; and you are further notified that on Monday, the 6th day of March, 1995, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., at the District Courtroom in the Courthouse at Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, the District Court of said County and State, pursuant to an

Order duly made and entered, will hear objections, if any, to said Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Ancillary Personal Representative, and will proceed finally to determine the testacy and heirship of said decedent, the ownership of her estate within the State of New Mexico, the interest of each respective claimant thereto or therein, and the persons entitled to the distribution thereof.

Jerry L. Williams, Post Office Box 910, Lovington, New Mexico, 88260, is the attorney for the Ancillary Personal Representative.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, this 2nd day of February, 1995.**

MARGO E. LINDSAY, Clerk of the District Court, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

BY: ELIZABETH LUERAS, Deputy.

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These three sentences are sent to all my friends from the Fort who are going out and about everywhere here and there.

It has been such a "down" and "up" week. Some employees are finding employment and a place to live with no struggle while others are searching and are in a state of limbo. Thinking about many of them not coming in to razz me, tell me their hopes, dreams, and stories of their days, reports about their families or grand kids, or whatever the topic for the day might be, is really sad. Just hope all who leave will send a postcard and keep in touch.

Evelyn Garvey reports Aaron, her granddaughter, just recently left to study and teach English in Poland for a few months. Aaron has traveled extensively in her young life mostly involved with Girl Scout achievements and now is taking this trip with her college friends from Oklahoma. Evelyn and Ruby Trost were two of the lucky recipients of the sheets of stamps of Legends of the West that were recalled, due to an error with one of the Pickett brothers. Over 5 million stamps were printed and then all but 150,000 were destroyed. In October everyone wishing to have a sheet of these were to send a check and request for one sheet. I had been anxiously awaiting the news about the stamps. Sure enough Ruby and Evelyn were lucky and I was one of the unlucky ones. Still am trying to talk Evelyn out of hers but she won't consider it. Think these two were real lucky.

Monday a week ago was part of the "UP" week. Kersti had a house full helping her celebrate her first big birthday. Mom and Dad had the ranch house decorated with streamers, and balloons. The two precious moments cakes looked like Audrey had run down to the bakery and had them decorate them. They were sure tasty with all the other food, which was roast, potato salad, green salad, tortillas, rolls, beans and other goodies. Kersti was so happy to have as her guests, Ronnie and Jackie Billa, Waddy and Karen Hobbs, Felix, Crystal Eldridge, Della and Dave Bonnell, Della Joiner, Clint Derk, Bessie Jones, Todd Proctor, Pay and myself. Her very special guests were Briar Billa and J.T. and Dusti Rae Eldridge. She squealed and tried to run throughout the house taking a few bumps, gave some biting kisses and had a great time.

After the big meal, she opened presents for an hour, admiring each one as if to say, boy this is just my size, this is the right color, and this is just what I wanted. Dresses, pants, shirts, keys, a ball, Smokey Bear socks, telephones, drawing equipment and a pair of purple cowboy boots were some of her many gifts. Many came and enjoyed the evening with us and sent package from Capitan with no card or return address.

Micki Martin worked for me on Monday evening so I could go to the party. She worked once again on Wednesday when I took off to take Kersti her puppy. Warren and Celeste Franklin were using the fancy equipment to sonogram some top ewes checking for twins. It was very interesting to watch this procedure. Watching Waddy and Audrey wash the ewes was nearly as much fun. If only I would have had a close up lens to capture these shots. Kersti and I got distracted

real quick and took off chasing the bor cocs (chickens) all over the pasture, and then made 20 miles around in the little red wagon. Grandma was tired! but sure enjoyed the day.

Governor Johnson ran his campaign on helping to get rid of all the crime in our state. He has only just made it worse here at the Fort. Last Thursday a big bell that has hung here for years was stolen. I am sure this is just the first of many historical items that will be gone never to return. Wonder if he gave any thought to the rise in crimes when jobs are lost?

A couple of humorous letters I received. Two were answers from Sen. Pete Domenici's office and another from Joe Skeen's. From Domenici's they write they are doing all they can to help us down here at Capitan, Lincoln and Fort Sumner. First off they don't even know which Fort they are fighting for and then the letter from Joe Skeen was addressed to Betty "Gomez". Know my writing is bad but cannot see where Gomez and Joiner look much alike. A new location and new name, maybe that's what I've been needing and didn't know it.

Joe Hernandez and the county crew were fixing the road in front of the post office last Thursday. He commented they were fixing the road for the employees to move out.

Willie Hobbs called to report the sale of everything in the country store on Fourth Street went very fast and at very good prices. The new store, located next door to the restaurant opened on Monday. Willie invites everyone to come shop with her.

Debbie has been very busy getting all of these stores stocked and items ready for sale. Smokey Bear items will be for sale in the front of the motel. Stop in and visit with Betty Hobbs. Mary Allen reports she is feeling much better after being under the weather and in the hospital for a day or two.

Willie also told me that Amelita Jenkins was in the hospital in Albuquerque. Amelita and Bill Jenkins ran a grocery store where the Angel Tree is located now, for many years and have many friends hoping she will improve and be home real soon. Driving around the town on Saturday afternoon we couldn't believe how many houses have been torn down, remodeled and new ones built since we moved here in 1962. I couldn't even start to say who lived where.

The latest quilt block project is one from all of the workers at the Fort. Of the 50 so far I have acquired the total of years of working here is close to 450. I will have to hurry to finish as the first to leave for another job will be Michael Gomez who will be leaving Friday. Best of luck Michael. We will miss you.

Gina Griego is still making big strides toward her education. Last semester she made the Dean's List at NMSU. Gina is working on an internship with Family and Youth. Gina will graduate in December. Mary will be helping her move to another apartment soon.

The latest self adhesive stamp is now on sale. It is one of the Love stamps and will be used to mail all those Valentine cards. Be sure and ask for it at your local post office.

Mrs. Beavers, Mrs. Audrey, Mona McEuen, Mrs. Foutrey, and Doris Pounds were at the voting place for the school board election on Tuesday. Hope everyone voted and the

winners will make the best decisions for our students. Many comments about the folks having to leave to look for work is they will sacrifice a lot to keep their kids here in this good school. Our teachers, faculty and school personnel should take this as a compliment.

Ruth, I would like to thank you for all the articles you have printed in your editorial about the closing of the Fort. You have said just what a lot of us would like to say. It has meant a lot and we would all like you to know this. Just wish the governor would have maybe visited our facility or looked into the book of letters that was presented to him at a meeting in Santa Fe.

Carmen Burch, Wilma Webb, and Shannon Brazel were three who represented us well from here. I would personally like to thank each of you who took the time to write a letter trying to help us to stay open. From bank presidents, commissioners, individuals, school superintendents, mayors, and people from all over the state who wrote one of these letters, We all say thanks for TRYING.

May you each have a very Happy Valentine's Day and may we know real soon what our fate here at the Fort will be.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's 11th annual International Elk Camp and Exposition will be held in Albuquerque Feb. 16-19.

Recently the RMEF purchased two and a half acres about 15 miles southeast of Cuba, NM and also acquired grazing rights to 2,561 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land. Since the leased lands rest amidst the BLM's officially designated 9,485 acre Elk Springs Area of environmental concern, the BLM chose to retire the grazing permit associated with the property, allocating all 2,561 acres to wildlife.

The property has helped sustain hundreds of deer and elk throughout the winter, with especially heavy concentrations of wildlife during harsh winters.

The four-day event will be held at the Albuquerque Convention Center. Admission will be charged.

**MORE OF: County Increases . . .**  
(Con't. from P. 2)

ous commission's "indiscriminate" actions. Schwetzmant agreed and basically said the commission was "...in no position to move on this issue." Additionally, he indicated it was "repugnant" either to tax the county for individual needs or to cut services.

Montes said that the commission was moving forward with citizen requests which were of mutual benefit, pressing on for the tax increase. Commissioner L. Ray Nunley tried to make the case that the current commission was trying to fix problems which were 20 to 30 years old.

County attorney Mike Morrell said that he would look into the legalities of the assessment, terminology and have some "findings" for the commission.

A final comment from county resident Ralph Dunlap advised changing the law to broaden the base of those required to pay the assessment.

The motion proposing a tax assessment of 20 cents per county road linear foot carried. Nunley and Howell voted yes, and Spencer and Schwetzmant voted no. Chairman Montes' vote broke the tie.

## Free Workshop To Be Held For Tree Planting And Care

A free workshop offering advice on how to plant and care for tree seedlings will be held in Roswell Feb. 21.

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by Keep Roswell Beautiful, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Chaves County Cooperative Extension Service, and the New Mexico Forestry and Resources Conservation Division.

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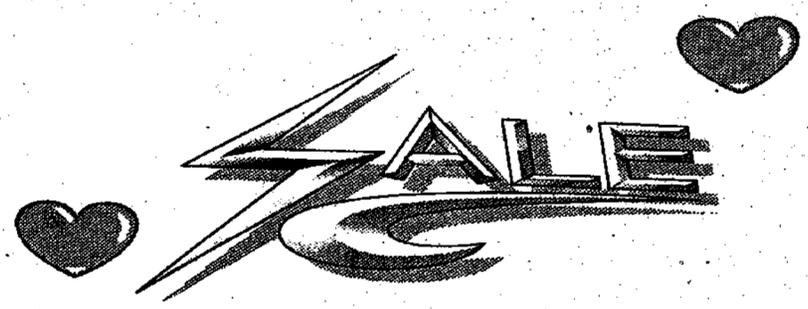
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# Sheriff's Report

The following information was taken from dispatch sheets in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in the court-house in Carrizozo:

**Jan. 31:**  
Possible child abuse was reported.

5:03 p.m. an accident with no injuries was reported in the Ruidoso area. The vehicle rolled over from one hill down to another. Victim does not want medical attention, victim is a doctor. Two deputies responded.

**Feb. 1:**  
12:02 a.m. a breaking and entering, burglary, was reported at Palo Verde Slopes. The victim called Ruidoso Downs Police from a pay phone requesting an officer for a report. A deputy was dispatched.

2:11 p.m. harassment was reported at Capitan Middle School. Capitan Police requested a sheriff's deputy due to conflict of knowing subject. Deputy completed assignment, no report was taken, all parties satisfied.

2:29 p.m. dumpster fire was reported at the end of the four lane on Highway 70, north side of highway. Glencoe Fire Department and tanker responded.

5:11 p.m. a three car accident was reported on Alto Hill with injuries to one female. One vehicle was in roadway, other two vehicles out of roadway. Carrizozo Ambulance was en route to Carrizozo and was first responder on scene. Alto ambulance, state police, and sheriff's deputies responded.

6:16 p.m. domestic disturbance was reported in

Carrizozo. Deputies and Carrizozo Police responded.

10:18 p.m. tree trunks were reported on fire at mile marker 286 or 287 on Highway 70. It had been a controlled burn.

**Feb. 2:**  
A deer was hit at the bottom of Indian Divide on Highway 380, south side of road, approximately mile marker 78. People who hit deer were at Capitan Police Department. Game and Fish were unavailable for this call.

2:05 p.m. an uncontrollable juvenile was reported. Deputy responded to escort family to counseling center and stood by during session.

2:14 p.m. an ambulance was requested at Ski Apache. No response from Alto Ambulance, Ruidoso Advanced Life Support transported the patient and one rider to Lincoln County Medical Center.

5:37 p.m. broken window/possible entry reported at Brooks Construction in Carrizozo. Carrizozo Police will follow up on Feb. 3 with owners in Shawnee, OK.

5:40 p.m. a possible propane leak was reported in Alto. Bonito Fire Department was

notified.  
7:16 p.m. welfare check requested in Ruidoso. Deputy assigned.

7:30 p.m. four males were spotted at mile marker 148 on Highway 54. One male was possibly injured. Units were dispatched, the four males were taken into custody (arrested), another unit followed a vehicle and found they were the ones transporting the four illegal aliens that were arrested. They were brought to the sheriff's office. Border Patrol came to pick up the four prisoners and to question the other subject in vehicle.

**Feb. 3:**  
8:09 a.m. a broken gate was reported. Deputy advised he will make a report, it's a state highway department gate.

8:46 a.m. deputy took a report in reference to stolen skis from Ski Apache, occurred Monday, Jan. 30.

3:02 p.m. suspicious activity reported on Angus Hill.

3:57 p.m. welfare check on a cabin on Cedar Creek requested. Caller says she is receiving a phone bill from calls made from cabin. The cabin should not be occupied in any way. Wants someone to check on it. Deputy reported there is snow still in front of the door with no prints. Does not seem to be occupied.

8:05 p.m. a loud party next door was reported in Carrizozo. Sheriff's deputy and Carrizozo Police responded.

**Feb. 4:**  
2:46 a.m. burglary, breaking and entering, reported on Highway 70, Riverside area. Person advised trailer house had been burglarized, money was missing. Caller advised earlier a vehicle with one rear window out and one headlight out tried running her off the road and also tried to enter through a locked gate. Deputy responded, Roswell Police notified.

12:41 p.m. damage to tires on Highway 246 reported. Calling party said someone put a tire puncture device on the road and "it really worked." After responding to call, deputy returned to station to get camera and paperwork and was to meet calling party.

8:49 p.m. ambulance was requested at mile marker 284 on Highway 70. Hondo Ambulance transported the person to Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

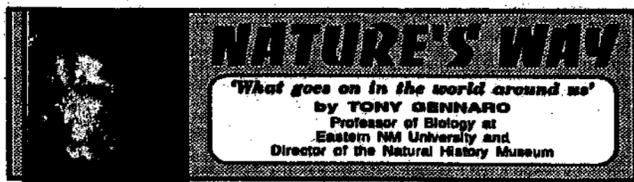
11:36 p.m. DWI was reported at Capitan Shell parking lot. Capitan Police, sheriff's deputies, and wrecker were dispatched.

**Feb. 5:**  
4:28 p.m. suspicious activity was reported in Alto. Deputy and Forest Service responded.

6:10 p.m. a hot spot was reported in Alto. Alto Fire Department responded. It was a faulty furnace that they turned off.

6:10 p.m. report was filed,

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## Domestication

All domesticated animals are descendants of native species which were taken from the wild and bred by humans. From the progeny of each generation, only desirable individuals were selected for further breeding. Those selected, displayed traits which fulfilled human needs. By choosing specific offspring for breeding, certain genes were retained in the genetic line; whereas, undesirable genes were denied access to succeeding generations. The result has been breeds designed to provide labor, companionship, as well as food, clothing, and other products for human cultures.

Dogs are an example of domestication. They originated as early as 12,000 years ago in Iraq. They were derived from wolves to serve humans in work, play, and sport. The appearance of certain breeds of dogs makes it quite difficult to believe that the wolf is their ancestor. For example, a Chihuahua certainly does not resemble a wolf. The reason is many of the wolf genes were eliminated. On the contrary, it takes less imagination to envision the German shepherd as a descendant of the wolf because fewer wolf genes were eliminated.

Individuals with ethical attitudes toward preserving wildlife wonder just how far the German shepherd is removed genetically from the ancestral wolf. Furthermore, some of them might consider it possible to reestablish native wolves again, through selective breeding of the German shepherd. Skeptic scientists consider that process impossible because native wolf genes, once lost in the domestic genetic line, cannot be restored. This is true for all domestic strains. However, some individuals remain optimistic. These optimists have attempted to reestablish the original wild horse, the Tarpan.

The Tarpan, from the grasslands of southeastern Europe, is thought to be the ancestral wild horse of all domestic horses. It was moderate in size, gray colored, with a black mane and tail. It became extinct in Russia during the 19th century. Domesticated horses with conspicuous Tarpan-like features were bred selectively to develop a horse which would resemble the original wild European species. Horses from those matings now reside in various European and United States zoos, and they do resemble the original native Tarpan.

However, most authorities agree that once domesticated, always domesticated. In other words, if a domesticated breed should return to the wild, it cannot be a wild species again. The word, feral, has been coined for such free, domesticated animals. Mustangs are good examples. They are frequently called wild horses, but they are really feral horses.

Besides mustangs, other domesticated animals are familiar to us in their feral way of life. Two most noteworthy ones are pigs and cats. Both survive nicely without human assistance.

Domestic pigs originated from the native wild boar of Europe and Asia. It was probably domesticated as early as 8,000 years ago in Thailand. About 5000 years later, Polynesians introduced the domestic pig into Hawaii. During the 16th century, the domestic pig was introduced into southeastern United States by the Spaniards. Later, European wild boars were introduced into the United States for sport. Now, the free-running pig in the United States is either feral, native, or a combination of both.

Cats originated about 4000 years ago in Egypt from the wild cat, *Felis silvestris*, of Africa and southeast Asia. *Felis silvestris* (from which the name silvester the cat originated) is still a wild species in Europe, Africa, and Asia. It is slightly larger than the typical domestic breed. It has long, thick, grayish fur with a few thin black bars running from the forehead, between the ears, to the base of the neck. Another single black stripe continues to the base of the tail. The tail has several black rings around it and is black tipped.

I personally observed nearly all of those characters in a very unfriendly, unapproachable feral cat which frequented my neighborhood for about four years. I called him Tom, and I thought if any feral cat could make it in the wild Tom could, but I admit I was very concerned about his comfort on cold winter evenings.

Tom's fate raises a point of concern for all domesticated breeds. Some, like feral Tom, have a chance to survive in the wild. Others, however, are highly dependent on human care. Does this mean that domesticated animals, even feral ones, are the liability of humans, who took them from the wild in the first place? Should humans insist that domesticated breeds be used effectively and responsibly for the reasons they were bred? Seemingly, these are questions that we should consider.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
FEBRUARY 13, 1995  
VILLAGE OF CAPITAN

The Village of Capitan invites you to attend a public hearing on February 13, 1995 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall Bldg., 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, New Mexico. The purpose of the public hearing will be to discuss program performance, past use of funds and make available to the public its community development and housing needs including the needs of low and moderate income families and the activities to be undertaken to meet such needs.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program was established under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. In order to assist communities in providing essential community facilities, providing decent housing for residents, promoting economic development, and maintaining a suitable living environment. The State of New Mexico estimated the 1994 appropriation of 14,000,000 to be distributed statewide on a competitive basis.

State and national objectives of the CDBG Program require that assistance be made available for activities that address at least one of the following:

- (1) An activity identified as principally benefiting persons of low and moderate income;
- (2) Aid in the prevention and elimination of slums and blight;
- (3) Meet other community development needs of recent origin having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Applications are limited to a maximum of \$400,000, except for planning applications which have a limit of \$25,000. Eligible activities and categories will be described.

All interested parties are invited to attend, to submit project ideas to provide supporting data and testimony and other pertinent information.

With sufficient notice, a translator will be provided for non-English speaking residents.

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

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**NOTICIA DE JUNTA PUBLICA**  
FEBRERO 13, 1995  
EN CAPITAN

La plaza de Capitan le invita a atender una junta publica en Febrero 13, 1995 a las 6:30 p.m. en el Village Hall, 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, New Mexico. Esta junta es para discutir el programa de performance, el uso de fondos en el pasado y hacer saber al publico de la necesidad de casas para la gente de bajo y moderado

Los objetivos de programa CDBG requiere que haga asistencia de esto:

- (1) Un actividad que identifique principalmente para beneficiar a personas de bajo y moderado dineros.
- (2) Ayuda para eliminar slums y blight.
- (3) Ayudar con otros desenvolvimientos que sean necesarios para evitar serios y inmediatos riesgos para la salud y bien estar en la comunidad.

Las aplicaciones son limitadas al maximo de \$400,000, homas las aplicaciones del plano tienen limite de \$25,000.

Todos los actividades y categorias seran explicadas en la junta. Todos los residentes interesados en este programa esta invitado para atender esta junta. Necesitamos sus ideas y soporte en este programa.

Con suficiente noticia tendremos un interprete para la gente que no habla ingles.

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

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**LEGALS**

**CALL FOR BIDS**

Hondo Valley Public Schools is receiving bids to provide a Mexican dinner at the annual Hondo Fiesta on May 12 and 13. The sealed bid must be received by 3:30 p.m. on February 13, 1995 to be opened at a regular Fiesta Committee meeting on February 14, 1995. Specifications for the services are available by contacting, Guillermo Maldonado, Fiesta Chairman, P.O. Box 65, Hondo, NM 88336 or telephone 663-4411. The committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted, waive minor technicalities.

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**NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 26, 1994, Ted C. and Peggi Anderson, Box 72, Lincoln, NM 88336, filed application No. 01918-A with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change point of diversion of 16.25 acre-foot per annum of surface waters of the Rio Bonito, by ceasing its present point of diversion located in the NE¼ SW¼ of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., and commencing the use of a river pump located in the SE¼ NW¼ of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., for the diversion of 16.25 acre-foot per annum of surface waters of the Rio Bonito, for the continued irrigation of 5.0 acres of land located in the NE¼ SW¼ of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M. This application is being filed to correct the location of the point of diversion to the location shown on the proof of completion of works on file with the State Engineer.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The protest or objections shall be in writing and shall set forth all protestant's or objector's reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Eluid Martinez, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 89201, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, Lincoln County, New Mexico calls for sealed proposals on 3 cu. yd. sideloader dumpsters. Interested bidders may secure a copy of the specifications from the Manager's office at the headquarters for the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, at 222 Second St., P.O. Box 2405, Ruidoso Downs, N.M. 88346. Phone: (505) 378-4697. Sealed proposals must be received by the general manager no later than 1:00 p.m., February 27, 1995, at which time the proposals will be opened at the headquarters office. The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any proposal, waive minor

technicalities, and award the proposal to best serve the interests of the Authority. Proposals must comply with the N.M. Procurement Code.

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**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO NO. PB-96-05 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROY W. HARMAN, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative c/o Hinkle, Cox, Eaton, Goffield & Hensley, P.O. Box 10, Roswell, New Mexico 88202, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

DATED: January 27, 1995. WILLIAM E. HARMAN,

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**INVITATION TO BID**

The Analla Barragan Community Ditch and the Barragan West Ditch, requests sealed bids for work to be done to repair flood damage to the diversion structures. Specifications and information can be obtained from Kenneth Noaker, HC66 Box 32, San Patricio, N.M. 88348; Telephone Number 653-4557. Bids will be received at Noaker Packing Company, at Mile Marker 276.5 on or before 11:00 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 11, 1995. Analla Barragan Ditch and Barragan West Ditch reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Area contractors will be given preference. The show me trip will be on Feb. 8th at 11:00 a.m.

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**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO NO. CV-90-240 Div. II**

COUNTY OF LINCOLN, Plaintiff,

vs. PATRICK L. YOUNG and ELEANOR YOUNG, husband and wife; LAKEBIDE CORPORATION; a New Mexico Corporation; and RUIDOSO STATE BANK, a New Mexico Banking Corporation,

Defendants. **NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S SALE**

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of March, 1995, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., the undersigned Special Master will, at the front entrance door of the Ruidoso Municipal Building, Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, sell all right, title and interest of the Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is more particularly described as follows: Lot 125, Unit 5, DEER PARK VALLEY SUBDIVISION, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on the 17th day of April, 1981;

TOGETHER WITH easements, reservations and restrictions of record. The foregoing sale will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 24, 1995, being an action to collect a paving assessment lien on the above described property. Proceeds from the foregoing sale will be utilized to satisfy the judgment against the Defendants as follows: a. \$1,035.46, representing the amount owed to Plaintiff for its paving assessment lien, late fees in the amount of \$2.72, attorney's fees in the amount of \$750.00 together with New Mexico gross receipts taxes in the amount of \$51.09, plus costs of foreclosure in the amount of \$168.51, for a total amount of \$2,007.78, plus interest thereon from the date of the judgment to the date of the Special Master's sale at the rate of 15% per annum; and b. \$2,475.49, representing the amount owed to Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, Inc. for membership dues, plus interest thereon from the date of the judgment to the date of the Special Master's sale at the rate of 15% per annum. In addition thereto, the bidder at such sale will be responsible for paying the Special Master's fee of \$200 and attorney's fee of \$200 and costs expended from the date of entry of the judgment until the date of sale, including that of sale, publication. Any judgment creditor has the right to bid at the sale and to apply all or any part of his respective judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The Plaintiff has the right to bid the amount of its judgment, in its entirety or in part, in lieu of cash at said sale. AURELIA LUERAS, Special Master.

ment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 24, 1995, being an action to collect a paving assessment lien on the above described property.

Proceeds from the foregoing sale will be utilized to satisfy the judgment against the Defendants as follows:

a. \$1,035.46, representing the amount owed to Plaintiff for its paving assessment lien, late fees in the amount of \$2.72, attorney's fees in the amount of \$750.00 together with New Mexico gross receipts taxes in the amount of \$51.09, plus costs of foreclosure in the amount of \$168.51, for a total amount of \$2,007.78, plus interest thereon from the date of the judgment to the date of the Special Master's sale at the rate of 15% per annum; and b. \$2,475.49, representing the amount owed to Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, Inc. for membership dues, plus interest thereon from the date of the judgment to the date of the Special Master's sale at the rate of 15% per annum.

In addition thereto, the bidder at such sale will be responsible for paying the Special Master's fee of \$200 and attorney's fee of \$200 and costs expended from the date of entry of the judgment until the date of sale, including that of sale, publication.

Any judgment creditor has the right to bid at the sale and to apply all or any part of his respective judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

The Plaintiff has the right to bid the amount of its judgment, in its entirety or in part, in lieu of cash at said sale. AURELIA LUERAS, Special Master.

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUDGET HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of Carrizozo School District #7, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, will on Tuesday, February 21, 1995, at 6:00 P.M., MDT, at the Administration Board Conference Room, 800 D. Avenue, present and publicly review a special budget increase for the 1994-1995 Fiscal Year. This is a public hearing and all school patrons are invited to attend. Done at Carrizozo, New Mexico, this 22nd day of February, 1995.

**CARRIZOZO BOARD OF EDUCATION NICK SERNA, President.**

**ATTY: GARY HIGHTOWER, Secretary.**

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**IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT No. DR-94-217 Div. III**

MARY S. ELLIOTT, Petitioner,

vs. ROY L. ELLIOTT, Respondent.

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

TO: ROY L. ELLIOTT)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE PETITIONER HAS FILED A PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE IN THE ABOVE CAPTIONED WHERE YOU ARE NAMED THE RESPONDENT. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the general object of this action is the dissolution of marriage, as more particularly set forth in the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage on file in the above-captioned cause, in the District Court of Lincoln County. Please take further notice that if you intend to contest the dissolution you

must respond to the Petition within twenty (20) days from the date of service. Failure to respond within that time shall be treated as a default and your consent to the divorce will not be required. The name of Petitioner's attorney is as follows:

The Holmes Law Firm by Todd A. Holmes, P.O. Box 4085, Alamogordo, NM 88311, (505) 437-2801.

WITNESS the Honorable Richard A. Parsons, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, this 22nd day of December, 1994.

**MARGO LINDSAY, CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT**

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**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO NO. CV-PB-94-63**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HENRY MONTGOMERY GREEN, deceased,**

**AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION**

**THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: ROBERT GREEN, SHARON M. GREEN; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF HENRY MONTGOMERY GREEN, DECEASED, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF HENRY MONTGOMERY GREEN, DECEASED, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the hearing on the Petition for an Order determining heirs filed by ROBERT GREEN, Petitioner herein, setting forth Petitioner's request to the Court for an order which will formally determine the heirs of decedent will be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, on Monday, February 27, 1995 at 9:00 a.m.

Pursuant to 45-1-401 NMSA 1978, notice of the time and place of hearing on said Petition notice is hereby given you by publication, once each week, for two (2) consecutive weeks.

**JAY RUBIN, Attorney for Petitioner P.O. Drawer 181 314 Main St. Carrizozo, NM 87901 (505) 894-3031**

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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, February 14, 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 SCHLAEB, CMC/AE Town Clerk. Town of Carrizozo.**

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**Fruits, Vegetables Proven Beneficial**

by Betty McCreight  
Lincoln County  
Home Economist

If you're still wondering about the benefits of increasing fruits and vegetables in your diet, here are some answers for commonly asked questions.

What are the best fruits and vegetables to eat? Are some better than others at preventing certain cancers?

The five-a-day program emphasizes eating a variety of fruits and vegetables. Research indicates that fruits and vegetables are generally protective against cancers. The possible cancer-reducing properties of individual nutrients and of eating certain foods together are still being investigated. As part of its recommendations, however, the National Cancer Institute suggests that each day you include at least one selection rich in vitamin C, such as oranges, cauliflower, strawberries and green peppers. Several times each week, eat cruciferous vegetables, such as green and red cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower.

What is considered a serving by the five-a-day program? A serving is one medium piece of fruit, one-half cup fresh berries or cooked or cut-up fruit, one-half cup raw or cooked vegetables, one cup leafy salad greens, one-fifth cup dried fruit, six ounces of 100 percent juice, or one-half cup cooked dried peas and beans.

Why do fruits and vegetables help prevent certain cancers? Of all the dietary factors thought to be related to cancer, the most pervasive research evidence is the association between increased consumption of fruits and vegetables and reduced risk from a variety of cancers.

The evidence is strongest for respiratory tract cancers and digestive tract cancers, such as larynx, esophagus, stomach, colon and rectum. Fruits and vegetables help reduce the risk of cancer because they are rich sources of vitamin A and the carotenoids like beta-carotene, vitamin C and fiber. They also contain many other compounds beneficial in reducing the risk of cancer. Fruits and vegetables (with the exception of avocados, peanuts, soybeans, olives and coconut) are naturally low in fat and calories.

Vitamin A and its precursors, the carotenoids, may inhibit the initiation and promotion of carcinogenesis in the body, as well as being powerful antioxidant, which can prevent the formation of free radicals.

Although vitamin A rich fruits and vegetables are considered to be protective against certain cancers, at this time the use of vitamin A supplements is not recommended. rich plant sources of vitamin A are the dark-green leafy vegetables and deep yellow-orange fruits and vegetables.

Vitamin C as an antioxidant blocks the formation of carcinogenic nitrosamines in the digestive tract. Rich food sources of vitamin C are citrus fruits, strawberries and dark-green, leafy vegetables like broccoli and spinach.

Dietary fiber is the non-digestible or partially digestible material found in plant cells. Dietary fiber comes from plant foods, primarily fruits, vegetables and whole grain breads and cereals. Fiber may help prevent certain cancers by:

- promoting elimination from the bowel and thereby decreasing the time the bowel is exposed to potential carcin-

ogens. - holding onto water in the intestinal tract and increasing stool bulk, which may dilute carcinogen concentrations in the colon.

- binding with bile acids in the intestinal tract, some of which could convert to co-carcinogens.

Will eating more fruits and vegetables and less fat help prevent other diseases?

Besides decreasing cancer risk, eating more fruits and vegetables and less fat will help to control weight and reduce the risk of heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes. In addition, for the two out of three adults who neither smoke nor drink excessively, diet is the single most important personal choice influencing long-term health.

How many fruits and vegetables should be eaten daily? Try to eat five or more servings of fruits and vegetables every day to reduce risk of several chronic diseases and to maintain good health. Limit fats, especially saturated fat.

Should Americans really be eating more fruits and vegetables in light of current pesticide use? Yes, overwhelming evidence shows the benefit of eating plenty of these important foods. Authors who reviewed over 150 studies concluded that people who eat more fruits and vegetables have approximately one-half the risk of cancer compared to those who eat few fruits and vegetables.

If you wish to be doubly safe, choose organically grown products. The most important action, however, is to choose a variety of fruits and vegetables each and every day. Wash them with clear water and remove outer leaves of leafy vegetables before eating.

**"Church Directory"**

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

**CARRIZOZO COMMUNITY CHURCH (A/G)**  
JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor  
Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186  
Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
Thursday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

**Santa Rita Catholic Community**  
FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor  
213 Birch, 648-2853  
SATURDAY:  
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm  
C'ozo Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm  
SUNDAY:  
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am  
C'ozo Santa Rita..... 11:00 am  
Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm

**Church of Christ**  
PAUL WETZEL, minister  
Ave. C at 12th, 648-2996  
Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

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

**Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle**  
ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor  
209 Lincoln Ave, Capitan, NM  
354-2025  
Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm  
Sunday School..... 10:30 am  
Sunday Evening..... 6:00 pm

**United Methodist Churches**  
TOMMY JARED, pastor  
Trinity - Carrizozo  
Roy's Gift Gallery & Flowers  
David Posley  
Bill Winkler  
Leslie's Fine  
State Insurance Agency

1000 D. Ave., 648-2893/648-2846  
Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am  
Worship Service..... 11:10 am  
Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 6:30 pm  
United Methodist Men Breakfast  
2nd Sunday..... 8:30 am  
United Methodist Women Every  
3rd Wednesday..... 9:30 am  
Fellowship Dinner Last Sunday of Month  
..... 12:30 pm

**CAPITAN**  
Adult Sunday School..... 8:30 am  
Worship Service..... 9:15 am  
Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 am  
Family Time..... 10:15 am  
Adult Sunday School..... 11:00 am  
Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 7:00 pm  
Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday  
Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group)  
1st and 3rd Tuesday..... 9:30 a.m.

**Evangelistic Assembly**  
REV. DR. C.L. FULTON, Pastor  
REV. DR. WILLIE MAE FULTON, Missions Dir.  
ELDER JIM MILLER  
711 E. Ave., 648-2339  
Sunday..... 2:30 pm

**Nogal Presbyterian Church**  
DON & MARJORIE DANIELS, co-pastors  
648-2650  
Adult Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

**Community United Presbyterian Church of Ancho**  
DON & MARJORIE DANIELS, co-pastors  
648-2650  
Sunday Morning Worship..... 8:00 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 10:00 am

**Christ Community Fellowship**  
ED VINSON, pastor  
514 Smokey Bear Blvd./Capitan  
Inter-denominational  
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 am

**Capitan Church of Christ**  
LESLIE FARWOOD, minister  
5th & Lincoln / 338-4827  
Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 am  
Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm



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 404 4th St., Capitan, NM. Call Gloria or Jesse at 354-4271/Don at 354-3144. Pinon-Cedar-Juniper. Delivery available upon request. Ruidoso delivery, \$120 cord (unstacked). tfn

**MAID NEEDED** at Smokey Bear Motel in Capitan. Call 354-2253 and ask for Betty. tfn-Aug. 11.

**LINCOLN COUNTY Solid Waste Authority** is accepting applications for a full-time position of Solid Waste Driver/Laborer. You may pick up applications and job descriptions at 222 Second Street, Ruidoso Downs, NM or call (505) 378-4697. Application deadline will be March 1, 1995, 5:00 p.m. 3t-Feb. 9, 16 & 23.

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**EMPLOYMENT NOTICE:** Lincoln County is now accepting applications for a part-time **ACCOUNTING CLERK** in the Finance Department, Lincoln County Manager's Office, Carrizozo, New Mexico. Obtain application and job description at the Lincoln County Manager's Office or by calling (505) 648-2385. Deadline for receipt of application is 5:00 p.m. on February 16, 1995. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA, Title II-A. 2tc-Feb. 2 & 9.

**STEEL BUILDINGS** Manufacturer of Arch style Steel Buildings. All remaining **Factory Overruns** reduced up to 50%. Immediate or deferred delivery. Steelmaster 1-800-526-1110. 2tp-Feb. 2 & 9.

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### Sheriff's Report

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officers in area to locate vehicle.  
 8:16 p.m. attempt to locate party in Jicarillas, negative contact.  
 8:58 p.m. a domestic disturbance was reported on Highway 70. Deputies, state police, and Ruidoso Police responded. Feb. 6:  
 7:09 a.m. deputies made an arrest at the Oscuro cutoff.  
 8:04 a.m. peace keeping requested on Highway 70.  
 10:44 a.m. grass fire reported in Hondo east of Hondo School. Hondo Fire Department and Lincoln Fire Department responded. State Forestry on standby.  
 11:54 a.m. an assault was reported. Deputy responded.  
 1:14 p.m. a DWI arrest was made in the Ruidoso Downs area.  
 5:09 p.m. breaking and entering reported in Corona. Deputy responded.  
 8:27 p.m. theft of a son's gym bag, stolen from Carrizozo School reported. Carrizozo Police to handle by phone.

### ENMU-Ruidoso Offers Scholarships For Pre-Engineering Students

The ENMU-Ruidoso Center has announced receipt of \$29,000 in second year funding of the New Mexico Alliance for Minority Progress (AMP) pre-engineering program.  
 Lincoln County residents interested in careers in engineering can begin their first two years at ENMU-Ruidoso, then transfer to the New Mexico State University College of Engineering in Las Cruces.  
 Ten (10) scholarships ranging in size from \$700 to \$1400 per year are now available at the Ruidoso Center for pre-engineering students enrolled full-time in ENMU classes. Tutors, mentors and academic counseling are also available.  
 For more information, contact the AMP Project Director in Ruidoso, Jim Miller, at 257-2120 or toll free 1-800-934-3668 outside of the Ruidoso or Capitan area.

### More Letters

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the State Forestry as stated in a letter from Lee Poague (Forest Supervisor) to Joe Skeen.  
 I and several other private land owners attended a meeting at the Ranger Station in Ruidoso on November 17, 1994 to ask questions concerning the Big Rocks Complex. The major disagreement was the accusation that the fire had escaped the efforts of the State Forestry. The State Forestry had put the initial attack on the one-tenth acre fire. Residents in the area heard the crew start to work with chainsaws then suddenly stopped. The helicopter crew told some of the residents that they were told by the Forest Service to stop and monitor or watch the fire. Now the FS is saying their concern was for the safety of the fire crews. Why then would they let a fire grow from one-tenth acre when they had a crew in place to put it out? We were told one of the crew members was seriously hurt. If this is true the FS had the responsibility to get him out. Lucky for the injured crew member that he was able to walk out the next day. Now I have heard that no one was injured but that it was a family emergency for one of the crew. The Forest Service is also saying that it was two acres not one-tenth acre.  
 When the lightning strikes hit the Patos on June 29 many heard in the radio traffic great joy in the Ranger Station and much talk about monitoring the fires to let them burn. Given the extreme heat and low humidity this response is frightening and unbelievable, not to mention against fire policy. The Smokey Bear Hotshot Crew arrived that evening before dark and I was told by Ranger Hawkes and FMO Cummings that the crew was tired and a decision was made to not go in on the larger fire until morning. Now I understand that the shot crew was ready to go that evening as there was a lot of daylight left. It is also my understanding that the best time to get control of a fire is when it lays down at night.  
 As everyone in the area knows the fire was out of control by Thursday, June 30. The Foys were evacuated several times but thanks to the State Forestry and volunteer fire departments, no structures were lost. Because experienced technicians prevailed, no back burns were started which would have taken the Foys home and endangered fire crews who were leaving the fire.

I was told by Ranger Hawkes that there were many inaccuracies in the articles which appeared in the papers last year. When asked to be more specific he said that they never used the word monitor.

The sum and substance of all the FS letters and all the meetings was that the Forest Service did not go against the no burn policy, it did not use the word monitor, their primary concern was for the crews, and at no times were going to back burn. But the results are there for all to see.

Now we are left to wonder what the operative policy will be in 1995 and the future fire seasons. Will there be any suppression crews to put out little fires before they get out of control? Is there one policy for the general public and another actual working policy that reaches forest management objectives through the use of wildfire?

I have contacted the Chief of the Forest Service and the office of the Inspector General. It seems that the Inspector General does not consider Forest Service violation of internal policies affecting the life and property of millions of people worthy of investigation. It also appears that when confronted with serious complaints about subordinates that the Chief of the Forest Service likes to rely on those very subordinates for all his information. This is evidence that he is as equally uninformed as his subordinates. In short, they would like to sweep this under the rug.

In conclusion, it is the old problem of government disregarding the rights of their employers (in case you forgot that's you and I) and not paying any attention when we are to effect changes in the system so that it works. The Forest Service is a small part of a larger problem. It is our responsibility to change the system and make it work within the confines of the constitution. You must take up a pen or climb onto the information highway and let these people know that there are more than just a few people that are not happy with what is going on. If you would like to let the Forest Service know that you are very disturbed by the trends exhibited last year, let them know.

Names and address of people to contact: Chief Jack Ward Thomas, United States Forest Service, 14th St. and Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20250; Charles Gillum Inspector General USDA, United States Department of Agriculture, Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250.

MARY DOSE, Carrizozo.

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# CORONA NEWS

Crown CowBelles met Thursday, Feb. 2 at the Crown Cafe. The groundhog definitely saw his shadow that day. There were seven present for the beef taco lunch. Total membership is 18, with one associate membership given to Corona Trading Co. for their operation with Fathers' Day and other events.

President Wanda Duke announced that the Ag Fest will be at 7 p.m., Feb. 20, in the Sweeney Building at the State Capitol. March 21 is the District 5 Workshop in Capitan.

Crown voted to buy a copier. Helen Kay Lindsey, a new state officer, is to be invited to speak to the Corona local.

Mrs. Duke announced that last years' committee chairmen had been contacted and will serve this year. Loretta Proctor, quilt chairman, will be paid for the cost of one quilt. Instead of a second quilt for the one turning in the most ticket donations there will be a beef gift certificate.

Shelly Frost reported on the state convention held in Albuquerque in December. The next meeting will be at the Crown Cafe, March 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Owen, Mountain Park, were here Saturday for the Cleo Large services.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rasak had a big weekend in Anaheim, CA. as the guest of Joseopt Dowd, produce broker. The occasion was the Fresh World Convention.

Tuesday, Jan. 31 a women's fellowship group met in the school library. Fourteen attended. Deloris Paas, Los Alamos, spoke on the Ten-Forty Window and Prayer. Yolanda Hesch, Los Alamos, will be the speaker at the

next meeting, date to be announced. They distributed interesting material about countries in this area, population, income, industry, religion and etc.

Mrs. L. K. Merritt returned Thursday after a week with family and doctors in Fort Sumner. She received a good report after several tests.

Bucky Minton, Melissa, L.K. and Lacy spent the weekend with grandmother, Katie Merritt.

Mrs. Ernest Luemas and Mrs. Rogene Alford attended a Women's Aglow Fellowship International Leadership Training meeting Saturday at the Albuquerque home of Jan. Koskey, state prayer coordinator. Fifty women attended from Los Alamos, Gallup, Socorro, Pojoaque, Dulce, Los Lunas, Belen and other towns.

Women's Aglow was founded in 1967 when four women met for lunch in Seattle. It is an international organization of renewed Christian women who are committed to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. It has grown in 100 countries.

The Ron Merritts, Wendell Wells and Kessler families attended a home school rally Friday in Albuquerque. It was a leadership conference sponsored by NMCHE. Speakers were Inge Cannon and J. Michael Smith of the Home School Legal Defense Association.

The Corona Zia Seniors invite everyone to enjoy the third annual "Bowl Your Sweetheart Over" Valentine's Day buffet and fair at the Senior Center on Friday night, Feb. 17 around 5 p.m. for a Mexican buffet, \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for kids age 10 and under. Then get ready to

bowl, bowl, bowl. A special raffle will take place that evening of a beautiful hand-made sweetheart pillow. Prizes will be handed out for bowling awards, and door prizes will also be given. For more information, contact Margaret Holleyman at 849-5111.

## Deer Poachers Fined \$1,720 And Jail Time

ESPANOLA, NM -- A mid-night traffic stop by a Rio Arriba County sheriff's deputy Wednesday (Jan. 18) resulted in \$1,720 in penalties and jail

time for two Santa Cruz men convicted of illegal killing and possession of deer.

Peter E. Velarde, 27, and Tommy Maestas, 32, appeared Wednesday before Los Alamos County Magistrate Elaine Morris. Velarde was charged with hunting with the aid of artificial light (spotlighting), and with illegal killing and possession of deer. Morris fined Velarde \$800 and ordered him to pay \$300 to Operation Game Thief. He also received a 10-day jail sentence and will serve six months probation. He paid \$90 in court costs.

Maestas, charged with illegal possession of deer, was fined \$400 ordered to pay \$100 to Operation Game Thief. He will serve six days in jail and is on probation for 90 days. He paid \$30 in court costs.

Rio Arriba County Sheriff's Deputy Martin Trujillo

stopped the men near Medanales for a traffic violation and saw blood on the car's bumper and leaking to the ground. He called Wildlife Conservation Officer Glenn Holmes and Reserve Conservation Officer Frank Martin, who confiscated a trophy-size mule deer and a Winchester .30-30 rifle. Holmes said the two men poached the deer south of Tierra Amarilla.

Holmes will file for forfeiture of the rifle. The men also face loss of hunting, fishing and trapping license privileges for the maximum three-year revocation period. By state law, the vehicle can also be seized and sold at auction.

Operation Game Thief pays rewards in poaching cases and callers can remain anonymous. The number is 1-800-432-GAME.

## Obituary

### GRACIE CLEO LARGE

Gracie Cleo Large, age 85, a resident of Corona, died Jan. 31, at High Plains Hospital in Clovis following an illness.

Cleo was born Sept. 23, 1910 in Texas to the home of James McLaughlin and the former Emma Cox. She was reared in and attended school in southern New Mexico.

She married Fred Large at Seven Rivers in Southern New Mexico in 1930. Cleo and her husband ranched in the Corona area for several years. She continued to run the family ranch after the death of her husband in 1978. Cleo was a member of Jehovahs Witness.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and six brothers and sisters. Survivors include two nieces, Venita Yates and Revelee Carmichael, both of Utah; two nephews, Aubry Edinburg of Austin, Texas and J.K. Edinburg of Lubbock, Texas. Also surviving are great nieces and nephews and a host of friends in Guadalupe and Torrance Counties.

Services were held on Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Corona School Auditorium with Nabay Hindi conducting the service. Burial followed at the Corona Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were: Aubrey Edinburg, Dink Edinburg, Nabay Hindi, Michael Holt, Mack Bell and Steve Silva. Serving as honorary pallbearers were: Frank

Garton, Everet Muncy, Felix Barela and all her many friends.

All services were entrusted to the Chavez Funeral Home in Santa Rosa, New Mexico.

### ENMU-Roswell Names Corona Student To List

One Corona student has been selected for the 1994 fall semester Dean's List at Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell. To be named to the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.25 or higher grade point average while carrying at least 12 semester hours.

The Corona student named to the Dean's List is Catherine J. Perez-Muniz.

### New Ag. Secretary . . .

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problem because most issues have been addressed on an ad hoc basis.

With a farm bill rewrite looming, USDA under reorganization and a new Congress in control, the administration needs to quickly and articulately convey its agriculture policy under the leadership of a new secretary.

Joan Waldoch is editor of the Farm Bureau News for the American Farmer Bureau Federation.

### NMSU Hosts Spring Visitors' Day Feb. 20th

New Mexico State University invites New Mexico and West Texas high school juniors and seniors and their parents to the 1995 Spring Visitors' Day, Monday, Feb. 20.

The students will be escorted to the various colleges of their choice to visit with academic and university departments. Tours of campus and housing facilities will be offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and two financial aid workshops are scheduled for 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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