

No Outside Watering Is Allowed In Ruidoso

by Doris Cherry

The lack of rain, and winter snowfall, for the last two years has left Ruidoso with a lack of available water supply. Heavily dependent on snow run-off, rainfall and its wells, the village is now faced with a shortage.

Because of this, the village of Ruidoso is now in Phase III of its water contingency plan which prohibits all outdoor watering. During the village

council meeting Tuesday, deputy village manager Alan Briley said the village is now warning people who are found to be violating the phase three restriction. "We're not issuing citations now, but soon we'll start citing," Briley said.

Fines for the citations will be determined by the municipal judge.

Village manager Gary Jackson said residents should refrain from outdoor use and cut down on water usage

inside by limiting the length of showers, turning off water while brushing teeth and shaving. Jackson said spring brings the tendency for outdoor water use. He is preparing a newsletter which will contain water conservation tips.

Also the village is planning to "fast track" plans to expand the Grindstone Dam water treatment plant to double its current million gallon a day capacity.

But until more snow, or rain falls, the village is asking citizens to help. "Call us if you see any watering, and we'll send our user friendly code enforcement officer," Briley said.

The village cannot however restrict water use by groups or entities which have their own wells or water rights. Some of those groups are the Links at Sierra Blanca golf course and Cree Meadows Golf Course, which have their

own wells and water rights. And some businesses on Sudderth Drive also have wells, Briley said.

"We get calls about businesses watering their sidewalks, but some have their own wells," Briley said. "We know about them."

Briley also dispelled the rumor that Alto Lake was drained to construct a water tower. "It's pretty much true it was drained," Briley said. "But it was drained to the

water system. We sucked it down to the last murky mess."

Last July Eagle Creek Intercommunity Water Users Association had solicited bids for construction of a water tower which would take water from different levels in the lake, but there were no offer-

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Municipal Elections To Be Held On Tuesday

Municipal elections will be held in Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs on Tuesday, March 5. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Candidates for positions in each municipality will be:

CAPITAN:

Candidates for the two trustee positions which have four year terms are: Gordon B. Ross, Alfred LeRoy Montes, Alex B. Trujillo, Michael A. Romero, John D. Whitaker, Bernhard E.F. Reimann and Debra Ingle.

Candidates for the one, two-year term position are: L. C. Cozzens and B. Lamoyne Carpenter.

CARRIZOZO:

Candidates for the two trustee positions for four year terms are: Eileen Lovelace, Wesley Lindsay, Walter Hill and Michael Cain.

Candidates for municipal judge are: William Meeks, and Alfred Hendrix.

CORONA:

Incumbents A.J. Gibbs and Turner Wilson are uncontested for the two trustee positions.

RUIDOSO:

Candidates for the three village council positions, with four year terms, are: Robert Donaldson, Frank Cummins, J.D. James, and Robert P. Sterchi.

RUIDOSO DOWNS:

Mayor candidates are Joe Hayhurst and Charlotte Craig.

Incumbents Judy Miller and Jackie Branum are uncontested for the two positions.

Incumbent municipal judge Harold Mansell is also uncontested.

Nelson Martinez To Present Program At Carrizozo School

Nelson Martinez, newscaster for KOAT-TV Channel 7 in Albuquerque, will present a motivational program for students Tuesday, March 5 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Carrizozo School old gym.

The public is invited to attend. There is no charge.



RUIDOSO VILLAGE CLERK Tammie Maddox swears in new village councilor Bill Chance (right) at the Tuesday council meeting. Chance was appointed by the mayor to fill the vacancy on the council created by the resignation of Frank Potter. Chance will serve for two years.

Bill Chance Is Appointed To Ruidoso Council Seat

by Doris Cherry

Ruidoso Village Mayor Jerry Shaw appointed Bill Chance to fill the vacancy on the Ruidoso Village Council created when Frank Potter recently resigned to take the position as Lincoln County Manager.

At the beginning of the regular meeting Tuesday, Shaw said that history has shown that filling a vacancy on the council has never been taken lightly. After much soul-searching and polling of the councilors, Shaw said she decided on Chance because he has shown lots of interest and love for the village. He also was a member of two village committees and has never missed a meeting.

After being sworn in by village clerk Tammie Maddox, Chance took his place on the council where he will serve the remaining two years of the position.

In less than six months since the Ruidoso voting public approved several million dollars in general obligation bonds for a new library, senior center, village hall and convention center expansions, athletic fields and for water and sewer improvements, the village council approved design contracts with two different firms.

Councilors awarded the contract to design the new library at the village hall site, improvements to the senior center at the old library facility, and improvements/additions to the village hall and convention center to

the architectural firm of ASA from Las Cruces. ASA president Ted E. Shelton Jr. gave a slide presentation of numerous public projects designed by his firm, including Ruidoso High School and Roswell Public Library. The firm has 25 years experience in library and public building design.

Shelton said after interviewing library staff and the village personnel he determined some design considerations for a 16,000 square foot library: it relates to the aesthetics and ambiance of Ruidoso, maximize mountain views, have warm cozy interiors, flexible for changing technology, planned for growth and expansion, economical to build and maintain, accommodate a number of user groups. Shelton said he also interviewed staff and others about the senior center needs and wants.

ASA was rated first among 11 proposals for the village hall/library project designing, based on qualifications and an interview process. A negotiating team of Raymond Lopez, International Consultants and Associates project coordinator for the projects, village manager Gary Jackson and deputy manager Alan Briley discussed the scope of work, style of contract and fees with the firm before recommending it to the council.

Lopez said there were 51 inquiries about all the projects, and 43 site visits with representatives of various design firms. Of the group 11 were interested in the village

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Fort Stanton Proposal On Agenda For County Commission Meeting

A proposal for Fort Stanton will be one of the agenda items at the Lincoln County Commission meeting scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 5 in the commissioners chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Bill Conway of Santa Fe has requested to be on the agenda to make a proposal for Fort Stanton. However, Conway provided no further information about his proposal to the county manager's office. THE NEWS also was unable to contact Conway at his number in Santa Fe.

Commissioners will consider other proposals; one for the medical director contract for the Lincoln County EMS, the other for the lease of the Glencoe Rural Events Center.

Don Armstrong, Region Five Coordinator for the State and Local Emergency Preparedness Bureau will speak to

commissioners, who will also consider a letter designating the county manager as the person in charge of an Emergency Operation Center for Lincoln County.

Commissioners will make

appointments to the Senior Olympics Advisory Committee and the county's Public Land Use Advisory Committee (PLUAC).

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Ore Processing Facility Proposed For Carrizozo

by Ruth Hammond

Carrizozo may be bustling with activity and have an excess of jobs if a planned facility is built in the Carrizozo Industrial Park to process ore to remove precious metals.

Dr. John H. Oesterles, PhD, spoke to the town council Tuesday about plans for the facility which would use an electro chemical process for the metal extraction.

He said the ore would come by truck from El Capitan for

final crushing and blending at the facility in Carrizozo. The alternative of shipping the ore to Phoenix would be more costly.

Oesterles, representing Electro Treatment Inc., said 20 acres in the Industrial Park would be needed for the facility which would run 24 hours a day. The company would bring five or six key people and hire another 30 to 50 local people. All employees

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Capitan School Offers Contracts To Principals

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Board of Education spent only five minutes in closed session during its meeting February 12 to discuss the contract renewals for their elementary and high school principals. When the board came back to open session members unanimously voted to offer one-year contracts to Becca Ferguson and Darrel Stierwalt.

After the brief personnel session, the board heard from Capitan Schools music instructor Wayne Ellison, and from Capitan Music Booster chair LeeAnn Longbotham and member Sarah Gonzales. Ellison announced he was interested in staying as music instructor next year, but he requested the board hire a full time band teacher. Ellison said he loved doing the elementary program and the choir.

Ellison praised senior Nathan Longbotham and his participation in the All State Concert. He also invited the board to the band and choir Pops Concert on March 28.

Longbotham and Ellison again requested the board purchase at least 10 additional band uniforms. Longbotham said the boosters would pay for three if the district could pay for the rest. Longbotham also asked for the additional music teacher,

because she was concerned the current program spreads the instructor too thin.

Gonzales said her daughter has greatly benefitted from the music program. She also urged the board to purchase the additional uniforms because it was very important for all the band members to look the same during competi-

tions. The board stated its support for the music program and expressed pride in the students, but members and superintendent Diana Billingsley said they could not promise anything at this time because the state school fund-

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NEW SIGN FOR CAPITAN. New Mexico State Highway Department recently installed this new Official Scenic Historic Marker on Highway 48 in Capitan. The sign provides a brief history of the village which was first platted in 1900 at the end of a railroad spur from Carrizozo. The other side of the sign shows other points of interest in the area.

Bill Chance Is Appointed

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hall/convention center, 18 in the library/senior center, 10 in the athletic fields and 11 in the water improvements. ASA was awarded the contract for the village hall/convention center improvements and the library/senior center.

Wilson & Company, engineering design firm from Albuquerque, was awarded the bid for the water and sewer improvements. Dennis Brand, project engineer and associate Tim McDonald presented the firm's experience

with public water and sewer projects. McDonald said his firm's bread and butter is working for municipalities, including a 1990 study for Ruidoso. The firm is familiar with the Ruidoso area and its unique problems. McDonald said Ruidoso has more than 25 miles of two-inch water lines and supply issues are becoming of concern. "Water and sewer systems are the lifeblood of what makes a city work," Brand said. "They're not very pretty but you know

it when they don't work."

Jackson said the company is willing to listen to village staff which has its own expertise with its water and sewer systems.

Also Tuesday, the council heard from auditor Ronnie Hemphill who conducted an audit of eight randomly selected lodgers. The eight were selected from a total of 68 lodging establishments in Ruidoso. The selections were kept confidential, and were made by councilors drawing numbers from a hat.

Hemphill said of the eight audited, four resulted in no exceptions or significant findings. Two lodging establishments had paid the total Lodgers' Tax due, but because they had paid late had unpaid penalties and interest of \$1,460 and \$257.

One lodger had under-reported revenue in the amount of \$15,956. Lodgers Tax on the amount was \$518 and gross receipts tax was \$1,087. The manager of the establishment admitted to not reporting about \$3,000 in retail art sales (which was included in the total). However, the manager disagreed with the remaining \$12,956 as under-reported lodging receipts, Hemphill said.

On the last lodger it was determined that deposits were not clearly identified as to nightly rental receipts or monthly rental receipts and other non-Lodgers Taxable revenue. The lodgers' position was that no nightly rental activity existed during the period examined. Hemphill said no clear conclusion could be reached on whether the income was nightly or monthly rental receipts.

The random audits are required by state law for municipalities which collect more than \$50,000 annually in lodgers tax. Ruidoso's total Lodgers Tax for the year ending June 30, 1995 was

\$382,626. Councilor Robert Donaldson asked what will happen to the lodger who under reported. Jackson said village staff will follow up.

Councilors also: Accepted the mayor's appointment of Thomas McMann to the Library Board, and councilor Donaldson to the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority.

Okayed a resolution with the New Mexico State Highway Department for the 1996-97 highway Co-op program to complete street work not completed in last year's highway co-op program.

Heard Briley report the Highway 48 and Highway 70 projects are still planned to bid this fall with construction beginning in 1997. The Highway 48 project will be in two phases, the first being from Sudderth Drive to White Mountain Drive and the second being White Mountain to the ski run road. Highway 70 will include two phases, the first from the Inn of the Mountain Gods turn off to the Y, the second from the Y to Agua Fria area.

Pony Express Trail Ride Will Be Open To Public

This year the Lincoln County Pony Express Trail Ride will be open to the public.

According to a release from the trail ride sponsor, the Lincoln County Sheriff's posse, "tender-fannies" need not apply.

Starting out at dawn on August 2 from the saloon in White Oaks, the ride will be a three-day trek through private ranches, BLM lands, and historic preserves that have been closed and unused since the turn of the century. The route takes riders along "Whiskey Run" trail past abandoned whiskey stills, over mountain passes and through canyons, past Anasazi ruins, early settlers' dugout homes and through Capitan Gap to Fort Stanton.

The goal is to carry special "Pony Express" mail from White Oaks to Lincoln. At one point in its history the Lincoln County Pony Express carried more than 2,100 letters bound for 50 states and 14 foreign countries.

In 1860 there was only one way to send a letter from California to Missouri; young riders, skinny, wiry fellows, preferably orphans, racing across the wilderness between Sacramento and St. Joseph risking death daily to connect pockets of civilization through the written messages entrusted to them on the Pony Express. Their story has captured the American imagination like no other wild west gang, with the possible exception of Billy the Kid's Regulators. Now the Regulators meet the Pony Express in Lincoln County's re-enactment of equine mail delivery along the routes traveled by infamous outlaws.

The Lincoln County Pony Express began as a race in 1969, and local horsemen competed for purses ranging from \$250 to \$2500, show saddles and brief glory. Lincoln Postmaster Hattie Phillips organized the first Pony Express Race between Lincoln and White Oaks as a salute to the indomitable spirit that carried boys through life-threatening terrain to deliver the mail. Lincoln horsemen risked life and limb also to win the Pony Express race.

The race became an annual showdown among the county's best riders and horses. Almost every year the contenders were the same: Brahim Hindi (then later Jamil Hindi), Benny Runnels and the champion team Ted Clements and David Cunningham. In 1977 the first woman Pony Express rider Sheri Goodloe took third place with her partner Virgil Smith. The youngest riders to win were 14-year old Chris Peralta and Robbie Runnels, racing as a team in 1982. Ironically, one of the early riders was Clifford Lambert,

who later went on to win an All-American Futurity at Ruidoso Downs Race Track but never took home the purse in the Pony Express Race.

Over the years the race had its controversies over rule enforcement, accusations of animal abuse, illegal betting, and antics like one woman riding her horse into the saloon. Racing to win turned to dirty business. Cunningham recalled that during a race someone might close the gates to slow riders, or someone might drive a car ahead of them and make the dust so bad they couldn't see.

"The race really got in my blood," said Cunningham. "I really hated it when the trouble started and shooting began to take place."

The Cunningham-Clements team retired after winning their last race in 1986, deciding no race was worth getting shot over. Since then other problems drained the race of its fun and the number of participants dwindled.

By 1994, when it looked like the tradition might die due to lack of competitors, Postmas-

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Golden Buffalo Award Presented To Capitan Graduate Dan Seay

Dan Seay, a 1992 graduate of Capitan High School, was selected as the hardest working player on the West Texas A&M University soccer team this year. He was awarded the Golden Buffalo Award.

To be selected as a student athlete scholar, an athlete must earn a minimum of 3.0 grade point average during the previous two semesters. Seay, a junior majoring in kinesiology, is the son of Roy and Sheila Seay of Clovis. His grandparents are Harold and Ernestine Seay of Capitan.

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Capitan Extension Club To Meet 13th

The Association for Family and Community Education Capitan Club (Extension club) will meet Wednesday, March 13 at the Capitan Senior Citizens Center at 9:30 a.m.

There will be no program, members will try to finish other projects or work on the present project. Please bring a six inch straw wreath or painted or neutral yucca wreaths, wire cutter or pruning shears, 26 yucca pods, hot glue gun, dried flowers, trim, pine cones, colored or neutral straw, and ribbon.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAYS

—Alcoholic Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. at Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-2313 for information.
 —Adult singles group meets at the Marie Laveaux Restaurant at 1214 Mechem in Ruidoso for no host dinner at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 258-3246 or 354-2635.

—Preschool Story hour from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Carrizozo Public School library.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

—No school for Capitan Elementary students to allow teachers to attend in-service.

MONDAY, MARCH 4

—Carrizozo Elementary students will dedicate their new playground at 8:30-10:30.

—Lincoln County Republican Party meets at 5:30 p.m. at Marie Laveaux Restaurant in Ruidoso. John Den-dahl, chairman of the Republican Party of New Mexico will speak. Call 258-5764 or 648-2732 for reservations by noon on March 2.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

—Municipal election day. Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

—Lincoln County Commissioners meet at 9 a.m. in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

—Nelson Martinez will talk to students at 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Carrizozo Schools old gym. The public is invited.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

—Carrizozo Schools will dismiss at noon for teacher inservice day.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

—Lincoln County Democrats will hold a county convention at 7 p.m. at Cree Meadows Country Club in Ruidoso.

Payne Is Candidate For Probate Judge

Lincoln County Probate Judge J.O. "Bud" Payne announced he will run for reelection as probate judge. He is now completing a four year term and served a two year term before that. He is eligible to run for one more four year term.

Payne is a native of Lincoln County and has a history of being involved in county politics. He was a Lincoln County Commissioner for four years in the 1970s, was the county OMI (office of medical investigator) in 1976 and 1977, is a charter member of the Lincoln County Sheriff's posse, and was one of the county's first EMTs. He helped put together the ambulance system that is in place today for Lincoln County and has been a model ambulance system around the state. He also served as Carrizozo fire chief.

In addition to his devotion to Lincoln County, Payne has been a rancher most of his life. He was reared on a ranch north of Capitan and presently lives in Carrizozo. He served in the U.S. Army in north Africa during WW II.



Payne and his wife Dorothy have been married 52 years. They have four children, eight grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

Payne explained that the probate judge work load is very light with an average of one probate a week. He works out of the Lincoln County Clerk's office, which has been a good arrangement.

An informal probate is sufficient in most cases. If there needs to be a court case it goes through district court and requires an attorney.

Most of Payne's cases are informal and cost about \$75 for filing and notary fees. Payne said one of the main reasons for a probate is to dispose of a deceased person's property as the person wanted

and to leave a trail for the county and abstractor to follow for title and tax purposes. He said that property in joint tenancy that includes bank accounts, property, vehicles, and real estate, is not included in a probate.

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DAR Members Tour New Facility At ENMU - Ruidoso

The Sierra Blanca Chapter of the NSDAR (National Society Daughters of the American Revolution) met January 11, at the Eastern New Mexico University facility in Ruidoso. Dr. Jim Miller gave the members a tour of the new facility and spoke about the history of the University in Ruidoso.

The Sierra Blanca DAR also elected delegates and alternates to represent them at the upcoming State Conference in Carlsbad. The delegates chosen were Lanita Rasak of Corona and Majel Powell of Ruidoso. Alternates selected were Wanda Duke, June Rawley, Susanne O'Malley and Sally Martin.

Stephanie Rodriguez of Gallup, presented her credentials to the Society for consideration. Rodriguez maintains an A average, belongs to Key Club, Honor Society and is President of Business and Professionals of America. She also lettered in volleyball and tennis, and received numerous awards for excellence in volleyball and honors as student of the month by the Elks Club and the Kiwanis Club. The DAR voted to sponsor Stephanie for a DAR scholarship.

Ft. Stanton . . .

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Five public meetings will be authorized and scheduled to present and take comment on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan as developed by the Rural and Ag Affairs Advisory Committee.

Other business will include a request for the second half of funding appropriated to the Lincoln County Humane Society, a resolution concerning the New Mexico Self Insurer's Fund, a resolution to remove county property from the inventory list (properties sold at auction), approval of a road in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates subdivision requested by Linda Smith, certification of county-maintained roads for the New Mexico State Highway Department and consent agenda items which include the treasurer's report for January, volunteer fire fighter retirement act qualifications, an agreement with the Forest Service to provide extended hilly patrol, amendments to the contract with the Area Agency on Aging, and approval for reimbursement for payment of extradition and transportation of prisoners.

No Outside Watering. (Con't. from P. 1)
 ora. Instead of re-bidding, the water go to waste," Briley association decided to shut said. "It was fully utilized into the valve and catch all the water it could, to not miss the the system. Alto's that way spring run off. "We did not let cause there was no rain."

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Thanks for the Typo

By Ruth Hammond

The first person to find the typo on page one of The Lincoln County News last week was none other than our former proof reader. It was only one letter added to a word and possibly changed the entire meaning of the article but according to some of our other readers, it was enjoyed by many. One person bought eight copies of that issue of The News to send to relatives.

The nicest thing about it is when people tell us about typos we know they are reading the News. If they weren't reading the News they wouldn't find the typos. And this past week the News was sent to eight more people in far away places. If each of those eight copies is read by at least two people that means 16 new people were introduced to The Lincoln County News. And maybe a few of those people will want to read The Lincoln County News each week and will send in their subscription.

The worst thing about the typo in last week's News is that now we are being blamed for the change in weather yesterday, starting with the wind and then the extreme cold last night. The reason given for blaming the News is that the readers have been waiting all week, anticipating this week's typo, and as fate would have it, all the readers were wondering if this week's typo would be worse than last week's typo, and all the readers gasped at the same time, which of course caused the wind to blow. Now that may seem a little far fetched but that is what we were told.

As for the News being responsible for the bitter cold, what we were told is that when the wind started blowing it caused all the warm air to leave and be replaced by cold. Now, I am not a weather forecaster but I do believe that several thousand people gasping at the same time could not possibly cause the wind to blow in gusts of 50 miles per hour or more. On the other hand, we need to realize that not all the readers were here in Lincoln County and that could make a difference. If a few thousand readers here in Lincoln County gasped at the same time that a few thousand readers in other places gasped it could cause some kind of disturbance. But 50 mile an hour winds? Hardly.

It is easy to agree that the wind can be responsible for warm air to be exchanged with cold air but again the question of when the cold air came from needs to be answered. Was the cold air just sitting out there somewhere waiting for a warm place to go? Was the cold air waiting for some catastrophe, like a typo in the News, to happen to cause thousands of people to gasp all at the same time and start the weather to change? We may never know but believe me when I say that the News is in no way responsible for the extreme cold weather that descended on Lincoln County yesterday. Meteorologists will agree, I hope.

Just to be on the safe side, it might be a good idea for readers to take turns gasping when they find typos, or anticipate typos. If your name starts with A you can gasp between 1 and 2 a.m., if your name starts with B you can gasp between 2 and 3 a.m., if your name starts with C you can gasp between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m., and on through the alphabet. Names beginning with Q can gasp at the same time as names beginning with P and names beginning with Z can gasp at the same time as names beginning with Y. That is probably the easiest way to handle the problem. If you follow this schedule we may find out if the rumors are true that the News caused the weather to change yesterday.

Typos are common in all publications, not just newspapers, and one person asked how many different people would have to read a publication in order for all typos to be removed and the best we can figure, there is no answer, just as there is no answer as to where the cold air came from and where the warm air went but it is certain that the News is not responsible for the weather changing last evening. (Excuse me while I put on another coat.)

This week's typo is right here!

LETTERS to the editor

EDITOR: After the New Hampshire primary, in a TV interview, candidate Lamar Alexander made this remark, "Republicans will never unify behind Pat Buchanan."

De ja vu.
Recall 1964 when Republican conservatives gained control of the nominating convention. They nominated the very conservative Senator from Arizona, Barry Goldwater.

An estimated 6 million Republicans deserted the Republican Party and voted for the very liberal Democrat, Lyndon Johnson.

Should Patrick Buchanan get the nomination, don't be surprised it's the same old story.
De ja vu; de ja (dirty old) vu.

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Pony Express Trail . . .

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ter Betty Joiner enlisted the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse to revive the ride. No longer a race, it slowed to a three day trail ride which crosses the rugged 65 miles from White Oaks to Lincoln. Don't believe for a minute that the pace makes it an easy ride. Joiner describes last year's ride, attended by 14 people who now understand what it takes to get the mail through on horseback.

"Everyone was very hot, thirsty, hungry and ready to stretch their legs before continuing over the Capitan Gap route. After eating sandwiches, drinking lots of tea and water, the group took off with thunder and lightning making them wonder if they would wish they had not ventured into this little trip. Luckily, the rain stayed just ahead of the group and made it cool and nice to ride the long rocky trail to the creek just below the Rodeo Bar. Many of the riders were shifting back and forth in their saddles before they had finished the ride.

Many had more trouble from the Rodeo Bar on into Fort Stanton... One horse laid down, another wouldn't lead, and several riders weren't sure of which trail to take for the final 10 miles. Twelve hours later, all were accounted for at the corrals by Fort Stanton."

Again this year, riders in the Pony Express Trail Ride will carry the special mail and deliver it safely to the Lincoln Post Office. Riders will then join the Lincoln Days Parade and will receive commemorative Pony Express pins and special participant awards.

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Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE - The '96 Legislature gave us more than the usual amount of new lingo.

Some new words were updates of old terms, but many came from our new governor, Gary Johnson.

The "trainwreck" that always is predicted at the end of a session, has evolved into a "meltdown," caused by fissionable personalities and issues reaching a "critical mass." As usual, it didn't happen, even though the new kids on the block, including the governor, predicted it in the strongest of terms. Johnson used such words as "unreal," "outer space" and "criminal" to describe the Legislature's actions.

The New-Age leadership of the House Democrats Caucus updated its "smoke-filled-room" decision-making process to a "facilitated caucus," run by high-priced human relations experts. The topic was gambling but the \$3,000 spent on helping all House Democrats express their inner feelings didn't produce any solutions.

It makes sense that a new governor would bring new language. But, no, the terms didn't come from Johnson's previous involvement in the construction industry. There wasn't anything like "Hand me that #1& veto pen."

The most significant new term coined by Gov. Johnson was "legislative veto," his description for what lawmakers did to many of the proposals he asked them to consider this year. It was a clever response to the criticisms the governor received for his 200 vetoes last year.

One new phrase must have come from the governor's childhood. His observation was "nanny, nanny, boo-boo," when describing the Senate's refusal to confirm several of his appointees. Seemingly Johnson meant it was a childish retaliation.

At the news conference where Johnson used the term, several in the Capitol media scratched their heads, not

having heard the phrase because of growing up in the wrong neighborhood or generation or because they'd never been around nannies.

It isn't just Johnson's language that got confusing. The governor uses a lot of sarcasm, such as, "Go ahead and cut my office budget 'all the way back to an egg crate and a telephone." Evidently he made a similar comment about how he'd appreciate lawmakers helping him cut back the Tourism and Economic Development departments, and the Senate took him up on it.

In Johnson's construction business, his underlings probably understand the boss' moods well. When he gets sarcastic, they know it's time to jump. The governor added to that impression by telling a reporter he'd have to get even more sarcastic so lawmakers will understand what he means.

It's a far cry from the days of former Gov. Garrey Carruthers, a college professor by trade, who had many of us running for the dictionary following his news conferences. Carruthers was a master communicator and the only governor, to my knowledge, who held regular, weekly news

conferences. He relished the opportunity to schmooze the Capitol media. And it worked. I'm sure we were far too easy on the guy.

In contrast, Johnson — or his handlers — invite a large support group to many of the governor's news conferences. His entire cabinet of close to 20 members sometimes stands behind him in an apparent show of support — or force.

At his news conference on the final day of this year's legislative session, the support group heckled the media when any hardball questions were thrown. It sounded much like "Questions for the Prime Minister," carried by C-SPAN from the British Parliament each week, in which both sides show their dislike for each other by shouting hateful comments every time a question is asked or answered.

That's not the way we do business in New Mexico, but, hey, times change. Maybe we'll have to start bringing the entire press room to gubernatorial news conferences to act as our support group. That ought to get live coverage from the electronic media.

Renee Roper Beltran is Reporter At NMPA Meet

Renee Roper Beltran, a Carrizozo High School graduate and now a student at New Mexico State University (NMSU) in Las Cruces, attended the New Mexico Press Association annual convention in November as a reporter for the Convention Chronicle. Six students were selected to attend, two from New Mexico State University, two from the University of New Mexico, and two from Eastern New Mexico University. Renee was recommended by a professor at NMSU.

Other students were seniors, graduating either in

December or May. One student was working on her Masters in Communications.

The writing coach for the Convention Chronicle was T. J. Sullivan of the Albuquerque Tribune, assisted by Robert Trapp of the Rio Grande Sun.

Renee's report of participating follows:

I got there around noon on Friday and found out that we were working on a deadline of about 12 hours. Everything had to be written that night. This meant telephone interviews, etc., because we were writing the stories before they actually took place.

Originally, I was assigned four stories. I had a deadline of 3 p.m. Friday and 6 p.m. Friday; the other two stories depended on when people got into town so that I could talk to them.

My first story was about a writing conference that the Albuquerque Tribune will be putting on in the spring. It was a very easy, straight forward story. I interviewed Neal Pattison, managing

Post-Regulatory Era Offers Hope For Ag Business

by SHERRY KIESLING

Business owners must comply with a myriad of regulations — local, state, and federal — which dictate office facilities, handicapped access, minority hiring, and payroll obligations. Farmers and ranchers, who also consider themselves small business entrepreneurs, are caught in this trap as well. Whether it's wetland regulations, animal odor control or hiring restrictions on temporary workers, farmers are feeling the pinch of the government's regulatory grip.

But at least one expert in agriculture law and policy sees a change in the offing. Roger McEowen, an extension specialist in agriculture law and policy at Kansas State University, believes the United States is moving into what he calls a "post-regulatory era."

Prior to 1960, McEowen says a common law approach, including nuisance, negligence, and trespass law, was used to deal with environmental issues arising from agriculture. But beginning in the mid-1960's, McEowen says government turned to a more regulatory approach. Now, he says federal budget pressures have increased and lawmakers realize there is not enough money in the federal coffers to continue down the heavy-handed road of regulatory authority. Simply put McEowen says, "There's not enough money to pay 135,000 federal bureaucrats to run around the country enforcing these laws."

McEowen says too many regulations are inefficient from an economic standpoint. They also fail to put in place adequate incentives for proper resource use. He says farmers want to comply with regulations, but are often trapped when the rules literally change overnight. The problem is made worse, McEowen says, when multiple federal agencies are involved in enforcing the statutes, and bureaucrats are constantly redefining them. According to McEowen, it's almost like trying to nail jello to a tree.

As a practicing attorney, McEowen worked with many farmers who were trapped in a regulatory nightmare. He cautions farmers or ranchers who may be in a similar situation to use common sense,

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For the Love of Gregory

Outer Space Aliens?

On Wednesday, Gregory came in wearing a space helmet. "Can you hear me in this thing, Queen Mother?"

"No."

"Well, then I'll holler louder."

"No, don't. Just take it off. You look like a big eyed bug."

"O.K.," he said, pulling the helmet from his head. "It was getting hard to breathe anyway. And my face plate kept fogging up. Boy, a kid could hyper...hyper..."

"Hyperventilate?"

"Yeah, that. What keeps the astronauts from doing that, Queen Mother?"

"They breathe oxygen, Gregory."

"Oh, yeah. I did that once. Only I wasn't in a rocket ship. I was in a hospital tent. It was when I was a little kid and had pneumonia. But I'm much better now."

"Glad to hear it, Gregory."

"Anyways, what I came for was to ask you if you had ever seen one of those UFOs. That means unidentified flying object, in case you didn't know, Queen Mother."

"Sure, lots of them."

"For reals, Queen Mother?"

And his eyes got big. "When?"

"Mostly in the summer. That's when they fly around. They drive me crazy. I've swatted a few in my time."

"Uh-oh, Queen Mother. You just could be in a lot of trouble for that. I'd worry some if I was you. You are a marked woman. They might decide to abduct you for that."

"Well, Gregory, I'm not worried. I'm much bigger than they are."

"You mean they're little? How little?"

"Different sizes, but little."

"What do they look like, Queen Mother?"

"Ugly. Scary."

"But you're not scared of 'em?"

"Yeah, a little. That's why I swat them right out of the air. But I'll never get them all. There's too many. But the spray helps."

"Spray? You have a spray that kills them? A secret weapon? Does the government know about it?"

"I don't know. I never asked them."

"You're right, Queen Mother. We'll keep it our secret. And then, when they try to take over the earth, we'll be famous and rich! Having the spray and all. Could I see it, Queen Mother? Just a little peek?"

"Don't have any."

"What? You've left yourself unarmed! And you a marked woman. You better get some made up before they come again."

"I don't make the spray, I buy it. Anyway, I don't need it. It's winter. They don't come around in winter. Too cold."

"So they don't like the cold, eh? Is the spray cold? Is that what kills them?"

"No, it's poison."

"What do you mean you don't make the spray? Oh, a course not. You got a mad scientist working for you and you buy it from him. Brilliant! But can you trust him, Queen Mother? He just might double-cross you. And something else comes to mind. Why haven't I ever seen them?"

"I don't know. Every summer night I sit on my front porch, and there they are. All those bugs zipping around in the air. And Pops says, 'I've never seen so many bugs. What are they?' And I say, 'I don't know. I can't identify them.'"

With a glare at me, Gregory said disgustedly. "Way to go Queen Mother. I'm going home." And he stomped towards the door.

"Don't forget to come back this summer so you can see the UFOs. I'll let you swat a few."

Commendation Medal Is Awarded To Navy Lt. Cmdr. Michael J. Clarke

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Michael J. Clarke, son of Robert G. and Eva W. Clarke of Ruidoso, recently received his second Navy-Marine Corps Commendation medal while serving with Carrier Wing 15 at Naval Air Station, Miramar, California.

Clarke was awarded the medal for his outstanding performance as both a landing signal officer and aviation safety supervisor. Demonstrating unique resourcefulness and initiative, Clarke was instrumental in helping guide in more than 4,000 safe aircraft approaches to the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk.

Clark created and implemented a thorough, six-month training program for landing signal officers, which resulted in 100 percent qualification of all trainees. A landing signal officer stands on the flight deck and talks to pilots via radio as they are landing. Clarke also coordinated an LSO safety program for 11 squadrons and detachments, making vital inputs to the hazard and mishap reporting process.

Clarke is currently assigned to Sea Control Squadron 36 home based at Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego. He is a 1981 graduate of Ruidoso High School and a 1984 graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX with a BA degree.

Two Honored At Birthday Brunch

Friends honored two Lincoln County residents with a birthday brunch Feb. 17. Honored were Paula White, Honda Valley artist, and Geri Collins, Ruidoso Home Health Nurse.

Ruidoso classical guitarist Matt Job entertained guests with selections ranging from Bach to Flamenco.

Post-Regulatory Era Offers

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keep copies of all their documents and, if necessary, seek legal assistance. McEwen says that many attorneys specialize in this kind of work and could save a farmer or rancher thousands of dollars in government fines.

As for the bigger picture, McEwen says the 1994 elections were the first sign that some philosophical shifts are occurring in Americans' attitudes toward regulations. He believes that more individuals are seeking market-based, incentive-based programs to deal with environmental issues. McEwen says today's generation knows how much money is coming out of their paycheck, how much money is going to Washington. "There is enough disgust with that, that something is going to happen, and it has to happen in the near future."

Many farmers and ranchers, along with their colleagues in business, hope McEwen's crystal ball proves to be correct.

Sherry Hacking is a writer/producer in the Lincoln County Office Department for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

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Hondo Eagles On Way To Regional Tournament

A young Hondo Eagle squad recently completed a successful basketball season and advanced to the Region D Tourney in Ft. Sumner by virtue of placing second in District 5A. The Eagles played district rival Hagerman another close game but fell to a good Bobcat Squad 60 to 49 Saturday. The final score did not reflect the close game which was determined at the free throw line

in the last quarter. Three weeks prior, the Bobcats came away with a one point overtime win over Hondo that determined the final district seedings. The two teams may square off again if Hondo can defeat Ft Sumner and Hagerman beats Mountainair Friday at the regional tourney in Ft Sumner. A win Friday for Hondo would send the Eagles

to the state tourney for the first time since the Eagles "midget team" of 1949 defeated Carlsbad, and along with Roswell High, represented this area at the state tournament. This team has completed a successful season with the inside game of Jorge Ontiveros, Anthony Hernandez, and Andrew Sena, the outside shooting of Josh

Candelaria, Adam Herrera and the ball handling of point guard Jared DeBasa. Hondo also has an excellent group coming off the bench in Sena, Jason Candelaria, Sean Gomez, Adam Romero, Alejandro Lambert, and Ricky Lopez. Ontiveros, Hernandez and DeBasa made the All District team, Adam Herrera received Honorable Mention.

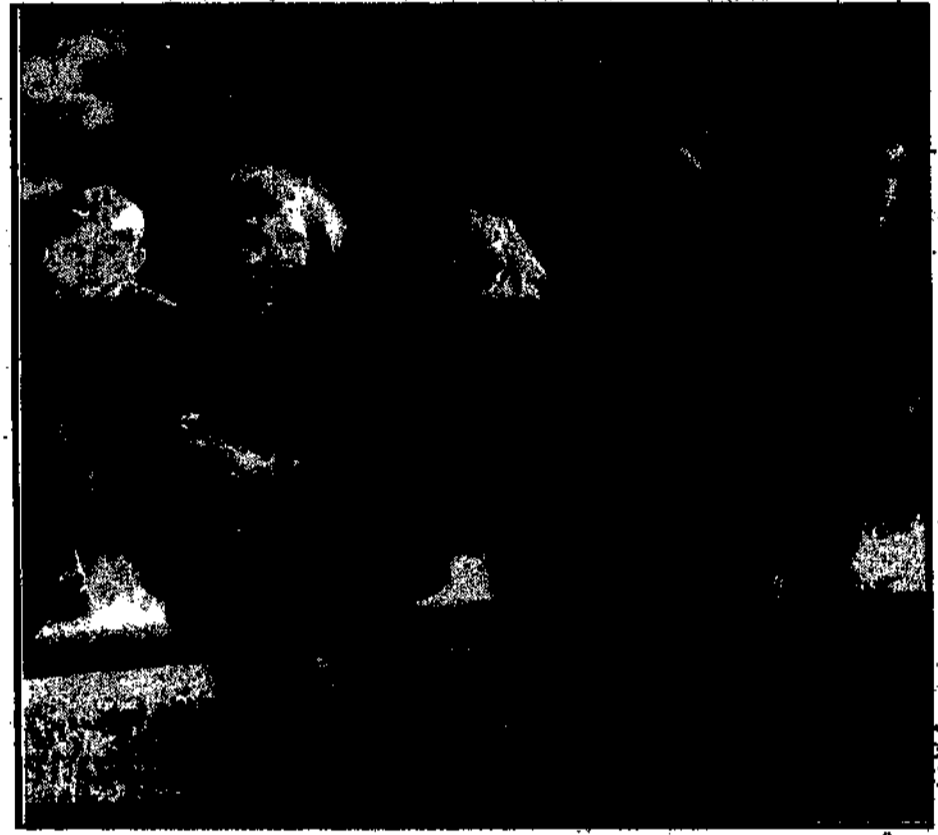
Hondo High School Students Attended Bingaman Seminar

Seven Hondo high school students participated in the eighth annual Student Legislative Seminar Program held at St. John's College in Santa Fe. More than 60 high school students from around New Mexico participated in the seminar sponsored by U.S.

Senator Jeff Bingaman. The seminar gives students the opportunity to meet with Sen. Bingaman and his Washington legislative staff to discuss political and social issues. Sen. Bingaman conducted a town hall meeting

with all the students to get their views on the issues they find important. Hondo students attending were Jason Candelaria, Iris Chavez, Lisa Gutierrez, Adam Herrera, Alejandro Lambert, Andrea Lucero, and Santa Ontiveros.

All will be back next year with the exception of seniors Sena and Lambert. Their season record going into regional stands at 16-6 with wins over Vaughn (twice); Corona (twice); Mesilla Valley Christian (twice); Community Christian (twice) Cloudcroft, (once); Lake Arthur (twice); losses coming at the hands of Hagerman (twice); Elida (once) and split with Alamogordo Sophs, Ruidoso JV, and House. They also won the House Invitational, and won the District 5A Sportsmanship Trophy.



DANA HUFFMON, 28, of Ruidoso was diagnosed a year ago with cancer. She has undergone two major surgeries to remove the cancer and has had massive chemotherapy. She is still fighting the battle and is in need of special cancer treatment at the University Hospital in Tucson, AZ. Donations to help pay medical costs may be made at any Norwest Bank in New Mexico to the account of Shane Huffman for Dana Huffman cancer treatment fund, bank account #124011118. Dana is shown with her husband Shane, and children, Justin 10, Cody 8, and Bailey 4.

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"Over the years we have found that these seminars have provided New Mexico high school students with the skills to help formulate public policy," Sen. Bingaman said. "More than anything else, I feel that we encourage the students to carefully consider all sides of a critical issue. It is my hope that they also gain a better understanding of the legislative process and the issues that will have a direct impact on them and their families." Other seminars were held in Albuquerque, Las Cruces, and Portales with more than 270 New Mexico high school students participating.

The Eagles are coached by Omar Barragan and assistant Juan Baca. Their manager is Martin Richardson. The team expects the outstanding fan support they have had all year to continue following them to region and state.

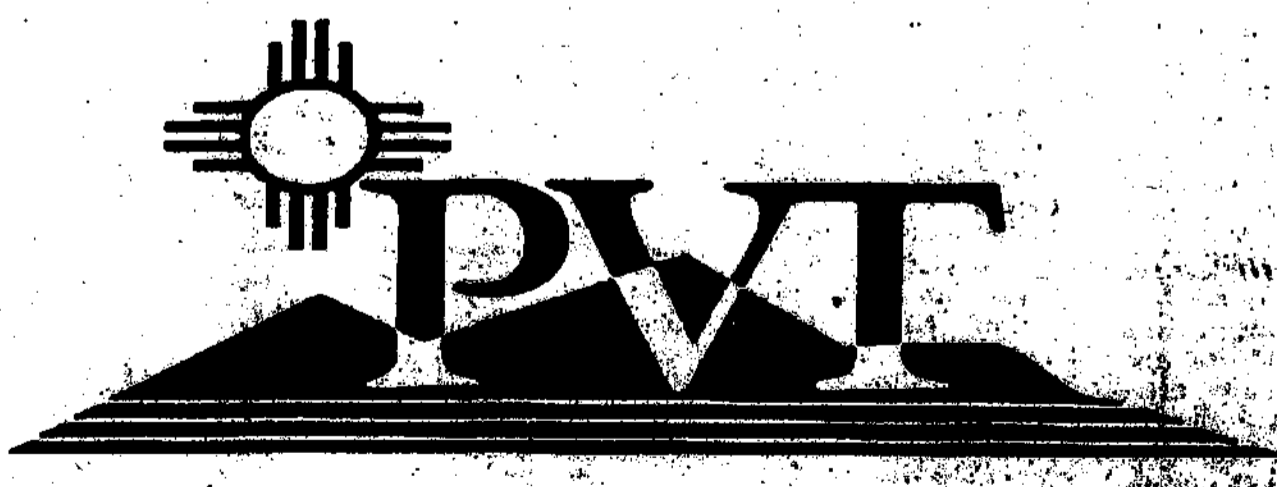
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On Saturday, Feb. 17 Mr. and Mrs. Byron Vance honored their grandson, Russell Luerat, with a family dinner party for 15. Most guests came from Roswell to extend birthday wishes to Russell who was 19 on Feb. 13 and to wish him well on his tour of duty with the U.S. Army. Russell volunteered for four years and left Monday morning Feb. 26 for Fort Sill, OK.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gunn and daughters, Katelyn and McKayle, are spending a few days with family members in Corona, Bells and Bonds, and in Fort Sumner where they plan to make their home; when their house is ready. Mr. Gunn has resigned as McKinley County Extension Agent and they have sold their home in Thoreau in preparation for a new life on the family farm in Fort Sumner.

Mrs. Daryl Ratliff and daughter, Karen, spent the long weekend with her parents and brother, the Hol-

leymans, here and worked on income tax reports. Lois Ann and both daughters, Karen and Heather, came back for the girls' basketball tournament in Albuquerque. Karen wanted to see the Elida team in their win over Cliff. Her niece, Kasi Kibbe, is a junior and member of the Elida team. Others attending were the Holleymans, the Bells and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sultemeier.

Winners of the spelling bee are busy with studying for the Torrance County Bee on Feb. 29 in Mountainair. Corona will take five students, 4th - 7th plus one alternate. Local winners were presented with dictionaries on their grade level with the kindergarten winner receiving a pictorial with the Grand Champion getting a large blue ribbon rosette and the reserve champion a blue rosette.

Tim Sanchez, director at the Senior Center, reports good attendance at the health

meeting on Tuesday and again at the lunch and musical Saturday. Attendance at the Monday morning line dancing is growing.

Tim Sanchez picked up his brother, Medardo of Rolla, MO at the Moriarty bus sta-

NMSU Wool Judging Team Places Second

The New Mexico State University (NMSU) wool judging team placed second at the national Western Collegiate Wool Judging Contest held in Denver recently.

Callie Gnatkowski, a 1994 graduate of Corona High School, is a member of the wool judging team. Other team members are Kelly Creighton, Brett Valentine, Caleb Kerr, Leah Laggenger, and Justin Lamb. Team coaches are Beth McFadin and Rori Renner, graduate assistants in the animal and range sciences department at NMSU's College of Agriculture and Home Economics.

NMSU's wool judging team emerged in Denver as reserve champions, finishing six points behind the first place team, Angelo State University

in Texas. The competition included grading, placings and reasons. In the grading section, the students judged 15 shorn fleeces on the basis of grade, yield, uniformity, staple length, character, and purity. The NMSU team placed second in grading, with five team members scoring in the top 20.

In placings, team members judged six classes of four fleeces each, placing the fleeces in order from best to worst. For two of these classes, members gave oral arguments explaining the reasons for the placings. NMSU placed fourth in placings and sixth in reasons.

In individual overall standings, Creighton, Valentine, Laggenger, and Gnatkowski were fifth, eighth, 10th and 12th, respectively. "The Denver competition is one of only two collegiate wool judging contests in the nation," McFadin said. "The second competition is held at the Houston Livestock Show and Exposition. The combination of scores from these two events determines the national winner."

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Mountain Ministry Parish New Sunday School in Corona

The Mountain Ministry Parish has announced the opening of Sunday School at the Corona Presbyterian Church at 10 a.m. Sunday, March 3. A potluck dinner will follow. All families invited.

Sunday school superintendent will be Irma Bryan; teachers will be: pre-school Joanne Washburn, elementary Irma Bryan, junior-senior high Roxanne and Joseph Erramouspe, adult Bill Bryan; and Sandra Alford as special needs and prayer leader.

The Mountain Ministry Parish Lenten Service March 31 will be held at 11 a.m. at the Corona Presbyterian Church, followed by a potluck dinner for the entire parish, friends and guests.

Mountainair Ranger District To Attempt Gallinas Control Burn

The Mountainair Ranger District will once more make an attempt to conduct a burn in the Gallinas Unit, close to Corona. The project area is approximately 8 miles southwest of Corona.

The burn is a Prescribed Broadcast Burn in pinon and juniper and Ponderosa pine vegetation type. This project is funded by Sikes and Waterford monies.

Sikes funds are funds collected by the Department of Game and Fish through the Habitat Improvement Stamp, when hunting and fishing licenses are sold.

The projected dates for this project are March 4th through the 8th. If that week is not possible, another attempt will be made the following week, March 11th through the 15th. For more information, please call the Mountainair Ranger District, 547-2090.

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CAPITAN NOTES

Greetings from the Sullivan-Anderson house again in Springfield, Nebraska.

Thought I would be home in Capitan by the first of March, but the best laid plans have a way of disintegrating right before my eyes, so I have just given up making any plans.

Tomorrow I am scheduled to get my new glasses and for that day I am looking forward to with great expectations. Have been limping along without decent vision long enough.

I am anxious to get home. I have enjoyed my visit, but company is like leftovers in the fridge, after a few days they begin to look their age and quickly become take-outs. But according to my lovely daughter this morning while she was on her way to her car, she informed me that she had talked to my son Tom last night as well as my beautiful grand-daughter-in-law while I was watching a movie upstairs in my room. Result - sometime around the middle

of March I will fly to Dallas on an afternoon flight and Paul and Diane will meet me. I then fly to either El Paso or Albuquerque the following Monday morning and Tom will pick me up. Offer up a prayer that my ticket does not get lost in the shuffle like it did the last time in Denver and that Tom does not have car trouble on his way to pick up his poor old mother in Albuquerque or wherever.

Here is the guest column by Paulette Cork that I promised you last week:

The Speed of the Aging Process . . . by Paulette Cook
If there is reincarnation, I have two requests: that I come back as a dog, cat or other pet and belong to our family; that I am in the right line to order the Aging Process and Absolute Success.

I was reminded of the second request the other day when I was in the bread aisle at Hop 'N Shop. All at once a loud, excited voice called out to me from two aisles over, "Paulette is that you?"

I'd recognize that voice anywhere. "You sure look different." I was still trying to place the voice with a face, when a strikingly, gorgeous blonde gal with a huge smile rushed toward me with open arms.

Now, I ask you, what would you do? A huge hug and bountiful giggle followed. After giving her an update of my life over the past 25 years in 42 seconds, all at once her facial expression showed puzzlement.

"You don't know who I am, do you?" she asked. This woman looked 64 times better than any classmate, acquaintance, relative, or passerby from my previous life. She excitedly told me who she was. What a shocker! Her size was now half of the original. Here tan, exact body fit perfectly into a size eight Adrienne Vittadini tennis outfit. Very different from the size 16 of her college days. Her gorgeous blonde hair was perfectly arranged under a coordinated visor, a far cry from the mousey brown bob that always looked slept on. She looked like she was in her late 20s instead of late 40s. Life had certainly done a complete turn around with her.

"I'm Rita Ryan. Remember the fun in biology class? Still remember how funny you looked when you turned green while dissecting a frog's foot. And speech class. What a riot when you fainted giving a speech on heart transplants. Did you ever become a nurse? No, I knew you wouldn't. You went into social work," she gushed.

What I did do all this time, "Well I married Bob Wilson,



JAPANESE EXCHANGE STUDENT Mihoko Kondo shows some Lincoln County Girl Scouts the fine art of origami during the International Thinking Day Celebration held in Ruidoso on February 25. Capitan Junior Girl Scout Troop and Capitan Daisy and Brownie Troops were among the troops which had booths displaying food and other items from different countries. The girls also presented information about their selected countries. The celebration is held to make Girl Scouts more aware of the world and its many cultures.

of course. He is in international law and I've been around the world at least 32 times. In fact, the twins were born when we were crossing for the 11th time. We kid them about being our international children. Our three girls are at Vassar, of course, and Dr. Honathan, my oldest, just graduated at the top of his class at John Hopkins. He published several articles on *Saliva Stagnation*, already. His future is cut out for him for sure," she cooed. "I'm so glad I ran into you and got an update on your life. The only reason I'm in this section of town is that my typist just moved into this area. My novel will probably be published this fall. Since I forgot my Avian Water, here I am. My tennis game is just not up to par without it," she confessed. "Gotta run, don't want to keep people waiting. It was so good to see you and get an update on your accomplishments over the years," she concluded.

She disappeared as quickly as the store. As I drove home I could not help but notice the grey paint still on my hands from painting the back porch earlier that morning.

Where had the years gone? Where had her old body gone? How did she completely avoid the aging process? Maybe my first reincarnation request would be the less stress and

more perks. In my family if you are a cat or a dog you are loved no matter how old you get or however shot your mind or body are. Besides tennis has never been my game and I hate hats!

And now for another paragraph or two from another favorite of mine, Herbert Lee Traylor:

Trailing Around with Traylor
by H. L. Traylor
Fishing Sure Takes A Lot of Patience: and the Big Ones Look A lot Alike

One summer in the early 60s I requested the forest service transfer me from the lookout towers to fire patrolman. They assigned me to the Bonito area. The main project was talking fire prevention to campers and patrolling above and below the dam. I usually started at 6:30 a.m., checking all campgrounds and off-road, isolated areas compatible to camping. The circuit normally took about three hours. After completing the first round, I ended up at Bonito Lou's Cafe, where I drank coffee before starting the second circuit.

One morning I had stopped for coffee and was having a pow-wow with Arvel Runnels,

the cafe owner's son. A car skidded to a stop, a man got out, bolted into the cafe, ordered a cup of coffee and wanted to know if there were any fish in the lake.

Next week, more of Herbert Lee Traylor's book.

Last Friday afternoon, Friday night and Saturday until mid-afternoon, this place was like Grant's Tomb. Katie Maureen was a guest at a birthday party, followed by an over-night and another follow up party on Saturday. However that soon changed.

After picking up their daughter, Trish and Jace had a bit of shopping to do, they always have a bit of shopping to do. Right after they have practically bought out the stores, there is always, but always, a bit more shopping to do. So much for the shopping per se.

Katie and her mother, my Trish that is, went into one store and Jace went into another, thinking that they just had a thing or two to get. Katie had some of her own money to spend and that alone should have been a warning to her father, but he trusted them. That was error numero uno.

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Boy Scouts To Meet At Black River March 1

More than 200 Boy Scouts from southeast New Mexico will meet at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Black River special management area for the area's second Conservation Good Turn on March 1.

"Scouting and conservation go hand in hand," said Roswell district manager Leslie Cons. "We're happy to provide a place for this event and the expertise of our specialists."

Scouts from the Conquistador Council will spend Sat., March 2 assisting BLM specialists in conservation projects in the area, including planting cottonwood trees along the river, building hiking trails, and constructing soil erosion control projects.

Scouts from Capitan, Ruidoso, Clovis, Portales, Fort Sumner, Hobbs, Carlisbad, Roswell, Artesia, Eunice, and Jal will participate.

As part of the Boy Scouts of America's emphasis on service to others, Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, and Explorer posts nationwide are linking up with federal, state, local and private environmental groups for this conservation effort.

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High winds have caused some damage from falling branches in the Ruidoso area, and caused traveling problems with dense blowing dust in the Fularosa Basin on Monday. High winds were blamed for several fires, including the Elk fire on the Mescalero Apache Reservation, and some smaller fires in the Alto-Angus area.

Law enforcement and fire department personnel urge all residents, and visitors, to be very cautious with fire, and ask that no controlled burns be conducted during spring wind time.

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

February 21:

5:31 p.m. a caller reported an accident without injuries. A woman hit a deer and did a lot of damage to her vehicle on Angus Hill. State police were advised.

8:28 p.m. the detention center requested a deputy to investigate a case of embezzlement. A deputy took a report.

February 22:

12:04 p.m. Ski Apache requested an ambulance for a 9 year old boy on a back board. Alto ambulance responded.

4:59 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for a 67 year old man with severe chest pains. Capitan ambulance responded.

A caller at Ski Apache requested to talk with a deputy about mistaken skis. A deputy responded.

February 23:

1:49 p.m. Ski Apache requested an ambulance for a 56 year old man on a back board and c-collar. Alto ambulance responded and transported two patients and a rider.

4:04 p.m. a 911 caller advised he had killed a dog which was killing chickens in the Alto area. The dog's owner was very upset and requested a deputy. The subject called again and advised the dog's owner was getting hostile and the situation was getting hot. Three deputies responded.

6:42 p.m. a subject called

from Ruidoso Downs Police Dept. and requested a deputy because a person was in a corral who wasn't supposed to be. The person was passed out or something else. A deputy responded, and gave a subject a courtesy ride.

A deputy advised he made a juvenile arrest.

7:23 p.m. State police requested a wrecker to pick up a van. The police officer brought a prisoner to the detention center and a wrecker picked up the van.

February 24:

6:57 a.m. an accident without injuries was reported on Highway 64 by Corona. A vehicle struck a deer and a report was needed. State police responded.

2:56 p.m. a 911 caller was attempting to locate a missing person west of a ranch off Highway 246. The 70 year old gentleman was located by a forest service ranger.

2:56 p.m. a 911 caller advised he would return property. The parents handled the situation and the property was returned. A deputy was assigned.

4:50 p.m. a 911 caller re-

ported subjects breaking into a residence and removing items, and they were not supposed to be there. The incident was referred to Carrizozo Police.

February 25:

3:11 a.m. a 911 caller advised the electricity went out in Lincoln and Hondo. At 3:15 a.m. dispatch called Otero Electric County Electric Co-op.

11:27 a.m. a caller requested an officer to do peace keeping because her husband attempting to kill animals. Capitan police responded.

12:51 p.m. a 911 caller reported a domestic/assault by her husband and a child. Weapons were in the house. A deputy responded.

5:44 p.m. a caller reported a trespassing at a ranch on Highway 380 near Hondo. Two 14 year old boys were illegally fishing on private property. Dispatch notified the Department of Game and Fish.

7:28 p.m. a caller requested a wrecker three miles north of Highway 54 for a pickup. A wrecker responded.

Capitan School Offers

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ing was still unknown. Billingsley however said the uniforms are on the list for consideration.

Keeping important programs going while giving teachers a salary increase are the goals of the Capitan Association of Classroom Teachers (CACT) said association spokesperson Dottie MacVeigh. "CACT says teachers and staff are ready for a salary increase," MacVeigh said.

"We're had no real salary increase in several years," MacVeigh said.

CACT is starting a process to determine needs and a salary increase without hurting other programs. "CACT has a real good relationship with the board," MacVeigh said.

CACT, which is open to people who work directly with children, has 27 members in the Capitan District. CACT is working with the district budget committee, which is made up of representatives from each of the three schools and support staff, to set priorities and begin working on funding needs.

MacVeigh said the New Mexico Association of Classroom Teachers (NMACT) has 850 members statewide. "Knowledge of our association is passed around by word of

mouth," MacVeigh said. "Many teachers don't know they have another option."

Capitan Middle School teacher and principal Mecca Aldridge is president of the NMACT.

MacVeigh said CACT responds to the wants and needs of the community, not some national organization.

Aldridge, MacVeigh and other CACT members visited the New Mexico State Legislature where they met with some of the governor's cabinet secretaries and Vonell Huitt the governor's education advisor. "She seemed interested in our input, straight from the classroom teacher," MacVeigh said.

Also at the meeting, the board commended elementary P.E. teacher Mary Hollman for her highly successful Jump Rope for the American Heart Association. The 115 students in the third, fourth and fifth grades raised \$3,063. Principal Ferguson commended the students, Hollman and the community for its support.

The student section of the board policy was again reviewed. Suggested changes will be referred to the policy committee. All changes will be incorporated into a final document which the board will consider for approval at the March meeting. Copies of the policy will be available for public viewing at the meeting.

A joint powers agreement between the district and the state department of education was approved to allow four Capitan staff members to attend HIV education training in Ruidoso.

PVT Offers Three Scholarships For Students In Area

Penasco Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (PVT) is offering three scholarships through the PVT education foundation.

The scholarships will be for \$750 per semester while in college. Each scholarship is renewable provided the requirements are met. The recipient of the scholarship could receive up to \$6,000.

To qualify, the recipient must be an active member or of the immediate family of an active member of PVT. All high school students or non-traditional students are eligible to apply if necessary guidelines are met.

The completed application

Renee Roper Beltran is . . . (Continued from Page 4)

editor of the Trib. He was a real easy person to interview.

My second story was about Rob Piggott and the fact that he was retiring as manager of the New Mexico Press Association after 10 years. Interviewing him was slightly more intimidating and rather difficult because we had ten jillion interruptions. This ended up being the front page story so I was real excited about that.

Another of my stories was supposed to be a feature with "humorous anecdotes" about Rob Piggott. It wasn't our idea, the board of directors demanded it. Not one single person had a funny story so that didn't pan out.

The other story was going to cover Sandy McMath, a lawyer, and his talk which would take place Saturday. I never got hold of him and we didn't have any background information so that story got cut too.

We put the entire paper together from writing to editing and then pagination. We had a lot of help from different staff from the two Albuquerque papers. At one time, I had an editor from the Trib and an editor from the Journal editing my paper at the same time. I can't say that it was one of my most pleasant experiences, but I guess that's the real world.

We had a lot of technical problems; the computers crashed, the right software wasn't loaded, the phone in our office went dead, etc. This made us a little late for our noon deadline with the printers, but we weren't too late.

It was a really good experience for me. I got a taste of the real stresses of working on deadline and realized how stressful it can be. But I also found out that reporting is addicting. There's something about it I just can't describe.

I also gained a lot of confidence from it. Initially when I saw how much older everyone else was and how much more experience they had, I was terrified. But after I started

writing and fell into the familiar groove, I was fine.

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Ore Processing Facility . . . (Continued from Page 1)

would be tested for drugs. He explained that the processing facility in Carrizozo would produce material that is 94 to 95 percent pure. The company has an agreement to sell it to a refiner in Tennessee for further processing.

He said they hope to sell the tailings (residue left after the processing) to a concrete or asphalt manufacturer.

As to the truck traffic bringing the ore to Carrizozo, Oesterles said, "We will try to minimize truck traffic through populated areas."

The company will need federal permits for the proposed project.

Oesterles said the company looked at various options, including the possibility of building the processing facility at the mine site but the problem was that there was only 220 single phase electricity available and the company can't use that and wire would have to be strung.

Questions about the proposed project were asked by some of the people in the audience as well as by the Carrizozo Board of Trustees.

No action was taken by the town council concerning the request to lease the 20 acres in the Industrial Park. The board of trustees will wait for the company to get the neces-

sary federal permits before beginning any negotiations.

In other business the board was required to take action again to enact town ordinance 170 authorizing the municipal judge to suspend sentence, grant probation and require community service. Action taken at the Feb. 13 town council meeting was not valid because the state requires action on ordinances to be by roll call vote. The action taken Feb. 13 did not include a roll call vote.

The ordinance is to be published Feb. 29 and will take effect in five days after publication.

Engineer Raymond Dennis presented a report about the recently completed street improvement project. Another final inspection will be held.

The town received notification that Santa Fe did not approve the town resolution to move \$23,459 from the sanitation fund to be used for the Rec Center.

The letter from Santa Fe stated that the sanitation fund is a restricted fund and the money is to be used only for sanitation. Santa Fe returned the resolution due to the impropriety of the request.

Money received from the sale of obsolete equipment

will be put into the water fund, excluding \$2196 that will be placed in the town's general fund. The reason given for putting the money in the water department is because the obsolete equipment that was sold came from the water department.

The town was not interested in an even trade of properties as proposed by Bud Payne.

Rates at the Carrizozo Golf course were set.

The town will begin the publication process and schedule public hearings for the proposed changes to the town ordinance to increase the salary for the municipal

judge. The proposal is to repeal ordinance 62 and enact a new ordinance.

The board approved advance per diem for police officer Frank Conley to attend a street survival course in Albuquerque March 5-7.

The board approved the police department request to sell three shot guns to the Lincoln County Detention Center (county jail) for a total of \$250.

Action was tabled on the Carrizozo swimming pool, lease of the old ice plant building to the Carrizozo Historical Society, and concessions at the Drag Races that will begin March 17.

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booked December 1 on warrants from Alabama.

Anthony Estrada, 29, Ruidoso; Released February 22 on orders from Butts; booked February 10 for armed robbery and assault with intent to commit a felony, aggravated battery and a hold from Otero County with total bond at \$250,000 no 10 percent.

Rodney Almanza, 26, Ruidoso; Released February 22 and placed on probation on orders from Butts; booked February 10 on battery on household member and assault on a peace officer; arrested by Capitan Police.

Homero Picazo, 25, Ruidoso Downs; Released February 22 on orders from Butts; booked February 12 for aggravated battery, aggravated assault, and two counts of criminal damage to property with \$25,000 bond with no 10 percent.

Braulio Cruz, 38, Ruidoso; Released February 22 on orders from Butts; booked January 18 for probation violation.

Brandon Mahon, 22, Capitan; Released February 14 on orders from Probation Officer; booked January 12 for probation violation.

Danny M. Gregor, 26, Chaparral; Released February 13 on orders from Butts; booked January 23 for failure to pay fines.

Santanita Castillo, 36, Mesalero; Released February 13 on orders from Butts; booked January 25 for failure to pay fines, contempt of court, violation of probation.

Mary Moore, 40, Texas; Released February 14 on orders from Parsons; booked January 27 for failure to appear, worthless checks, failure to comply with conditions of release.

Dudley Schreff, 40, Tularosa; Released on orders from Parsons and transported to Otero County Detention Center; booked October 28, 1995 for six month court commitment by Parsons.

Buck Tomlinson, 33, Ruidoso; Released February 15 to be transported to New Mexico Corrections Facility in Grants; booked August 29, 1995 for aggravated battery, 2nd degree burglary, domestic violence.

PVT Offers Three

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must be returned to PVT by March 16. The recipients will be announce May 1.

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