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LUMINARIAS LIT UP McDONALD PARK AND MANY OF THE STREETS IN CARRIZOZO ON Christmas Eve. Colorful lighting displays on homes and business added to the enjoyment of driving around town. The annual luminaria display is sponsored by the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department.

## Accreditation Team To Visit Capitan Schools

by Doris Cherry

Students who come to Capitan High School from a home school program will have to follow certain steps to be admitted. The board approved changes to board policy on non-accredited schools. Students who transfer from such schools (usually home school) will be placed upon recommendation of a screening committee comprised of four core teachers and counselor for secondary students or two grade level teachers for elementary students, principals and parents. The screening committee will review the students prior curriculum and performance, review curriculum tests and the documentation to assure the amount of time spent on instructional

activities.

Grades provided by a non-accredited school (private, public or home) with no documented proof of specific curriculum must be verified by the student passing final exams given at Capitan for each course. If the student fails the exams the student will have to enroll in the course; if the student passes, the student will be given credit.

Also added to the policy was a section requiring the student to complete 23 credits and pass the New Mexico High School Competency Exam to graduate.

School superintendent Diana Billingsley suggested the district could send letters to all parents with home school

children about the new policy. "I think this will bring the attention to parents what their role really is," Worrell said.

In January, the New Mexico State Department of Education (SDE) will visit Capitan District for its accreditation team visit. The board was given the first draft of the district's Educational Plan for Student Success which includes the district mission statement, philosophy, and some of the base line data included in the district accountability report published in November in *THE NEWS*. The plan will include a five year salary study which showed salaries started going

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## Village Of Ruidoso In Good Financial Shape

by Doris Cherry

The financial health of the Village of Ruidoso is strong and improved from prior years.

Ruidoso's financial records got a clean, unqualified opinion from independent auditor Ronnie Hemphill who presented his report on his audit of the 1995-96 fiscal year records to the Ruidoso Village Council on December 10.

Hemphill said the financial records got a clean opinion. "That's what you want."

In the review Hemphill first referred to the combined statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the year which ended June 30, 1996. Total village funds on June 30 was \$12,734,011. Last year the total was \$6,789,872. Most of the increase is due to the \$5,853,782 in revenues from the bond issues.

The statement also showed the village General Fund had an excess, or profit, of \$45,677, but Special Revenues expended \$51,138.

In comparing the village actual cash reports to the budget, the village broke even, Hemphill said.

The utility fund had a net income of \$2154. "The Utility Fund is doing well," he said.

In his conclusion opinions, Hemphill said he didn't find anything significantly wrong. No material weaknesses were found in any of the federal program reports. "You got clean opinions," he said.

Even some serious problems which were uncovered last year have been resolved. Hemphill said he is required to follow up on the prior year findings on reconciliation of payroll compliance reports, airport fuel pricing and federal reporting requirement.

"All three have been resolved and not repeated this year," Hemphill said.

However, in this year's findings Hemphill commented that detailed customer deposit listings are not reconciled to the deposit balance of the general ledger, which results in an internal control weakness. He attributed the problem to inadequate computer software which limited the

quality of reports. "You're not quite there," he said. "Until you have good control over the deposits, you still have a chance for problems."

The village has responded to the problem by converting to a new software program with staff verification of customer deposits.

"But I truly believe you have procedures in place and there are attempts to resolve the situation now," he continued. "I fully expect it will be resolved when I come back next year."

The second current year finding was a problem of inconsistencies on how permit

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## Sudderth Drive Is Now Four Lanes

An extensive water and sewer line replacement project which had Ruidoso's Sudderth Drive closed down to two lanes near the intersection with Carrizo Canyon Road is now completed.

Crews laid down a temporary "patch" of pavement this week on the lanes which were torn out to allow replacement of the lines. A permanent pavement will be laid in the Spring after temperatures are warmer, said village deputy manager Alan Briley.

The sewer line replacement project will now go up Carrizo

Canyon Road. The first 1,000 feet of Carrizo Canyon Road from Sudderth Drive will be closed, Briley said, and traffic will be detoured from Carrizo Canyon Road intersection with Sudderth Drive while the road is torn up to allow replacement of the sewer lines.

Ruidoso residents can now water outdoors once a week, (if they can get their outdoor faucets and hoses thawed that is.) About two weeks ago, the village went from the Phase 4 to Phase 3 "Serious" of the

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## Grand Lady Of News Margaret Rensch Dies

Margaret Rensch, 94, known as Capitan's "Grand Lady of the News," died Dec. 18 at Lincoln County Medical Center.

Margaret wrote a column about Capitan for the Lincoln County News for 37 years. She retired as a columnist at the end of 1992.

News reporter Doris Cherry interviewed Margaret in June 1992 in honor of Margaret's 90th birthday. The following article about Margaret was published in *The News* June 25, 1992:

by Doris Cherry

Margaret wrote her first column for the Lincoln County News on April 15, 1955. Since that time when then publisher Paul Payton approached her in Carrizozo's Coffee Cup Cafe and asked her to do a column for the village of Capitan Margaret has tried to do her best to promote her little community.

"I'd like to keep the community on the map," she said in her home, surrounded by plants and her favorite dog

and cats. "We've got a lot of things here."

So every Monday since 1955 Margaret had made her rounds about the village, seeking news of people, places

and events.

"I've enjoyed the paper," Margaret said.

In 1959 Margaret won \$400 in a contest from the paper, by getting the most subscrip-



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tions. Then again in 1962 or 63 she won \$500 for the most subscriptions. "Pay is not what I am working for," Margaret said, "I work for the community."

Towards the end of her career as a columnist for *The News*, Margaret had some help. "I had an awful time asking for help," Margaret said, "But the body goes to pieces."

Margaret was born in Bancroft, Nebraska, a farming community about 30 miles south of Sioux City, Iowa. "I was a farm girl, that's where I learned to work."

It is a discipline she is glad to have and it was that discipline which got her through some tough times.

"I had a load," she said about the depression years when she was left as a widow with two young sons.

She and Earl Rensch, her husband then, came to New Mexico in September 1925. Earl was a native of Corona and his father owned the Corona Trading Company as

well as a ranch.

"I loved New Mexico from the first time," she said. "You ought to have seen the highway to El Paso."

She considers herself a kind of pioneer, with the isolation and limited services of the rural communities. But she loved the locality. She and Earl lived on the Corona area ranch until they came to Capitan in April 1930.

There was no highway through Capitan then and where Margaret's home now sits, just west of the Shell station, was the city dumping grounds. The old narrow gauge service railroad ran right back of her northern fence. A cattle loading corral was situated east of the Shell station, about where Angelina Provine's home is.

Earl bought the property because he knew the highway would eventually be built. He and Margaret built the home she lived in, a cafe, five cabins for workers with a 9,000 gallon water storage and a bathroom. The cafe boasted an air

conditioner.

"We had a tremendous business, it makes me laugh," Margaret cooked on a three-burner kerosene stove.

They also began working on a service station.

"Capitan was a lovely little place in the 30s," she said.

There was the Hitching Post and the Buena Vista Hotel, Margaret worked for Earl's aunt, Mrs. Boone.

Earl planted all the trees in Margaret's yard the first year they were there.

But Earl died in 1934, leaving her alone with their two young sons and an unfinished service station. Through perseverance and hard work, Margaret finished and opened the station. She changed oil and washed cars until her hands bled, but she stayed with it.

"They asked me if I would go back to Nebraska when Earl died, but this is my home and I have it," she said.

She even found time to

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ALL THE CANDY IS GONE! Santa Claus and his helpers, members of the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department, passed out more than 500 bags filled with candy, nuts and fruit to children and adults when Santa came to Carrizozo for a before-Christmas visit on Saturday.

# Capitan Students Will Be Included In Health Survey

by Doris Cherry

Capitan students in grades 6-12 will be given opportunity to complete a survey which will determine their "assets."

Capitan Board of Education approved the Benson survey to be given to students in grades 6-12, as requested by the school health advisory committee. Last month, Capitan school nurse Leecha LaMay, and Lincoln County Health and Wellness Board and Maternal Child Health Advisory Council member Wanda Figueroa brought the request to the board which asked they get approval from the schools' parent advisory committees.

"Both groups voted for the Benson," Figueroa said to the school board during its regular meeting Thursday, December 12.

Figueroa said the survey will be given late January or early February to students who have parental approval. The results of the survey will be a tool to help the school health advisory committee develop a health curriculum which will address the student's unique needs. The preliminary results of the Capitan surveys will be provided to the school board and health committees.

Those preliminary results will be pooled with survey results from students at Ruidoso, Corona, Carrizozo and Mescalero schools for a final report to give to the Lincoln County Commission which is the fiscal advocate for youth in the county, Figueroa said.

New Mexico Department of Health will also get a report and the total data for the region which will help the department determine which programs will receive block grants. The survey has been given in Albuquerque and Roswell schools in New Mexico, Figueroa said. But because the survey is very new to New Mexico schools, there is no current information about how the survey results have been applied to school and community programs. Figueroa cited an example in another state where the survey identified poor relations between the school youth and local police. As a result the police began a program of serving students in the cafeteria once a month.

Figueroa said she was hired by the Maternal Child Health Council to work on the project. "The key players are the health committees and school nurses," Figueroa said about the success of the survey.

Figueroa said the idea for the survey began in the Capitan school health committee, which has a good mix of members. "We moved forward in this district first," she said. "We (she and LaMay) spent time this summer to research curriculum from the Maternal Child Health Council. It all came from here."

Board member Tim Worrell asked if 20 percent of the students and their parents opt not to take the survey if the statistics will be worth anything. Figueroa said she hoped that would not happen, because she plans to market the survey to educate the kids to understand how valuable the survey is, because adults will base decisions on their valid answers to the questions.

Figueroa said Mescalero schools will be included because so many of their students move in and out of Ruidoso School District. But board president Beverly Calaway was concerned. "I'm concerned we won't get a true picture of Capitan if we mix it with Ruidoso and Mescalero," she said.

If a specific question has too small a data base the survey report will indicate that,

Figueroa said. Upon recommendation of the superintendent, the board unanimously approved the survey to be given to students in grades 6-12.

## OBITUARY

**GARVIN WEE GRIFFIN**  
Garvin Wee Griffin, 52, of Roswell, died Tuesday, December 17, 1996 in Roswell. Mr. Griffin was born May 8, 1944 in Cedarvale. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Hagerman.

Garvin graduated with the class of '63 from Carrizozo High School, and was a member of the National Honor Society as a junior and senior, was selected to Boys State, served on the student council three years, participated in track, basketball, and football two years, "C" Club two years, and served as "C" Club vice president, during his time in Carrizozo.

Survivors include his son, Garvin Mac Griffin and his fiancée Robin Runyon of Las Cruces; his daughter Amy Bullock and her husband Mikel; two granddaughters, Brittany Jane and Shayley Grace Bullock, all of T or C; three brothers, Cleve Griffin and his wife Donna of Alamogordo, Pete Griffin and his wife Susie of Tularosa, and Clarence "Yunk" Griffin and his wife Trish of Alamogordo, and a sister Jean Griffin Duncan and her husband Jim of Lindale, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence A. and Eileen L. (McKee) Griffin.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 20, in the Hamilton Chapel with Rev. Craig Cockrell officiating. Interment followed in the Corbin Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ty Griffin, Couy Griffin, Shawn Griffin, Trey Griffin, Matt Griffin, Travis Griffin, Todd Griffin, Cody Griffin, Ryan Griffin, and Brent Bagwell.

## Accreditation Team To . . .

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up, then this year went down. Billingsley said the district lost several high salary teachers who were replaced with teachers at a lower salary (based on years of service and extra educational training), which caused the average salary amount to drop and caused the district to drop in salary ranking as compared to the state's other 88 districts.

Enrollment at Capitan schools is steadily growing, but the middle school showed a drop this year because a big class moved into the high school. Special education and D level programs are decreasing as those student with special needs are being included in the regular classroom.

About 90 percent or better of the students at Capitan High School graduate, and the percentage of 10th graders passing the high school competency test is increasing.

The plan shows that the number of free or reduced meals increased for three years then dropped.

Plan information shows students are weak in math, so the district has made math the goal to work on, Billingsley said. Each school (elementary, middle and high schools) also decided to make math improvement a main goal. Other education goals are improved character development by utilizing Character Counts in the middle school and development of a technology program with such programs as NetDay.

Elementary goals are initiation of a parent teacher organization, Character Counts and improved playground. Goals from the high school have yet to be completed.

Billingsley commended librarian Becky Borowski for her in-depth technology plan which identifies and addresses problems of access and equity of equipment use, awareness of staff and students, and networking over a three to five year period. Borowski plans to submit her plan to the SDE and other groups for grants to help implement her action plans for each problem.

## OBITUARY

**GORDON L. BIGGER**

Gordon L. Bigger, 71, of Tularosa, died Dec. 21 at Betty Dare Good Samaritan Nursing Center in Alamogordo.

He was born June 28, 1925 in Capitan and grew up in Lincoln County. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a cowboy for many years. Most recently he was with the Bureau of Land Management at the Three Rivers Petroglyphs.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie, of the family home; three sons, Casey Joe Bigger and his wife Pam of Tulsa, OK, Fred Payton and his wife Karen of Capitan, and Buddy Payton and his wife Alice of Carrizozo; three daughters, Bobbie Louanne Decker and her husband Les of Skiatook, OK, Janet Leslie and her husband Jim of St. John, AZ, and Susan Morris of Deming; 14 grandchildren, four great grandchildren; and sister Marrietta Wihl and her husband Louie of Albuquerque.

A memorial service will be conducted Monday, Dec. 30 at 11 a.m. at the White Oaks School House. Interment will be in the Cedarvale Cemetery in White Oaks with Tularosa Lodge #49 A.F.&A.M. officiating. Military honors will be provided by the Capitan American Legion.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hamilton Funeral Home in Alamogordo.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS


### THURSDAYS

—Alcoholic Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. at Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-2313 for information.  
—Adult singles group meets in Ruidoso at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 257-2505 or 258-3201.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

—Retirement potluck dinner for Richard Hollis at Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. building in Carrizozo at 7 p.m. Everyone invited, please bring potluck.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

—Filing date for declared write-in candidates for school boards. Write-in candidates must file between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Lincoln County Clerk's office in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

—New Year's Eve. Please drive carefully.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

—Happy New Year! Remember to date your checks 1997.

—All public offices and banks closed.

—Alcoholic Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. at Capitan Senior Center.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

—Lincoln County News will publish.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 6

—Lincoln County Republican Party meeting of First Monday at K-Bob's in Ruidoso. 5:30 p.m. social hour, 6:15 p.m. meeting. Speakers are Magistrate Judge Bill Butts and Patricia Ortiz. No reservations necessary.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

—Capitan MVD will reopen today after being closed two weeks.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

—Alcoholic Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. at Capitan Senior Center.

## Carrizozo Chit Chat

### Richard Hollis To Retire

Richard Hollis will retire as a climbing groundman for Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. Dec. 31. He began working for Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. Feb. 1, 1974. He and his wife Julia will be moving to Memphis, Texas. They plan to leave in January.

Richard and Julia have four sons and raised a fifth son. They also have 11 grandchildren.

A retirement potluck dinner will be held Monday, Dec. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Otero County Electric building in Carrizozo. Everyone is invited, please bring potluck.

### Santa Greeted

Santa Claus got a good look at Carrizozo Saturday when he made his pre-Christmas visit on the back of the big pumper fire truck. He was escorted through town by the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department.

When Santa arrived in Spencer Park, a large crowd of children and adults greeted him. Santa posed for pictures with children and passed out bags of candy, nuts and fruit

to everyone in the park. Santa also visited New Horizons Developmental Center, shut-ins and the Lincoln County Detention Center (county jail) while in town.

### Carrizozo FFA

Carrizozo FFA Parliamentary Procedure Chapter Team will advance on to state contest on Jan. 21, 1997. The team consisted of Keri Shafer, Robert Shafer, Katie Hightower, Mollie Hightower, Briton Goad, and Eldon Offutt. The state contest will be held at ENMU campus at Portales. Also the Greenhand Parli-Pro team and the Creed Speaking team did well at the contest. The Creed Speaking team must recite from memory the 258 word FFA creed. Those teams consisted of Mary Beth Bond, John Serna, Adrian Goad, Abel Avila, Lane Dixon, Brandon Langley, Pat Hightower, and Matt Offutt.

### Briton Goad

### Christmas Displays

Newcomers, visitors and residents enjoyed the colorful Christmas lighting on homes and businesses and the

luminarias Christmas Eve around town.

The Lincoln County News invites people to submit items of interest for the Carrizozo Chit Chat column; including new residents, visitors, hospitalizations, vaca-

tions, birth announcements, news of former school students away at college, engagement announcements, wedding announcements, and general news. There is no charge.

Please call Ruth at 648-2333 with your news items.

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## News Around Lincoln County

### Berglund Receives Award

Capitan Elementary School teacher Richard A. Berglund received the 1996 Outstanding Science Teacher Award during the New Mexico Academy of Science annual banquet in November at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science in Albuquerque. He also received an engraved Nambe plate and a year's membership in the Academy.

Berglund, "Mr. B." to his students, received his Master's in Teaching (Special Education) from Western New Mexico University. He joined the Capitan Municipal Schools in 1995 and has been recognized as one of the Top Ten Teachers in southwestern New Mexico. He also has received two grants from the Center of Teaching Excellence at Eastern New Mexico University.

Ann Allen of Robert H. Goddard High School in Roswell also received the award.

### Capitan Library

The new Capitan Library is open three days a week, Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. More volunteers are needed in order to stay open more hours.

The library is open for everyone's use. It is staffed by volunteers and funded by private money.

### Return From Deployment

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Tracy J. Snow, son of James W. Snow of Ruidoso, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf and western Pacific and Indian Oceans while serving with Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 113, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson.

During the initial phases of the deployment, Snow's squadron helped enforce the no-fly zone over Iraq in support of Operation Southern Watch. But, on Sept. 3 and 4, aircraft from Snow's squadron escorted and provided air support for Air Force B-52 bombers during the retaliatory cruise missile strike against Iraq, and subsequently assisted in the enforcement of the expanded no-fly zone sanctioned by the U.N.

The deployment enabled

Snow to visit Hawaii, Hong Kong, Japan, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Singapore and Tasmania.

### Arrive For Duty

Air Force Airman 1st Class Ricky L. Brazell, son of Bennie Brazell of Ruidoso, has arrived for duty at Kunsan Air Base, Kunsan City, South Korea.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Ronald R. Womack, grandson of Robert L. Chambers of Ruidoso, arrived for duty at Osan Air Base, Songton, South Korea.



SANTA CLAUS DELIGHTED youngsters when he was in Carrizozo Saturday. A crowd of more than 100 people were waiting in Spencer Park when Santa arrived on the pumper fire truck, courtesy of the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department.

## YULETIDE GREETINGS

Sending yuletide greetings to our good friends and patrons. May Christmas and the new year bring you joyful hours, heartwarming memories and much happiness.



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**THOUGHTS**

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

**Happy New Year!**

By Ruth Hammond

Have you made your New Year's resolutions yet? Or do you even have plans to make New Year's resolutions? Or do you believe that making New Year's resolutions is a waste of time? While we won't suggest resolutions you should or could make, we do have a few suggestions for governor Gary Johnson's list of New Year's resolutions, beginning with getting Lincoln County off his bad list and putting Lincoln County on a good list. You notice we didn't ask governor Johnson to put Lincoln County on a "Super" good list, but if he would that would be even better.

We have had two years of the governor making decisions that have seriously hurt Lincoln County economy and as a result that hurts Lincoln County residents. First governor Johnson closed Fort Stanton and that hurt the economy by putting more than 200 workers out of a job. It has also caused more than hurt to some of the former Fort Stanton clients he dumped out on the street in his attempt to give them a better life in the community.

Several former Fort Stanton clients are dead; one was shot by a worker at his "home" in the community, two died in a house fire when left alone, one died of drowning and/or being scalded while a worker at his "home" in the community was asleep, one died because she didn't receive proper medical attention, and another former Fort Stanton client died when a worker gave him his bottles of medications and the client took them all.

If the governor would bother to listen to what people are saying he would know that this "better life" for these former Fort Stanton clients is deadly. Maybe it makes sense to governor Johnson to let these former Fort Stanton clients be abused, killed, ignored, and neglected but it doesn't make sense to us. Maybe it makes sense to governor Johnson to allow these terrible things to happen to these former Fort Stanton clients but it doesn't make sense to us. Maybe governor Johnson figures that if these former Fort Stanton clients are shut away in community settings instead of being in a safe place like Fort Stanton no one will know the difference, but we know and we don't like it one bit!

Maybe it makes sense to governor Johnson to ride his bicycle across the state picking up trash while at the same time helpless people are being mistreated but it doesn't make sense to us. Yes we need to keep the trash off our roadways but more important we need to keep helpless people from living in trashy situations.

Another suggestion for the governor's New Year's resolutions would be to accept responsibility for his actions. Seems every time he has bad news to hand out he lets one of his lackeys do it for him while he goes off on another sporting jaunt instead of facing the people and answering their questions. Maybe he has the right idea of ignoring the people and maybe they will go away but then we keep hearing he plans to run for a second term and he will need the people to vote for him in two years.

We keep hearing there will be many battles during the 60 day legislative session that starts next month. Maybe governor Johnson's New Year's resolutions could include one to work with our other elected officials instead of working against them. Apparently governor Johnson believes he is our state dictator and he can make the rules regardless of what the other branches of government decide to do. If the governor would work with the legislature even he might be surprised at what could result.

Our suggestions for the governor's New Year's resolutions are not unrealistic and could benefit the entire state if the governor would be willing to not only make these resolutions but follow through on each and every one of them. He probably won't.

If you are making New Year's resolutions; maybe you should include the resolution to accept the fact that governor Johnson will probably continue to be a tyrant for another two years.

*New Year's resolution - Be happy!*



**Village Of Ruidoso In...**

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applications were valued and the assessment of those fees. He found one permit tested significantly off, but the number was justified by staff with computations. "The only problems were with large permits," Hemphill said.

To resolve the question of how valuation is derived, the computations used to determine valuation will be printed on the permit application.

The third finding dealt with the required security for public deposits. Hemphill said two of the eight banks with which the village has accounts were under-pledged at the end of the fiscal year. The situation was only temporary because one bank was in the process of substituting pledged securities at year end and was under-pledged for a limited time. The other bank had recently been purchased by an out of state holding company, and pledging requirements had not been arranged with the new owners.

Even though it was a temporary situation, Hemphill said he had to report it as a finding. "This is a violation of the state statutes," he said.

Hemphill concluded the village officials do monitor pledging requirements on a regular basis.

In the eight financial institutions, the Village of Ruidoso has \$7,836,644 in cash. In 12 accounts with First National Bank of Ruidoso, the village had, on June 30, 1996, a total of \$2,498,037. Of that \$2,335,198 had pledged or required security, which left \$62,840 unsecured.

First Federal Savings Bank, Roswell had a total of \$1,187,000 village money. The institution provided security in excess of \$165,039 on the accounts.

Pioneer Savings Bank and Trust of Ruidoso had \$950,000 of village funds, with a \$1.3 million in securities.

First Savings Bank of Ruidoso had \$162,126, but only \$31,063 covered with required security, leaving a deficit of \$31,063.

Sierra Bank of Ruidoso had \$50,000 with total coverage; Norwest Bank of Albuquerque had \$238,929 totally secured; First Security Bank of Utah, Salt Lake City had \$23,619 of totally secure fund and the New Mexico State Treasurer's Pool had \$1,355,356 which was totally secured.

Hemphill said the financial health of the village was much improved over prior years. He commended the cooperation from village staff in conducting the audit. "I will miss LeeAnn Nichols greatly," said Hemphill about finance officer Nichols who recently left the village for a similar position with the Village of Tularosa.

Copies of the detailed audit of the Village of Ruidoso can be viewed at the village administration center during regular business hours.

Before getting into the report, Hemphill commented about his status as "independent" auditor. "Other agencies may question my independent status," Hemphill said referring to his work as independent auditor for the Eagle Creek Inter-community Water Supply Users Association.

**Inside The Capitol**

by Jay Miller

**SANTA FE**—It's a dream come true for Gov. Gary Johnson. More than 800 state employees will be retiring on Jan. 1, most of them in management positions, giving our cost-conscious governor the opportunity to save taxpayers some real money. Johnson and department heads are looking carefully at which of those positions might be unneeded.

The sudden glut of retirees is due to a significant retirement benefit increase passed by the 1994 Legislature and signed by then-Gov. Bruce King. Had the increase been passed a year later, during Gary Johnson's first year as governor, it might have added one more casualty to his record-setting 200 votes. But since Johnson has to live with the benefit increase, he might as well make the best of it.

In order to help fund the increase, the 1994 Legislature upped contributions to the retirement fund beginning July 1 of that year, but postponed the benefit until Jan. 1, 1997. The result has been that many employees have postponed their retirement, while others will move up their retirement date, feeling the increased benefit will make retirement more affordable.

Johnson has been concerned about New Mexico's national ranking showing us with more state employees per capita than most other states. This is the best opportunity he will have to make some real progress in cutting that number.

State department heads will spend the rest of the month looking at which retirees don't really need replacing. The sharpest eye will be cast on management jobs, which over the years have been increasing at alarming rates. One of the bigger offenders is the Human Services Department that now has a 1-to-5.5 supervisor-to-employee ratio, which officials feel could go up to 1-to-8 with no problem. Another culprit is the Highway and Transportation Department, where nearly half the retirements are expected to take place, 58 percent of which are in management positions.

This column has often objected to the broad layer of middle-management positions throughout state government that have few functions other than to coordinate with people in similar positions in other agencies. These unneeded employees do little

other than meet, train and plan.

Dale Dauten, a nationally syndicated business writer, goes far beyond my rantings about useless middle management when he contends that all management is unnecessary. Dauten maintains that managers come from the military organizational structure, which assumes that nobody can be trusted and that redundancies are important because you never know when large numbers of the force are going to die.

Instead of managers, who make rules, Dauten believes organizations should have leaders, who set good examples that employees can emulate. If the organization is hiring the right employees and putting them in the right jobs, supervision is unnecessary, he says.

That's good, because supervision isn't real work, it's just making sure real work happens. One of the Peter Principles tells us that additional supervisors are then hired to be sure the supervi-

sors are doing their jobs and these supervisors must go to seminars on how to supervise supervisors and then go to national supervisor conferences.

Besides supervising, managers also train, which Dauten says is unneeded because people educate themselves when put with their peers. Managers also plan, he says, which amounts to nothing more than time taken away from real work.

Certainly Gov. Johnson shouldn't want to cut positions of people doing real work. Those are the ones with whom we come into contact when we require a state service. There never seem to be enough of them.

The workers who deal with the public are overworked because of all those unnecessary people we can see through doorways, shuffling papers and casually chatting. Or all those we can't see because they're busy training or planning in the conference room of some hotel.

**Parsons Appointed To Be Judge Pro Tempore**

by Doris Cherry

The judge picked up the hatchet and chuckled. It brought back memories of a few nights previous when his colleagues honored his 12 years as the first district judge for Lincoln County.

"Well worn gavel, 12-13-1996," read District Judge Richard Parsons from the inscribed plaque affixed to a "well worn" hatchet.

He also got his own stationery, for the "19th Judicial District". There is no 19th Judicial District in the State of New Mexico, but it is the number of District 12 and District 7 combined. "It was because I did so much work in the 7th district," the judge said. The 7th Judicial District covers Socorro, Catron, Torrance and Sierra Counties, the largest area-wise in the lower 48 states.

His well worn gavel is a good description of what has occurred in the Lincoln County Courtroom for the last 12 years. Judge Parsons is a self admitted disciplinarian when it comes to conduct in the courtroom, and he has no hesitation to putting rude lawyers, defendants or plaintiffs in jail for contempt of court.

Most recently he jailed an

individual who refused to give his name. Now as he is leaving the bench he is involved in an ongoing dispute with Steven Wayne, Martin, a Freeman, Parsons said. Martin is currently trying to get released before Christmas and has tried to dismiss the lawsuit against the judge. "He apologizes (in a letter) then files another motion questioning my jurisdiction," Parsons said.

Martin's is only one of many different and challenging cases Parsons has seen come through his court. "I've gotten strange letters over the years," he said. "But I do get letters of thanks, from people who prevail in cases, and

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Water Contingency Plan. Phase 3 allows residents and commercial businesses with odd numbered addresses to water every Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. and residents and commercial businesses with even numbered addresses may water outdoors every Thursday, from 6-9 p.m. No leak credits will be provided by the village during this phase. Citations will be issued to persons who violate the water phase after the first warning.

Several of the bond issues projects are moving along well. Briley said bids will be opened for the MainStreet public bath, rooms construction project on January 7, the Country Club Drive two inch water line replacement project bids and the three million gallon water storage tank for Grindstone project bids both will be opened on January 2, the sewer replacement project bids will be opened on January 3, the new library construction project bids will be opened on January 16, and the vehicle maintenance building project bids will be opened January 21.

During the December 10 regular village council meet-

ing, ASA Architect and Engineers Firm presented their final plans of the new library building and the village hall expansion projects. The new library plans have been changed from the original proposed ideas mainly by downsizing the windows to the west to provide better heating values. The library will be two stories and will feature classroom spaces, board rooms, increased circulation space for adult materials, a study/lounge and reading corner near the children's area and increased bathroom areas. The building will be located just north of the village administration building and will feature an exterior of cultured stone to match village hall.

The village hall addition will be placed to the south of the existing lobby and will provide six new offices and additional storage and another rest room. The existing covered porch will be enclosed to provide enlarged office space for the mayor, village clerk and manager.

Artists' renditions of the new projects can be viewed at village hall.

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plant more trees along the main street near her home. She and the boys carried water in buckets to sustain the trees until they grew large enough to survive on their own. Now the trees are huge, and provide shade to visitors and residents alike who visit the area or just drive along Highway 380.

In 1936 the school moved to its present location. She started serving hamburgers in her cafe, then in two weeks she began serving plate lunches. The train crews would come and eat at Margaret's little cafe. That grew into a larger business but the two-three hours of rest she got at night finally got her down and her health broke.

Even with the debt to build the station she raised the loan, eventually paying off the loan with her hard work. "Somehow I got the boys through school," she said, but she never remarried until they were gone from home.

In 1941 she sold her cabins, station and cafe, because of her health.

On May 19, 1942 Margaret married Joe Rench.

Joe was a brick mason who worked away from home during the week.

Margaret, among other things, began to sell Avon. With Joe gone all week working and the boys grown and gone, Margaret would sell Avon products to people in Lincoln to Carrizozo. For 43 years she sold Avon products. "Avon was companionship."

But in 1983 she gave up her Avon sales because of her health.

Joe was elected mayor of the village and began to work on the Smokey Bear Museum. It was all free gratis work, from the donated property to the logs cut, hauled, skinned and placed in the cabin to honor Smokey Bear. "There was community spirit for the museum."

Joe began working on the fireplace in the cabin when he died. Afterwards his crew came and finished it. Margaret herself hauled rock from Corona for the structure.

The years following Joe's death, Margaret continued to work. She sold Avon and ran a laundromat. In 1955 she began her Capitan News column. At the time she began, she was just learning to type. She and Millie Morris worked together on the column for two weeks, then Margaret took over full time.

Off and on, she battled illness and bad health.

In 1967 she got back on her feet with treatments from Dr. D'Elia in Ruidoso. In Sept. 1970 she began working for Dr. D'Elia in Ruidoso. She worked for the doctor for 16 years. "I wouldn't want to live there (Ruidoso), but I like going there."

While she wrote her column, Margaret personally delivered newspapers to some friends and neighbors. She was alone, for her two sons died with no heirs, but Margaret had many friends.

"I have to keep going," she said. At one time she had 315 plants. She lost some to the late frosts.

Margaret saw many changes to the village since the early days. The village grew right up to her.

The Rusty Anchor Bar, which opened in the early '30s has closed.

Margaret planted the trees along the roadway to help the property develop. "None of the close businesses bothered me. When Benny (Coker who owned the Rusty Anchor) asked me if I was afraid, I said no, I love it."

Margaret quit driving in 1989, but she was still independent. "Tension is what will kill you, not hard work."

"We never know what is in front of us, we have our dreams, but we never know how they will end up."

She told parents to teach values to their children. "We made this path for all of you. There is character in hard work."

Margaret enjoyed her many years for the newspaper and in her column her attitude toward life was reflected. "The doctor says it is attitude that keeps me going. If it's attitude, I'm going to work on it."

"If I gripe, God could take it all away, that's why I stay with it."

"I love everybody. I work on 'God is my shepherd' business constantly."

**Editor's Note:** Reporter Doris Cherry's ending for this article was, "Happy Birthday Margaret Rountree Rench. May you live to see the next century."

Margaret Rench died Dec. 18, 1996, three years and two weeks short of the next century. She will be missed by all.

She was a member of the Eastern Star for 50 years. A memorial service was held Dec. 21 in front of her home.

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# CAPITAN NOTES

Greetings from the Springfield, Nebraska side of the road.

Last week I promised to write this week about Ireland. Well as I have not viewed the tape my son-in-law made of our trip to the Emerald Isle as yet, I will have to apologize and only "Guestimate" as to when I will get around to putting my trip into "Print" so please bear with me.

I must admit there are times when I just love doing this column, however, there also comes times when it becomes a bit of a bother, shall we say???

Today this is one of the latter statements. I love my little family here in Nebraska very, very much, but their life style and my sluggish approach to life are as different as the two poles. From the time the dachshunds begin their daily ritual with a bit of the Bark, shall we say, the entire house comes alive simultaneously!!!

School days are a bit more hectic than the weekend, but not much. They all have so many activities thither and yon besides their regular occupations that most of the time as I am descending the stairs for my coffee when I reach the turn in the stairway and hesitate a bit am not certain whether I am on my way down for my coffee or whether I have already had it and am on my way back up.

Yuck, Yuck, the joy of the advancing age process, N'est ce pas??? Translating - Is that not so???

Two weeks ago I wrote about my feelings of sadness when I heard of Herbert Lee Traylor's passing away. Today I am equally saddened to hear that my wonderful friend Margaret Rench has also left us. Margaret was a wonderful, wonderful lady in the true sense of the word.

In all the time I knew Margaret I never, ever heard her make an unkind remark about anyone. She was always gracious and always made you feel so special for just being yourself. She had such a wonderful outlook on life and loved and enjoyed every moment of the life that the Good Lord gave her. And those that knew her were also aware of the hardships and the heart-break she suffered. And so Margaret am sure the good Lord has already taken a liken' to ye as the Irish would say and we can all rejoice that you are now safely in His Care!! But we will miss you!!!

I promised you some about our trip to Ireland, but as I have not viewed the pictures as yet and as my memory has sorta kinda gone down Memory Lane and stayed there, am having difficulty relating to anything prior to five minutes ago. Am sure you all remember that I have made the statement many times over that Old Age is Hell and there "ain't no two ways about it." I just now reiterate that statement, but so be it!!!

I wish you all a most blessed holiday season. While in the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Dublin, I lit a candle. The sign beside the Peace Chapel said:

Pilgrim: As you pass, light a candle in hope for peace in our beloved land and throughout the world. Pray for peace in Ireland; pray for peace in a world of conflicts; pray for peace in your own heart. And may the peace of God go with you as you leave this hallowed place.



**NEW SMOKEY ITEMS FOR THE MUSEUM.** Smokey Bear Museum curator, Teresa Engelking shows the scrapbook, and new photos the village of Capitan received from the estate of K.D. Flock. (See related story.)

## Smokey Bear Items Donated To Capitan

by Doris Cherry

This fall Capitan village hall received a large package from Boise, Idaho. Inside were a number of Smokey Bear memorabilia from the estate of a man who had been an integral part of developing the little bear cub found in the Capitan Mountains in 1950 into the "living symbol" of Smokey Bear, the before-then cartoon fire prevention bear.

In October, Capitan received the Smokey Bear memorabilia from the estate of K.D. Flock, who was a forester in 1950 and was one of those responsible for getting little Smokey to the Washington D.C. Zoo.

"It's like Christmas," said village clerk Deborah Cummins as she took the photos, news clippings and other items from the large box. "There are so many things."

Flock had no heirs, so the representative for his estate, Judith D. Baker, searched for the proper home for the many original Smokey Bear photos and other items. Baker said she chose Capitan because Flock had visited the village and Smokey Bear Museum in 1994 to participate in the filming of the 50th anniversary of Smokey Bear video.

"First she called the Smokey Bear Museum and museum curator Teresa Engelking referred Ms. Baker here," Cummins continued.

"I'm sure Mr. Flock would be pleased to know that his memorabilia is included in the museum collection," Cummins said.

Anyone now visiting the Smokey Bear Museum and gift shop can see many of the items from the Flock estate. Perhaps the most striking is the large photo of the full grown live Smokey Bear, autographed with Smokey's own paw, signed to Flock. The photo, already framed, was one of many which were in the box from the estate.

Engelking selected the most striking photos, and ones she did not already have at the museum and arranged them

on the west wall of the log cabin museum built in the late 1950s by the Capitan Womens Club with local donations of money and time. Engelking has also compiled the clippings and other loose photos from the items into a scrapbook which is now on display at the museum.

With the new Smokey Bear items the little log cabin museum is really swelling at the seams, Engelking has increased the number of Smokey Bear collector items so much she no longer has room in display cases, on the walls or even on the tables. Along with the memorabilia, she has unique Smokey Bear items for sale, the proceeds of which go to help finance operations.

Engelking said she is working with village hall to seek money from the state legislature to expand the museum.

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# Parsons Appointed To Be

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sometimes from parents or once juveniles who thank me for turning them 'around.'

Parsons has been the only sitting judge in Lincoln County since the county was organized in 1869. There were always traveling judges from Las Cruces until the middle 50's, then we got a second judge in Alamogordo, Alan Walker.

Until the middle 1970s Lincoln County was part of the 3rd Judicial District, which included all of Otero, Dona Ana and Lincoln Counties. As populations and case loads grew, Otero and Lincoln broke away from Dona Ana and became the 12th Judicial District.

Then in 1984, the Lincoln County judgeship was formed. Parsons who had a 25 year law practice in Ruidoso decided to run for the political race, and he won. In 1990 he ran for retention, and received an average of 72 percent of the vote.

Parsons was one of the first graduates of the University of New Mexico Law School. He entered the school in 1947 and graduated with that first class in June 1950. But 20 days later the Korean War began and the next day Parsons volunteered to the Navy.

During his future years he first noticed his school wife on the bus they both rode. He married his wife Shiril on December 26, 1950, then he spent the next 25 months on a ship in the Caribbean.

Before law school Parsons had been legal officer and a Navy pilot during World War II. During his time in the service he was able to visit New Mexico. Attracted to the traditional Hispanic values of the day, he returned to New Mexico after he got out of the Navy.

Coming to the law school with 90 credits already accumulated during his service. During his tour he also attended the Naval School of Justice. After he left the Navy the second time he worked for an insurance company for four years. He and his wife had three children; Sharon Parsons Wagner who lives in Minnesota, Karon Parsons Williams who lives in Ruidoso and Richard A. Parsons Jr. in Ruidoso. He has three grandchildren Shirryn Williams, Brittin Wagner and the only grandson Ryan Parsons.

Then after working as an assistant district attorney under District Attorney Dan Sosa (who later became a state senator), Parsons opened his own law practice. After 25 years of successful practice, friends, family and a judge convinced Parsons to run for the first Lincoln County judgeship.

It was the first such political race ever for judges in

New Mexico, because of the Judicial Reform Act. Initially the act required 50 percent plus one vote to retain a judge. But in 1994, the percentage of vote was increased to 57 percent. "A large number of judges have concern that the legislature not single out one branch of government for the higher requirement," Parsons said. "Especially when it doesn't apply to the legislature."

Parsons said there are now some organized detractors who try to target all judges, others target individual judges.

Parsons said his most spectacular cases in the 12 years on the bench have been constitutional questions. "Those were the most significant," he said.

But the longest running, and time consuming case was a probate case involving the estate of the Robert Lietzman, a millionaire who owned the O-Bar-O ranch and who died in a helicopter accident. The case was mired down with demands for back taxes from the IRS and arguments among the survivors.

"It's hard to differentiate between civil, criminal or children's cases," he said. "They all require a minimum of 80-120 in-depth hours to review. I'm the only judge in the state without a law library (in his office)."

Parsons said now there are plans to install a computerized law library in the courtroom.

While the retirement party was his official farewell, Judge Parsons won't be leaving his bench in the courthouse in Carrizozo right away. He has been appointed to be judge pro tempore by the state supreme court. "I volunteered to serve without compensation until the new judges in both Divisor 1 and 3 are sworn in," he added.

"The state judicial system has been good to me, and it has been very challenging," he went on.

In the 12 years on the bench Parsons has seen increases in all cases. And there are inadequate facilities to detain adult and juvenile offenders. He said he has a standing order from Children Youth and Families to not send juveniles to the Springer Boys School for juvenile offenders. "If we want people off the street, we've got to have a place to put them," he added.

To his successor, Judge Parsons suggests the person become involved with the District Judges Association. "They are an overwhelmingly dedicated, congenial and industrious lot," he said. Also he suggested the new judge seek advice and help from other judges.

"The most satisfying thing

is the congeniality of judges and the care they have for each other, even those in the court of appeals and supreme court," he continued.

Parsons said the most difficult parts of being judge are sentencing, child custody and mental health issues. "We're talking about the rest of someone's life. It's never ending, it's not an 8 to 5 job."

"The Lincoln County district judge is the most isolated judge in the state of New Mexico," Parsons said. "There is no lawyer in Carrizozo and the nearest lawyer is in Ruidoso and the nearest judges are 60 miles away."

"When a judge takes the bench, he soon notices many of his former colleagues withdraw from him. A judge can't pal around with lawyers and law enforcement officers or you'll get criticized."

Parsons believes the biggest problem facing judges today is the lack of civility in a substantial segment of the bar, to other members of the bar. "A large number of attorneys are rude and uncivil to fellow practitioners. We call them 'Wannabe Rambo' attorneys."

"I have no problem with civility in my court," he said. "A lack of courtesy is immediately dealt with in my court. It's cured instantaneously by contempt powers of the court. Only rarely does the same lawyer be discourteous."

There is danger on the bench, especially during domestic relations cases. "Despite the pomp of the courtroom and the jury, things get out of hand quickly," he said.

Over the years he has had harassing calls and many letters. "A number of these are thank yous, from those who had satisfactory ends to

litigation, and even some from adult and juvenile criminal offenders I've incarcerated. It's refreshing to see someone turn around and make it."

The memory of one letter brought a smile to the judge's face, and even a hint of tearful emotion. "I got one that said Thank God Judge you saved my life," he said. One time he got a graduation notice and a thank you from a juvenile whom he had incarcerated. Parsons sent the youth \$25 and instructions to take his grandmother to dinner.

"I think that the 12 years spent on the bench have been the most challenging and rewarding years in my life, which I attribute to the challenges and my friendship with Judges Edmund Kase and Judge Robert Doughty."

But life on the bench takes its toll, and it becomes a constant challenge to deal with children cases, domestic relations and criminal cases all in one day. "I think all of us want to make our homes and communities safer places to live," he said. "But we can't decide on a case based on political, religious or personal basis, and sleep."

"Judges are sworn to uphold the constitutions and laws of the United States and the State of New Mexico," he said.

"A judge can't feel too important," Parsons said. "Or the feeling will overtake you. However a judge must act with authority and a judge has to care."

Parsons' long range plans right now are to spend more time with grandma and the grandkids.

Judge Parsons first official action as judge pro tempore

will be to swear in the newly elected county officials into office at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 2, in his courtroom in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

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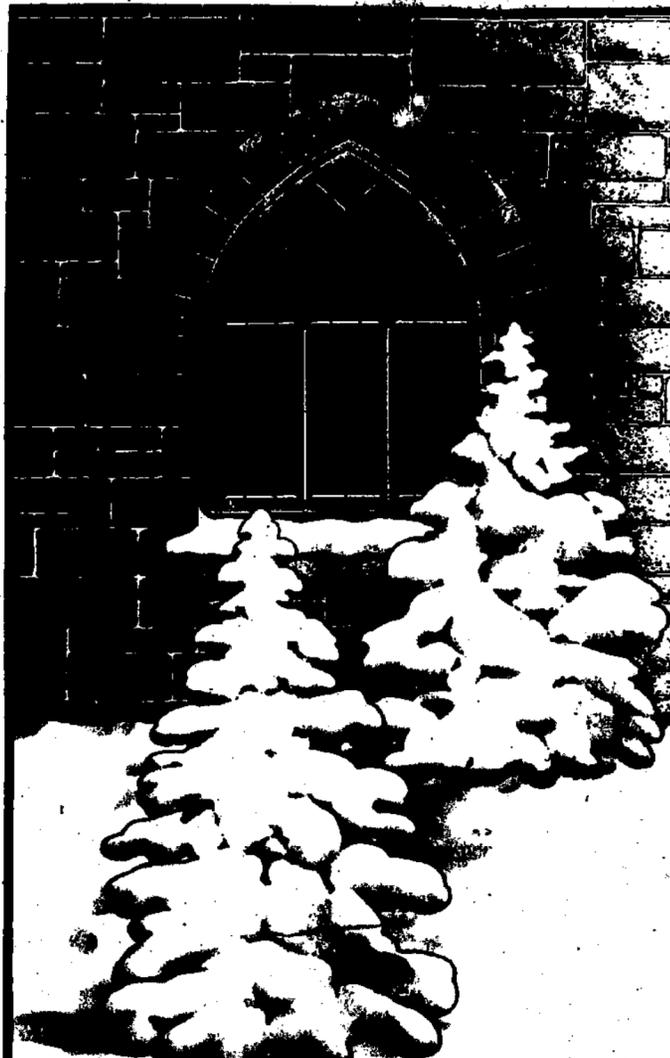
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# Sheriff's Report

**December 17:**  
 12:07 a.m. Carrizozo police reported a cow by Highway 380 at the intersection with Birch Street. Dispatch advised of who was the owner, so the officer, and other Carrizozo officer and the owner's son helped put the cow up.  
 1:08 a.m. Carrizozo police advised of open doors at Carrizozo schools at the cafeteria and the side door of the new gym. The officer requested another Carrizozo officer meet him at the school. The school custodian also responded to secure the doors.  
 8:22 a.m. an officer advised he had made a traffic stop, and arrested a subject with a suspended license and was wanted on a warrant from Albuquerque.  
 1:10 p.m. a 911 caller requested a deputy in reference to a burglary that already occurred in Alto. A rock was thrown through the front door and items were taken. A deputy responded.  
 4:11 p.m. caller reported a possible accident with injuries. People stopped at her house and reported a vehicle off the road at the bottom of Tecolote Hill on Highway 54.

State police notified at 4:12 p.m.  
 4:33 p.m. caller reported a duress alarm going off at a ranch. Deputy checked and reported all okay.  
 5:39 p.m. a vehicle accident was reported on B Ave. in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded.  
 6:20 p.m. an anonymous 911 caller reported a brush fire on Highway 247 at mile marker 7-8 on the south side of the highway. Corona advised it was a control burn.  
**December 18:**  
 11 a.m. Ruidoso police advised to send an ambulance to a residence near Ruidoso for a male subject overdosed on sleeping pills and each pill was 10 mg. each. Caller advised it was by accident, not done on purpose.  
 5:03 a.m. a 911 caller on Eagle Creek Road advised she looked out the window and saw a lot of white smoke coming from the side of neighbor's house. Bonito fire department responded and didn't see any evidence of any smoke.  
 11:20 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for an elderly female, pale with low blood pressure in

Carrizozo. Carrizozo ambulance transported the patient to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.  
 12:42 p.m. forgery was reported, someone signed checks that belong to another person. A deputy responded.  
 A walk-in reported lost or stolen ID out of his vehicle. A report was taken.  
 4:55 p.m. a structure fire was reported on Palo Verde Slopes. A well house was on fire, not occupied, flaming real bad. Glencoe fire department responded.  
 5:37 p.m. a stolen license plate was reported near Capitan. The vehicle was out of order with a flat. Upon arrival to pick it up, noticed the license plate and registration were gone. A deputy took a report.  
 6:03 p.m. calling party requested a deputy for a courtesy ride for a child.  
 6:44 p.m. possible cruelty to horses was reported, three horses were at the location west of Capitan with no water, the creek is frozen. Livestock inspector notified.  
 9:19 p.m. an out of service vehicle with a flat tire was reported 20 miles north of

Carrizozo, need bolt cutters to cut lock. A wrecker was dispatched.  
 9:56 p.m. a wrecker was requested for a vehicle in Carrizozo after a drunk driver was arrested.  
 9:58 p.m. caller reported an open door on a neighbor's house, also a missing K-9. A deputy responded. All was O.K.  
 11:12 p.m. a prowler was reported in Carrizozo. Calling party requested daughter's apartment be checked. No contact was made with a prowler.  
 11:13 p.m. a gas company requested officer to accompany two service men and a locksmith to 11 houses to re-light pilot lights. A deputy responded.  
**December 19:**  
 3:39 a.m. an out of service vehicle with a flat tire was reported east of Roswell on Highway 70. Chaves County sheriff office notified.  
 3:27 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for a baby. Med I responded and transported the baby to LCMC.  
 3:37 p.m. caller east on Highway 70 said she thought someone cut off the water to the house and he wasn't supposed to. Deputy contacted other person in reference to no water at the residence and was told the well has been frozen.  
 8:29 p.m. a gas skip was reported in Capitan, heading towards Lincoln. The subject returned, all was O.K.  
 8:36 p.m. caller reported a prowler/stalker at the front door. Deputy made no contact but did have ID of a possible subject.  
 9:45 p.m. an officer was requested for peacekeeping because a son was moving out and taking everything. Carrizozo police responded.  
**December 20:**  
 3:39 a.m. wrecker was requested.  
 5:30 a.m. Ruidoso police reported an accident without injuries, no one was in area.  
 8:13 a.m. an accident without injuries was reported 6 to 7 miles up Ski Run Road, a one vehicle roll-over, no injuries. State police was notified, will need wrecker.  
 10:23 a.m. criminal damage to property was reported. A deputy took a report.  
 12:46 p.m. a juvenile was reported on the side of the road east of Ruidoso Downs, seems upset. Deputy was busy with paper work and advised to call state police. State police said they would handle it, state police unit was on Highway 70 anyway.  
 2:45 p.m. an officer was requested in Capitan. Capitan police responded.  
 3:20 p.m. grass fire was reported near Capitan. Capitan fire department responded.  
 4:45 p.m. a dumpster was reported on fire. Nogal fire department responded.  
 7:58 p.m. an accident with no injuries was reported in Ruidoso. The two vehicles were being moved. Ruidoso police notified.  
 9:07 p.m. a prowler was reported at a residence where kids are home alone. Carrizozo police responded and made no contact with a prowler.  
**December 21:**  
 10:17 a.m. ambulance was requested at Ski Apache for a 39 year old male with a knee injury. Alto ambulance responded and transported patient to LCMC.  
 10:51 a.m. caller reported possible violation of a stalking order. Deputy responded, spoke with several people.  
 11:40 a.m. a cellular phone caller requested a wrecker at mile marker 8-9 on Ski Run Road. Wrecker was dispatched.  
 1:26 p.m. custody dispute was reported. Carrizozo police responded.  
 4:25 p.m. ambulance was requested at Ski Apache for, female brought in with heart

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 Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
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 JOHNE L. JOHNSON, pastor  
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 Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
 Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
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 FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor  
 213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853
- SATURDAY:**  
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 C'ozc Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm
- SUNDAY:**  
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 C'ozco Santa Rita..... 11:00 am  
 Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm
- Church of Christ**  
 PAUL WETZEL, minister  
 Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM, 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. CYNTHIA WORTHINGTON  
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 258-3226  
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 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..... 2:00 pm  
 Fellowship Dinner Last Sunday of Month  
 12:30 pm
- Trinity Southern Baptist Church**  
 FLOYD GOODLOE, pastor  
 Capitan (South on Highway 48).  
 354-3119  
 Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship..... 11 a.m.  
 AWANA Wednesday..... 8:30 p.m.
- Adult Sunday School..... 8:30 am**  
**Worship Service..... 9:15 am**  
**Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 am**  
**Fellowship Time..... 10:15 am**  
**Adult Sunday School..... 11:00 am**  
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 648-2850  
**Nogal Presbyterian Church:**  
 Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
**Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:**  
 Worship..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
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 Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Adult Bible Study & Youth  
 Fellowship..... Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.
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 Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
- Capitan Church of Christ**  
 LESLIE EARWOOD, minister  
 5th & Lincoln / 336-4627  
 Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.
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 Responsibility for equal employment and educational opportunity throughout the school district rests with the Superintendent of Schools. All grievances or requests for information should be referred to Superintendent of Schools, P.O. Box 278, Capitan, NM 88316.  
 3tc/Dec. 19 & 26 & Jan. 2

## Sheriff's Report

and chest pain. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) responded, but patient refused.  
 5:42 p.m. caller requested officer in reference to her 8-month old dog snuck out without collar.  
 9:56 p.m. a 911 caller reported a domestic situation. Two units responded, one person was arrested.  
 December 22:  
 8:26 a.m. state police called and reported two semis out of service in the roadway east of Riverside by the big hill, one semi lost tire and don't know what's wrong with other one. Caller advised it was not two semis, was a smaller vehicle. Deputy responded, called via radio and made no contact with vehicle.  
 8:41 a.m. an ambulance was requested south of Carrizozo. Carrizozo ambulance responded and transported patient to LCMC and returned to station at 11:51 a.m.  
 9:11 a.m. a structure fire was reported at a ranch on Highway 48. Capitan fire department, Bonito fire department, and Nogal fire department responded. Capitan fire department reported was grass fire, not structure. Capitan ambulance responded.  
 11:59 a.m. a 911 caller reported a bike accident/little

boy. RALS was paged and advised deputy the father took the child to the hospital by private vehicle.  
 12:44 p.m. ambulance was requested in Carrizozo. Carrizozo ambulance transported patient to LCMC.  
 3:01 p.m. a 911 caller reported 1,400 bales of hay on fire north of Capitan near a dwelling. Capitan fire department responded. Fort Stanton fire department was paged at 4:55 p.m. and responded. Road department went to the fire location. State forestry was notified.  
 4:00 p.m. domestic violence was reported north of Carrizozo. An officer was assigned.  
 9:41 p.m. an ambulance was requested on Highway 70 for a female subject having chest pains and male can't wake her up. RALS responded and requested OMI.  
 December 23:  
 2:11 a.m. grass fire was reported on Highway 70 about mile marker 281. Glencoe fire department responded and requested electric company come out to scene in reference to a car wrapped up in electric wires.  
 11:16 a.m. fire was reported in Rio Rancho. Bonito fire department responded. State forestry notified. Fort Stanton fire department requested to

assist in mop-up.  
 11:23 a.m. fire was reported in White Oaks. The White Oaks fire department was on the scene. Carrizozo fire department also responded. State forestry notified.  
 1:57 p.m. theft of a wallet was reported.  
 4:18 p.m. a dumpster fire was reported on Cedar Creek past the ranger station. Bonito fire department responded.  
 6:27 p.m. ambulance was requested in Carrizozo for a 30 year old male. Carrizozo ambulance transported the patient.  
 6:55 p.m. caller reported hit deer 30 miles west of Roswell, car tore up. State police notified.  
 8:56 p.m. ambulance requested. Carrizozo ambulance transported patient to LCMC.  
 8:59 p.m. ambulance requested for 81 year old male having a hard time breathing and he has a sharp pain on right side just below small rib. Capitan ambulance transported patient to LCMC.



## LEGALS

**LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING**  
 JANUARY 13, 1997  
 VILLAGE HALL BLDG.

The Village of Capitan Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on January 13, 1997 for the purpose of discussing amending Ordinance 95-3, Uniform Traffic Code regarding Section 12-8-12 Riding on sidewalks and creating Section 12-8-24, Skateboarding on Street in which will establish Ordinance 97-2. Ordinance 97-2 will be considered for adoption at the regular meeting on January 13, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.  
 Deborah Cummins  
 Clerk-Treasurer, CMC  
 Village of Capitan  
 Published December 26, 1996 and January 2 and 9, 1997.

**LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING**  
 JANUARY 13, 1997  
 VILLAGE HALL BLDG.

The Village of Capitan Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on January 13, 1997 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of establishing Ordinance 97-1. Eliminating Truck Traffic on Forrest Ave. over Two Tons. This ordinance will be considered for adoption at the regular meeting on January 13, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.  
 Deborah Cummins  
 Clerk-Treasurer, CMC  
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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WANDA M. HARDY, Deceased**  
 No. PB 96-62  
**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION IN FORMAL TESTACY PROCEEDING**  
 MARTH GUEVARA  
 Assistant County Manager  
 Published in the Lincoln County News on December 26, 1996.

**THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:**

To: Unknown Heirs of Wanda M. Hardy, Deceased, and to any person having an interest in the subject of the hearing.  
 Hearing on the Petition filed by the undersigned setting forth that Wanda M. Hardy died testate March 5, 1996 leaving a Last Will and Testament in which the undersigned was designated as Personal Representative will be held at the District Courtroom at Carrizozo, New Mexico on the 10th day of January, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

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**LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING**  
 JANUARY 13, 1997  
 VILLAGE HALL BLDG.

The Village of Capitan Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing for the purpose of repealing Ordinance 87-1. Inspections, Application for Water, Responsibility for Payments, Liens, Deposits, Notice, Water Bills, Payment, Penalty, Delinquent Charges Must be Paid in Full, establishing Ordinance 97-3. This will be considered for adoption at the regular meeting on January 13, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.  
 Deborah Cummins  
 Clerk-Treasurer, CMC  
 Village of Capitan  
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**MEETING NOTICE**  
 The Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold a special Board meeting on Friday, December 27, 1996, beginning at 1:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public, and will be held at the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department Building in Lincoln. Agenda is available 24 hours prior to the meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guavara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.  
 MARTH GUEVARA  
 Assistant County Manager  
 Published in the Lincoln County News on December 26, 1996.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
 Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold a Public Hearing beginning at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, January 14, 1997, at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commissioners' Meeting Room, in Carrizozo, to consider the following proposed ordinance:  
 (1) PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1985-2

Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.  
**MONROY A. MONTES**  
 Chairman  
 Lincoln County Commission  
 Published in the Lincoln County News on December 26, 1996.

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**  
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
 STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
 No. CV-96-108

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH RURAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, aka FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
 Plaintiff,

vs.  
**EUGENE DAVIS, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EUGENE DAVIS, THE ESTATE OF MARY O. DAVIS, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF MARY O. DAVIS, STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, AND PATRICIA CIRAULO,**  
 Defendants(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on January 14, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 13, BLOCK 3 OF PALMER GATEWAY SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE AMENDED PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1948.

The address of the real property is Lot 13, Block 3, Palmer Gateway Subdivision, Ruidoso, New Mexico. Said sale will be made pursuant to the decree of Foreclosure entered on November 14, 1996, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff and, wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above described real estate in the sum of \$28,412.02, plus interest from October 1, 1996 to the date of sale at the rate of 8-1/8% per annum, or \$4,088 per day, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance or keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. Defendant State of New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department is declared to have a second and valid lien on the property.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchase at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.  
 Dated: December 4th, 1996.

**NICK VEGA, Special Master**  
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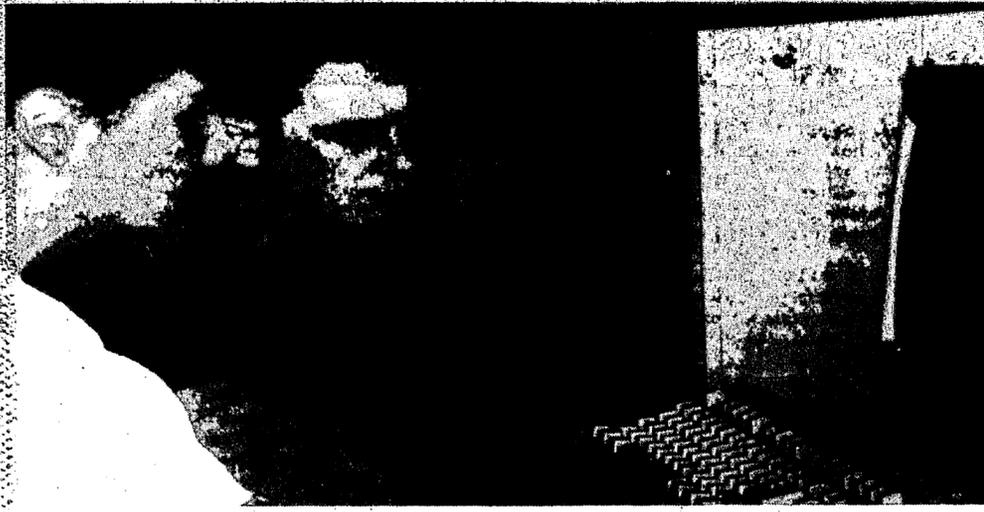
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## High Tech Lab Comes To Carrizozo Schools

by DORIS CHERRY



Learning physics is fun for Carrizozo High School students.

Physics fun? Students in the high school's new "Tech Lab" think so as they learn the difficult subject with an exciting hands-on approach.

They are the first students at Carrizozo Schools to experience the Tech Lab which incorporates computers with hands on projects that teach skills and traditional subjects such as physics.

Thanks to Carrizozo voters who approved the district bond issue last February, Carrizozo Schools had the extra funds to purchase and install its Tech Lab. The Tech Lab came as a package which includes equipment, furniture, and such things as the simulated "satellite", the Lego block kits to construct the motorized cars and curriculum text books for the students and the instructor. Computers were purchased separately to complete the lab.

"A computer lab is no longer students in rows typing at computers," said computer and math teacher Bob Hemphill. "This lab shows students how to use the computer as another tool."

And what do the kids think about it? Hemphill said they are excited. Their excitement showed when *THE NEWS* dropped by recently. Students were doing a variety of projects at lab "islands" and on projects like the motorized model car. The lab islands are classified for transportation, communications, animation/publication, and mechanization. Each island has one or two computers with programs involving the subject. Teams of students assigned to the islands are challenged to complete several projects, some done on the computer, other projects such as the motorized model car, done independent of the computer.

With the motorized model cars Nikki Duncan and Libby

Sambrano saw how physics actually works. They constructed the cars from the Lego brick model parts included in the Tech Lab package. One car had one motor, the other car had two motors. They found the car with one motor was faster. Why? Because it was lighter, and it was chain driven. The two motor car was heavy and slow, powered by a screw drive. They learned that direct application was more powerful than the indirect screw drive.

Meanwhile Holly Schlarb was putting a model car through a wind tunnel, which simulates the amount of wind on a vehicle going at highway speeds, to test the aerodynamics of her car's design. Bobby Ray Zamora watched and waited for his turn to design and test a car.

Elsewhere Andrew Pierce, Lisa Duggar, James Verdugo and Joel Leslie learned about communications by programming the simulated satellite.

Simon Beltran and Jimmy Vermillion learned about the effects of planning for population growth by "developing" a computer city complete with streets, water and sewer systems, and taxes.

Jonathan Sedillo, Adam Samora and Carlos Garcia learned how physics applies to flight in an aircraft simulator.

There were a few students playing what appeared as games. While some were traditional computer games, some were designed to test the students' coordination abilities. Hemphill said he allows students to play certain games because they teach eye hand coordination, and fine tune the students' use of the mouse and keyboard.

Before this reporter knew it, the class period was over.

Hemphill told *THE NEWS* he is impressed with the Tech Lab package which came complete with models, equipment, curriculum textbooks

and other instructions. The only problem he has with the lab, so far, is the students have had far too little time in it. With special programs and other delays, the students have had but a few class periods to experience the lab and its many facets. Next semester Hemphill plans to rotate the teams of students so they can try each island.

Hemphill's goal is to make Carrizozo students realize computers are tools which can help us in our modern society. He believes the Tech Lab is the tool which will fulfil his goal.



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