

LCSWA Budget Options Reviewed

by Doris Cherry

Village of Ruidoso plans to take over trash collection—sometime this year.

For the last eight years, the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) has picked up the trash in Ruidoso. But in the last few years, Ruidoso members of LCSWA have complained about what they believe is poor service, especially when it comes to removal of yard waste. So unhappy was the village, the council took steps to disassociate itself from LCSWA. As a result, a joint powers agreement (JPA) dis-

solving the LCSWA collection service was drafted and began a slow process of approval by all the LCSWA member entities.

But the approval process has been slow (Capitan and Carrizozo delayed approval because of changes of elected officials from the municipal election), Ruidoso has yet to set an actual date when it will begin collecting its own trash.

LCSWA board met Tuesday, the first time in two months, with several new members appointed by new mayors and councils. Members discussed the Ruidoso dissolution time

frame and an assets inventory. LCSWA member and Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson said if the member entities had approved the JPA earlier, the village would be taking over collection sooner. Because of the delayed approvals and some minor issues raised by Carrizozo town attorney that have to be resolved, the transition could be late September.

LCSWA manager Jerry Wright said he was working on an assets inventory of all dumpsters and lease/purchase equipment that originally came from Ruidoso. "Ruidoso

needs to realize it's hard to identify some of this stuff," Wright said.

LCSWA member and county commissioner Monroy Montes asked if Ruidoso would consider dropping or prorating the lease purchase fees for the equipment that originally came to LCSWA from Ruidoso. Donaldson said he would have to take it back to his council for consideration. "Our expenditures would be lowered if the village dropped the payment," Montes said.

Whatever Ruidoso does with its trash in the next three to four months will affect the

LCSWA budget. Members reviewed two proposed budgets for next year, one with a five percent salary increase and the other with a nine percent salary increase. Wright said he was seeking the raise to keep employees from leaving for higher paying construction jobs in the area. "We're certainly not overpaid," Wright said.

Members were concerned whether LCSWA revenues will cover the raise once Ruidoso pulls out. They also were concerned that the proposed raise was based on a budget that includes Ruidoso

collections for the entire fiscal year. LCSWA finance officer Beverly Foote said she chose not to figure the budget with partial Ruidoso collection revenues because she was not sure of how the waste stream (which determines other things such as fuel, cost of transport, tipping fees at the landfill) will be affected by Ruidoso moving out.

Donaldson said LCSWA should be real conservative with its budget this year.

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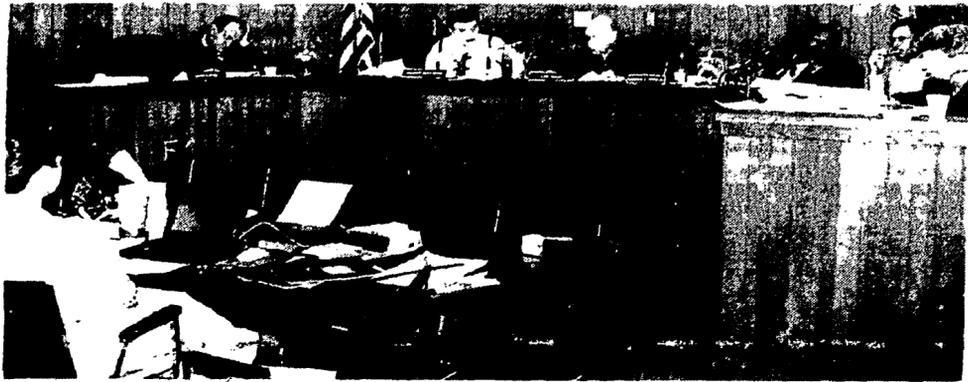
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CHRUNCHING NUMBERS IS HARD WORK for Lincoln County Commissioners Wilton Howell, Bill Schwettmann, Ray Nunley, Monroy Montes and Rex Wilson who conducted their first day of budget workshop on Wednesday. County treasurer Joan Park (left) kept up with a lap top computer while county clerk Martha Proctor recorded minutes. Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on their preliminary budget at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 28, in their chambers in Carrizozo.

Capitan School Staff Gets Salary Raise

by Doris Cherry

Topping the mandate from the state legislature to give teachers a raise, Capitan School Board adopted the 1998-99 school year budget that includes the nine percent pay increase for all employees.

Meeting April 16, Capitan School Board adopted its \$3.3 million tentative budget for the 1998-99 school year which is five percent higher than the 1997-98 fiscal year. The district plans to spend \$3,360,994 with \$1,122,049 of that for teachers in grades K-12. With an enrollment projected at 660 students next year, the district must hire an additional third grade teacher because of the size of that class, a half time teacher is being moved to full time in keyboarding, and kindergarten goes to full day.

Most of the district's revenue for paying salaries and other expenses, comes from the state of New Mexico equalization guarantee formula. Although the teachers' raise was mandated by the state legislature, the state guarantee amount per student did not go up proportionately.

Based on the projected enrollment the district will receive \$2,932,665 from the state. The district also receives \$30,392 in property taxes and \$3,476 from the Forest Reserve. It has set aside \$382,461 for the cash balance, which cannot be used for salaries. Revenues total \$3,360,994.

In this year's budget the

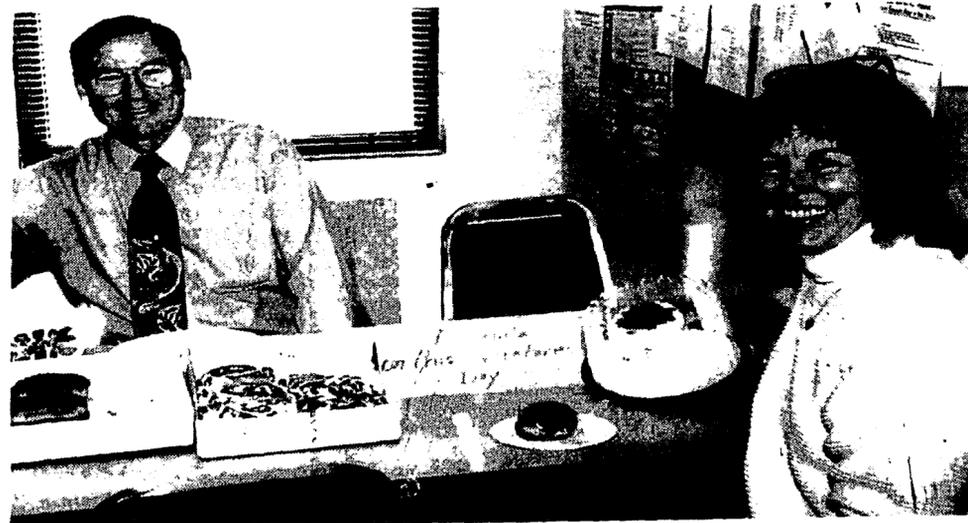
\$43,417 of state provided instructional materials credit and cash was listed as a Special Revenue Fund. Another special revenue fund is pupil transportation that went down \$11,413, even though bus contractor Frank Silva did not decrease the number of miles his buses drive to pick up students. School superintendent Diana Billingsley said district finance officer Francis Traylor was working with Frank Silva to make up that decrease.

Other special revenue funds include \$146,872 for Food

Service (cafeteria) with revenue coming from meal fees from adults and students, and federal flow through grants; Athletic gate receipts budgeted at \$16,935 with \$5,071 unrestricted cash for a total of \$22,006. So far this school year, gate fees have totaled \$21,679 with an additional \$3,844 unrestricted cash for a total of \$25,524 for the athletic account.

Other revenue for the district comes from the special Capital Improvements two

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WE APPRECIATE SECRETARIES! Capitan Middle School secretary Renita Freeman (right) and principal Bill MacVeigh enjoy some of sweet gifts given to Freeman on Secretary's Day (Wednesday). Freeman also received flowers.

Anderson Appointed To Ruidoso Council

by Doris Cherry

Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson appointed Ruidoso business man Ron Anderson to fill the vacancy on the Ruidoso Village Council.

Anderson appeared before the council during its regular meeting April 14 to answer questions and speak about his qualifications. Councilor Bob Sterchi asked Anderson's opinion on Impact Fees and Anderson said they are needed. "Somebody needs to pay for future improvements," he said. "We need to collect fees from new people."

Sterchi said Anderson was "a great politician and will be a great addition to the council."

Councilor Bill Chance told Anderson to not take the easy way out in decision making. Anderson, president of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce for three years, said he was "used to making decisions."

With no problems from the council they unanimously approved the mayor's appointment of Anderson. Immediately after the appointment village clerk Tammie Maddox swore Anderson into the council position that has two years left on its term.

At the start of the meeting councilors honored former mayor Jerry Shaw with a proclamation of appreciation. Shaw was the first woman

councilor and mayor in Ruidoso. Shaw said she was "honored and humbled" to have served the village for more than 10 years. "Sometimes frustrating and sometimes rewarding," she said of her years with 30 different councilors, three mayors, four village managers and three chiefs of police. Shaw also praised the good council and particularly good staff for help in accomplishing the Grindstone Dam, convention center, library, ball park and the Links. "We were able to accomplish these while I was mayor through the efforts of Gary Jackson (outgoing village manager). He will be missed," Shaw said.

A group of residents led everyone at the meeting in a standing ovation for Mayor Shaw.

Councilors also appointed village deputy manager Alan Briley as village manager, effective April 29, and approved a contract setting his salary at \$53,500 plus auto allowance and other benefits. Both Jackson and Briley presented reports to the council.

Jackson said the village received a \$200,000 grant from the State Environment Department to help Ruidoso resume solid waste collections. Ruidoso is moving out of the collection portion of Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) because of complaints of poor service. To determine the cost of resuming collecting, the village solicited proposals on collection of residential, commercial, yard waste, transfer operation, transport to the landfill and recycling. "The bid process allows the council to pick private versus in-house," Jackson said.

Currently a joint powers agreement (JPA) allowing Ruidoso to move out of the collection portion of LCSWA is being approved by the municipalities and County of Lincoln. At the time of the meeting only Capitan and Carrizozo had not approved the JPA. That same night Carrizozo Town Council approved the JPA, Capitan officials say they will approve the JPA at a special meeting on April 27.

Briley reported on the Highway 48 project and advised everyone to "read and obey the traffic signs!" Briley said the construction is a state

highway department project, not a village project and all calls should be directed to either the project contractor—Meadow Valley at 258-4400—or the state highway department office at 257-1182.

On April 20 water line replacement began on Morgan and Mary Drives with lines to be replaced in Carters Lane, Evergreen, Laurel, Vine, Begonia, DePaolo and Pippin streets. Briley said citizens living along the streets will be notified one week in advance when water line work is being done, because there may be water outages of six to eight hours when new lines are

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LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER JOAN PARK was elected chair of the New Mexico Association of Counties Treasurer's Affiliate in January. The Treasurer's Affiliate is a subsection of the New Mexico Association of Counties. As chair of the Treasurer's Affiliate, Park is responsible for planning, preparing and conducting meetings at the mid-winter and annual conferences, workshops, training session and other programs. She serves on the Association Advisory Council and will present resolutions and legislative proposals adopted by the affiliate to the Association Board of Directors. Park was appointed Lincoln County Deputy Treasurer in June 1992 by then Treasurer Janice Silva and was elected Lincoln County Treasurer in 1994, taking office in January 1995.

Salud! Fair To Be Held In Ruidoso On April 28

by Doris Cherry

By June 1 participants in the state funded Medicaid program in Lincoln County must enroll with one of the three state-approved managed care health organizations—Cimarron Salud!, Lovelace Health Care, or Presbyterian Salud!.

An enrollment fair will be held from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, at Ruidoso Convention Center, to help Medicaid recipients eligible for Salud! choose the HMO which best

suits their needs. New Mexico Human Services Department staff and representatives from the state's HMOs (Health Maintenance Organizations), and members of community organizations, will be present at the enrollment fair to answer questions about the Salud! program and to distribute information.

Recently Salud! held a workshop in Ruidoso to provide information about the transition for providers and participants. Gay Finlayson,

educational outreach director for Salud!, and a member of Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) of New Mexico presented information on the enrollment and how participants can get help from several advocacy groups.

Finlayson said Medicaid enrollees need to make sure they ask several questions about the care provided by each HMO, to help make the best choice. Each Medicaid enrollee's medical condition will determine what choice is best. Finlayson suggested Medicaid patients contact their current primary provider and ask if the doctor is enrolled in a Salud! HMO.

Salud! is required to offer all benefits that the old Medicaid system offered. "However, the HMO may deliver these services in a different manner," Finlayson said. "For instance you may have to go to a different pharmacy for a prescription, or have a new company for durable medical equipment." Enrollees need to ask about the HMO's benefits especially in the rural areas, Finlayson said.

There have been problems with the Salud! for people with behavioral problems, developmental problems or chronic medical conditions, Finlayson said. Medically fragile persons will have case management through their HMO and Finlayson said enrollees need to ask each HMO how they will handle the case management.

But people on Home and Community Based Waivers

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"After the first quarter (of the fiscal year, end of September) we will have massive budget changes," Donaldson said.

Montes said that showed why Ruidoso needed to complete the dissolution sooner, before the start of the next fiscal year.

Donaldson said Ruidoso is not prepared to take over collections tomorrow. "We won't make the mistake of rushing into this," Donaldson said. "We have been working."

When Ruidoso moves out of LCSWA at least three employees will go back to the village.

Another expense for LCSWA the next fiscal year is the final closure of the Capitan landfill. The proposed budget showed about \$44,000 left from a state environment grant which will be used to officially close the Capitan construction landfill. Although the landfill has not taken trash for nearly two years, old tires have been stored there. Wright said the tires are to be moved out soon.

Dr. Bernie Reimann, former Capitan LCSWA member, had been working on the landfill closure application and plan when he resigned in December. Wright said major costs of finalizing the closing of the 17 acre site are removal of the 3,250 tires, dirt work and grass seeding. Wright asked if the offer from the county to do dirt work is still good and Montes said yes. Montes then asked if a deadline could be put on the landfill closure.

Charles Ferguson, State Environment Department Environmental Specialist from the Clovis regional office, said he would check the status of the closure application in the Environment Department (ED) office in Santa Fe.

Part of the projected revenues in the proposed budget for next fiscal year come from increased rentals of the LCSWA "roll off" containers for construction waste. Wright reported that LCSWA had finally received the \$88,000 roll off truck funded with a state ED grant. LCSWA has until July 1999 to spend the remaining grant funds. Wright plans to purchase at least five more 30-yard containers to increase income from the roll off service.

LCSWA members also elected Capitan member Debra Ingle as board secretary and Ruidoso member Bob Sterchi as treasurer.

Members approved a request for proposals for a side load collector truck in order to have a price for the budget.

During his manager's report, Wright said after the dissolution with Ruidoso he sees LCSWA serving the municipalities at the present level or better with new rear-end loading trucks. He predicted the county routes will be better with two side loading trucks providing service.

LCSWA administration will stay the same, but he was unsure of the future of recycling. About 95 percent of the recycled materials come from Ruidoso. Wright said he is reviewing the cost to recycle and its benefits of diverting recyclable trash from the waste that goes to the landfill. "LCSWA has one of the most successful recycling programs in the state," Wright said. He suggested if LCSWA stays with recycling it should spend more for education and advertising the recycling program.

Ruidoso member Gary Jackson predicted Ruidoso would contract with LCSWA for recycling services. Wright said it cost \$55,000 for the recycling program this year but recycling would take out 363 tons of materials that would have gone to the landfill at a savings of about \$55 a ton. All members agreed citizens wanted the recycling program.

Wright said the waste stream this spring has been

"astronomical". In March LCSWA spent as much for landfill fees as in July 1997, traditionally the busiest time of the year for Lincoln County. Wright said the increase was due to more people in the area over the Easter holiday and because of the increase in construction.

Illegal dumping has long been a problem and Wright said it would be helpful to have a uniform code on illegal disposal. Donaldson said the village could work with the county on enforcement. Environmentalist specialist Ferguson said illegal dumping is a civic problem and citizens must be the solution. "You

can't mandate they stop (illegal dumping)," Ferguson said. "You have to have cooperation."

Ferguson said in Roosevelt County the county road department deals with illegal dumping by looking for an address in the trash. If an address is found the county sends a letter to the violator who must respond or be referred to the magistrate judge. But he cautioned not to make the road department employees the "trash police."

Montes asked all members to go back to their governing bodies and request uniform ordinances on illegal dumping/disposal.

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hooked to residences.

Even though 302 inches of snow fell on Sierra Blanca, Briley said the village is still operating with the odd/even outdoor watering policy. All residences with odd addresses can water on odd numbered days, all with even numbers water on even number days. This will avoid problems of too much demand of treated water.

In other business, councilors:

--heard James Gardiner discuss concerns about locating a little league baseball field at North Park which has limited parking and is next to the fire station and busy White Mountain Drive. Village recreation director Rafael Salas said plans are for a small practice field for strictly day use. Donaldson wanted a study of the traffic on White Mountain Drive.

--Approved proposal from Wilson and Company engineers for a village-wide master water plan.

--Okayed request for street name designation and addressing for Wilson Lane on the north side of Ruidoso River.

--Adopted a policy requiring license to use public rights of way. Application for such use must be done through the village planning department and planning commission.

Permits will be given to signs that have existed on village of rights of way for more than 10 years. Fees for such license will be \$50 a year and 10 cents a square foot for the use area.

--Authorized May 12 public hearing of ordinance to amend the village code to allow the council the option of making minor changes to the village planning code without planning commission review and public hearings, or sending proposed changes back to the planning commission as now.

--Heard citizen Al Junge discuss his concerns about water plans, Mechem Drive, recreation and solid waste.

--Heard Vicky Eckerdt discuss her concerns why the girls softball was not funded by the village recreation department this year, even though teams represented the village when they played out of state. Donaldson said there were lots of complaints from parents about their children not getting to play. "We want responsibility and want it run right," the mayor said. He asked Eckerdt to meet with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

--Approved mayor's appointment of Flo Maul to the Lodgers Tax Committee, and Dan Swalander to the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee.

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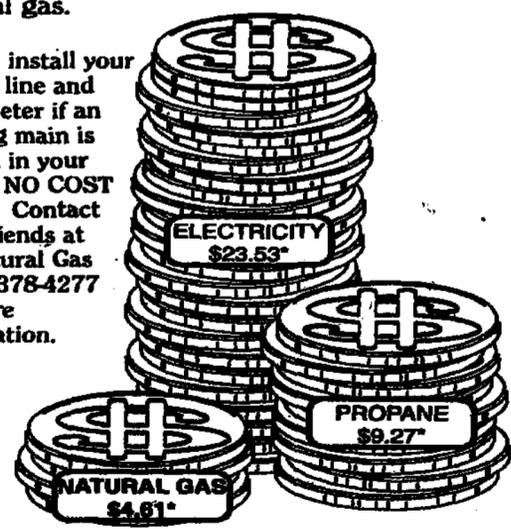
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Carrizozo Chit Chat



FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS
—Writers' Group 7 p.m. Carrizozo Rec Center.

FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS
—Craig Hipple of the District II Office of the State Engineer will be at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

TUESDAYS
—Lincoln County Adult Singles 6:30 p.m. K-Bob's Ruidoso.
—Alcoholic Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

THURSDAYS
—Carrizozo School Library preschool story time 9 to 9:45 a.m. Call Rosemary Shafer at 648-2346 for information.
—Alcoholic Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

FRIDAYS
—AL-ANON 7-8 p.m. Capitan Senior Center.
—Alcoholics Anonymous big book open discussion 7-8 p.m. Capitan Senior Center 354-4032 for information.

TODAY, THURSDAY, APRIL 23
—Friends of Smokey, 12:30 p.m. Smokey Bear Cafe in Capitan.
—First game of Carrizozo PeeWee Soccer teams 5:30 p.m. Spencer Park in Carrizozo.
—Carrizozo School spring music concert 6:30 p.m. school gym.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24
—Kindergarten registration and preschool screening at 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nob Hill Elementary in Ruidoso.
—Carrie Tingley Children's Hospital clinic at NM School for Visually Handicapped in Alamogordo. Call 1-800-472-3235, ext. 5270 to make appointment.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25
—Bill Rakocy autograph and sketch party 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Roy's Gift Gallery in Carrizozo.
—Literacy tutor training session ENMU-Ruidoso 8:30 a.m. to 4:40 p.m.
—Clean up at the Ruidoso Masonic building 9:30 a.m.
—Corona Community Players dinner theater 6 p.m. Corona School auditorium.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26
—Carrizozo 4-H club 3 p.m. Otero County Electric Cooperative office in Carrizozo. Last date to sign up for current 4-H year.

MONDAY, APRIL 27
—Capitan trustees special meeting 6:30 p.m. village hall.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28
—Family planning and neonatal clinic at Lincoln County Health Office on E. Ave. in Carrizozo. Call 648-2412 for appointment.

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Science Fair Winner
Rob Shafer received awards for his exhibit at the state Science and Engineering Fair. His exhibit was *Cattle Effects on Vegetation* in the environmental science category, in the senior division. Awards received were certificate of achievement, and New Mexico Agriculture in the Classroom, for projects which focus on the importance of agriculture or the improvement of agricultural practices.

Last Chance To Join 4-H
The Carrizozo 4-H club will meet Sunday, April 26 at 3 p.m. at the Otero County Electric Cooperative building in Carrizozo. This is the last sign-up for the current 4-H year. All youth ages 9 to 19 by Sept. 1, 1998 who wish to join must enroll before May 1. Adults wishing to help with projects should be at this meeting. For

more information contact Martha Bond at 648-2912 or the Lincoln County Extension Office 648-2311.

Gus Macker Trophy
The Carrizozo team won the Toilet Bowl Trophy at the Gus Macker 3 on 3 tournament in Las Cruces last Saturday and Sunday. Winners were Henry "Eddie" Niederstadt, Benny Zamora and James Verdugo. Substitute Josh Vega was hurt before the tournament and couldn't go. Coach assistant was Victor Parra. There were 722 teams competing in the tournament with 45 divisions for different age groups from age 8 to 60. Teams losing the first two games qualified for the Toilet Bowl division; the team won two games to win the Toilet Bowl.

Pee Wee Soccer Game Tonight
The first Pee Wee soccer

game will be held this evening at 5:30 p.m. at Spencer Park.

Hammond Wins Stock Car Trophy
Carrizozo was well represented at the first points stock car races for the season held Friday night at Sertoma Speedway 40 miles south of Carrizozo on Highway 54. Josh Hammond won the first heat race in the street stock division and also won the first street stock trophy dash for the season. He placed sixth in the

A main event after a collision. He pulled the hood off his No. 28 car and bent back the fender that was damaged in the wreck and completed the race. Keith Greer placed ninth in the street stock A main event in his No. 63. Allen Fitzpatrick placed sixth in the street stock B main but was unable to compete in the A main because of transmission problems. All three cars will be ready for racing again Friday night.



Scholarship For Logan Marshall
Logan Grant Marshall of Corona High School has been named a recipient of a 1998 ENMR Telephone Cooperative Educational Foundation scholarship. Logan is the son of John and Brenda Marshall of Corona.

While at Corona High School, Logan was named to the National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Student Council president, outstanding varsity basketball player, and outstanding student in math, English, chemistry and history. He plans to attend New Mexico State University and study business.

The ENMR Educational Foundation was formed in 1993 to help defray educational costs for area high school students who plan to attend a college, university or vocational school. The Foundation has awarded scholarships each of the last five years to a total of 65 rural students. Funding for the Foundation is derived from ENMR Telephone Cooperative members' donated and abandoned capital credit payments.

Judging Contest Winners
There were 18 Corona FFA chapter members attending the state judging contest held in Las Cruces April 1-4 which included 19 contest areas. More than 1,000 students from across the state competed. Contests Corona competed in were land, horse, livestock, wool, poultry, horticulture produce and wildlife. The Corona wool team consisting of Courtney Perez, John Gnatkowski, Dal Frost and Drew Bagley placed second with Courtney Perez as the first high individual in the state. John Gnatkowski, Logan Marshall, Riley Tully, and Mark Cartwright placed sixth

in the wildlife contest. The livestock team of Rocky Bagley, Dustin Gay, Brandon Biebelle and Dal Frost placed eighth. Other members who competed were Maryah Romans, Meghan Romans, Rhiannon Aliex, Monique Johnson, Shaline Lopez, Laura Gonzalez, Sarah Stewart and Chauncy Jinks. The Corona FFA chapter congratulates all the winners and thank the people who put on the contest for doing such a great job. Corona looks forward to attending the contest again next year.

Drew Bagley
Corona FFA Reporter
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THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk

People Ask Questions

By Ruth Hammond

The past week many people stopped in or called to talk to us about what the county commissioners were doing. Everyone was concerned that three of the commissioners had voted to fire county manager Frank Potter and apparently their decision was made even before the meeting Tuesday, giving the impression the three had a private meeting before the public meeting. People were upset that they weren't allowed to speak to the commission before the vote and people wondered why the three commissioners didn't share their confidential information with the other two commissioners.

People also questioned whether some of the commissioners were more interested in promoting their own districts than in doing what is best for the entire county. Firing Frank Potter was NOT best for the entire county. Maybe the reason Frank Potter was fired was because he was working for the entire county, not select districts. Maybe the reason Frank Potter was fired was because he worked with the people in Lincoln County, not against them. Maybe the reason Frank Potter was fired was because he was more interested in good working relations with other county employees than in accepting a \$4,000 a year raise in pay while other employees didn't get a raise in pay. Maybe the reason Frank Potter was fired was because he wanted to improve Lincoln County, not devastate it.

People complained about the amount of money being spent at the Sales Barn because the county will get nothing in return. The statement that the National Alpaca Association convention could bring \$800,000 to \$1 million in associated revenue to the county was questioned by most people. Ruidoso will benefit from the sales but Lincoln County won't receive any of the proceeds from the sales. Lincoln County does not receive gross receipts tax on the sales made in Ruidoso. We are glad Ruidoso will have the income but we want some to explain how this will help Lincoln County. None of that money that might be spent in Ruidoso will be used to help pay for the Sales Barn. None of that money that might be spent in Ruidoso will be used to help pay for county road work.

People want to know why the county commissioners aren't as willing to upgrade the restrooms at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds as they are to gold plate the urinals at the Sales Barn. People want to know why the youth who compete at the annual Lincoln County Fair are having to wait year after year for restroom repairs while there is a rush to spend \$60,000 for restrooms at the Sales Barn.

People want to know why the county commission won't spend more money at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds where county youth participate in events regularly instead of spending millions at the Sales Barn that "supposedly" has 16 events scheduled for the year. People want to know why the county commission has a fair board at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds but pays a manager at the Sales Barn. People want to know why the county is planning to buy a tractor for the Sales Barn to use for 16 events but the fairgrounds has had to borrow a tractor for their more than 50 events a year.

Many people have many questions but there are no answers. Today is Holocaust Remembrance Day. Aren't you glad we don't have to worry about a holocaust here in Lincoln County? Aren't you glad we don't have a dictator telling us what is best for us instead of letting us think for ourselves? Aren't you glad we don't have gesapo forcing us to work for the government instead of living in a democracy? Aren't you glad people in Lincoln County can ask their questions about things, even if no one will answer?

Why won't someone answer?

LETTERS to the editor

EDITOR: There has been a good deal of talk recently, as reported in both local newspapers, regarding the explosive growth now going on in Lincoln County and the even greater growth projected for the future, causing one to ask, where is Lincoln County headed?

One report stated that Ruidoso wants to annex Alto, against the will of most of its inhabitants.

"Today we rule Ruidoso, tomorrow all of Lincoln County?" Those of you with some knowledge of history know where that kind of thinking has led to in the past. ("Today we rule Germany, tomorrow the world." — Adolph Hitler.) Wrong!

Ruidoso and its environs are already bulging at the seams. How many more people do you really want there, 20,000; 100,000; 1,000,000? Do the people of Ruidoso really want to become another Albuquerque?

Where are you going to get the water? What are you going to do about the increase in crime and pollution (both environmental and moral) that always accompanies such cancerous growth? Will those of you who now live in that still beautiful mountain community really want to live there after all of the trees and wildlife and clean air are gone?

Perhaps you should give some thought to these questions rather than try to gobble up everything you can get your hands on and welcoming development gone mad. I assure you the developers and certain self-serving politicians couldn't care less.

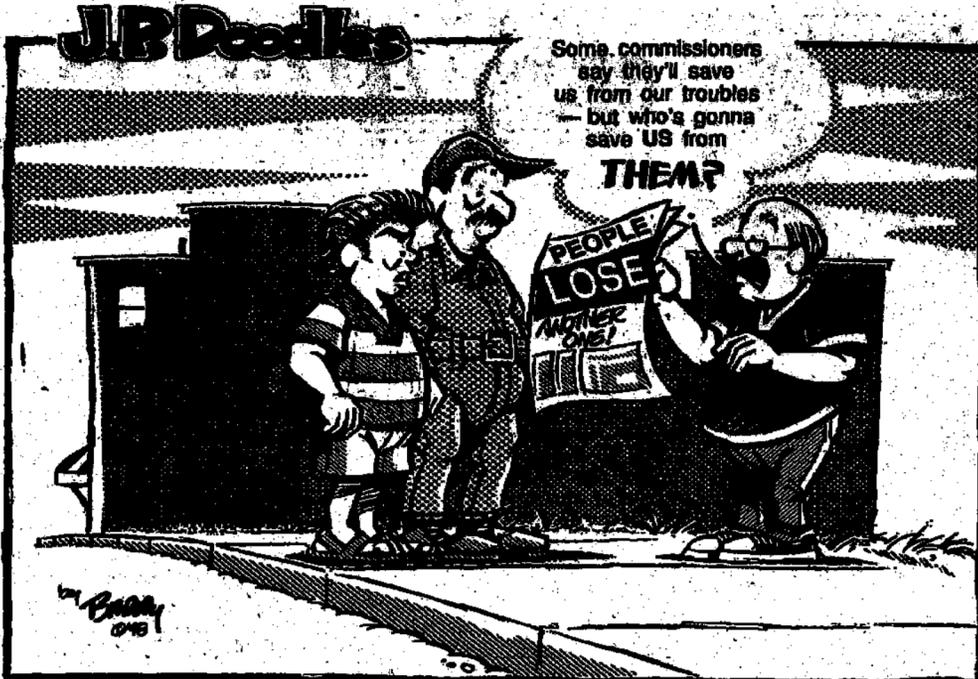
I know that many of the good citizens of Ruidoso and its environs are followers of Jesus Christ and members of the various Christian denominations. One of the Commandments that all of you share is, "Thou shall not steal." (Thy neighbors jail and courthouse).

We will now have an opportunity to see how many of you are sincere in your beliefs or only pay them lip service.
DONALD QUEEN
Carrizozo, New Mexico

EDITOR: As a former county employee, I had occasion to work closely with County Manager Frank Potter. I found him to be knowledgeable, effective and dedicated. He had a sincere interest in the welfare and progress of the county.

Early in April, I began hearing rumors that three of the County Commissioners were planning to fire him. I did

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Tourism Council Meeting

The Lincoln County Rural Development Through Tourism Council will meet Monday, April 27 at 2 p.m. at Norwest Bank in Carrizozo to discuss the new project grants and the familiarization tour that will be held in June. Anyone interested in the development of tourism in Lincoln County is invited to attend. For more information contact Betty McCreight, Extension Home Economist at 648-2311.

Capitan Schools

The time has come for Capitan School to plan for its growth of new students and input is needed. The Capitan School Board will present the facts Tuesday, April 28 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the school cafeteria. School superintendent Diana Billingsley said the school has grown more than 33 percent since 1991 and after the 1998-99 school year the school will not have any more class rooms for students. The public is invited to attend the planning meeting.

Corona Dinner Theater

The Corona Dinner Theater will presentation will be held in the Corona School auditorium at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 25. Attend for a fun enjoyable evening of entertainment provided by students and local people.

The Lincoln County News invites people to submit items of interest for the News Around Lincoln County column; including new residents, visitors, hospitalizations, vacations, birth announcements, news of former school students away at college, engagement announcements, wedding announcements, and general news. There is no charge.

Please mail news releases to P. O. Drawer 459, Carrizozo, NM 88301 or call Ruth at 648-2333 with your news items.

Sheriff's Report

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

- February 11:
12:13 a.m. caller reported two vehicle accident on Gavilan Canyon Road, Ruidoso police, state police, Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) and Bonito Fire Department responded.
- 2:29 a.m. 911 cell phone caller reported black cow at mile marker 243 on Highway 70, west of Mesalero. Otero County Sheriff's Office was notified.
- 3:47 a.m. a 911 cell phone caller reported an accident with injuries on Highway 285 south of Vaughn, Torrance County sheriff's office, was notified.
- 9:55 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for a 32 year old woman who was feeling dizzy. Carrizozo ambulance responded and transported the patient to Geriatric Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo.
- 3:08 p.m. a deputy advised he received a report at his residence from a parent whose child was beat up at the Alto bus stop while adults watched and did nothing. Another deputy responded.
- 4:46 p.m. a 911 caller reported a suspicious vehicle with temporary tags cruising a business parking lot. Ruidoso Downs police were notified.
- 5:09 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police requested to speak with a deputy about a juvenile missing from a store. Two deputies responded.

Inside The Capitol
by Jay Miller

SANTA FE — We're headed toward a stormy special session. Not since the days of Gov. Toney Anaya and a Legislature controlled by coalitions have we had a rancorous special session.

Usually special sessions are taken care of on a weekend so as not to disrupt member's work schedules. Seldom have special sessions gone over a few days because agreements have been hammered out in advance. But that's unlikely to happen this time.

This special session could have been avoided had Gov. Gary Johnson and legislative leaders worked something out during the 20 days between legislative adjournment and Johnson's veto deadline. It even could have been avoided after that had they sat down and reached some agreements before the special session was called.

To think they'll reach agreement now is naive. Johnson called a special session two years ago without any prior agreement and didn't get the gasoline tax loophole closed that caused him to call the session. But lawmakers passed some bills of their own. The only redeeming feature was that they were in and out in three days.

This time will be different. Johnson is running for office. Lawmakers will pull all the tricks out of their bag to make him look bad. Johnson will protest to the public that lawmakers are playing politics again. Many will believe him. But legislative leaders will try to focus on controversial items that will cause Johnson problems.

Lawmakers will talk about the cigarette tax to finance health programs that Johnson vetoed — and which was sponsored by a Republican senator. They'll talk about closing liquor windows. They'll talk about repealing Indian gaming since Johnson doesn't want to use those revenues because tribes may not make their payments. They'll talk about Megan's Law for notification about sex offenders. Megan's mother has been invited to attend the special session. And they'll talk about line-item budget vetoes that cut numerous health care programs. The Democrat game plan

is to talk about enough items that nearly every voter in the state will be affected by something that Johnson doesn't want to do. Democrats also can line up numerous lobbying groups behind these issues. Whether Democrat legislators can pin the governor with an I-don't-care, obstructionist attitude is yet to be seen. So far Johnson has been able to dodge most of those bullets and point his finger in the other direction.

Once the governor calls the Legislature into session and tells them what he wants considered, his role ends until veto time begins. He can't make them stay. He can't make them go home. And he can't make them pass what he wants. The Democrat tactic seems to be to stick around for awhile, maybe for two weeks. Johnson will counter that he gave them only a day's work.

Both sides run a risk because voters get their say in November. Will they decide they like the current system of checks and balances supplied by a Republican governor and a Democrat Legislature that never get much done? Will they decide that one side is right and one is wrong? Or will they say to heck with both of you and decide to start over with new faces?

Apparently both sides think they can win this one. There doesn't seem to be a sense that voters are tired of what they see. Two years ago Congress and the president came to that decision and suddenly started passing legislation late in the session. Voters responded by keeping the status quo.

Or maybe it's too late to change courses. In 1988, after four years of fighting Gov. Toney Anaya followed by a rowdy first year of Gov.

Garrey Carruthers' administration, lawmakers decided to behave themselves during the election year.

But that time voters had a longer memory than they'd been given credit for. They kicked out several of the troublemakers and got the ship of state back on course.

May advice is to be careful you don't stretch voters' patience too far.

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Letters to

Not see how this could be possible since they had only recently given him a unanimous vote of approval and offered to raise his pay which he declined in favor of the county budget.

On April 14, 1998, several others and I went to the Commission Meeting to, perhaps, say a word in favor of Mr. Potter or at least to get an explanation for the firing. As it turned out, no one was allowed to discuss the motion to terminate, although several of us tried to. The only explanation was some kind of vague nonsense about not wanting to hurt Frank.

The vote was taken with several people still calling to be allowed to talk. It went down exactly as the rumor reported — two for and two against with the Chairman quickly breaking the tie in favor of firing Mr. Potter. It was apparent that Commissioners Schwettmann and Wilson were not part of the charade. They seemed as perplexed as we were, and they did not vote in favor of firing him. It was also very apparent the other three had predetermined to do so, and they did not want to discuss it with the public or the other two commissioners. It was a travesty on the concept of public meetings, and if the truth was known, there may be a violation of the Open Meetings laws.

Well, it's done, and they have had their way. Lincoln County has lost the service of an experienced and dedicated professional.

It is my personal opinion that the action was not justified, but setting that aside, the manner in which it was done was high-handed, unfair and disgraceful. When it was over, one of them said, rather arrogantly, "If the voters don't like it, there is an election coming up and they can vote us out."

An excellent idea, Commissioner!

CLIFF MACSAS
Capitan, New Mexico

EDITOR: Was it a miss statement that "The (\$) buck needs to stop at the manager's desk?" or did Montes mean to say "The (\$) buck need not stop at the manager's desk." I say this with my voice husky with emotion as we can not discuss the (\$) buck in front of the voters. I see that two of our commissioners still have broken strings.

NORMAN R. VAN GORDER
Carrizozo, New Mexico

CALENDAR

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—Lincoln County Commissioners preliminary budget hearing 9 a.m. commissioners' room in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

—Lincoln County Republican Women 11:30 a.m. Casa Blanca restaurant in Ruidoso, speaker state senator Rod Adair. Business meeting at 11 a.m.

—Carrizozo Town Council regular meeting 6 p.m. town hall.

—Carrizozo High School National Honor Society induction 6 p.m. library.

—Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m. village hall.

—Capitan School Board Strategic Growth Plan workshop 7-9 p.m. Traylor Gym. Public input invited.

—Salud! Enrollment Fair 7-9 p.m. Ruidoso Convention Center.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

—Lincoln County Senior Olympics singles bowling 1 p.m. Ruidoso bowling lanes.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

—Lincoln County Senior Olympics double bowling 1 p.m. Ruidoso bowling.

—Ruidoso Village CIP Advisory Committee 1:30 p.m. village hall.

—Capitan High School National Honor Society and Academic C induction.

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Harkay, Patrick Hightower, Robert James, Cerelia Sambrano.

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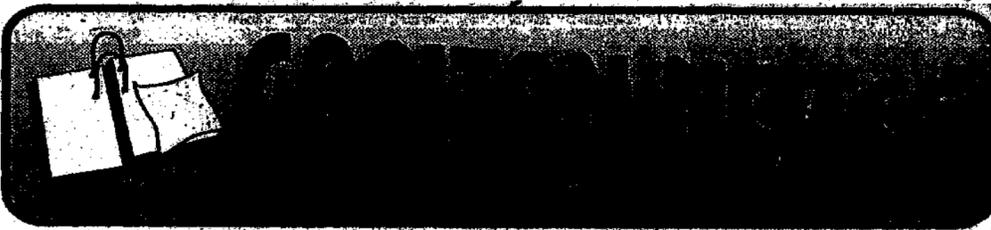
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EASTER EGG HUNT at the Smokey Bear Park. Smokey Bear leads a group of excited egg hunters in Capitan on Saturday.

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

This epistle may be short because one of my arthritic fingers has gone on strike and isn't cooperating one bit, so bear with me please.

And quoting the little bird that dropped this by to me yesterday... "Have you heard that Memorial Services at the Fort Stanton Military Cemetery will be more impressive than ever this year?" Services are scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. Immediately following the services, across the road, a "Celebration of Awareness" day to promote the history and contribution of Old Fort Stanton to this area will be sponsored by the Fort Stanton, Inc. organization. An educational and entertaining afternoon is promised to all. So stay tuned for further information.

The same little bird also informed me that this year's Fourth of July parade will be sponsored by the Friends of Smokey Bear-Capitan. And they plan a much bigger parade than ever before.

And another first for Capitan is being planned for Saturday, May 9. This year the Village of Capitan will join forces with Friends of Smokey Bear-Capitan in celebrating Smokey's birthday.

And what's new is that the village will take advantage of this activity to inform the community of various projects and plans for the future. Making presentations will be our Capitan School system, the Capitan Planning Commission, the Lincoln County Fair Board, Smokey Bear State Park, and Lincoln County Center for the Arts. So folks mark your calendar for May 9 at 5 p.m. And, oh yes, the program will take place at the Capitan High School cafeteria. See you then.

And thank you Linda for the following regarding our popular and fast growing library:

A couple of weeks ago a visitor to the area dropped in to see the library. She was from Denver and is head of the Denver Public Library Friends group. She was so enthusiastic about Capitan's library that she took pictures inside and out, with the staff posing in front of the building, to show to her group when she returned home.

The next day a traveling companion of hers came and handed over a nice check to Maxine who was working that day. The reason? "Because

you all deserve it. Capitan has a wonderful little library here," was her answer.

What a compliment for us and for the village too.

Over and over, people ambling through Capitan stop in and are impressed with what they find. They don't all drop off checks, of course, but they do all leave with words of encouragement to "Keep up the good work." Folks here in the village who come and borrow material feel the same way and we hope to see their numbers grow every month. April has been membership month but really every day, week and month are membership opportunities for everyone age eight and older. Those under age eight can use their family's card. Our list of patrons is reaching 430 and we hope to see it reach higher.

During April, the month of taxes and budget hearings, the library will be seeking continued funding for basic needs. If you enjoy using the library or about to do so your words of support to village council members and county commissioners will help and show real live people care about their library.

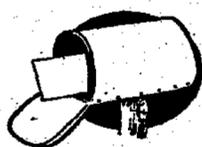
The library is looking for someone to do all posters, flyers, etc., and needs a volunteer who can take information and make it speak for all library events. Call 354-3035 or 653-4619 to volunteer. The spring Open House is May 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

And my apologies Linda et al for my only contribution being this submission in my weekly column. We cannot seem to go back in time like we would like and some of us are too far over the hill to even go forward, so we just remain mired in the mud of the in between. My only contribution, shall we say, that proves I keep going like the Dura Cell battery is this weekly contribution to Ruth and if I did not think so highly of Ruth personally I doubt I would even make the effort.

One more epistle from Capitan and then I will be winging my way back to the midwest where I came from... temporarily or permanently. The trip will decide.

So now adios and sayonara until we meet again via the pages and thank all you nice folks in the area that read my trivia and especially thank all of you far and near that have taken the time to write to me. I truly do appreciate your notes. If you could see my little office you would believe me for sure. I have them

thumb-tacked all over so I can read them over and over. Sometimes they are the only thing that keeps me writing this.
So God Bless one and all.



**Hubbard Foundation
Grant Money For
Capitan Schools**

by Doris Cherry

Next fall Capitan elementary students will have a bigger and better choice of reading books in their library thanks to a generous grant from the R. D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation.

At the regular Capitan Board of Education meeting April 16, Jim Stoddard from the Hubbard Foundation presented the elementary school with an \$8,000 check to be used to purchase books for the accelerated reader program. The check was the first of five yearly allotments of \$8,000 from the Hubbard Foundation.

Stoddard presented the check to 4th grade student Betsy Hobbs who was at the meeting to tell about her experience with the accelerated reading program. Second grade teacher Mary Shanks presented first grade student Ryan Jackson, who reads at a fifth grade level and completed 40 books this year, and Hobbs, who reads at seventh grade level and also read 40 books. Both students said the elementary library needed more and better choice of books for the reading program.

Capitan elementary principal Jim Clevenger said the

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CAPITAN POST OFFICE IS OPEN!!!

One week into business and we can say we are officially open. With lots of moving, sore muscles, short tempers and a few upset customers we are getting into a routine at our new office. Art Chavez and Al Tenerio, with lots of help from Mike, moved all the heavy cases, tables and safe on Friday the 10th with the post office open at 8:30 on Saturday, April 11.

We had a bet as to who would be the first to exchange keys and all of us were wrong in guessing. Mildred McDonald was the very first one in. A steady bunch came until 12. We think we have nearly given

half of the 1,200 keys to boxes that we have rented. The flag raising is the most trouble with the new office, and the parcel lockers are the favorite thing with the customers.

Over 50 people toured the post office Saturday. A small open house was held with cookies and coffee being served. Our boss from Albuquerque, Julie Shafer and new husband came down to check out the facility. Shirlene Roberts brought Mike some "post office" warming presents and took them to lunch. Close to Christmas she and Mary will be all excited about their moves to their new offices. We are glad it is going to be them and not us. Just hope it is before Christmas.

Thanks to all who helped me pick a winner from my Smokey postcard pictures. Feel it is more fair when no one knows who drew what.

All mail from old post office was transferred on Wednesday. Be sure and register for a drawing of three sheets of stamps.

FAIR BOARD HAS APRIL MEETING

Don't know if it is me or if everyone is as confused over things going on between the county and Capitan and the firing of Frank Potter. Do not understand Ray's reasoning even after talking to him last Friday. Nothing is being said about Frank and I thought he had done a good job. Am most wondering

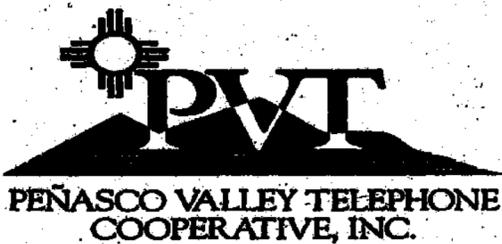


CARRIZOZO AND LINCOLN COUNTY RESIDENTS waited in line with their animals at the Rabies Clinic April 4 at the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department building. Dogs and cats of all sizes and ages received rabies shots at the rabies clinics held in Nogai, Carrizozo, Ancho and the White Oaks turnoff on Highway 54 north of Carrizozo. State law requires rabies vaccinations for all dogs and cats over the age of three months with yearly booster vaccinations.

Statement of Nondiscrimination

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about the money the commissioner told Frank they had to help fix the bathrooms at the fairgrounds. This was very confusing. At the meeting on Wednesday, everything was falling into place with the sponsors being contacted for the signs in the arena, the prizes for the ranch rodeo have been ordered, the panels will soon be in to construct the holding pen, added money was discussed instead of a saddle, the memorial person was decided on, the barbeque people are still ready to cook with others present hoping to have a chuck wagon meal available all day.

Virginia Jones and Lonnie Lippman were present to ask the fair board to include their musical festival on the posters and to give the fair board the same help with advertising of their program.

Five Sheriff Posse members present were willing once again to help the fair board with all the crowd control and collecting money and doing whatever else needed to be done.

Talked to Van Shamblin on Saturday and she said the Friends of Smokey have already started getting the parade together and hope it will be the best ever. If anyone has an idea for the theme of the parade let Van know.

The fair book is nearly ready to print with all the judges okayed except one. They hope to have these out as soon as possible. Cindy attended her first meeting and had good news about goats and the horse show that will be held on Monday.

The Methodist Church was full of Capitan, Carrizozo and county people listening to the violin, guitar, and piano solos, along with the group participants. Each year it is better, some younger players and some older ones to make it interesting.

Josh Jones and Agatha Long played a duet as well as a solo on the fiddle. Matt Ferguson's guitar solo was very good as well as Staci Kunkel's "Faded Love". Was thrilled to see three of the 3rd graders, Tanner, Ben, and Griffin as participants.

ST. JUDE'S HORSEBACK RIDE

Out at Fort Stanton I always enjoyed the St. Jude bicycle ride that made money for the hospital. This is the first ride by horseback I have heard of. Brenda Pope called to tell me the details if you are interested in having fun and helping out some very needy children.

Saddle up for St. Jude

This is a children's research hospital fund raiser, that will take place on May 2. Join the group at Bonito Riding Stables at 9:00 and ride till 3:00. The beautiful Bonito Country is worth the ride as well as the fun and the good cause.

Please bring a sack lunch, a warm slicker, and warm clothes. No stallions will be allowed and if riding a mare be sure to have a red ribbon tied on her tail. Donations will be taken for the 10 mile ride. Any more information needed you can call Brenda at 354-2616 or April Simpson at 653-4249.

If you don't have a horse the stables will be renting horses for \$10.00 an hour or \$40.00 for the ride. Have some fun and help Brenda make this a big success.

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Salud! Fair

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will be in Salud! for medical/surgical services only. All other services on a person's plan of care or individual service plans (ISP) are waivers and not part of Salud! As a result people on the DD (developmentally disabled) waiver and Salud! may have two or more case managers—an HMO manager and their DD waiver case manager. The state is urging people in these situations to ask their case managers to communicate with each other and share information, Finlayson said. "The state will not turn over plans of care or individual service plans to the HMO," Finlayson continued. "The consumer or guardian must give permission for an HMO to see a plan of care. It is the guardian's choice, not the case manager's."

Finlayson included some questions for enrollees or guardians to ask HMOs: for Equipment—can the patient continue to get medical equipment or supplies from the same provider if not what companies can the patient use, who has to approve the special equipment or supplies, how does the patient get the supplies or equipment and what Durable Medical Equipment companies are providers; Nursing—will private duty nursing be available, who has to approve it, what nursing agencies are providers, and can the patient continue to get home health services from their agency; Therapy (Speech, physical and occupational)—can a child continue to see his or her therapist, what therapists are available through the HMO's plan, and who has to approve the therapy; Pharmacy—are the drugs a patient takes on the HMO's formulary (list of drugs), what area pharmacies are on the HMO's provider list and what if a patient's drugs are not on the list; Doctor—is the patient's primary doctor, on the HMO's provider list, is the patient's specialist doctor on the HMO's provider list, how does a patient get to see a specialist.

Most people receiving Medicaid are eligible for Salud! However, certain people now receiving Medicaid will be exempt from enrolling in Salud! Those are people who are eligible for Medicaid and Medicare (federal program) at the same time; those institutionalized in a nursing facility or intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded for more than 30 days; participant in the Health Insurance Premium Program which ends July 1; and a Native American who chooses to withdraw from Salud! Native Americans can continue to use Indian Health Services even if they choose to participate in Salud! Finlayson explained how the health maintenance organizations (HMOs) differ from the traditional Medicaid health system that allowed participants to have total choice of doctor who is paid per visit/service with a typical 20 percent co-pay and no coordination of providers, services or medications. Under managed care, the state will pay the HMOs about \$200 a month for each Medicaid enrollee. A Salud! enrollee must go to a primary care doctor who is enrolled with the enrollee's HMO. That primary care physician coordinates the enrollee's medical care who can refer a patient for other care or benefits. All Salud! services must originate with that primary care provider.

HMOs emphasize preventive health care and decrease use of expensive emergency room and hospital services. All three state HMOs have contracted with Carrie Tingley Children's Hospital, UNM Hospital Specialized Pediatric Services, UNM Burn

Fort Stanton

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ing place at the Fort Stanton Cemetery on May 23. Every day I hear of something else being added. Be sure and put this date on your calendar for a special memorial to all who died for our country.

Ruth Birdsong has posters out for White Oaks Miner's Day on June 6. Plan to attend this fun day in White Oaks too. More details later.

CINCO DE MAYO GETS STAMP OF APPROVAL

Cinco de Mayo celebrations will begin early this year, when a U.S. postage stamp commemorating the holiday is dedicated.

"The Postal Service is proud to continue its Holiday Celebrations series by commemorating Cinco de Mayo," said USPS Representative. "This stamp celebrates not just the victory of Mexican troops on May 5, 1862, but the victories that Mexican Americans have fought and won to make American history."

The Cinco de Mayo stamp was officially dedicated in a joint ceremony with Mexico on April 16. The Mexican Postal Service commemorated the holiday with the issuance of a stamp based on the U.S. design.

The brilliantly colored stamp, designed by first-

time stamp artist Robert Rodriguez of Pasadena, CA, captures the festive spirit of Cinco de Mayo celebration by featuring two contemporary dancers wearing traditionally styled costumes. 85 million of the stamps have been printed and will be available nationwide beginning April 17.

The Cinco de Mayo holiday celebrates the victory of Mexican troops over the French at the Battle of Puebla. On May 5, 1862, General Ignacio Zaragoza led an estimated 5,000 ill-equipped Mestizo and Zapotec Indians into the battle which came to represent a symbol of Mexican unity and patriotism. The cry of "Viva el Cinco de Mayo!" inspired increasing numbers of Mexicans to come to the aid of their country during the years 1863 to 1867.

By the mid Twentieth Century, the celebration of Cinco de Mayo changed its emphasis in Mexico and the U.S. In Mexico, the holiday was overshadowed by September 16, the day of Mexican Independence, and in the United States, it acquired a broader festival identity. In the mid-1960's, Cinco de Mayo took on additional meaning by providing an opportunity for Mexican Americans to express pride in their heritage.

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We will auction off the estate of long-time New Mexico resident Minnie "Pearl" Scott in its entirety plus the remaining rock legend items as well as all existing consignments by sale time.

HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS: Modern, high quality 48" - S - rotop desk w/6 - drws. on ball bearings; 30" Crosley natural gas range (white, in good cond.); Nice 6-drw. dresser w/mirror & matching night stand; Fine "southwest" hand-made heavy pine Table w/4 chairs - all pcs. are doweled & tabletop has raised chamfered panels; Great "southwest" hand-made heavy pine sofa table - 8' 6" Long w/driv., Lg. hand turned Legs & raised picture frame top; Nice 3 pc. matching coffee & Lamp Tables (S.W. green w/natural oak tops); Several beautiful rugs; Quality set of 4 signed John Bao oak & walnut poster chairs — very scarce!!

NOTE: New Matt. & box springs sets; color TV; Lovely decorator items; Much more!

ANTIQU: oak dining rm. suite - dbl. draw-leaf table & chairs w/china top buffet - © 1910; Cedar chest - 1930's; Fancy wicker chair; inlaid console table; Goose-neck floor lamp; 1930's triple-wing mirror dresser; antique rug; other pcs.

TOOLS: Lg. Craftsman "roll-a-round" tool box; several name brand hand tools; custom "Snap-on" creeper; Old Marquette portable arc welder; welding helmets; Binks paint bucket w/sprayer; Good tow-bar w/way supports; A few good power tools; Yard tools & sprayer; Ray-O-Vac batt. charger; a lot more good tools and more to be in by sale time.

SPECIAL INTEREST: Brand new Lg. commercial-220 volt Winch; Quality "Louisville" & "Werner" Ladders; 12-ga. Marlin (gold-trigger) goose gun w/28" barrel; McCulloch (pro-mac-55) 20" chain saw w/extra chain; good table saw; Complete Apple computer w/color monitor, hard drive & printer w/keyboard; other good computer items; 60 cases of brand new diesel-fuel-filters.

SPECIAL BANKRUPTCY LIQUIDATION: Pair of heavy-duty Milwaukee Hole Haws; Milwaukee Sawzall; sev. rolls of TV & telephone cable; many spools of various other wire; Craftsman 2.5 hp. wet/dry shop vac.; Sev. Lg. drill bits; Honda 4.0 Generator; wire dish; many electrical parts & components; copper rolls; Aluminum nail gun; High pressure washer; McLane 7-blade custom golf course mower; side-by-side commercial dual grinder & wire wheel on pedestals; much more!! THIS IS A COMPLETE SELLOUT OF STATEWIDE ELECTRICAL aka SOUTHWEST ELECTRIC AND INDEPENDENT COMPANY.

CAMPING: Coleman 3-burner stove; Coleman dbl. mantle lantern; tent; camp tools; ice chest & cooler; other related gear.

FISHING: Rods & reels; tackle & tackle boxes; and related supplies.

SEWING & KNITTING: Bunches of new yarn; Much new & used sewing items; boxes of dress patterns; etc.

SPECIAL MENTION: Dandy Sears portable sewing machine in case; Pool table - 52x92 - well made - needs cover; CCD camcorder in case w/tripod.

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RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TAX ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Corona Municipal School District No. 13 (herein the "Board" and the "District", respectively), in the Counties of Lincoln, Socorro and Torrance and State of New Mexico, has determined that a Special Capital Improvements Tax Election, (herein, the "Election") be held on June 23, 1998, pursuant to Sections 1-22-1 through 1-22-19, NMSA 1978; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 22-25-3, NMSA 1978, the Board has determined, and does hereby determine, that there should be submitted to the electorate at said Election, the question of whether or not a property tax of \$2.00 per each \$1,000.00 of net taxable value of property allocated to the District under the Property Tax Code should be imposed for the property tax years of 1998, 1999, and 2000, for the purpose of capital improvements in the District.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CORONA MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13 CONSTITUTING THE GOVERNING BODY OF SAID DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTIES OF LINCOLN, SOCORRO AND TORRANCE AND STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

Section 1. On the 23rd day of June, 1998, there will be held in the Corona Municipal School District No. 13, Lincoln, Socorro and Torrance Counties, New Mexico, a special school district election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the question of whether or not a property tax should be imposed for the purpose of capital improvements in the District.

Section 2. The Voting Districts for this Election shall be as follows:

Voting District	Election Precinct	Polling Place
1	(Consolidated) 1, 2A, 3 (Lincoln County) 9D (Socorro County)	Corona Senior Center Corona, New Mexico
2	Absentee	Lincoln County Clerk's Office Carrizozo, New Mexico

In addition, the information regarding Absentee Voter District is described in Section 7 herein.

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

Section 4. At such Election, the following question shall be submitted to such qualified registered electors of the District:

PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TAX QUESTION

"Shall the Board of Education of the Corona Municipal School District No. 13, Counties of Lincoln, Socorro and Torrance, State of New Mexico, be authorized to impose a property tax of \$2.00 per each \$1,000.00 of net taxable value of the property allocated to such District under the Property Tax Code for the property tax years of 1998, 1999 and 2000 for the purpose of the following capital improvements in the District, i.e. erecting, remodeling, making additions to, providing equipment for and furnishing school buildings, purchasing or improving school grounds and purchasing computer software and hardware for student use in public school classrooms; maintenance of public school buildings and public school grounds exclusive of salary expenses of employees of the District; and purchasing activity vehicles for transporting students to extracurricular school activities?"

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

Section 6. A person is a qualified elector of the District if he or she is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age on the day of the Election and a resident of the District on the day of the Election. In order to vote, qualified electors of the District must have previously registered with the County Clerks of Lincoln, Socorro and Torrance Counties in accordance with law. Any qualified elector of the District who is not now registered and who wishes to vote at such Election should register during regular office hours prior to 5:00 p.m. on May 25, 1998, being the twenty-eighth day immediately preceding the Election at the offices of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, at the office of the County Clerk of Socorro County, Socorro County Courthouse, Socorro, New Mexico, at the office of the County Clerk of Torrance County, Torrance County Courthouse, Estancia, New Mexico, or at the office of any deputy registration officer appointed by the County Clerks of Lincoln, Socorro and Torrance Counties (which may include the municipal clerks of all municipalities in Lincoln, Socorro and Torrance Counties) or a motor vehicle deputy registration officer as provided in Section 1-4-47 NMSA 1978.

Section 7. Absentee voting will be permitted in the manner, authorized by 1-6-1 et seq., NMSA 1978 and 1-6A-1 et seq., NMSA; provided, however, that pursuant to Section 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, qualified electors may also vote absentee in person at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, during the regular hours and days of business, until 5:00 p.m., June 19, 1998, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election.

Section 8. Voting, including absentee voting, shall be by paper ballot.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of April, 1998.
/s/ CATHY PEREZ-MUNIZ
President, Board of Education

(SEAL)
Attest:
/s/ PETE GNATKOWSKI
Secretary, Board of Education
Published in the Lincoln County News on April 23 and 30, 1998.

RESOLUCION Y PROCLAMACION DE UNA ELECCION CON EL FIN DE APROBAR IMPUESTOS PARA EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES PUBLICOS

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Junta de Educacion del Distrito Escolar Municipio Num. 13 de Corona (en esta, "Junta" y "Distrito", respectivamente), en los Condados de Lincoln, Socorro y Torrance, y el Estado de Nuevo Mexico, ha determinado que se llevara a cabo una Eleccion Especial Con El Fin de Aprobar Impuestos Para Edificios Escolares Publicos (en esta, la "Eleccion") el 23 de junio de 1998, conforme a las Secciones 1-22-1 a 1-22-19 NMSA, 1978; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, conforme a la Seccion 22-25-3, NMSA 1978, la Junta ha determinado, y por medio de este determina, que se debe presentar a los votantes en dicha Eleccion, la cuestion si se debe imponer o no un impuesto de propiedad de \$2.00 por cada \$1,000.00 de valor neto tributable sobre la propiedad asignada al Distrito conforme alCodigo de Impuestos Sobre la Propiedad para los anos tributables de propiedad 1998, 1999 y 2000, con el fin de hacer las mejoras materiales en el Distrito.

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, LA JUNTA DE EDUCACION DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR MUNICIPIO NUM. 13 DE CORONA, EL CUAL CONSTITUYE EL CUERPO GOBERNANTE DE DICHO DISTRITO, EN LOS CONDADOS DE LINCOLN, SOCORRO Y TORRANCE Y ESTADO DE NUEVO MEXICO RESUELVE:

Section 1. El 23 de junio de 1998 se llevara a cabo una eleccion especial del distrito escolar en el Distrito Escolar Municipio Num. 13 de Corona, Condados de Lincoln, Socorro y Torrance, Estado de Nuevo Mexico con el fin de presentarle a todos los votantes habilitados del Distrito la cuestion si se debia imponer o no un impuesto de propiedad con el fin de construir mejoras materiales en el Distrito.

Section 2. Los Precintos para la votacion para esta eleccion son los siguientes:

Distrito Electoral	Eleccion del Precinto	Sitios de Votacion
1	(Consolidado) 1, 2A, 3 (Condado de Lincoln) 9D (Condado de Socorro)	Centro de Mayores de Corona Corona, Nuevo Mexico
2	En Ausencia	Oficina de (de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico

Ademas informacion con respecto al Distrito para Votantes en Ausencia segun se expresa en la Seccion 7 mas adelante.

Section 3. Los Sitios de Votacion en dicha Eleccion permaneceran abiertos ontre las horas de las 7:00 a.m., y las 7:00 p.m., el dia de la Eleccion.

Section 4. En dicha Eleccion, la siguiente cuestion sera sometida a la consideracion de dichos votantes del Distrito que se hayan inscrito y ostien habilitados:

QUESTION SOBRE IMPUESTOS PARA EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES PUBLICOS

"Se le debata otorgar la autorizacion a la Junta Escolar del Distrito Escolar Municipio Num. 13 de Corona, Condados de Lincoln, Socorro y Torrance, Estado de Nuevo Mexico para que imponga un impuesto de propiedad de \$2.00 por cada \$1,000.00 de valor neto tributable de la propiedad asignada a dicho Distrito conforme alCodigo de Impuestos Sobre la Propiedad para los anos tributables 1998, 1999 y 2000 con el fin de hacer las mejoras materiales siguientes en el Distrito, es decir, construir, remodelar, anadir a proveer

equipo para y amueblar los edificios escolares; comprar o mejorar los terrenos escolares y comprar programas y equipo de computadora para el uso estudiantil en las aulas escolares publicas; mantener los edificios y los terrenos escolares publicos, excluyendo las sumas gastadas en salarios de los empleados de Distrito; y la compra de vehiculos de actividades para llevar estudiantes hacia y de actividades escolares extracurriculares?"

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

Section 6. Una persona es elector habilitado de Distrito si el o ella es ciudadano(a) de los Estados Unidos, tiene por lo menos 18 anos de edad el dia de la Eleccion y es residente del Distrito en la fecha de la Eleccion. Para votar, los electores habilitados del Distrito deben haberse registrado previamente en los libros de los (de las) Escribanos(as) de los Condados de Lincoln, Socorro y Torrance, o un auxiliar de registracion del departamento de motores, vehiculares conforme a la ley. Cualquier elector habilitado del Distrito que no este registrado ahora y que desea votar en dicha Eleccion debe registrarse en la oficina del (de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, en el Edificio de la Corte en Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico, o Condado de Socorro, en el Edificio de la Corte en Socorro, Nuevo Mexico, o Condado de Torrance, en el Edificio de la Corte en Estancia, Nuevo Mexico, durante las horas habiles antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 25 de mayo de 1998, cayendo esa fecha veinte y ocho dias antes de la fecha de la Eleccion, of el votante se puede registrar tambien en la oficina de cualquier auxiliar de registracion nombrado por el (la) Escribano(a) de los Condados de Lincoln, Socorro y Torrance (quienes pueden incluir los (las) escribanos(as) municipales de todas las municipalidades de los Condados de Lincoln, Socorro y Torrance) o un auxiliar de registracion del departamento de motores vehiculares segun lo permite la Seccion 1-4-47 NMSA 1978.

Section 7. La votacion en ausencia se permitira conforme lo prescriben las Secciones 1-6-1 et seq., NMSA, 1978; siempre que conforme a la Seccion 1-22-19, NMSA, 1978 los electores habilitados podran votar presentandose personalmente en la oficina del (de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln durante las horas y en los dias habiles entre las 8:00 a.m., el 28 de mayo de 1998, fecha que cae 25 dias antes de la fecha de la Eleccion, hasta las 5:00 p.m., el 19 de junio de 1998 que es el dia viernes que antecede inmediatamente la fecha de la Eleccion.

Section 8. La votacion inclusiva la votacion en ausencia usando boletas de papel.

APROBADA Y ADOPTADA este dia 14 de abril de 1998.
/s/ CATHY PEREZ-MUNIZ
Presidente, Junta de Educacion

(SELO)
Doy Fe:
/s/ PETE GNATKOWSKI
Secretario, Junta de Educacion
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo have scheduled the following dates to hold budget workshops for the 1998-1999 fiscal year budget to commence at 4:30 p.m. City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301:
Monday, May 4, 1998 at 4:30 p.m. through Wednesday, May 6, 1998 at 4:30 p.m.

Carol Schlarb, CMCAAE
Town Clerk
Town of Carrizozo

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 98-01

CONTRACTING FOR AUDIT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997-1998

The Town of Carrizozo is requesting proposals for their annual audit services for the 1997-1998 fiscal year. Multi-term proposals will be considered. Proposals will be received by the Town Clerk, 100 4th Street, P.O. Box 247, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 30, 1998.

The examination is to be conducted in accordance with the Audit Act, Sections 12-6-1 through 12-6-14, NMSA, 1978. Evaluation of proposals will be based on the audit contract proposal evaluation form prepared by the State of New Mexico.

The Town of Carrizozo will award audit proposal at their regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 12, 1998 at 6:00 p.m., Conference Room, Carrizozo, NM, and be based in the best interest of the Town of Carrizozo.

For further information, please contact Carol Schlarb, Town Clerk at (505) 648-2371.

Carol Schlarb, CMCAAE
Town Clerk
Town of Carrizozo

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NOTICE

The Captain Board of Education will be attending the following events:
NHS & Academic C Induction - April 30th, Teacher Awards Program - May 8th, Smokey Bear Dinner - May 9th, FFA Banquet - May 12th, Kindergarten Graduation - May 15th, Sports Banquet - May 15th and High School Graduation - May 23rd.

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Cause No. CV-97-190
LONG BEACH MORTGAGE COMPANY, a Delaware corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.
LYNNWOOD M. BAADE and RITA KAY BAADE, husband and wife,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known as Aspen Drive, Alto, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:



Tinnie Baptist Church
BILL JONES, pastor
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Church Services..... 11:00 am

Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle
ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor
209 Lincoln Ave. Captain, NM 354-2026
Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Sunday Evening..... 8:00 pm

First Baptist Church
HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
314 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM 648-2988 (church) or 648-2107
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Worship Service..... 10:55 am
Sun. Evening..... Training at 8:15 pm
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)
JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2188
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:00 am
Thursday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Santa Rita Catholic Community
FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853

SATURDAY:
Captain Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm
C'zozo Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm
SUNDAY:
Captain Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am
C'zozo Santa Rita..... 11:00 am
Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm

Church of Christ
PAUL WETZEL, minister
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2988
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:00 am
Evening Worship..... 8:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

St. Matthias Episcopal Church
FR. A. TRIPP, priest
Corner of E Ave. & Sixth, Carrizozo, NM 1-257-2366
Holy Eucharist..... 9:00 am Sunday

A tract of land in the NW/4NE/4 of Section 26, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the North one quarter corner of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes 29 seconds East along the North boundary of said Section 26 a distance of 412.85 feet; thence South 00 degrees 26 minutes 14 seconds East a distance of 262.49 feet; thence South 89 degrees 25 minutes 29 seconds East a distance of 165.95 feet; thence South 00 degrees 26 minutes 14 seconds East a distance of 208.51 feet; thence South 26 degrees 33 minutes 07 seconds West a distance of 832.21 feet; thence South 01 degrees 48 minutes 44 seconds East a distance of 100.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 10 minutes 16 seconds West a distance of 240.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 1327.73 feet to the said place of beginning.

The sale is to begin at 10:00 a.m. on May 8, 1998, at the east entrance of the Lincoln County Court House, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment in favor of the Plaintiff in the principal sum of \$236,545.76, plus interest thereon through February 28, 1998, in the sum of \$38,008.84, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 10.75% per annum (\$70.09 per diem) until paid; plus late charges through February 1998 in the sum of \$1,941.91; plus escrow advances in the sum of \$2,342.27; plus appraisal and inspection fees of \$315.30; plus reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by plaintiff through March 25, 1998, in the sum of \$1,652.89, with interest thereon from date of Judgment until paid at the rate of 10.75% per annum; plus costs incurred by Plaintiff from February 28, 1998 until the date of sale, including the Special Master's Fee of \$211.63, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance or keeping the property in good repair; plus reasonable attorney fees and costs as they shall accrue from date of judgment to date of sale, as awarded by the Court.

The sale is subject to a one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants Lynnwood M. Baade and Rita Kay Baade, as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

DARRELL N. BRANTLEY, ESQ.
Special Master
1000 New York Ave.
Alamogordo, New Mexico 88310
(505) 437-7810 ext. 43

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Capitan School Staff

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mill levy on property taxes, often referred to as SB9 because the state senate bill Number 9 provided the method for district voters to self impose the tax. SB9 money can only be spent on building maintenance, remodeling, equipment purchase and other tangible items, not salaries. The district budgets a total of \$404,106 in SB9 money. Plans are to spend \$161,737 on fire alarms and the well this summer.

On the Middle School bond debt, the district will receive \$216,766 in property taxes. With interest and restricted cash balance, the fund totals \$447,840. A payment on the bond is due in July.

On the spending side, \$1,861,496 is budgeted for salaries for teachers, substitutes and instructional assistants, their benefits (medical/dental/vision/life insurance, retirement and retiree health care, workers comp, unemployment insurance, FICA) supplies and materials of \$20,000 (an increase of almost \$6,000 from last year), travel and training and capital outlay of \$6,000 (up almost \$5,000 from last year).

In instructional support three principals are budgeted to receive \$150,707 in basic salaries. Librarian Becky Borowski is being moved to a new position as coordination/subject matter specialist, leaving the librarian position to be filled. The district budgeted \$34,000 for a librarian because it is an average salary for the position. Other instructional support includes employee benefits, contract services from diagnosticians, occupational therapists, therapists, psychologists and others, supplies and materials (software is down about \$5,000), travel and capital outlay for a total of \$623,464.

In administration the superintendent will receive \$63,729 and her secretary \$20,226 plus benefits and

retirement and retiree health care. Also in the administration department is \$3,500 for the audit, and \$12,000 for the school board/bond election set for February 1999. Legal fees budget was upped to \$5,000. School board expenses remained the same, but general supplies and materials was given \$1,000 more. Board travel and training remained the same as last year.

Utilities were increased slightly, but liability insurance went down \$3,000. Salaries and benefits for two business office staff, and five full time custodians, plus the costs of utilities, insurance, maintenance and repair of buildings and grounds and vehicles, supplies and materials and travel and training come to a total of \$381,842.

In Athletics/salaries a total of \$91,751 is budgeted, more than \$5,000 higher than last year. Coaches will get no increase in increments this year, instead, most of the increase goes to student travel of \$30,000, which is about \$3,250 higher than last year because there will be a lot more out of town games in 1998-99. High school principal Darrel Stierwalt said they are working to get the boys and girls games scheduled at the same place and same time, which will save transportation costs and allows players to watch and support the other team. Funding for supplies for athletics went up \$1,400 from \$9,600 to \$11,000 because projection of more kids to outfit. A total of \$91,751 was budgeted for athletics directly.

Another athletics fund budgeted the \$21,679 received from the athletic gate fees for contract services of referees and other charges such as play-offs and another \$7,300 for student travel (up from last year's \$5,191) for a total of \$22,006.

In other non-instructional student support, cheerleading, band (which is an academic

class), music, choir, National Honor Society, sponsors receive a total of \$12,050 for increments plus benefits, an increase of \$35 in purchased services, and \$9,000 for student travel (a decrease of \$300 from this school year). Billingsley explained that not so many students were involved in these other activities and so less was needed for their travel. A total of \$26,137 is budgeted for 1998-99, which is exactly the same as the 1997-98 year budget for all other student activities except for sports.

Drivers ed was budgeted a total of \$9,389 for salary, benefits and rental of car.

For land improvements the district budgeted \$8,244. Use of the SB9 money has \$150,000 for land improvement and \$150,000 for building improvement (elementary remodel), \$50,000 for fixed assets and \$36,000 for supply assets. However the district plans to only spend \$160,000 now because the district won't get the funds until after the final tax date in May 1999.

At the cafeteria all staff get the nine percent salary increase, but the two full time clerical/technical assistant positions will be scaled to one and a part time. Three cooks will remain. With their benefits, \$45,654 for food (an increase of \$16,561 from last year), non food items and employee travel the cafeteria budget is \$146,872.

Federal flow through grants of \$74,589 for Title I and Title VI (former Chapter 2) are budgeted as well as \$7,898 for Technology for Education.

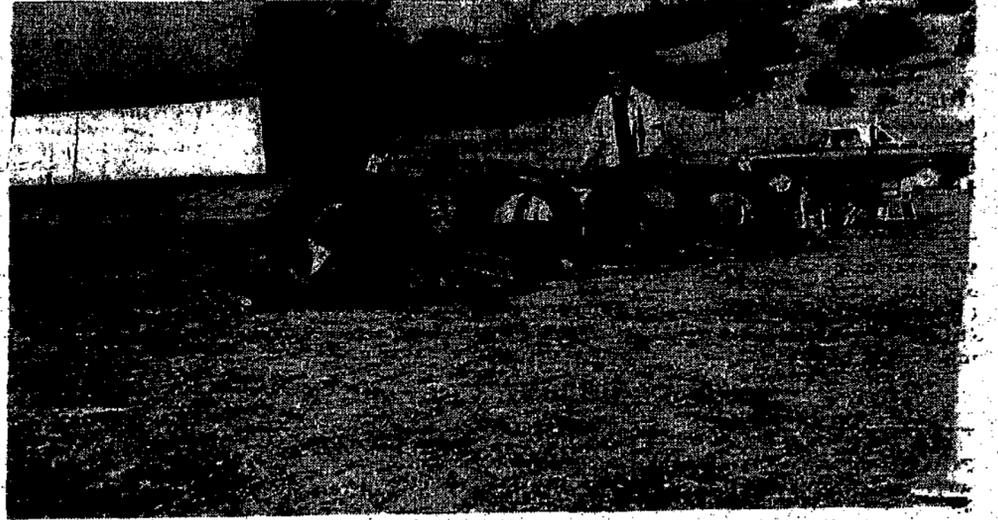
The board worked on the budget with finance staff during two budget work shops. During the March 31 workshop, Capitan Association of Classroom Teachers (CACT) presented a written request for a 15 percent salary increase.

Because of the salary increase the district plans to

use part of its cash carryover from this school year. The tentative budget now goes to the state department of edu-

cation for review, recommendations and tentative approval. The final budget is set after the actual enrollment

count is taken on the 40th day of the 1998-99 school year.



CORRIENTE COWBELLE MEMBER Betty Lou Joiner puts her dogs through a fun exercise during the CowBelle's annual Ag Day for Kindergarten and first grade students at Capitan Elementary School on Wednesday. The CowBelles hold Ag day to give children a better understanding of how agriculture affects their lives daily.

AIR FORCE ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED EXPANSION OF GERMAN AIR FORCE OPERATIONS AT HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The U.S. Air Force announces the release of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed expansion of German Air Force operations at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico. The document analyzes the potential environmental impacts of bedding down 30 additional German Air Force Tornado aircraft and 640 personnel at Holloman.

The preferred training option identified in the document includes construction of a new target complex on 5,120 acres on Otero Mesa on McGregor Range, a 697,472-acre Army training area south of Alamogordo, New Mexico. After a 30-day waiting period, a Record of Decision will be issued stating the Air Force's chosen course of action.

The Final EIS has been provided to public and/or university libraries in the following locations; New Mexico: Alamogordo, Albuquerque, Artesia, Carlsbad, Cloudcroft, Fort Sumner, Las Cruces, Portales, Santa Rosa, Socorro, Ruidoso, Truth or Consequences; Texas: Alpine, Dell City, El Paso, Fort Stockton, Fort Davis, Marfa, Pecos, Sierra Blanca, Van Horn; Arizona: Clifton, Eager, St. Johns.

For more information, contact the 49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office, (505) 475-5406, or write to: 49th Wing Public Affairs, 490 First Street, #2800, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico 88330-8287.

LEGALS

NOTICE TO PUBLIC
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold their Regular Scheduled Meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 1998 at 8:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301

AGENDA WILL BE POSTED in accordance with Resolution 97-15, Twenty-Four hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact Carol Schlarb or Margaret LaBelle at 648-2371, City Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

CAROL SCHLARB, CMC/AAB
Town Clerk,
Town of Carrizozo

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the Carrizozo Municipal School District No.

7, Counties of Lincoln and Socorro, New Mexico, on the 21st day of April, 1998 adopted a resolution authorizing and directing the issuance of \$300,000 general obligation school building bonds of said District.

The Resolution awards the sale of the bonds to the best bidder therefore; provides for the form of the bonds; fixes the maturities of, and interest rates on the bonds; provides for the levy of taxes to pay the principal of, and interest on, the bonds; makes certain covenants to the bond purchasers; and provides other details concerning the bonds. Complete

copies of the Resolution are available for public inspection during normal and regular business hours at the Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 7, Administration Building, 800 D Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico. This notice constitutes compliance with Section 6-14-6 NMSA 1978.

DATED this 21st day of April, 1998.

PATRICIA VEGA
Secretary,
Board of Education

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LINCOLN COUNTY GLENCOE RURAL EVENTS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
April 30, 1998
7:00 P.M.

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Glencoe Rural Events Board will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 30, 1998, at 7:00 p.m., at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the April 30, 1998, meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant
County Manager

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LEGAL
NOTICE is hereby given that on April 8, 1998, Eddie Chavez, Box 61, San Patricio, NM 88348, filed application No. H-42, H-43, H-44 into E-101 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change location of well and place of use of 13.44 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater by ceasing the diversion of said waters from the following existing wells:

Well No.	Subdivision	Section	Township	Range
H-42	SE¼ SE¼ NE¼	10	11S	17E
H-43	SE¼ SE¼ NE¼	10	11S	17E
H-44	NE¼ SE¼ NE¼	10	11S	17E

and ceasing the irrigation of 4.2 acres of land located in part of the E¼ SE¼ NE¼ of Section 10, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant proposes to commence the use of existing shallow well H-101 located in the SW¼ SE¼ NE¼ of Section 10, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M., for the diversion of up to 13.44 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for the irrigation of 4.2 acres of land located in part of the SE¼ SE¼ NE¼ of Section 10, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M. The move-from and move-to wells are located in Honda, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The objections or protest shall be in writing and shall set forth specific reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If no valid objection or protest is filed, the state engineer will evaluate the application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state, and conservation of water within the state.

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FOR SALE: Ranch horses. 2 sorrel geldings, 11-12 yrs., \$985 ea.; 1 Reg. sorrel mare, 4 yrs., \$2,000. All three broke and worked cattle. Ph. 648-2814. **Stc/Mar. 26 & Apr. 2, 9, 16 & 23**

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE
Lincoln County is now accepting applications for a temporary **ELECTIONS CLERK** in the Lincoln County Clerk's Office. Obtain application at the Lincoln County Manager's Office or by calling 505-648-2385. Deadline for receipt of application is 5:00 p.m. on May 5, 1998. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA, Title II-A. **1tc/Apr. 23**

CAPITAN: Nice completely furnished 2 BR Apartment for rent. Smokey Bear Motel 354-2258. **tfn/Apr. 23**

FOR SALE: '84 GMC Rally Van, 350, auto. Excellent work van or people mover. \$2,500 o.b.o. 648-1145. **tfn/Apr. 9**

THANK YOU ST. JUDE for favors granted. B.C. **1tp/Apr. 23**

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH, 711 E Ave., "YARD SALE": Friday & Saturday, April 24 & 25. TVs, Copy Machine, Furniture, Clothes, 12 ga. Shotgun, Kitchen Items. Lots of good things. Starts 9:00 a.m. **1tp/Apr. 23**

WANTED: Single man wants to rent small cabin or house up in the mountains. I am retired. P.O. Box 262, San Antonio, NM 87832. **2tp/Apr. 23 & 30**

FOR SALE: 10x50 Mobile on large lot in Carrizozo, \$10,000. Quiet area. 505-685-8890, or write 425 Central, Tularosa, NM 88352. **2tp/Apr. 23 & 30**

HELP WANTED: Grizzly Den Video now hiring. Part time position available. Apply in person. **2tp/Apr. 23 & 30**

HELP WANTED: Bartender at Outpost Bar and Grill. 648-9994. **tfn/Apr. 23**

FOR SALE: Kenmore Heavy Duty Washer, excellent condition, \$150.00, apt. size Gas Range \$75.00, two 30-gallon Water Heaters, best offer, 648-2253. **tfn/Apr. 23**

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FOR RENT: Nice clean one bedroom apartment in Capitan. \$265 a month. 354-3178 or 354-2008. **tfn/Mar. 5**

FOR SALE: Pickup beds. Ford long bed '86 \$295. '91 \$325, '92 \$375. Ph. 648-2814. **Stc/Mar. 26 & Apr. 2, 9, 16 & 23**

BUILDING MATERIAL
Steel Building Dealerships in select open markets. Huge profit potential. Call Mr. Malone (303) 758-4135. **2tp/Apr. 16 & 23**

FOR SALE: Alfalfa Hay and Oat Hay. Three Rivers Cattle Co. 648-2448. **tfn/Dec. 31**

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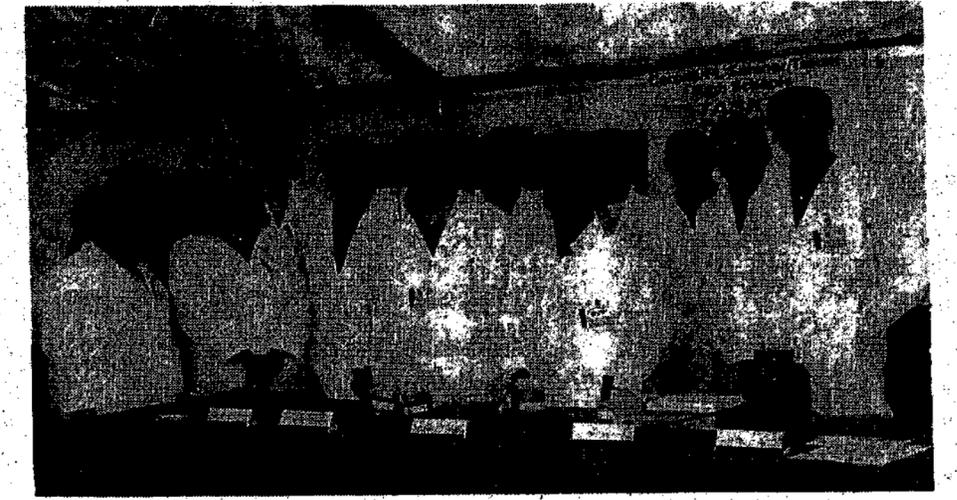
CAPITAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
POSITION: ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTOR (3rd Grade).
QUALIFICATIONS: Master Teacher. Ability to be a successful mentor. Excellent interpersonal skills.
CONTRACT: 1998-99 School year.
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APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, May 8, 1998, 12:00 Noon.
PROCEDURE: Call or write for application. Submit letter of interest, application and resume to:
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Capitan Municipal Schools
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Capitan, N.M. 88316
Phone: 505-354-2239
Fax: 505-354-2240
Capitan Municipal Schools policy is to select the best qualified applicant without regard to race, color, marital status, religion/creed, sex, disability/handicap, or national origin. **1tp/Apr. 23**

GOOD CREDIT? 1995 14x70 + land in Carrizozo. Under \$275 month, no payment for 90 days. /OAP/B100/ 1-505-323-8762. **tfn/Apr. 16**

FOR SALE: Mountain Retreat in Loma Grande Estates. 2 Acres, more or less, joins White Mountain Wilderness. County maintained access. Fenced. \$20,000 o.b.o. 505-648-2562. **4tc/Apr. 9, 16, 23 & 30**

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CORONA NEWS



WINNING TEAM: Students in the southeastern New Mexico team for the NMSU High School Environmental Design Contest won \$11,250 for their overall and oral presentations. Students from Corona, Fort Sumner and Tatum high schools worked together on the southeastern New Mexico team to develop solutions for reclaiming metals and finding a cost effective way to transport and relocate them. Team members pictured are from left Corona teacher Rhonda Tully, Fort Sumner teacher Patti Scott, and team members Ronda Nauert from Tatum and students Royce Mussman, Obie Gillispie, Rana Jones, Daniel "Slick" Lamb all from Tatum, Charley Tully of Corona, Zack Jones from Tatum, Dustin Gay from Corona and Tyler Denning from Tatum.

At 8:00 a.m. Friday the snow measured seven inches on the level and continued falling most of the morning. Saturday it was 20 degrees and Sunday morning there was heavy frost on the landscape, cattle included. According to our count there is one tracking snow yet to come this season. However our count of 23 may be close enough to satisfy.

The railroad certainly is not lacking equipment to do the job of removing and replacing tires. Watching the maneuvering makes for good spectator sport.

Saturday Mrs. L.K. Merritt enjoyed visitors from Fort Sumner, as granddaughter and great grandson, Cheryl and Paul Kenyon.

Byron Yancey had surgery on his outer ear Thursday in Albuquerque. A big white patch covering the seven stitches calls attention and makes it a conversation piece.

The Charles Debrille Chapter of DAR celebrated their 35th anniversary with a luncheon Wednesday at the Albuquerque Country Club. Wanda Duke and Lanita Rasak attended.

Members of the hostess club wore clothes from the sixties.

Mrs. A.J. Gibbs is being entertained for three days this week in Albuquerque by grandsons, Max and Seth, while the Brewer parents are in Silver City for a writers' workshop.

Mrs. Bernice McCord entered the Roswell hospital Monday morning for a knee replacement. She was reported to be in good condition Tuesday morning.

Justin Washburn made a quick trip to Corpus Christi, TX Saturday. He was in third place in the saddle bronc after the Saturday night performance.

Fenner Jones is out of the hospital and recuperating from minor surgery plus complications. A.J. Gibbs is doing Fenner's cattle chores here.

Crown CowBelles met Thursday morning, April 2, in the school recreation room with 1st VP June Tyree presiding. Mrs. Tyree was also hostess, for the luncheon with special meat loaf. Because of illnesses and business trips no quorum was present. There was discussions of issues but all bills, by-law amendments and other items were tabled.

Fourteen members and guests attended the style show where Sue Hughes of Estancia presented her weekender casuals. She used her sister, Patsy Tubbs as model, a bit reluctant model which added to the fun. She packed her suitcases for a week in Hawaii, boarding the plane, attending luncheons and dinners, sightseeing and finally returning to land in the rain. These casuals are knits that retain their shape. Soon others were trying on the various jackets, tops and skirts. The rest simply watched, laughed and enjoyed coffee and cookies. The treasurer was

absent but will give a report, at the May 7 meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the school recreation room, on the District 5 workshop. Trish Cox will be luncheon hostess and will prepare brisket.

The program to which everyone is invited will be given by Hollis Fuchs. He is range conservationist with Natural Resources Conservation and works out of the Carrizozo field office. He has prepared two talks, one on the history and the other on the technical aspects of his work. Men and women should find this interesting and all are welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Tyree were here from Eunice Friday. They were attending an EMT weekend workshop in Ruidoso.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogene Alford attended the Business Man's Team Roping in Artesia Sunday. Rogene placed second in the No. 9 roping.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Owen had a family reunion over the weekend, their four daughters and others. Michelle and Chris Pettit and son Justin of Durango, CO, Laurie and Robert Petrose, and Dillon and Karissa of Cortez, CO, Melissa and Dean Wirth of Cathedral City, CA, and Leanne Owen of the home here, Mrs. Owen's mother and two sisters and families, Mrs. Roger Sanders, Marela and Gary Skinner of Hobbs, and Suzie and Glen Oliver, Dell and Lisa of Farmington. The celebrated three family anniversaries with cakes and ice cream.

Mrs. Sanders is staying here for a time. Tuesday Virgil Owen took his grandson, Justin Oliver, to school and entered him in the first grade. Justin expects his parents to move here early next month.

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This Spring Edition of the Great Western Tourister contains interesting copy and photos • We hope to share with our art and history lovers data long lost or dimmed by time • Our features offer a window to the unique American West.



1. AS THE GOLD TOWN OF WHITE OAKS DIED, THE TOWN OF CARRIZOZO GREW.

Hubbard Foundation Grant Money

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school needs \$40,000 to buy more books and materials for the reading program, so he wrote a proposal to the Hubbard Foundation asking for the \$40,000 over five years.

Stoddard said that in the spring 1999 Mrs. Hubbard plans to meet with the school to see what the program has accomplished with the funds. "The Hubbards were both teachers," Stoddard said. "But I work for a hard nosed business man."

Capitan School Board president Beverly Calaway commended Clevenger for taking the initiative of seeking foun-

datation funds. Clevenger said the school plans to spend the money on books, software, the accelerated readers "store". "We hope to become a model reading school," Clevenger said. "I am fully confident this will be a five year program."

The only thing the Hubbards asked, aside from the yearly review, is that each book be stamped as being donated by the Hubbard Foundation.

Another presentation came from 5th grade students Laruen Dunlap, Tonya Neal and Hannah Switzer (all from Tiffani Menix class) who initiated an Elementary Peer

Tutoring program. Students with an 85 grade average can tutor their peers with school work. Dunlap said she saw that some students in her class needed help in finishing their work, so she went to Mr. Clevenger about the idea of peer tutoring. Garcia was involved in a peer tutoring at her former school in Fort Worth.

Also at the meeting the board re-hired all its certified staff. The only resignation was from Renee Cupit as cheerleader coach/sponsor.

By year 2000, Capitan High School students will have to have three more credits than now to graduate. The board approved the curriculum changes for the high school that require four years of math, two years of foreign language, and adds athletics, School to Career and Classroom aide as electives.

Calaway asked how athletics can be a class period. High school principal Darrel Stierwalt said students can earn one elective credit with athletics in high school. He said the athletics will have a curriculum and will not take the place of P.E. even though athletics is harder than P.E. Students in athletics must still maintain a C average to participate in interscholastic sports.

Study hall will be dropped. Stierwalt said the parent advisory group saw a need to get rid of study hall. Currently students involved in athletics use the study hall period as an "activity period."

The board approved teachers' recommendations for textbook selections of high school government and eco-

nomics, 7th grade world geography and New Mexico history, 8th grade U.S. history, 6th grade world history, 6th grade U.S. history, and elementary New Mexico history workbook. Teachers presented their reasons for their selections to the board.

In other business, the board:

--Voted to allow an alliance of Capitan churches to use the football field on June 19-20, July 17-18 and August 14-15 for positive youth events.

--Reviewed a joint use agreement for the youth baseball program to use school property for a baseball field.

--Accepted the Area Career Center feasibility study as presented by Gary Cozzens.

--Approved Quality of Education survey questions to be given to parents and students in April.

--Approved graduation for a student.

--Accepted \$18,000 for educational technology from the State of New Mexico. This was last year's request for appropriation from the state legislature. Approved this year, the money will come from severance tax bonds to be sold in June.

--Invited the community to a district Building and Strategic Growth Plan workshop at 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 28 in Traylor gym.



Unresolved IRS Problems?

The Las Cruces IRS office will have a Problem Solving Day Tuesday, April 28 from 12 noon until 8 p.m. in the Lorette Town Center, Suite 149, at 505 South Main in Las Cruces.

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Operation DWI

Operation Buckle Down and the Operation DWI blitz began last week and will continue through April 30. Lieutenant Bower, commander of the Alamogordo State Police District said more than 50 participating New Mexico law enforcement agencies are joining forces for the blitz. Approximately 80 DWI sobriety checkpoints and DWI enforcement saturation patrols will be conducted. Bower said, "Remember the Operation DWI message: If you drive impaired, you will be arrested and the consequences will be swift, certain and severe."

Paper Airplane Contest

The New Mexico Tech

physics club will give flight to the second annual paper airplane contest Saturday, April 25 from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Tech gymnasium in Socorro. There is no entry fee. Competitions for longest distance, duration of flight, and most creative functional design will be held for four age divisions. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. All entries must be constructed on site. No pre-assembled or blueprints allowed. Materials will be provided. Prizes will be awarded.

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Mitzi Alirez is learning the skills required of an assistant village clerk.

Jay Bishop of Las Cruces will bring the message at the Corona Presbyterian Church Sunday morning, April 26.

Amy Bonds, bride elect of Rusty Reid was honored with a bridal shower brunch on Saturday, April 18, 1998 in the Corona Schools Recreation Room. Hostesses were Edie Porter and Betty Ann Bell.

The guest list was Alberta Meadows of Socorro, Martha Bonds of San Antonio, Cindy Reid of Encino, Edna Carper of Artesia, Johnnie Erramouspe, Kay

Sultemeier, Martha Garza, Roxanne Erramouspe, Janice Bonds, Johnnie Bond, RoeAnne Lightfoot, Joanne Washburn, Sandra Alford, Thomasine Romans, Maryah Romans, Eva Mae Holleyman, Sarah Stewart, Crystal Bell, Brenda Marshall, all of Corona.

The tables were decorated with white and pastel tablecloths, candles and silk and fresh flowers. The buffet brunch menu was tiered trays of seasonal fresh fruit, a variety of cheese trays, breakfast casserole, spinach quiche, a variety of fresh muffins, strawberry/keylime punch, and French vanilla coffee. The shower and brunch was enjoyed by all.

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BEN LILLY, HUNTER!

Mountain man drew strength from spiritual side of nature

By **Bill Rakocy**

Special to the Herald-Post

He knew more about animals than anyone. He would not lie, sleep inside or take charity — even for his burro. He was his own man, possessing few material blessings and many spiritual ones. He talked to God through nature — the trees, the brook, the mountains — and his Maker answered him in a still, small voice. His name was Ben Lilly.

Being alone in the wilderness does something to a man — something good. His inner strength grows all out of proportion to what age does to him, and in growing old he grows wise. Instead of viewing the earth as something of a commodity to be bought and sold, Ben Lilly saw the earth as a sacred place, a living entity. He was bound to the earth forever in spirit, and the fact that he was a great hunter only confirmed his philosophy. He never lost sight of the fact that he played a part in the balance of nature, and by means of this involvement in the natural world did he ensure his own well-being.

It wasn't as though Ben were uncivilized. He wasn't. Actually he was pretty well-bred. It was just that his wilderness life — chosen freely by him — had taken him away from the association of men from time to time and into the world of the backwoods. He knew animals as most people know people, and he knew them through instinct, not just through facts. He once said he liked to live out because "people and houses keep me from thinking and being myself," which puts one in mind of Henry David Thoreau's philosophy. Rebelling against the intrusions of society on man's life, he lived alone in the woods near Walden Pond for two years. He held to the idea that a man can survive in nature without the usual "necessities." He certainly did his share of thinking to have come up with "A man is rich in

proportion to the number of things he can do without."

Ben Lilly never did care much for crowds. He would go for months without getting a case of the "visits." He once said that it "made him as nervous as a long-tailed cat in a room full of rockers" to be in a crowd of people. Being out next to nature was ever so much more soothing, and besides, in Ben's opinion, man needed the occasional company of something wild to keep himself in the proper perspective.

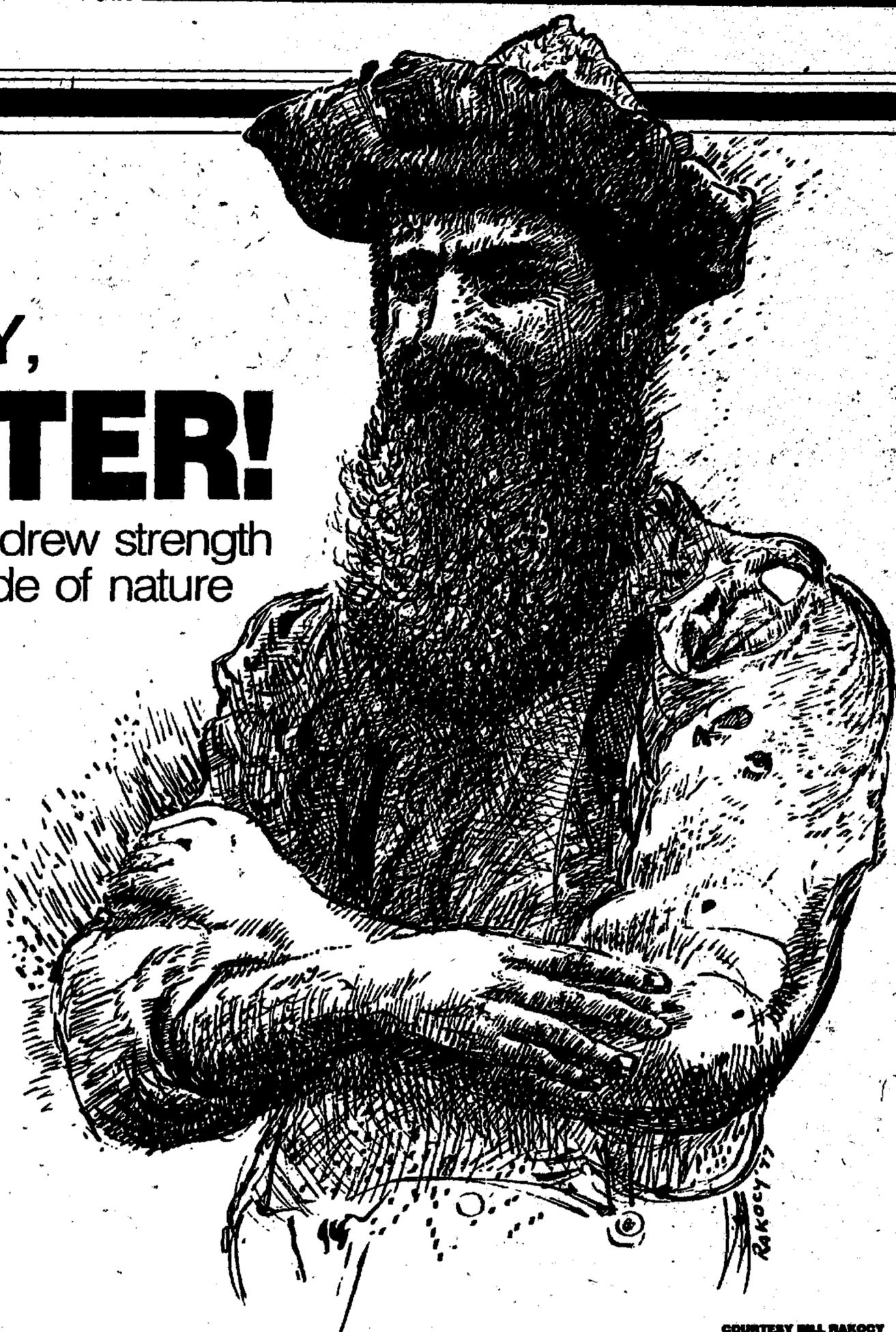
In and around Cooney and Moggolon, Ben Lilly was well-known

as a philosopher as well as hunter. Twice-told-tales sometimes grow a little with each telling, but it was a generally accepted fact that he had a great deal of wisdom. His knowledge of the outside world may have been limited due to his way of life, but he had a rare understanding of what God intended the world to be. He did a lot of thinking about the past, mentally reviewing his life while tracking the woods in search of a mountain lion or a bear. He lived only in the future when he trailed an animal, trying to think as his prey would think when trying to escape from the hunter.

Ben told us once that his only talent was hunting. Hunting had taken Ben from the canebreaks of Louisiana, where he killed black bears, to the mountains of Mexico to hunt the big grizzlies. All he ever took with him on the hunts were a pan, some salt and meal, an ax, a rifle and his dogs. He lived off the land, for he knew flora as well as fauna. Edible plants were part of his daily menu and his 70-plus years were a testimony to his good

health. His healthful diet was, however, spasmodic. He would go for long periods of time occasionally when he ate poorly. His substitution of cornmeal for wheat as a staple food caused him concern for his health now and again. But, all in all, Ben V. Lilly was a man of tremendous endurance and strength. You might say he had no bad habits either, for he abstained from tobacco, liquor and coffee.

There is a certain dignity in a man who chooses a way of life that brings him contentment. It may be an unorthodox life and a little strange to some. Nevertheless, living in harmony with one's environment brings a serenity not seen in those who make constant companions of malice and hostility. Those two advocates of civilization rob the eyes of the clearness that allows a look deep into the soul. Ben Lilly lived in harmony with the earth, with natural things and with his fellow man. He revealed nothing of the personal matters that were locked in his memory, though, for he was a very private person.



COURTESY BILL RAKOCY

BEN LILLY, WILDERNESS MAN

Ben Lilly was born on Dec. 31, 1856 in Wilcox County, Ala. A few years later the family moved to Kemper County, Miss. and Ben almost became a farmer. He went to Louisiana, where he tried raising cattle, but never abandoned his love of the outdoors. He left his wife in 1901, moved to New Mexico and became a professional hunter, roaming the Southwest and eventually serving as guide to Theodore Roosevelt. He died on Dec. 17, 1936, and is buried in Silver City, N.M.

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With The Indian and The Buffalo In Montana

By

Brigadier General EDWARD J. McCLERNAND

AFTER placing the wounded aboard the Far West, the entire command, including what was left of the Seventh Cavalry, was marched back to the north side of the Yellowstone to await re-enforcements. The Indians were supposed to have retreated toward the Big Horn Mountains. We did not then know that they had beaten General Crook on the Rosebud more than a week before their fight with Custer.

The commands from the two Departments had made no effort to act together and had permitted the Indians to beat them in detail.

About the middle of July three enlisted men were dispatched by General Terry to find General Crook, if possible: they succeeded and returned to us on the 25th of the same month, with the information that General Crook was on Goose Creek (a southern tributary of Tongue River) and also awaiting re-enforcements.

On the 27th of July we started down the Yellowstone and on the 30th camped opposite the mouth of the Rosebud. Here we found four companies of the Sixth Infantry, two of the Seventeenth, and one of the Seventh Cavalry. Shortly afterwards the Fifth Infantry under General Nelson A. Miles arrived.

Finally, on the 8th of August we started up the Rosebud—1700 strong. Two days later about 11:00 a. m., such of our Indian scouts as were in advance came rushing back crying "Sioux-Sioux," and pointing to a large cloud of dust seen rising behind a hill a few miles up the valley. That the Crow scouts thought the time had come at last to meet their hated enemy in fair battle, was evident from their excited words and actions.

They sprang from their ponies and began stripping for the fight, and daubing their faces with paint. The squaws, even more excited than the braves, went hurriedly to work saddling the war ponies, and all the time screaming and gesticulating in the wildest manner. The command was



Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles

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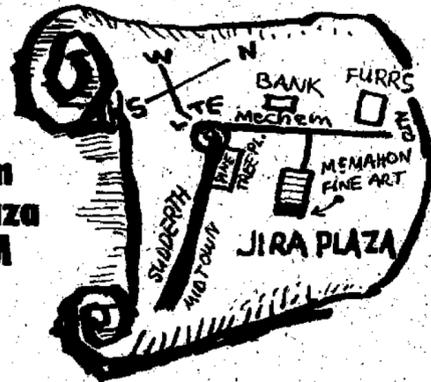
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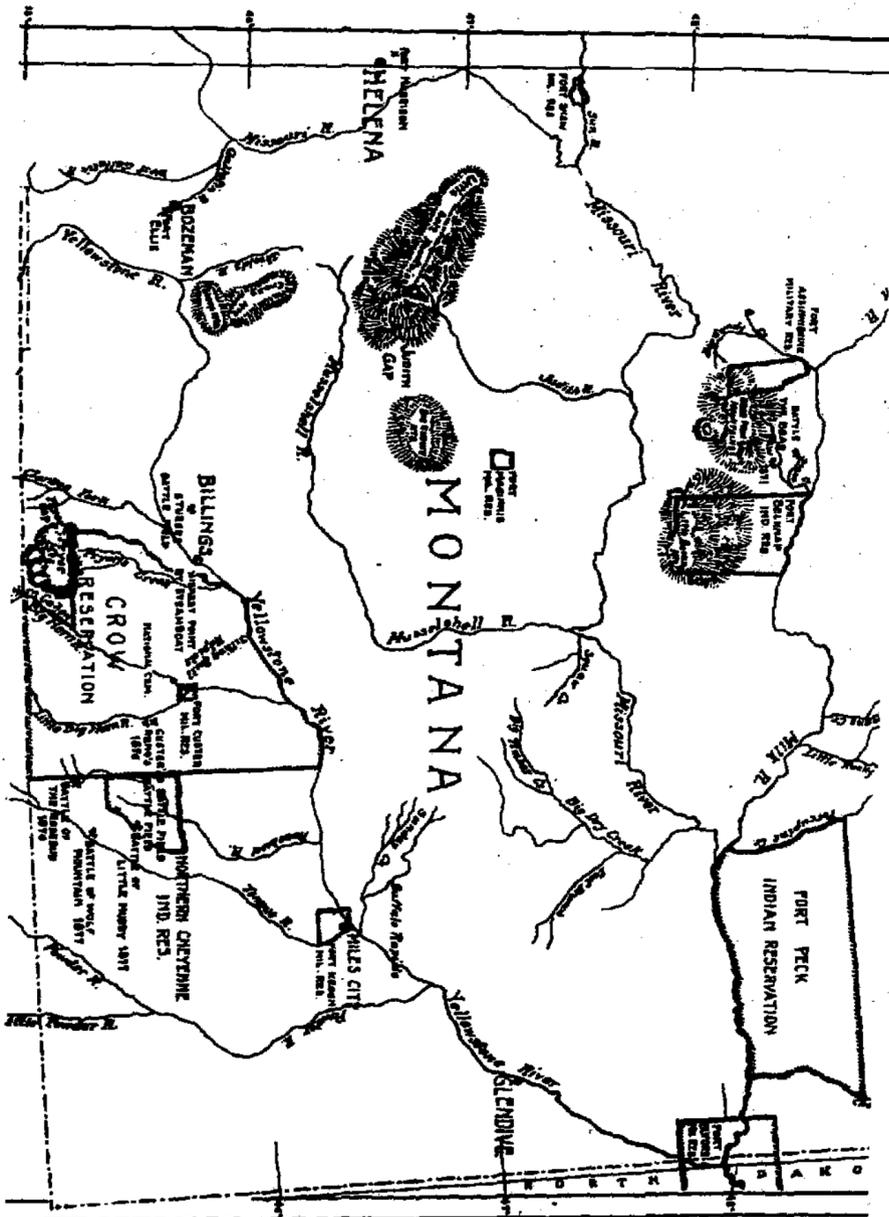


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promptly deployed, covering our trains in a well chosen position. General Terry, who frequently used me as a staff officer, ordered me to direct General Miles to deploy his regiment the Fifth Infantry, to the right, facing the timber along the Rosebud, and to hold that flank. This was the first time I ever saw Miles, and his poise and alertness greatly impressed me. Every one was eager for the expected fight, which however was not to be, for soon the appearance of the famous Buffalo Bill, (William F. Cody) riding towards us with a few companions, put an end to our warlike demonstrations. He told us that he came from General Crook, whose column consisting of twenty-five troops of cavalry and ten companies of infantry made the dust observed.

Crook Joins Terry

Both commands encamped together on the Rosebud. Here it was decided to send the wagon train back to the Yellowstone under General Miles and his regiment of infantry. Upon reaching the river he was to patrol it with a steamboat and prevent if possible, the Sioux from crossing and escaping to the north. The remaining troops were to follow a tepee trail found by General Crook's scouts, leading towards Tongue River.

In my humble opinion the cavalry of both commands—thirty-six troops—should have been united and sent rapidly forward to attack the enemy. A good cavalryman, General Wesley A. Merritt, was there to command. The defeat of the Seventh Cavalry had, however, shaken the confidence of many in the ability of cavalry alone to contend successfully with Indians. I am not aware that any such conclusion should have been drawn. The disaster of the Little Big Horn was the legitimate result, not only of the greatly superior strength of the enemy, but of a badly planned battle, badly fought perhaps in many places.

The experience of the next two years showed that cavalry could charge and beat Indians. Besides, we could have fought on foot and have put probably 1500 men in line—exclusive of the horse holders. The Indians were retreating from their favorite hunting grounds, and it is fair to presume that they were not equal to presenting as bold a front as formerly.

Both on the Rosebud under Crook, and at the Little Big Horn, the troops were put in piecemeal and beaten in detail. Fought in that way, either cavalry or infantry, at any time and under any circumstances, will probably be beaten.

Instead of a rapid movement, the united Department commanders marched over to Tongue River, down that stream nearly fifty miles, thence across to Powder River and down to its mouth. This distance was one hundred and twenty-six miles—we were seven days making it, an average of eighteen miles a day. When finished, no one knew where the Indians were. A week before we arrived there on the seventeenth of August, many of General Crook's horses were on their last legs.

From the mouth of the Powder River General Crook was to march towards the Little Missouri, while General Terry was to cross the Yellowstone

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and move towards the Big Dry, or the Dry Fork of the Missouri. If the Indians were retreating towards the Black Hills to the south-east, it was thought that General Crook would overtake them, but if they were trying to escape to the British Possessions, General Terry would be pursuing the proper course.

Engagement at Slim Buttes

General Crook's command nearly starved before supplies were reached, many of his animals perished, and I have been told that there was much straggling. He had an unimportant engagement at Slim Buttes (in South Dakota, 120 miles southeast of Miles City) where a portion of his command under Captain Anson Mills, surprised a band of Indians and captured their camp with a large amount of supplies which proved of great benefit to the detachment, and also to the balance of the command when it came up.*

We started on August 24th, and that evening Buffalo Bill brought news from Lieutenant Edmund Rice, opposite the mouth of Glendive Creek, that Indians were hovering around there. Fearing that they would escape to the north, General Terry turned in that direction, and reaching the river near the mouth of O'Fallon's Creek, continued our march towards Glendive Creek.

On the 29th of August, we came upon a large herd of buffalo and a grand hunt took place. Many joined in the sport, and the chase was both successful and exciting, without encountering any Indians. We arrived at the mouth of Glendive Creek on the 31st and went into camp.

By September 6th, as the Yellowstone was falling, and as the boats were being taxed to their full capacity to supply the cantonment at Tongue River, the site of the present Fort Keogh, it was decided to send the troops home. General Gibbon's command had the greatest distance to march, and was started at once.

Fort Ellis was reached on September 29th, just six months after leaving it. The infantry had still farther to go, and reached Fort Shaw on October 6th. The greatest distance marched during the campaign by a company of infantry, was 1835 miles, and by a troop of cavalry, 1798 miles.

*Note: September 9th, a squadron, consisting of one hundred and fifty men of the Third Cavalry, under Captain Anson Mills, after a very trying night march, succeeded at daybreak in surprising the village of American Horse, at Slim Buttes, Dak., capturing the entire village of about thirty-seven lodges, with quantities of supplies, arms and ammunition, and about one hundred and seventy-five ponies. Among the articles taken from this village were a guidon of the Seventh Cavalry, a pair of gloves marked with the name of Colonel Keogh, Seventh Cavalry, who was killed with Custer, and many other things which were recognized as belonging to that command. The squadron of Captain Mills suffered a loss of one enlisted man killed, six wounded, and Lieutenant A. H. Von Luettwitz, Third Cavalry, so seriously wounded in the leg as to require amputation. The loss of the Indians was American Horse, mortally wounded, four Indians killed, and about a dozen captured. The village of Crazy Horse was only a short distance away, and after the first flight from camp, the Indians returned in increased numbers and attacked Mills' command, but the main column of General Crook having arrived, the Indians were worsted in several encounters which took place. (RECORD OF ENGAGEMENTS).



William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill)

Buffalo Bill was one of the most noted of the many scouts whose picturesque careers lend much interest to the history of our western frontier. Born in 1845, he had many adventures at an early age, and when fifteen years old, became a pony express rider. During the Civil War he was a scout for the Union forces in the West. From 1866 to 1877 he took part in many Indian campaigns and made a great reputation as a courageous and reliable scout, as well as a skillful buffalo hunter. He later went into the show business and his Wild West performances furnished entertainment to thousands in the United States and England.

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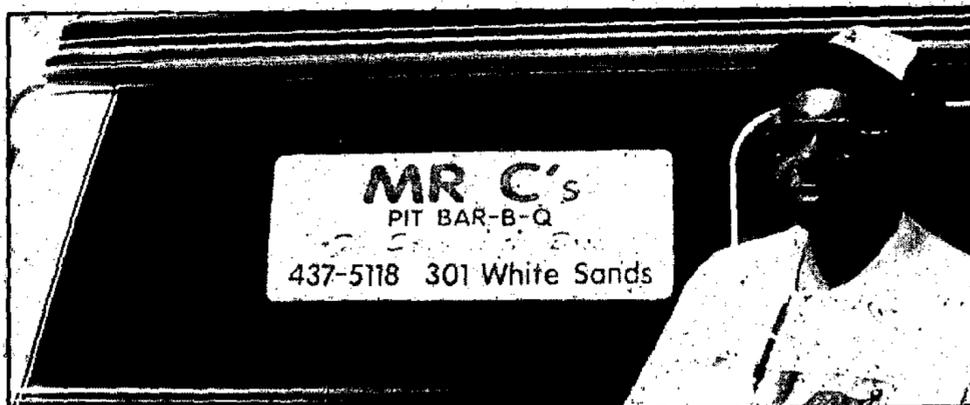
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One fatal blow, at least, was given the Indians in 1876—viz: The establishment of Fort Keogh. That post, with Fort Custer built the following year, settled the Indian question on the Yellowstone.

A Surprise

In July of the following year, 1877, I was returning on a boat from a long leave of absence, and upon reaching the cantonment of Glendive on the Yellowstone, I saw two officers on the river bank.

Thinking that I would give them a pleasant surprise, I filled my pockets with cigars and—something else, and went ashore. The surprise, however, landed on the other side, for I immediately called for my baggage, and went into bivouac with a sole leather trunk and my best "cit" clothes.



Cantonment at Mouth of Tongue River, Montana, 1876

The two officers were General Miles and Lieutenant Oscar F. Long. The former said my troop would reach Glendive in a few days and that I could join there as well as at Keogh, where I had expected to report. He asked if I was prepared to take the field. I said yes, but knew that it was not exactly true. However, an officer who was renowned for running about and attending to every one's business except his own, had gone off on a boat for a little trip,

and left his field outfit at Glendive. As I knew him well, I supplied myself with his garments. Now, as he was six feet tall and weighed 200 lbs. and I, in those days of campaigning and hard work, only turned the scales at 130, you can imagine the fit was not perfect.

At this place there were twenty men belonging to about as many regiments. I was directed to take command. Boats commenced pouring in supplies for an expedition to be started in a few days, and I began to bemoan the feeling of hospitality which prompted me to treat to the cigars and rum, for I was made Quartermaster and Commissary without any clerical assistance, with scarcely any stationery and wholly without blanks. General Miles and Lieutenant Long stayed around several days but they did not help much. In fact, the General did not seem to understand that I had a bigger contract on hand than I could well fill, and employed me part of the time in drilling the mounted men to fight on foot, each man holding his horse by the lariat. Here let me say, that under certain circumstances this is an excellent method, but it is important that the Ordnance Department should supply us with a hair lariat; something soft, light, and pliable.

From Glendive I was ordered on a march of 700 miles, and acted as Adjutant, Quartermaster and Commissary of the command, consisting of twelve troops and companies, and 50 or 60 packers and Indian scouts. My accounts were kept on old envelopes and such scraps of paper as I could beg, borrow or steal, and were thrown pell-mell into a small grip sack. After reaching Keogh I found it a difficult task to bring order out of such chaos.

While lying in camp near Keogh, I was directed to find if possible, a ford across the Yellowstone about three miles above the post.

Realizing the danger attending the undertaking, I called for volunteers and three men came forward. Taking off our boots and heavy clothing, and selecting good horses, we went in, trying one place and then another, until with a sudden plunge, we found ourselves swimming in deep and swift water. One man was drowned. The rest of us reached a little island. My friends on the bank called loudly to give it up and come back, and it was one occasion where advice proved welcome. I mention this circumstance to call attention to the importance of teaching a cavalryman to swim with his horse. That it would vastly increase his efficiency during a campaign cannot be doubted.

Nez Perce Campaign

My squadron was near Keogh when a courier brought the news to General Miles that the Nez Perce Indians had crossed the Yellowstone near Clark's Fork, and after a fight with part of the Seventh Cavalry, under General Sturgis, had continued their retreat toward the Judith Basin.* General Miles

*Note: This was the final phase of the celebrated retreat of the Nez Perce Indians under Chief Joseph from their ancestral home in eastern Oregon. Hostilities began June 17, 1877, as a result of the Government's attempt to transfer the Nez Perces to the Lapwai reservation in western Idaho. After a few engagements with the troops, the Indians, realizing that they would be defeated in the end, started for Canada, followed

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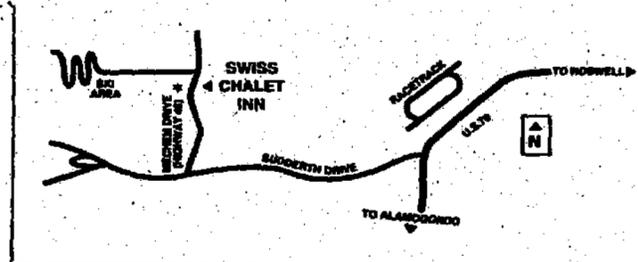
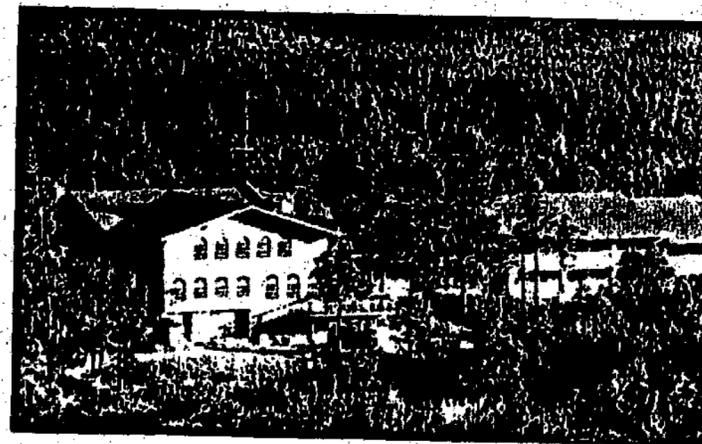
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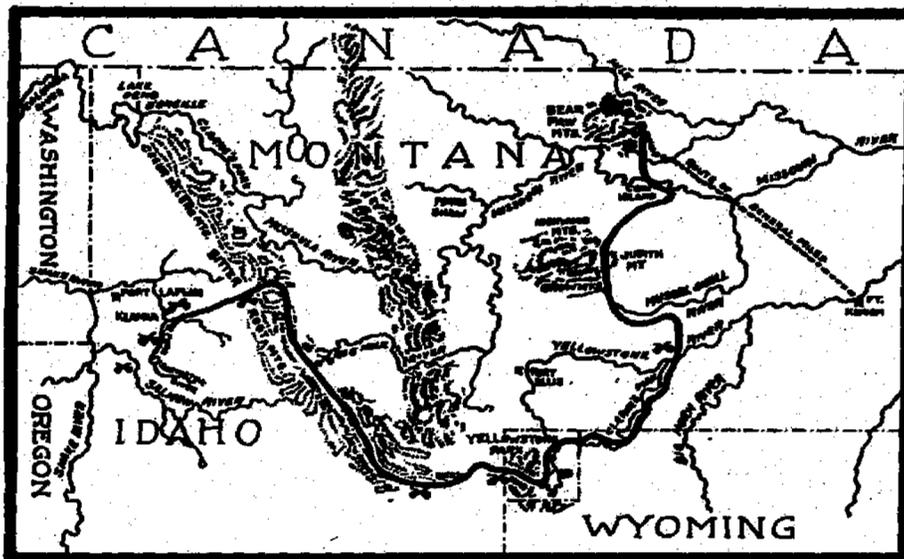
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A 1600 Mile Retreat

The heavy black line indicates Chief Joseph's route during his retreat from western Idaho to the Bear Paw Mountains in northern Montana, the scene of his final stand and surrender. Crossed snubers indicate points where engagements took place. General Miles' command was the third force that had intercepted Chief Joseph while General Howard was pursuing. That under General Gibbon from Forts Shaw and Ellis was thrust aside at the Big Hole River; later, Colonel S. D. Sturgis, with the Seventh Cavalry, was ward off at Canyon Creek, a tributary of the Yellowstone.

with his accustomed energy, started at once to cut them off before they could reach the British Possessions. His force consisted of three troops of the Second Cavalry: Tyler's, Jerome's and mine, Captain George L. Tyler, commanding; three troops of the Seventh Cavalry: Hale's, Godfrey's and

by troops under General O. O. Howard. There ensued a number of pitched battles and rear guard actions in which the Indians showed tactical ability and fighting qualities of a high order. The principal engagements were at White Bird Canyon, Clear Water, Big Hole, Camas Meadows, Canyon Creek, and the final battle in the Bear Paw Mountains.

In addition to the pursuing forces under General Howard, General Gibbon, with forces from Forts Shaw and Ellis, intercepted and surprised the hostiles at the Big Hole River. After a desperate fight which lasted all day, Joseph withdrew at night and continued his retreat to the southeast and through Yellowstone Park. Gibbon's loss in killed and wounded was thirty-five per cent of his force.

Colonel Sturgis with the Seventh Cavalry threw himself across Joseph's route beyond Yellowstone Park, but the wily chief outwitted him by a clever feint. As soon as Sturgis found that he had been tricked, he rushed in pursuit with fresh horses and came upon the Nez Perces on Canyon Creek. After a hard fight, Joseph withdrew under cover of darkness and continued his retreat north. Sturgis was in no shape to pursue, as his men and horses were exhausted. (Error)

Moylan's, Captain Owen Hale, commanding: four companies of the Fifth Infantry: Snyder's, Bennett's, Carter's and Romeyn's, Captain Simon Snyder, commanding; a small detachment of white guides and scouts, and thirty Cheyenne Indian allies under Lieutenant Marion P. Maus, First Infantry; and an infantry detachment with a twelve-pounder Napoleon gun. The Cheyennes were former foes who had surrendered after the Little Big Horn campaign.

Our route passed up Sunday Creek, over the divide to the Big Dry, across another divide to Squaw Creek, and thence to the Missouri. Two officers were sent ahead to stop any boats that might be passing. We found and stopped two.

Learning that the Indians had crossed the Missouri at Cow Island, some forty miles above, the command was ferried to the north side, and the march continued. The weather was exceedingly disagreeable. On the morning of September 29th, near the Bear Paw Mountains, Lieutenant M. P. Maus, Chief of Scouts, sent back word that the enemy was in camp about five miles ahead.

The Second Cavalry was leading, followed by the Seventh, and they, by the mounted infantry. The infantry proper was a day's march to the rear. Each squadron was ordered to form column of fours, and the Seventh was directed to move to the right of the Second and, on a line with it, taking sufficient interval to form left front into line. In this order we started at a brisk trot across the hills. About three miles on, both squadrons of cavalry were ordered to form left front into line, and to take the gallop. Snake Creek, running diagonally across our front, forced the Second to cross to the left bank where for a distance the ground was quite broken. This caused us to fall to the rear of the Seventh and enabled them to open the fight. A mile from the hostile camp we came in sight of the Indians, who were making hurried preparations to get away.

The Second was now some distance to the left and rear of the Seventh and the mounted infantry was brought up to fill the center. As we neared the camp, the rough hills on our side gave way to a pretty valley, and we made a dash for the pony herd just across the creek, and a stone's throw from the camp.

The Seventh was already hotly engaged, and the mounted infantry was just coming up. There were about 500 ponies near the village, and as many more a half a mile or less, beyond. These latter were guarded by sixty or seventy mounted Indians. The ponies were much reduced in flesh and many of them sore footed. It was hard to start them into a run, and I remember taking my foot from the stirrup and kicking some of them, to start them. Of course, this took less time than it does to tell it, for we moved at a full gallop. As we dashed by, driving the ponies before us, I saw the troops on the right bank of the creek fighting desperately. They had been brought to a halt by the deep ravine in which the Indians were encamped, and from which they were firing at short range upon our men, who had dismounted. I recall the vivid flashes from the rifles of our men as we galloped by, and the perfect

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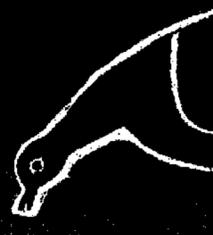
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stream of fire that came from the Winchesters with which many of the Indians were armed. Our friends had kept the enemy in the village so busily engaged that he did not appear to know of our approach until we were upon him, with the ponies flying before us. He then tried to save the herd, but it was too late, and in a moment we had it securely sheltered behind a hill.

Just at this time, Lieutenant George W. Baird galloped up to Captain Tyler, who commanded my squadron, with instructions from General Miles to send a troop after the mounted Indians in our front, which he called the "squaw herd." Baird was bleeding from a wound in his left arm, and another in the left ear. Tyler directed me to carry out the order with the troop I commanded. We went at them in fine style, but the reception received, convinced us that we had warriors and not squaws to deal with. It was White Bird's hand, and although they seemed stunned at first by the rapidity of our advance, they quickly rallied and made a good fight. We had the best of the affair, however, and captured 250 more ponies. White Bird and most of his followers escaped into the British Possessions.

Joseph and his portion of the tribe we had, in the language of the plains, set afoot, and had him a prisoner in the hole where his camp was located. But if he could not get out, neither could we get in, and it soon settled down to a regular siege. Any man on either side, who showed his head over the top of the hill was shot.

A Truce

The morning of the second day, the Indians raised the white flag. They came out of their hole, and we walked around and looked in. Both sides however continued to throw up intrenchments. About the middle of the morning, Joseph, with several of his chief men, came into our camp to see and talk with General Miles. They were kindly received, and commenced to talk about surrendering, but objected to the terms proposed, unconditional I believe. Joseph maneuvered with all the skill of a diplomat for better ones.

Lieutenant Lovell H. Jerome was sent into the camp to see if Chief Looking Glass had been killed, as reported, and perhaps to observe generally. He went and returned all right, but not satisfied with having accomplished all that he was instructed to do, he let his curiosity lead him back again, although the interpreter cautioned him against going, saying that the Indians were talking in an ugly spirit. He nevertheless went into the camp. As the terms were not acceptable, Joseph and his friends arose to go, but General Miles held Joseph's hand and said to the others "Joseph will stay and take dinner with me." One old Indian replied in broken English "Joseph has had his dinner." He was not permitted to go, but the others returned. When Jerome saw them approaching he concluded that it was time to return to his proper post, and started to do so. Just as he was leaving, two Indians stepped up and placing their hands on his shoulders, said "You stay here until Joseph comes" and stay he did. I did not know Jerome had been held until a couple

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of hours afterwards. When the Commanding Officer learned it, he was not pleased. We had a chief—they had an officer.

That night I suffered more than I ever did in my life. The position of the Second was changed after dark, and one was taken up nearer to the Indians than was intended, so near in fact, that we could hear them talking. A little rise in the ground separated us. Some of them tried to get out, but were driven back by a volley.

At this, Jerome states, he was carefully stowed away in a hole dug in the bank. They knew that if he were killed it would be all up with Joseph. We were equally careful of the latter, for like reasons.



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The Surrender of Chief Joseph

"From where the Sun now stands, I fight no more against the White Man."

At nine o'clock, it commenced raining, and this at midnight, turned into snow. The men in our squadron did not have their blankets, I had not even an overcoat. Under the circumstances we did not find the bare ground especially warm, as you can well imagine, and next morning, being unable to mount my horse, I was taken to the hospital tent. Here a fire was made from pieces of wagons which had been broken up after the arrival of the train on the second day. There was no wood within ten or fifteen miles, and that was on the mountains.

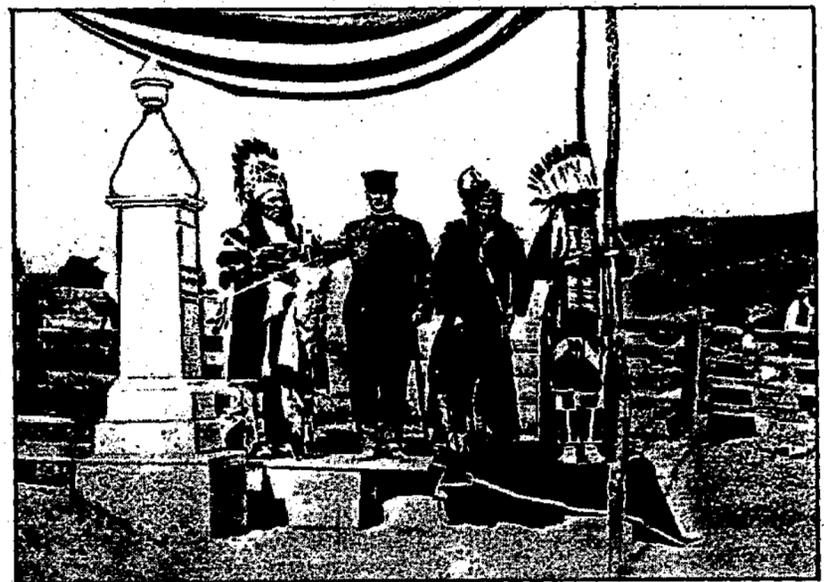
The next day prisoners were exchanged—that is, Joseph returned to the camp and Jerome to his troop, with which no orders were necessary to keep him thereafter.

On the evening of the 6th day, a Napoleon gun was loaded with a shell and trained on the entrance to the ravine, where the Indians could be seen each night, fitting about in the dark, getting water and preparing their food. Just after dusk the gun was fired; several Indians were killed and more wounded.

That night General Howard with two staff officers, and several orderlies or scouts arrived.

The Surrender

Joseph surrendered early the next morning. Our loss in this engagement was Captain Owen Hale and Lieutenant J. W. Biddle. Seventh Cavalry, and



The Grave of Chief Joseph

twenty-two enlisted men killed; and Captains E. S. Godfrey and Myles Moylan, Lieutenants G. W. Baird and Henry Romeyn, and thirty-eight enlisted men wounded. The Indians lost seventeen killed and forty wounded. There were surrendered eighty-seven warriors, one hundred eighty-four squaws, and

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By Terrance Vestal
The Taos News

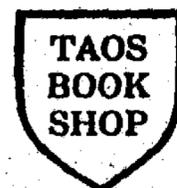
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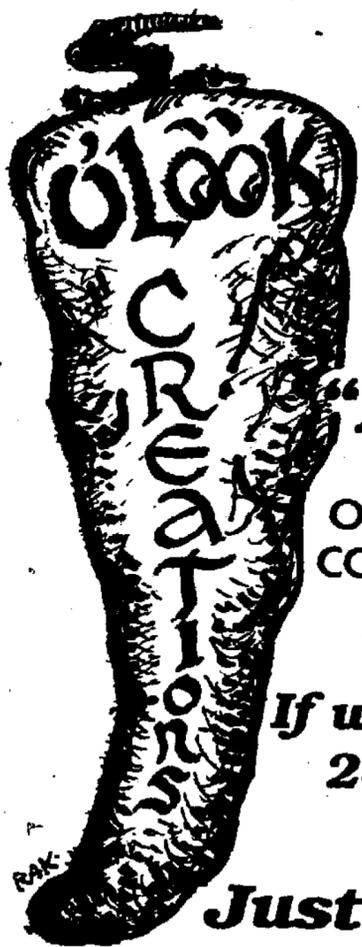
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The squadron returned to Fort Ellis on the first of November, eight months to a day after taking the field. I had left in a snow storm and returned in one, and had marched over 3000 miles.

The summer and fall of 1878 was a season of hard and almost constant marching, but I shall pass it by, and speak of my last campaign in Montana. It commenced in June of the following year and was conducted by General Miles against the Sioux north of the Missouri along Milk River and Rocky Creek.

On July 17, about noon, Captain W. P. Clark in command of one troop of the Second Cavalry, one company of the Fifth Infantry mounted on ponies, and the Cheyenne Scouts, accompanied by Lieutenant Curtis B. Hoppin, was ordered forward as an advance guard. He came upon the enemy unexpectedly on Frenchman's Creek, and with his usual dash, rushed boldly at them; at the same time sending a courier back to notify the main column, which consisted of six troops of the Second Cavalry and six companies of the Fifth Infantry, mounted on ponies.

At first the Indians gave way, but soon rallied and surrounded Clark. We pushed on rapidly to the rescue. For some miles broken hills caused a little delay, increased slightly by two pieces of artillery with us. However, the men realizing their importance quickly pulled them out of ravines no matter how deep they were. One of these pieces was a Hotchkiss.

A second courier arrived, his pony panting and covered with foam, bearing a message from Clark saying that he was nearly surrounded and asking for speedy help.

We had now reached smooth ground. Three troops were deployed as skirmishers. In the rear of this line were three more in column of fours, and still farther back were four companies of mounted infantry, also in column of fours. In this order we galloped about 12 miles.

*Note: Joseph, whose force never amounted to three hundred fighting men, had engaged at different times, some two thousand soldiers. Of these, one hundred twenty-six had been killed and one hundred forty wounded. During the long retreat and the hard fighting, Joseph had lost one hundred fifty-seven killed and eighty-eight wounded. He had fought eleven engagements, five being pitched battles, of which he had won three, drawn one and lost one. Some of the troops in pursuit of him had marched sixteen hundred miles. His own march had been at least two thousand miles. This constitutes a military exploit of the first magnitude, and entitled the great Indian to take rank among the great Captains. (BRADY)

Seeing our approach the Indians gave way, keeping up a running fight with Clark and Hoppin who followed close upon their heels. The sight as we galloped over the green and rolling hills was a beautiful one; it was an exciting chase.

The artillery moved with the skirmish line, and in the latter part of the race fired a few shots. The enemy reached and crossed the Milk River without being overtaken, and escaped under cover of the night. Clark's loss was two killed and several wounded.

A few days after this, while in camp just south of the British line, the Commanding Officer sent for me and said he thought the campaign was over, and that I might take advantage, without further delay, of an order directing me to report in New York a month later.

My proposed absence was to be for four years, and when the time came to say good-bye to officers and men with whom I had been closely associated for nine years in pleasures and in hardships, on marches amidst the snows of winter and in the heat of summer; with whom I had formed that intimate friendship only born from sharing privations in the field, I felt loath to leave, even for an eastern station. Together we had labored to open for settlement a vast empire, the fruits of those efforts were beginning to show, and as I mounted my horse to ride away, I carried with me a feeling of pride for the work accomplished by the Second Cavalry.

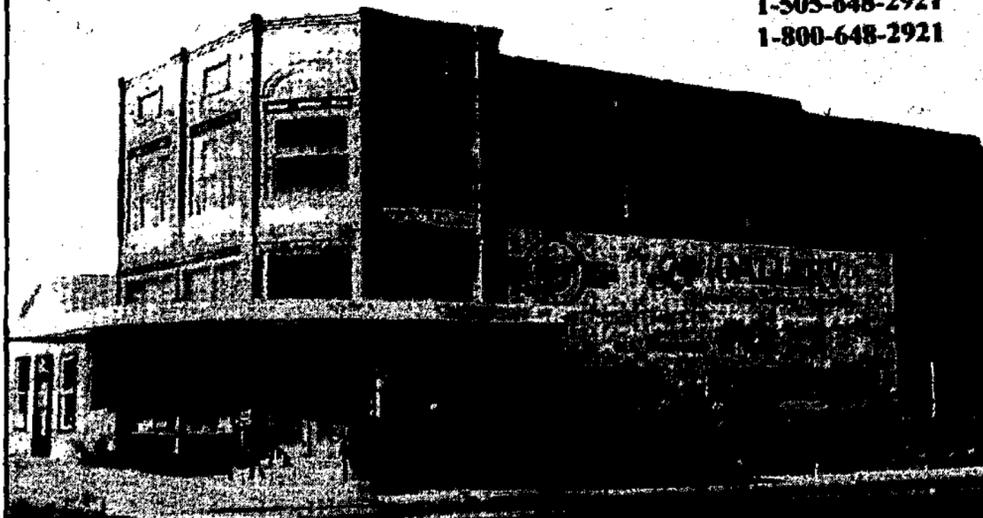


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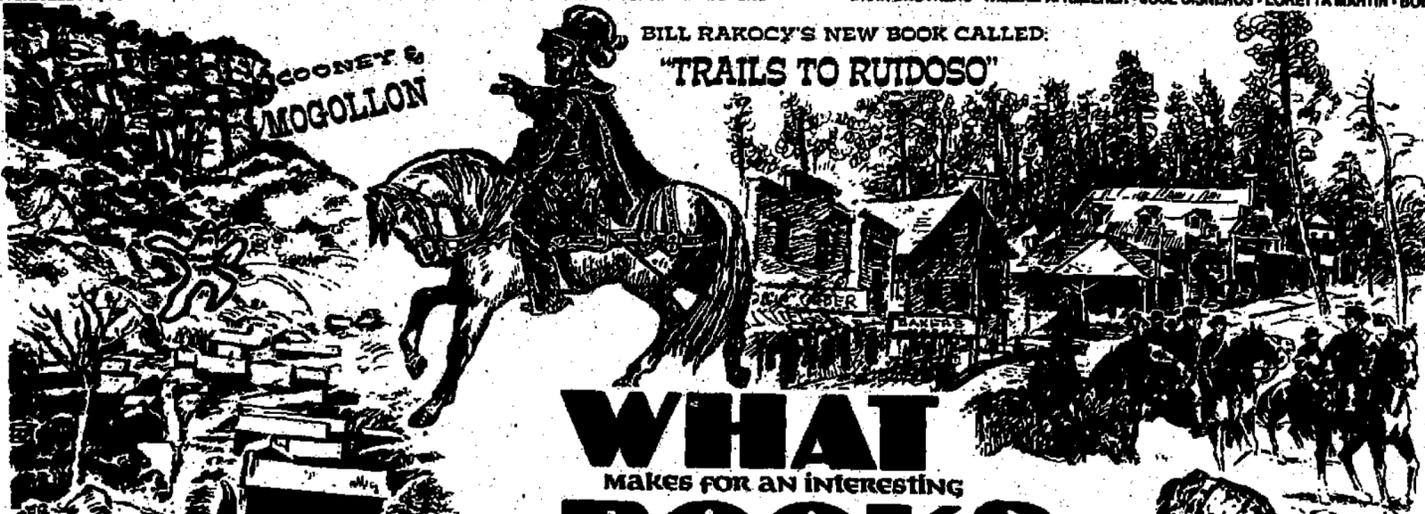
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INTRODUCTION

The Tarahumara in his native condition is many times better off, morally, mentally, and economically, than his civilized brother; but the white man will not let him alone as long as he has anything worth taking away. Only those who by dear experience have learned to be cautious are able to maintain themselves independently; but such cases are becoming more and more rare.

It is the same old story over again, in America, as in Africa and Asia and everywhere. The simple-minded native is made the victim of the progressive white, who, by fair means or foul, deprive him of his country. Luckily, withal, the Tarahumara has not yet been wiped out of existence. His blood is fused into the working classes of Mexico, and he grows a Mexican. But it may take a century yet before they will all be made the servants of whites and disappear. . . . Their assimilation may benefit Mexico, but one may well ask: Is it just? Must the weaker always be first crushed, before he can be assimilated by the new condition of things?

CARLOS SOPHUS LUMHOLTZ
Unknown Mexico, 1902

ESCAPE TO CREEL - as 3 artists did

Three El Paso - Juarez artists find a fetching and paintable land - Creel, Mexico. This could be the New Taos!

Some year or so back, I was admiring some fine pencil sketches of the romantic Creel Landscape done by Mario Parra, Juarez artist. As we talked, he warmed to the conversation and said. . . "Senior". . . "If you really like this stuff so much, why don't we plan a trip there to paint." "It is not too far away and Senior, it is, "how you say - beautiful country!" As we chatted away in front of the Pronaf "Art Garden" in Juarez, soon a plan for a future trip was struck. Frank La Lumia, Santa Fe artist, a friend, also would like to go on the art trip. Fine, that was a year back and after more chatting and planning in April of 1991, we arrived in Creel. I am writing these notes sitting on the sunspotted porch of the Korachi Hotel (Tarahumara for Raven).

It must be 100 degrees or more in El Paso - Juarez now, but here in Tarahumara country, Creel, it is cool enough in the morning to see one's breath. April is a dry time here with clear skies and brisk sunny days - a perfect climate for artistic production. We have been out five days now and the last two have been perfect beyond our wildest dreams. It is Easter week: We are in search of the Illusive Indian study or subject. We all share the same idea that - "Generic artist stateside P.R. type Indians" leave much to be desired. We have found unique, genuine, colorful Indians - a plenty! In addition to taking quick sketches and color notes of the solemn Tarahumaras, we have taken scads of color print photos. Frank developed a cleaner watercolor technique by partly sketching a composition on a watercolor sheet and later completing it at the motel.

Mario for the most part has served as guide. He was born in Creel and knows most everyone in town; meeting a long lost cousin at almost every corner.

Yesterday on an Indian-seeking trip some 25 miles into the hills, his sister-in-law who lives here prepared a dozen burritos for the day's soiree.

Good Indian subjects are not easy to find. Many of them live in out-lying caves and small grey log cabins with steep pitched roofs (this is high pine country). Blue grey smoke curls curiously up from the many roofs - wood being the only form of fuel for cooking and heating. We picked up an old friend of Mario's in the town of Cusarare (The Eagle's Place) 10-15 miles distant to Creel. He became our "special Indian guide". It also was necessary to take a sack of candies (for the Indian kids to enjoy) and small packs of faro cigarettes with which to treat the Indian men. We also each had a pocket full of brass 1,000 peso coins to give out. Mario noted, "watch them smile when we give them a pack of faros." We also gave out sacks of oranges - the kids loved the fruit.

As we drove the slow, grey, dusty, rutted road into the highlands, we chanced to meet a young Indian couple - all dressed in bright colored clothing herding black/tan and white goats with the bell-goats sounding the way. It was a sight of pure beauty." Mario and the guide talked to the Indian man asking permission "to take photos". He agreed and called his young stoic wife (with child) over to pose. This she did and we cranked away shooting a roll or two of 35mm color - (we could not believe our first good luck!). We were to encounter beautiful figure and mood compositions a plenty in the days to come.

We would spot an interesting shack, see a flash of Indian color and hike to the spot our guide, "Bernabe" led the way making greetings and seeking permission for the shots. In only one case were we turned down - and this happened because the subject had had previous movie experience and was well aware of the high salaries incurred in professional modeling. He was rather short and sullen in his manner and turned us away. Previously though, his attractive wife and grubby baby posed after we purchased colorful hand-made belts and hand-carved dolls.

This cave site vista was perhaps the most interesting of all. We hungered to shoot it well. It being a barn-sized cave room three stories high with soot blackened ceiling and var-ed grey and tan colored rocks evident. A few small log cabin type huts were scattered within the room creating other rooms, as were sleeping pallets and cooking and household gear: tools, pots, pans, and casual firewood and junk. We were to learn that Indians are very casual people not keeping to schedules like most Americans. They do things as the need dictates. This cave was indeed the perfect movie setting. Our sullen Tarahumara, Sebastian, had tasted big time movie making and did not care to chat or deal with itinerant artists. Otherwise, we found the Indians to be friend and cooperative. Our two guides speaking Tarahumara helped to pave the way for the Mexican and Gringo artists.

Later on after our beautiful "goat herder shooting episode," we did studies of old Indian mothers or grandmothers, and children sunning themselves on the grass against the log cabins. Assorted chicken coops and lean-to stood near by. The rich dark copper skin color of the figures contrasted to the bright red, pink, white and blue or green of the dress. Even the cute small girls of 3 or 4 years old were "fully Indian dressed" with penacho and skirt. (covera/bandana)

We generally greeted the Indians with "Quira Va" (Hello) and "Chimi Re We Tu" (what's your name) or "Qui Nasi Mi" (where do you come from?) or in leaving "Adios Y Va"

As we toured this special valley road, we heard of a wine-tasting festival near by. A "Tiswino Festival" This is done to ask God to give the Indian a better harvest. By Good Friday many of the Indians were fallen down drunk and driving becomes a problem. As we approached across a dry planned field of 5 in corn plants, a dozen smallish and medium sized Indian men sat garbed in cowboy gear with a few splashes of Indian color - a shirt - a scarf or a colorful hatband. Two log cabins chunked with mud were evident. One shack contained the great Teswin drinking pot. Indian men lounged against a pole corral. A few women of assorted ages busied themselves with their offspring and domestic chores. The leader of the group - an animated, rugged looking, extrovert of a man scooped up a quart sized gourd cup of the warmish colored sour mash liquid and passed it around for all to drink. The leader dressed in rather grubby clothes made a special ceremony of the drinking of Souiki (Tarahumara for Teswin). He stood in solemn pose; hands held high pointing and standing to the four cardinal points of the land and making the sign of the cross tossing a spray of the mash liquid up to the sky - murmuring special holy words to the act. He finally offered us a drink which we all partook. The flavor being strange and gritty with a sour, acid, musty taste predominating. One skinny hag of a lady took her turn at the black pot to swirl the strange mixture taking a large pull from the brown gourd. Mario "shot her" as she swilled the Souiki making a composition worthy of Titian or Rembrandt.

We observed and waited for compositions to unfold making mental notes of or exposing more color film to this very special event. Frank was about making small sketches or a watercolor beginning. Mario always the cautious one advised, "one must go slow with these people" - so as not to offend. Often forceful stateside Anglo ways are not productive. We passed out the Faro cigarettes to all the men and gave hard candies to those attending the wine-tasting party. When we sketched or shot a lone Indian or two, we always gave them Mexican money. Sometimes 500 pesos, but if we shot "hot and heavy of a subject" - we had 1,000 peso notes available (worth 35¢ in U.S. currency). Sometimes we gave 1,000 peso notes for a special posing or group. I generally had the "honor" of paying and my modeling fees went higher and higher as time progressed.

... 3 artists paint Tarahumaras for Holy Week

BY BILL RAKOCY
MARIO PARRA & FRANK LA LUMIA



No, the Indians are not found everywhere to be seen like at Taos and Santa Fe (at Acoma, the Indians want \$10 or \$25 for tourists to take pictures. Movies run much higher).

The Tarahumaras are shy beyond belief. Yet, they have a keen sense of humor. At times, Mario would engage them in conversation and get a rise out of them. Once he made sullen old gal laugh when he talked about her chicken that appeared to do a dance. This and other more earthly humor often brings down the stone face look, but the Indians will pose for a fee and do it so well. We were often taking poses that artists like Henry Sharp, Curtess or Couse would have laughed at. . . yet this was a new time - a "new art era".

Any good we accomplished in terms of gathering valid art and picture data has been well earned. The planning and problems have been many. The road into Creel is a bit of the moon landscape kind. The highway is redone for 60 or so miles: By next year it is targeted for completion but in Mexico who can tell and accordingly one must drive down into the creek bed to parallel the new construction. Though the dry season is upon us, the creek runs all year long and some of the water holes are deep-deep. In the roadway some water levels come up to the oil pan and door frames in the van. This country is really "pick-up truck country".

The principal industry here is lumbering and ranching. Great flat bed lumber trucks speed thru the town shooting up great wafts of lite grey dust. "They drive like one of General Patton's tank jockeys." The town, also, is a railroad town with the train passing thru to copper canyon and Topolopanpo three or so times a day. Few tourists seem to be present now, but we did see and talk to a pretty French lady and escort recently arrived from Chihuahua City in a small Datsun car. I can just see them plowing thru the two feet deep chuck holes - that must have been a trying experience for foreign visitors. Yet I am sure the wilds of Mexico drew them to Creel. By 1991 a fair road had been completed to Creel and farther south. . . dusty but sound.

Only one gas station exists in town. The gas is stored in 4 large green and white round tanks where one must fill smaller 5 or 10 gallon cans and then syphon the gas into your car with a green 3/4 inch plastic hose. By 1991 the town had been upgraded, redoing storefronts and hotels. The mood is slow and rural in feeling but it is Mexico and especially Creel.

Our hotel, the Krachi was bargained for at \$7 per person per nite - 3 or 4 other hotels exist. One at \$24 per nite, the "Creel Hilton" and a few smaller flea bags that go from \$4 to \$6 to \$8 a nite.

All the streets are dirt here. A proper chore for every shopkeeper upon opening is to sweep the street in front and or splash the dirt down with sprinkles of water. A few curio shops are evident. All selling Tarahumara ware: belts, pots, gourds, masks (crudely carved) and the primitive violins and hand-made dolls and figurines. Some other sculptures of "crude Indian casting" are to be seen. The prices are not cheap - "regular prices" as Mario says.

In town one steps over sleeping dogs - by 8:00 a.m. people are beginning to stir, by 9:00 streets are busy. One post office exists with a small, rusty mailbox for regular mail and turista cards.

The town as such has a unique, grey, rustic color to it contrasted to some multicolored building and the deep green trees. Few buildings are painted, most left weather on their own. Many homes and stores are tin roofed - western style - or covered with a black corrugated tar composition board.

Artist subject abound everywhere - figures - crooked streets - a mission - an intimate look into a doorway where a lady is busy making tortillas or cooking or kids playing in streets and yards, or black frocked sisters of charity walking about. The bright, warm sun accents building walls and roofs making the shades deep and mysterious. Many trees exist softening the forms in lite and shade - as I write this, cottonwoods keep a soft clicking as a fresh wind passes thru - tossing blue and lavender shadows about on the cobble-stone walks. The sun is warm. . . the shade is almost too cool - most everyone wears a jacket or a sweater here. The weather is much like our spring or fall in Paso del Norte.

Traveling and painting with three artists in a van is rather difficult at best. All must agree on schedules - subject, food and other tasks or things do not go well and the production of the trip suffers. (Our main goal)

It would be better to do much a trip with two people of proven track record. Yet, the trip has been enriching and productive beyond relief. We all got along very well.

Creel would be perfect for art classes (for hard workers!) El Paso - Juarez painters could take the train here (as some groups have) and then take short side trips to the many Indian settlements about. It takes a lot of planning and is not cheap. Yet, the rewards are great and lasting. When one thinks that this fascinating Tarahumara country will soon change and be lost to "progress and civilization."

Yet the Historian, artist and writer will record its beauty for others to enjoy and know. Enjoy it while you can.

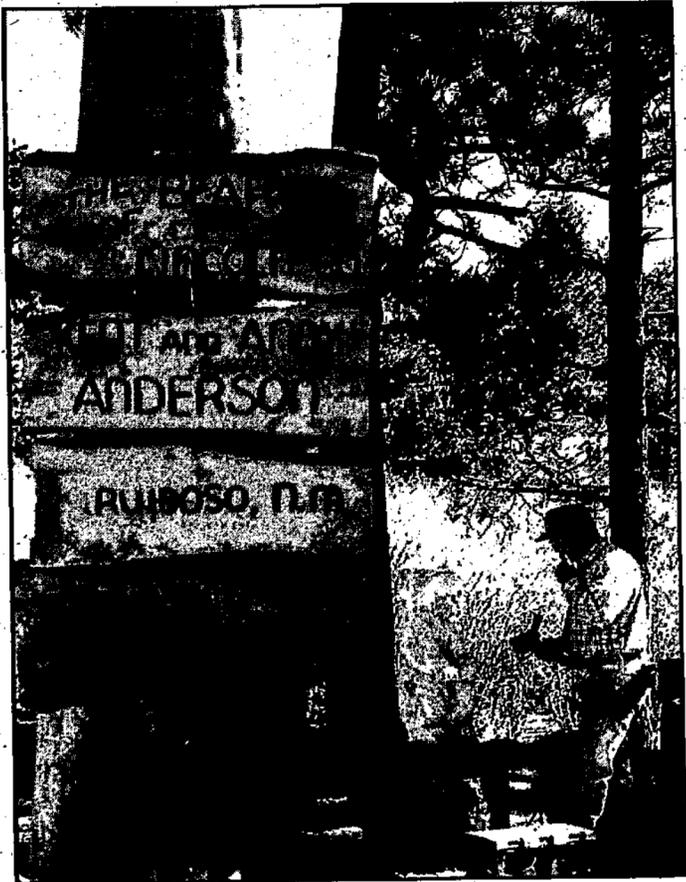
Historian Peter Dunne recounts the visit of two Jesuit missionaries to a Tarahumara settlement late in 1675 or early in 1676. The padres, who had been invited to the community, were received with a warm and joyous welcome by the natives.

But something discouraging transpired. The fathers learned that the inhabitants . . . had gathered together a great quantity of their strong liquor (most probably tesguino). That very night they had planned a carousal to celebrate the coming of the Black Robes (i.e., Jesuits). The missionaries objected strongly. They declared they would not have entered the pueblo had they known this was to be the outcome. It was not their intention, they said, to encourage by their presence such offenses against God as drunkenness. Sorry, it was too late to change their plans, replied the Indians. Guests had been invited from all around; the liquor had been collected. The fathers could not this time dissuade them from the drunken celebration they had fixed their minds upon.

Realizing to what extremes of ferocious passion the drunken savage can be led, the two Jesuits dared not spend the night in this strange place. Collecting what things were immediately necessary they secretly made their way out of the pueblo after dark and clambered up to a rocky ledge, which they hoped the intoxicated Indians would not be able to reach. They were right on both counts. Near midnight the Indians went to the hut looking for them and finding the padres had fled ransacked the dwelling top to bottom. The fathers high on their ledge were not molested, and if the howling and the crying of the intoxicated ceased in the early hours of the morning the missionaries might have been able to snatch a few winks of sleep.

(Finally, some of the Indians climbed to the missionaries' perch to indicate) that the (Tarahumaras) were now sober and since the padres had come so far to baptize them why did they not start at once? It was a good time to begin, for many bags and jugs of liquor, the envoys said, had been left untouched for a still greater celebration.

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ACOSTA TALKS OF ART AND THE HURDS

El Paso painter Acosta beams as he recounts the new Paul Horgan book called, "A Certain Climate". Pulitzer Prize writer Horgan grew up with Peter Hurd in Roswell, New Mexico and attended New Mexico Military Institute as a student with young Hurd. Horgan's new work is special in that he recounts many important people in the arts; like Henriette Wyeth Hurd. Acosta waxed theatrical and eloquent as he tells of Horgan's description of the qualities possessed by Henriette. Manny's special little stories are no less meaningful and precious. His fresh accounting of choice little expressions and phrases uttered by the Hurds tells much of art and their thinking processes.

Once when an overzealous photographer shot away at the Hurds in scads of close-ups, Henriette murmured through tight lips. "This man is interested in my pores more than me." . . . and once when Acosta met Henriette at the airport, she mumbled, "Can't talk to you now, Manny. I feel like I have a grand piano in my mouth!" (This, after having had dental work done). And again at one of Anderson's polo events . . . a rather monied and prominent lady asked Acosta . . . "Who is that lady? She is the best dressed woman here!" She did not seem to fit in with cowboys and polo buffs. "Well, maa'm," he said, "that is H. Wyeth Hurd. She always dresses in the best of taste from shoes to belt and hair. She dresses like she paints - in good taste."

Sessions at the Hurds were magnificent affairs. The Hurds would bounce stories off one another and Peter laughed so uproariously that the tears would stream from his eyes. Henriette too was broken up over some special tale and would fold into a heap of laughter.

Acosta, the artist, met the Hurds through Urbici Solare, a continental sculptore and professor from Catalan, Spain, sometime during the 1940's. Hurd needed an assistant to help him with a huge mural for Prudential in Houston during 1947-48. Solare knew of Hurd and arranged for the San Patricio artist to meet Acostas, who was at that time a young art student at UTEP. Manny had never met the artist Peter Hurd before. Urbici did the introductions and Hurd in perfect Spanish quizzed Manny on his likes and dislikes. Solare had already informed Hurd that Acosta was the best art student available. Hurd asked in Spanish, "Do you sing? Do you play the guitar? Do you act?" Acosta answered all these questions "Yes", and was hired on the spot.

Acosta and Hurd journeyed to the ranch to prepare to tackle the mural. They looked Henriette up and found her painting in her studio. Pete opened the door, flooding her studio with blinding light from the sunny Southwestern sky, as Henriette showed an art work to a client. Acosta sensed a cool reaction from her. As he puts it . . . "Her eyebrows went up and up." Hurd smoothed over the abrupt meeting, and in time Manny was accepted by the whole Hurd/Wyeth clan.

Pete and Manny would get together on the patio and share more outrageous stories. Finally, Henriette could not stand all the laughter and had to join the group with . . . "Poppy - what is all the laughter about?"

Years later the Acostas and Hurds became fast friends and Peter would often take art trips to Mexico and he would call Acosta and ask him to join the party.

Once at a soiree in Juarez at Martinos, Henriette had selected 8 or 10 close friends and had reserved a long table with herself at the head. She asked Acosta to sit at her right. One of the guests, obviously a novice where art was concerned, broke into that night of good food and good conversation with a really "dumb art question." During such an evening, a question of this kind can become quite a problem. The quizzer asked, "Henriette, how do you look at a person to do a portrait?" Rather than give a sarcastic reply, such as "Dear one, I use my eyes" or "I think, duntmy!", Henriette took it as a serious, important question and proceeded to answer in detail all the thinking, feeling and study that goes into doing a portrait.



During Henriette's "portrait talk", as she described the manner that light strikes a surface, or how the hair falls and turns, or joints the face . . . little by little the noise and clatter near the long table ceased and the room became quiet, all listening as Henriette gave a detailed description of her approach to portrait painting. As she concluded her treatise there was a long silence at the table and throughout the room. Her statement was so powerful that no one could say or add anything. It was several minutes before the noise level of the room returned to normal, as waiters and table service was resumed. Rabbi Fierman excused himself and said to Acosta, "Manny, this has been magnificent!"

Later I asked Acosta to relate some of the Hurd/Wyeth art expressions and art philosophy. He told me that Henriette looked at a batch of Acosta's canvasses once and generally liked what she saw. He showed her a new work and she said, "Do you have any more like that?" "Well, yes," he replied. And she added, "Well, don't show them to me."

She had a special expression for each individual art work. She'd say, "That is smashing." At a Peter Hurd show at E.P.M.A. Mrs. Hans Bruckmuller asked her, "What name do you like the best? Wyeth or Hurd?" Henriette snapped back, "Either one. They are both dazzling to me!" The Hurds and Wyeths are a very close clan. They all help and protect one another.

As Acosta pointed out, regarding quality in art, Peter Hurd once told me . . . "Well, we made mud pies today," meaning that his production for the day was poor. H.W.H. would get very angry at herself when she painted some "unworkable thing". She would scrub it out - out! Out! Once she said that "an artist needs to get excited about his subject. One needs to 'get his bowels in an uproar' to paint convincingly. When she sees a top quality painting in a show she comments on its "smashingness" . . . yet, when she sees the "other kind" she claims she's not proud of her profession as an artist. Acosta explained how Henriette regards looking at a painting of a simple thing like a small toy, or doll, or a flower. She waxes on about the beautiful surface qualities, the turns, the tucks, the textures, the light, the relationship to space and subject.

Acosta claims she's not into discussing technique at all. She says it's a waste of time. "The only thing that counts is the true aesthetic statement." Once she looked at an Acosta art work and said, "Oh, I see you have hard edges." Manny got the point. He added, that Henriette told him, "Know what is happening to what you paint." She went on, "Do the surface thing, my dear." Paul Horgan said, "I keep everything I see. I'm putting ideas in show boxes, always, according to subject matter."

The Wyeth Hurd group has made a lasting impression on American Art; we can all profit by what they saw, felt and painted. Thanks, Manny, for your special insights.



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