

FEMA Demands More On Flood Plain Ordinance

by Doris Cherry

After spending many months cussing and discussing a flood plain ordinance, Lincoln County Commissioners adopted such an ordinance on a split vote. Now two months later, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is telling Lincoln County its ordinance is not good enough.

During the Lincoln County Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 15 in the Lin-

coln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, county attorney Alan Morel said FEMA now wants the county to amend its newly adopted ordinance to add two items. One is a section that states that all violations are presumed to be violations until the property owners produces documentation proving otherwise. The other section would require more technological information for lots larger than one-half acre.

"I was advised by FEMA that the ordinance you adopted met their minimum requirements," Morel said. "And now FEMA is saying people in Lincoln County cannot get FEMA flood insurance unless we adopt these additional sections to the flood plain ordinance."

County manager Tom Stewart read the email letters from the New Mexico FEMA office to county planning officer Patsy Sanchez and to

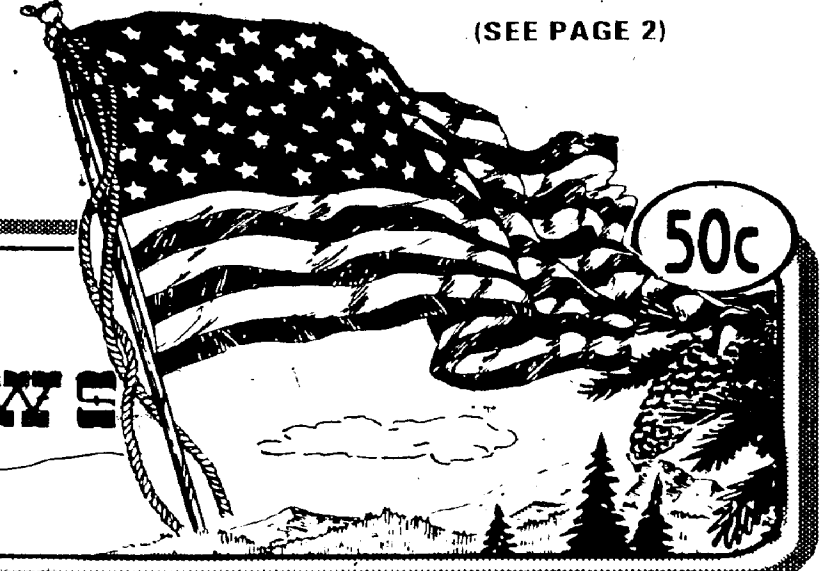
Maury St. John, who voted in favor of the flood plain ordinance, asked if anyone has been able to get FEMA flood insurance since the county adopted the ordinance. No one was sure, and according to surveyor Tim Collins only one permit for construction

within a flood plain has been submitted and approved by the county.

County commission chair Rex Wilson who voted against the flood plain ordinance said the county was

doing fine until FEMA pushed its control. He said he thought the county needs an ordinance that would allow flood insurance coverage to those who want it, not imposing county-wide regula-

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County To Consider Rules For Billboards

by Doris Cherry

Whether the county should regulate the placement of large lighted all night billboards will be a subject of public hearing at the July meeting of the Lincoln County Commissioners.

County commissioners at their regular June meeting on Tuesday, June 15 in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, authorized a public hearing be held on a proposed ordinance that would regulate where large signs could be placed.

The billboard issue came up in May when several residents of the townsite of Nogal came to the county commission meeting complaining about neighbors who were going to put up a huge lighted billboard on their property near the Nogal Post Office. A petition with several signatures was submitted, and the county commission directed county attorney Alan Morel to draft a possible sign ordinance to review at the June meeting. But few liked the broad county wide regulation in the draft billboard ordinance Morel offered, which he said was mostly

based on the New Mexico Highway Beautification Act.

Morel's proposed sign ordinance would govern how signs would be located within 660 feet of each side of all highways in Lincoln County. The proposed ordinance would have prohibited any new advertising signs for companies or services located off of the property on which the sign was located, or "off-premises sign." Any sign put up before that would be allowed to exist. Also under Morel's draft ordinance, any "on premises sign" or several other types of signs would be allowed with certain conditions. The draft ordinance also had a section dealing with abandoned or dangerous signs. All signs would have to be permitted by the county through an application and approval process.

District 5 county commissioner Rick Simpson was opposed to any regulation of signs on private property. He said the public has a right to comment about regulating signs on public lands, but vast areas of the county are private land. "What one man does on his

land is his business," Simpson said. Simpson lives along Highway 70 in the Hondo Valley.

District 4 county commissioner Earl Hobbs who lives in Deer Park Valley away from any major highway in the Alto area disagreed with Simpson. "Private property should be protected to the maximum extent it can be, but sometimes we have to recognize that what one does on his property impacts another," Hobbs said. Impacts include what is done with the land, and in the case of signs the amount of light, the appearance and

waste of a sign. "When the county was almost all agricultural (Simpson's philosophy) probably had a lot of validity, but the nature of the county is changing and we have more people," Hobbs continued. "We have to recognize that as a whole we have to subject ourselves to at least some regulations so no one is inordinately imposed upon."

Simpson said he hears comments from town people who do not like seeing so and so in the country, but what would these people

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Fireworks In Capitan Rodeo Arena Discussed

by Doris Cherry

Fire conditions in Lincoln County are approaching extreme and as a result Lincoln County Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday extended county-wide fire restrictions for another 30 days, which will include the July 4 Independence Day weekend. The restrictions

regulate open burning and prohibit aerial fireworks, except for public displays that are permitted through the county.

But this year, with a 60,000 acre fire still burning nearby in the Capitan Mountains, one neighbor wants to see the fireworks display cancelled, or moved to a safer place at the wastewater wetlands area.

At the Lincoln County Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 15 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, Capitan area property owner Ed Gillissen and his wife Patti asked county commissioners to reconsider the permit for the July 4 rodeo fireworks display. Gillissen said his hay barn is about 200 feet from the rodeo arena, and the dogs his wife boards have to be sedated during the fireworks display. He also moves his livestock for the night to keep them from being too agitated. "The rodeo arena is not a proper place for the fireworks," Gillissen said. He said last year after the display he found two bottle rockets right in front of his hay barn.

Gillissen said he went to the fair board, who told him if the fireworks burn down his barn, the county would pay for it. He said that was not his point, rather he was concerned about the liability and loss of competitiveness of shooting off fireworks around animals, including rodeo participants' horses, and having fireworks shot off within 50 feet of a grandstand by people without license to put on a public display.

County commissioner Maury St. John who lives in Cedar Creek surrounded by

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POOL PUPPIES delight in the newly refurbished Carrizozo Municipal Swimming Pool. The pool opened for the season on Tuesday with new side decks, and internal pump system that will keep the pool water sparkling clear all season. The town invested more than \$150,000.00 in the pool improvements, with funds coming in part from state appropriations and special taxes. The pool is open from noon to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday with night swimming from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Charge to swim is \$1.50 for those 18 years and less and \$2.50 for adults. Season passes, available at the pool, cost \$30.00 for individuals and \$50.00 for families. The telephone at the pool is 648-2937.

Public Input On Fort Stanton Future Sought

Fort Stanton Development Commission is seeking input from the public about the future of Fort Stanton.

Fort Stanton Development Commission at its May 22 meeting agreed it would like to hear from individuals or organizations interested in the preservation of Fort Stanton, according to a press release.

The commission is developing a broad based statement proposing future uses of the historic Fort Stanton. A questionnaire seeking comments about vision for an "ultimate or finished Fort Stanton"; priority of building restoration; the future of the Fort Stanton Development Commission; legal status of Fort Stanton; operational funding alternatives; ideas for adaptive use/venues" is

now available from the Fort Stanton Inc. website, or from area public libraries and municipal halls. A questionnaire and more information can be obtained by calling 653-4821. Completed questionnaires should be mailed to Maury St. John at 445 Cedar Creek Road, Ruidoso, NM 88345 before June 20.

Information from the returned questionnaires will be collated and included in the overall Master Plan for Fort Stanton.

Various events are planned at Fort Stanton, including the Fort Stanton Live celebration on August 14 and the beginning phases of an archaeological survey sponsored by the National Park Service and Lincoln County Histori-

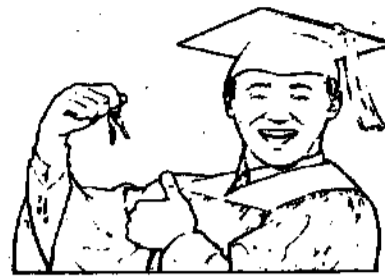
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INTERESTED CONSUMERS and industry representative attended the first ever NM Public Regulation Commission Legislative and Community Workshop on Monday in Ruidoso which included presentations by NM Public Regulation Commissioner E. Shirley Baca. Other PRC staff members present were Deana Trujillo, Kathi Padilla and Molly Harris director of PRC Consumer Regulations Division. Harris moderated the workshop that included presentations from the PRC Insurance Division and from utility company representatives with Texas New Mexico Power Company, Zia Natural Gas Co., Valor Co. (phone), Tularosa Basin Telecommunications Co. and Qwest. Baca is one of two PRC commissioners whose district include Lincoln County. Baca may be contacted at her office in Santa Fe at 505-827-8020. Anyone with insurance concerns can contact the NMPRC Insurance Division toll free at 1-877-673-1732; for concerns about utilities call 505-827-6940; for general consumer relations call 505 827-4592.



BOTTOM ROW: Dominique Zamora, Tyrrell Barela, Emily Comstock, Eli Langley, Cheyanne Apodaca, Tyler Hallacy, Patience Anaya, Samantha Vermilion. MIDDLE ROW: Veronica Ochoa, Caleb Ventura, Alexis Zamora, Jose Romero, Erin Campbell, Dillon Walema, Miccah Hamilton, Christian Najar. TOP ROW: Desirae Zamora, Kadee Sedillo, Leslie Ryan, Trevanen Johnson, Cirsten Barela, Jerry Davis, Lindsay Chavez. (Not pictured: Alex Randolph).



Carrizozo Kindergarten Graduation

Class of 2016



As the Lincoln County News nears the century mark of being in existence (1905-2005), we will be randomly publishing articles that have been published in the NEWS from old files. The following article appeared in the "Carrizozo News" -- on

***** Friday, January 16, 1920

The Country is Prosperous

Fluctuations in the volume of postal matter have always corresponded rather closely to the losses and gains of general business. In seasons of prosperity the mails increase in quantity, and there is a greater use of all the postal facilities -- money orders, registration, special delivery and parcel post. In periods of depression there is a decline in postal activities as in every other line of business.

The volume of Christmas mail in 1919 was a reliable index, then, of commercial and industrial conditions in this country. It indicated a widespread prosperity. Reports from the principal gateways showed large increases in every class of matter. In some instances the quantities of mail handled in given cities were as much as 125 per cent above those received and dispatched in the corresponding three weeks of 1918. For the entire country the volume of postal business was not less than 25 per cent more than in the same relative period of the previous year.

It is quite evident from these facts that if the cost of living is high it is by no means out of reach of the average person. Wages have risen so as to keep pace with ascending prices for food, clothing and comforts. Apparently there is no distitution comparable to that of past years when the cost of living was lower but still too high for thousands. Unemployment is the rare exception and the prospect is for even greater demands for labor of all sorts.

Those who have been predicting panics and recessions during the days of "reconstruction" should be agreeably surprised. There is no sign that the transition from war to peace is to be attended by any of the calamitous conditions which have characterized the last several months of European history.

Even our industrial disturbances have testified indirectly to a fundamentally sound condition of things, since they arose not from lack of employment but from dissatisfaction among thousands who were actually at work.

Texas Landmark Fast Crumbling

Once Proud Seat of "Law West of Pecos" is Now Crumbling ruins.

WHERE JUDGE BEAN PRESIDED

Town's name, Eagle's Nest, Vanishes From Map and Only Memory Remains of the Judge and His Rulings.

San Antonio, Tex. -- With its foundation posts wabbling like old men's legs, its floors showing ugly gaping holes, its porch roof shorn of the last lingering board, scraggy bits of what was once white paint hanging to the outer walls, and its door banging to a single rusty hinge -- at Langtry, Tex. once known as Eagle's Nest -- what remains of one of Texas' most famous old landmarks is succumbing to wind and rain.

It is the once proud seat of the "Law West of the Pecos" -- the old home and saloon and throne where, not so many years ago, Judge Roy Bean lived and reigned supreme as dispenser of justice and red eye liquor, and dared the world to interfere with his game.

But since Judge Bean went away there has been a great change. Perhaps it is just as well that he "cashed in" -- as he himself probably would express it -- before the days when nowhere in the whole of Texas can the traveler find a drop to drink.

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tions that require county inspection and permitting whenever anything, including fence posts, will be done on a property. He said the county

needs to take its objection and concerns about the FEMA issue to the Congressional delegation. County commissioner Earl

Hobbs, who also voted for the flood plain ordinance, was not pleased with the additional FEMA requirements. He said the presumption of being in violation until proving innocence is the Code of Napoleon, not what the United States is used on -- presumed innocent until proven guilty.

"We met all the requirements to us (from FEMA) for people could get the appropriate insurance so they could get loans to build where ever they wanted," Hobbs said. "I object to adding one line (to the flood plain ordinance) after the fact."

Tony Seno, from the county Libertarian Party, said the

commissioners who voted for the flood plain ordinance have the ability to put the ordinance back on the table and repeal it. He said he, Oscuro resident Jerry Carrol, and the Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (PLURAAC) asked the county not to pass the ordinance and subject the county to 550 pages of federal FEMA regulations.

Morel again said that at least one email from the state FEMA office advised the county that the flood plain ordinance that was passed was compliant and acceptable.

St. John said she was most bothered by FEMA coming back and demanding the county add to the ordinance when they were under impression the county had all it needed.

County commissioner Rick Simpson said that FEMA saying the county must add the two sections or county residents cannot get FEMA flood insurance is scare tactics. He said the truth is residents only will not be able to get flood insurance at FEMA prices, and they will still be able to get private company flood insurance.

Tom Battin of Ruidoso said he was told by an insurance agent that most private flood insurance does not cover "rising water" and the FEMA insurance is at a reasonable rate. "It is surprising where they say flood plains are in the county," Battin said. "Less than 10 percent of the county population is affected."

Wilson said FEMA has imposed the flood plain ordinance on all the county in order to take care of a few. "You have to call the county to build anything under this ordinance," Wilson said. "Then if you are in a flood plain you have to have an engineered survey for approval."

"This ordinance puts lots of people in violation," Wilson added. "I think even forest excavation of property will be in violation of this ordinance."

Ken Nosker, who lives along the Rio Hondo, said any governing body that passes rules without knowing the full impact is derelict in its duties.

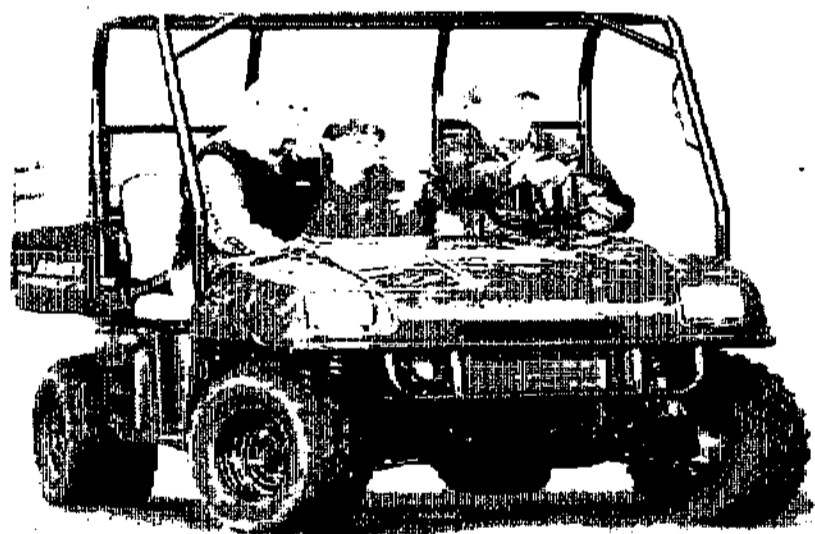
Seno said the federal flood program encourages people to build in flood prone areas at the expense of the next person.

Hobbs then asked Morel to pursue any possible compromises with the state FEMA office about the county flood plain ordinance as it was adopted and to be in touch with the Congressional delegation.

Wilson directed Morel to respond to the letter from the state FEMA office about the compliance.

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MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

--Carrizozo School Library open for public use, 5-7 p.m.

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

--Jalayne Spivey of the District II Office of the State Engineer is at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
--Fibromyalgia Syndrome Support Group meets every third Tuesday, 6 p.m. K-Bob's in Ruidoso. Call 354-3046 for more information.

TUESDAYS

--Capitan Public Library preschool reading hour at 1 p.m.
--Alcoholics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m. Carrizozo First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
--Crossfire Youth Group, 6:30-8 p.m. Trinity Baptist Church in Capitan. For junior and senior high school age youth.

WEDNESDAYS

--Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

TODAY, THURSDAY, JUNE 17

--Swearing in ceremony of new Hondo Post Master Rosalee Patterson, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Hondo Post Office.
--Carrizozo Family and Community Education (FCE) meets at 1 p.m. at Otero County Electric Cooperative office in Carrizozo.
--Lincoln Historic Preservation Board, 7 p.m. Community Church in Lincoln. Public invited.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

--Friends and families are invited to the Carrizozo Baptist Church Vacation Bible School program "Far-Out Far East Rickshaw Rally, Racing to the Sun!" at 11:30 a.m. at the church. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall after the presentation.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

--Spring Fling Rod Run and Car Show, School House Park on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. Registration 8 a.m. Free. For more information call Doug Babcock 258-7365.
--Building a 1900s Sweetheart Hat part 1 workshop by Valerie Thomas, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Learn to make a 1900s style hat using no glue methods. Attendance limited to 12 so reservations encouraged by calling 648-1105. Second part of the workshop to be held on June 26.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

--Father's Day! Have a picnic or barbecue (no charcoal in Ruidoso however) and give Dad a fun day!

MONDAY, JUNE 21, SUMMER SOLSTICE

--Lincoln County Rural Economic Development Through Tourism (REDTT), lunch at 12 noon, business meeting at 1 p.m. at the Lavender Spring Ranch in Arabela. Please RSVP at 505-630-0044.
--Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zoning Commission 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso village hall.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

--Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority 2 p.m. at the LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs. Public invited.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

--Democratic Party of Lincoln County regular meeting, 6:30 p.m. Innsbrook Village Community Room on Sudderth Dr. in Ruidoso. Call 630-2004 for more information.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

--Bloomin In June, arts and crafts fair at First Presbyterian Church on Sutton Drive (next to Nob Hill School) in Ruidoso. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Linda at 3336-1225 or 257-2220.
--Early 1900s hat making workshop by Valerie Thomas at Carrizozo Heritage Museum 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 648-1105 or email to zozoheritage@yahoo.com.
--Free art class today and Sunday, June 27 at Capitan Public Library taught by Karen Pritchert on cement sculptures. Call library at 354-3035 for times and details.

Vacation Bible School Program Is Tomorrow

The Carrizozo First Baptist Church has hosted Vacation Bible School this week. The theme is *Far-out Far East Rickshaw Rally*.

More than 30 children and 20 leaders participated in the program which taught them about Japan and around the world by hearing Bible stories and singing new songs. Games, crafts

and snacks were all related to each day's stories.

Tomorrow, Friday, June 18, the public is invited to the program at 11:30 a.m. at the church with lunch to follow in the Fellowship Hall. For information call Hayden Smith at 648-2107 or Marcia Mixon at 648-5612.



Wedding Announced

Lisa Sanchez of Carrizozo and Steve Wheeler Jr. of Carrizozo are to be married June 26. Lisa, a 2001 graduate of Carrizozo High School, is the daughter of Nancy Luna of Carrizozo. Wheeler's parents are Steve and Rose Wheeler of Carrizozo, and his grandparents are Elizabeth Padilla of Carrizozo and Jean Crook of Roswell.

Bob Harcrow To Celebrate 80th Birthday



Alvin "Bob" Harcrow was born June 18, 1924 in Roswell. In honor of his 80th birthday, his family is hosting a birthday party for him on Saturday, June 19 at Ruidoso Elks Lodge at 7:00 p.m. Please no gifts, bring happy memories.

Bob moved to Capitan in 1936 and he graduated from Capitan Union High School in May 1942. He joined the Air Force in 1943 and went overseas in September 1944, completing 35 combat missions and he was presented the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions.

He married Marjorie Latham in 1945 and after she died he married Jan Perea in 1978.

His two daughters are Mayilyn Lane of Alamogordo and Frances Traylor of Capitan. He has four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Bob had been Lincoln County road superintendent for a few years and retired from the State Highway Department in 1979 as Highway Maintenance Superintendent, Dist. 2.

Sheehan Earns Degree At NMSU

Beatrice and Frank Sheehan of Carrizozo proudly announce the graduation of their son William Thomas Sheehan from New Mexico State University on May 15. Billy received his Bachelor degree in Electronic and Computer Engineer Technology. He is a 1995 graduate of Carrizozo High School.

Grant Dean Wins Super Stock Race

by Karen Boghler

The super stock main was yellow free at Sertoma Speedway Friday, June 11 when the super stock racers gave the fans some exciting racing as three drivers battled for the win.

Alamogordo's Will Sewell took an early lead, with Ruidoso's Grant Dean and Alamo's Mac McCutcheon right behind. Sewell and Dean soon moved out in front and on the eighth lap, Dean took a lead he would never again relinquish. Capitan's Andy Willingham then spun out but got back on track so no yellows were called.

Dean continued to lead, but said he never felt like he had the race sewn up. "You're never confident in the front," he said. "You're always worried, I've got to go faster. I've got to go faster. They're going to come around me any minute. You just keep pushing and pushing." And that's what McCutcheon did, as he closed in on Sewell, passing him on lap 17 to hold on to second place.

Dean said after the earlier races, he knew the track would be slick and just had to drive accordingly. "I knew it was going to turn out to be a real dry, slick track," he said. "So you try to set your car up accordingly and feather-foot it. Drive it like there's an egg under the throttle. That's what it took to win. But it was fun. Boy, it was fun." The win was the second this season for Dean, who's a rookie in super stock. "That's not bad. I'm happy," he said. "Especially after throwing two motors the first three races of the year. So it's getting better. It was fun."

The street stock main was a series of yellow flags. On the first lap, points leader Jake Boles spun into the infield, causing a yellow and restart. On the next try, at least half-a-dozen cars got tangled up on the backstretch, with another caution the result. This time, Boles and Dennis McMaster left with flat tires, and at the next restart, only nine of the original 12 cars were still in the field. Then Ray Gutierrez, who led during the earlier aborted starts, was hit by Ruidoso's Tim Collins, and yet another yellow was called. With no one seriously injured this race was shortened to 15 laps, the attrition was good news for Lucas Moore, who took the lead when the race finally did get started and never looked back.

Problems started in the newly-inaugurated bomber class, a pre-hobby stock class designed to give beginning racers a chance to see what it's like to be out on the track. Evolved from the enduros of the past, the bombers feature a mixed array of cars, but the top two for most of the race were no surprise, they were last week's No. 1 and 2 finishers. Alamogordo's Amber Ryan and German Uwe Glasner were the only cars in contention for most of the race.

The yellows flags were out in force during the hobby class after a soaking-down following intermission made the track seem more like a skating rink. The start of the hobby main was delayed while the cars tried to pack in the track, but it didn't appear to help.

On the first lap, Joe Ruiz spun out in turn 2 and after a yellow, the cars were told to

do a few more preparation laps. Then on the restart, with the cars still slipping and sliding, a yellow was called for debris in turn 1, then again when points-leader Steve Winsor hit the wall during the yellow, breaking his suspension. On the third try, Kevin George and Reese Howard jumped out to a wide lead, lapping several cars, but then, with only seven laps complete, Roy Moore hit Howard and another yellow was called. By the time order was restored, so much time had gone by that the race was cut to 15 laps. George and Howard remained one and two when the race again started, but Levi Roberts was slowly moving up in the pack. With

four laps remaining, the 8-year-old had taken second, and heading into turn four of the final lap, was breathing George's fumes. But then Howard hit the wall in turn 2, raising a cloud of dust and this time bringing out a red flag. Howard was reported OK. That was the end of the race, however, as officials ended it with George declared the winner and Roberts in second.



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THOUGHTS
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Cat and Dog Fight

By Ruth Hammond

Instead of it raining cats and dogs in Lincoln County, there seems to be concern as to how the feline species is disposed of, or even if felines are taken into custody. The term "taken into custody" is often used when referring to juveniles being apprehended, and may or may not apply to the animal kingdom. Animals are not arrested, but they are often taken into custody, as is evidenced by the dogs that are in the cages at the animal shelter in Carrizozo.

Not everyone is a cat lover or a dog lover, but most people do have a pet, maybe a bird or fish. Birds may be parakeets, canaries, finches, cockatiels or something else, but birds usually remain in cages. Fish are as equally detached as birds, living in aquariums, never being out in the world. Birds and fish are different type pets, but are touted for lowering blood pressure for some people.

The canine and feline pets range from small to large, an especially interesting sight was four Saint Bernards in a VW, and many people consider their dogs and cats as members of the family. And while some people have both cats and dogs, many times dog lovers do not like cats and cat lovers do not care to be around dogs. But most will agree that all dogs and cats should be treated humanely.

Evidently a few people are wondering if cats are being treated humanely because there have been allegations that cats are not being kept at the holding kennels. Several months ago a local resident was told that the resident's cat had been taken to a barn out in the country. Humane?

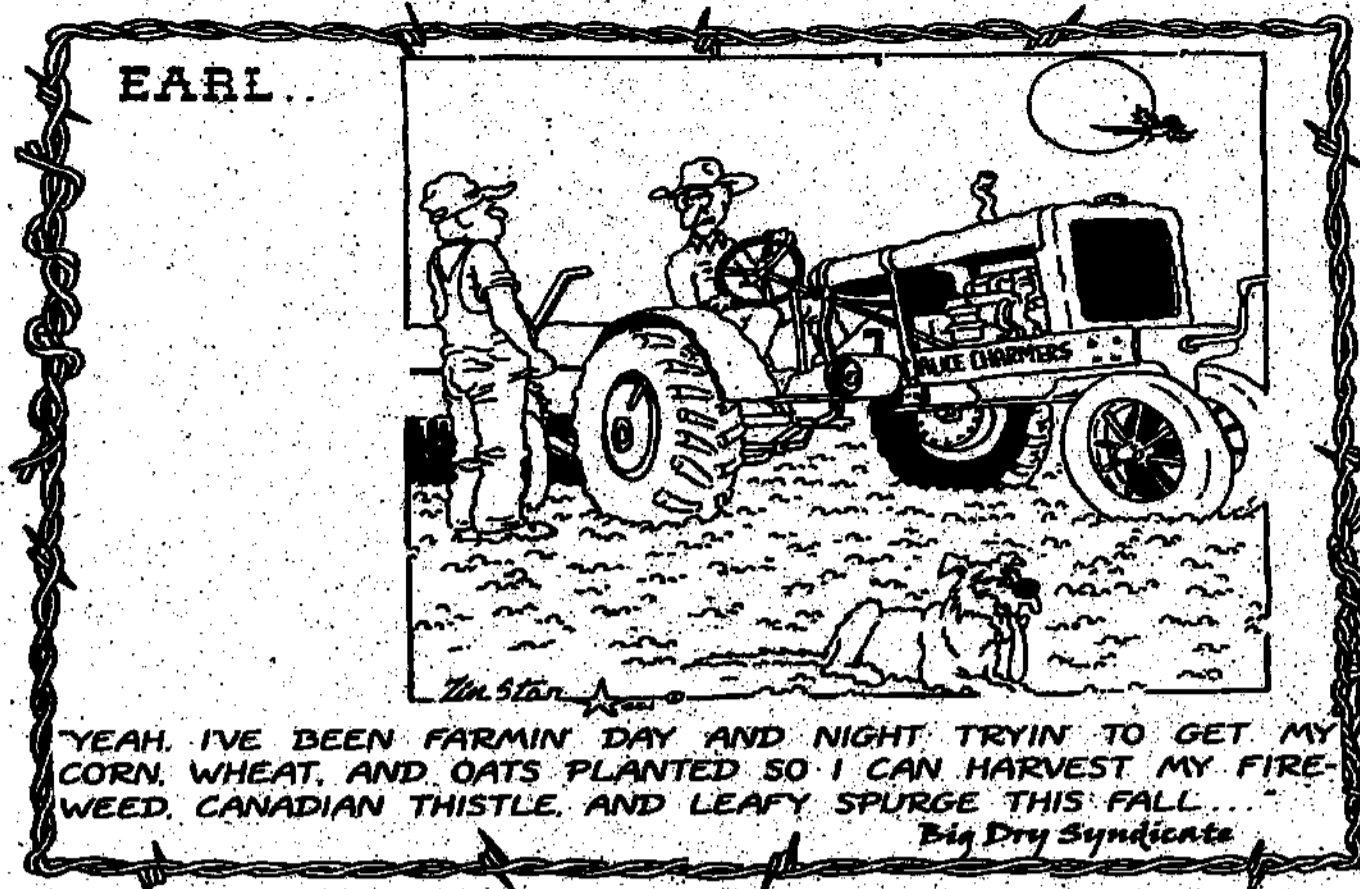
Getting in the middle of a dog fight is not wise and getting in the middle of a cat and dog fight may be even more unwise, but the question is, "Where are the cats?"

Raining cats and dogs, a condition that might help the severe drought, might be a cliché, but possibly the cats that are nowhere to be found are waiting for the cats.

If they are waiting for the rainfall, maybe then the cats can wade through the puddles, oops we mean puddles, and slosh their way home or wherever they want to go.

The main thing is that other kennels regularly have cats and/or kittens advertised for adoption and if there are no cats or kittens at the Carrizozo kennels, why not? Cats are notorious for their wanderings, and seldom frighten people as large dogs may do, but there are requests for cat traps at times. Are any of these cats taken into custody, and if so, what does the custodian do with the cats?

Yapping dogs and meowing cats might be the reason some people prefer quiet fish or birds confined to cages, or maybe even a reptile, but most people own a pet, or rather they are owned by their pets. Many people talk to their pets, which may be a form of therapy but is actually an excuse for talking when no one else is there. And cat owners want to talk to their cats too. Where are the cats?



INSIDE THE CAPITOL
by Jay Miller

SANTA FE -- The suggestions are coming in for alternative ways to promote the Billy the Kid legend in New Mexico.

Dave Clary of Roswell suggests that instead of my idea for scripted hearings, why not conduct moot trials as they do in law schools. Billy could be tried in Lincoln for murders of Bell and Olinger. Deputy Sederwall could be called to testify as to what he has learned from his investigations at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Some of New Mexico's more colorful prosecutors and defense attorneys could be asked to fill those roles. A state Supreme Court justice could act as judge.

Clary also suggests a special commission, similar to the 911 Commission, be appointed by Governor Richardson to advise him on whether he should grant Billy a pardon.

It could look into Gov. Lew Wallace's promise of a pardon in exchange for Billy's testimony in another case, whether Billy met those conditions, the circumstances surrounding Wallace's failure to grant a pardon, and maybe even the circumstances surrounding the conduct of Billy's trial that resulted in the only murder conviction in the Lincoln County War.

Trish Saunders of Seclude suggests the commission could conduct an official inquiry into the causes of the Lincoln County War. She also suggests that Billy not be the only one on trial. Bring the other side to justice too.

Clary offers a novel or movie script would only reflect our own times rather than Billy's time. He suggests an annual student essay contest on New Mexico history, with the first year's topic being Billy the Kid. The governor could present saving bonds or other awards.

But some disagree with Clary, claiming there is a magnificent love story waiting to be written about Billy, complete with names so descriptive of their characters that Dickens couldn't do better.

The Village of Lincoln conducts an annual summer pageant called The Last Escape of Billy the Kid. That should not be overlooked in planning in planning a statewide commemoration of the 125th anniversary of Billy the Kid's death in 2006. Rose Barton writes that Old Fort Days in Fort

Sumner in June shouldn't be overlooked either.

Silver City also is gaining an interest in telling people what happened back in the days when Billy was growing up there. The town now has a Billy the Kid Museum, a marker on his mother's grave, and a Billy event has been added to the June Wild, Wild West Pro Rodeo Week.

Sherry Tippett called to say the Mimbres Region Arts Council is having a fundraiser on June 19 called the Millie and Billy Ball, honoring the town's most colorful madam and outlaw. It will feature a \$10,000 drawing with the grand prize drawn by Lincoln County Deputy Sederwall.

By the way, the big Peppin Fiore, near Capitan, is named for Peppin Canyon where it started. The canyon was named for George "Dad" Peppin, who was sheriff of Lincoln County in 1878. He led the posse that had Billy and friends trapped in the McSween House, which the posse eventually set on fire. Several of Billy's group were killed or captured, but Billy made one of his famous getaways.

Peppin was serving out the term of Sheriff Barty, whom Billy was convicted of killing. Apparently the canyon was named for him because he owned the property. It's not likely to bear his name because of his prowess as a lawman.

The Peppin Fire also has burned an area associated with another Lincoln County celebrity. The blaze charred the home turf of Smokey Bear, where he was found clinging to a tree 54 years ago.

My thanks to those who contacted me to add their ideas to mine about how to promote the Billy legend. Maybe as a result, more people will become aware of what historians have to tell us about what really happened in the days of the Lincoln County War.



PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS

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Gemini (May 21 - June 20) A good deed, never goes unnoticed. Give from the heart when you truly know it's the best thing to do and expect nothing in return. The goodness from your heart will not only heal others but you'll be rewarded too.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) Once in awhile, someone comes into your life with or without your permission. This is that such time. Don't resist, but learn from this person about yourself and what the world has to offer. Get out of your rut.

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22) Words are a very powerful way of communication and sometimes we receive back what we have been giving all along. Think long and hard what you want to believe to someone. It's not the words, it's the action.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22) Once you put all this behind you, you'll see it wasn't as big as you thought. Don't lose sleep over something you can't control. You are doing the best you can with what you have in front of you. Just give love. Move on.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22) You may encounter someone or some place that is new and strange. Let things flow in a normal way, but stand your ground when it comes to your space. Give with kindness to show whomever that you love them.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Your money is coming. Your money is going. Your money is all mixed up. Stop and recount everything from the start. Don't spend anything unless you have it in hard cold cash. Step away from the credit cards slowly.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) You'll feel like you're standing in two rivers at the same time. You have two choices and both can be very beneficial, but each can change your life from no return. Choose wisely for this is your future.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Remove your heart strings when it comes to work. Don't mix the two together or you'll find you might be out of a job and receive a broken heart too. Find faith in yourself that you deserve the best of both worlds.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Run as fast as you can. Jump as high as you must. Live like you have only twenty fours. Start living for you and not everyone else. Don't get upset when others don't understand what you need. Tell them, show them.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20) Your world as you know it is about to change. Hold on to your hat. The ups and downs could be fun if you allow yourself to experience the flow of the new and wonderful world you are about to go through.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) A new friend or an old love might be coming back into your life. Think about this twice before getting hurt again. You are a different person and can handle things and people different or none at all.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Go pack your bags because you can start the wonderful life you have always wanted. What are you waiting for? Money? Someone to give you permission to do what you want to do. Just go do it.

REDDT Will Meet June 21 In Arabela

The Lincoln County Rural Economic Development Through Tourism (REDDT) council will meet Monday, June 21 at the Lavendar Spring Ranch in Arabella. The group usually

meets on the second Monday of the month but this month will meet on the third Monday. The meetings are open to the public and all are welcome.

Lunch is at 12:00 noon and the meeting will be at 1:00 pm. Discussion will include Starry Night and Arts in the Orchard and dates for 2005 events. Directions to the Lavendar Spring Ranch: from Highway 70 in Tinnie, mile marker 288, located between the Fina Gas and the General Store, go north on State Road 368 for 15.7 miles. Lavendar Spring Ranch is on the left. Go down the driveway to the red barn. Ignore the detour signs put up by the Forest Service.

There is a charge for lunch, if you plan on having lunch there please RSVP to Sue Harkness, 505 630-0044 or via email lctc101@yahoo.com

The goal of REDTT is rural economic development through tourism. Projects include Natural Fiber Festival in Lincoln, Arts in the Orchard in historic Lincoln, Voices From the Past at White Oaks Miner's Day, and Starry Night in Lincoln.

REDDT is a program of the USDA, administered through NMSU via local county extension agents and county extension home economists. For more information, contact Pete Gnatkowski by phone 505 648-2311 or by email pgnatkow@nmsu.edu

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Sheriff's Report

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

June 7
 7:52 a.m. vandalism/theft at private golf course in Alto area. Deputy dispatched.
 9:08 a.m. request for welfare check of female subject at an RV park because the female's car was there and she was almost never there. Deputy dispatched.
 1:03 p.m. break in on Lance Trail. Deputy dispatched.
June 8
 11:22 a.m. theft at location on Bonanza in Alpine Village. Deputy dispatched.
 1:53 p.m. request for am-

bulance at business. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at 2 p.m. and at 2:09 p.m. left for Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso arriving there at 2:52 p.m.
 4:01 p.m. request for advanced life support (ALS) ambulance at Carrizozo Health Clinic for patient with possible stroke. Med 1 ALS ambulance arrived at 4:30 p.m. and at 4:48 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 5:36 p.m.
 4:14 p.m. request for ambulance at residence on Highway 54. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at 4:30 p.m. and at 4:35 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 5:41 p.m.
 4:14 p.m. a man burning grass in his yard at location

in Little Creek. Deputy dispatched.
 11:30 p.m. District Court requested a deputy to serve two warrants to subjects at the Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC). Deputy assigned.
June 9
 12:07 a.m. agency assistance requested for door entry alarm sounding at business in Capitan. Deputy arrived at 12:13 a.m., key holder arrived at 12:21 a.m. and Capitan police arrived at 12:24 a.m. Deputy advised at 12:33 a.m. the building was secure.
 5:44 a.m. window shot out of business on ski-run road sometime between closing and opening, and they needed a report. Deputy dispatched.
 8 a.m. deputy requested a crash report in Capitan.
 11:02 a.m. Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) reported a runaway from foster care at location in Palo Verde. Deputy dispatched.
 12:08 p.m. K-9s running at large on old Fort Stanton Road. Deputy dispatched.
 1:10 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police reported a possible domestic at location in the Ruidoso Downs area. Deputy dispatched.
 1:31 p.m. Veteran's Hospital in Albuquerque advised of a subject threatening suicide at location in Alpine Village. Deputies dispatched.
 2:36 p.m. careless driver at mile marker 282 on Highway 70, a driver hit a flagman. Deputy dispatched.
 2:41 p.m. 13 year old female runaway in Nogal Canyon. Deputies arrived at 3:08 p.m.
 2:43 p.m. request for animal control at location on Mechem Drive for subject who had stray cat in a trap at a location in the county to be picked up. Deputy dispatched.
 3:40 p.m. CHIN in Albuquerque requested a welfare check of a five year old female at location in Rancho Ruidoso because the father was back in the house. Deputy dispatched.
 4:37 p.m. request for ambulance at Carrizozo Health Clinic for transport to the hospital in Alamogordo. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at 4:57 p.m. but was refused.
 5:11 p.m. animal abuse at location on Day Road, the neighbors moved and left three dogs with no food or water and chickens with no food or water. Deputy dispatched.
 6:08 p.m. request for deputy to make a report on property the caller picked up at location on Island in Capitan. Deputy arrived at 7:01 p.m.
June 10
 6:53 a.m. K-9s at large on E002. The responding deputy phone at 7:02 a.m.
 7:11 a.m. K-9s running at large with no food or water at location on Screaming Eagle in Enchanted Forest.
 9:19 a.m. request for ambulance at Carrizozo Health Clinic to transport a patient to the emergency room in Alamogordo. Med 1 arrived at 10:08 a.m.
 9:05 p.m. phone harassment at location on B006 north of Capitan. Deputy assigned.
June 11
 8:16 a.m. neighbor problems on La Junta. Deputy dispatched.
 11:20 a.m. deputy reported a lost wallet.
 12 noon vandalism at location on Highway 48. Deputy dispatched.
 12:40 p.m. smoke from ceiling at residence in Alamo Canyon. Hondo Fire Department arrived at 12:54 p.m. and left at 1:15 p.m. Med 7 ambulance arrived at 12:56 p.m. and left at 1:15 p.m.
 2:34 p.m. lost missing jewelry, a two carat diamond pendant with gold chain worth \$6-7,000 at location in Ranches of Sonterra. Deputy dispatched.
 3:30 p.m. LCDC reported damage to property. Deputy dispatched.
 4:07 p.m. Ruidoso Downs

Police requested welfare check at Bonito Lake for male who was reported to be in fear of his safety. Deputy arrived at 4:50 p.m. and left at 5:56 p.m.
 6:25 p.m. request for information in Corona, the caller was upset after receiving a call from his son who was on probation in Tennessee and was on his way to Corona, and the caller did not know what to do. Deputy dispatched.
 6:36 p.m. Otero County Sheriff's Office reported a traffic hazard at mile marker 113 on Highway 54. Deputy dispatched.
 7:13 p.m. gas skip on ski run road, a black pick-up with tinted windows left without paying \$45.
 9:21 p.m. 911 caller requested close patrol on Deer Park Road because his window may have been hit with a BB gun. Deputy dispatched.
June 12
 6:58 a.m. request for ambulance at adventure camp. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at 7:26 a.m. and at 7:44 a.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 9:36 a.m.
 11:19 a.m. accident without injuries on State Road 48 at the Nazarene Camp entrance. Deputy arrived at 12:09 p.m.
 5 p.m. request for ambulance at location on Del Monte Drive for 65 year-old female who fell and had wrist injuries. Med 2 arrived at 5:16 p.m. and at 5:26 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 5:45 p.m.
 7:56 p.m. traffic hazard, a person at mile marker 104 on Highway 380 a male subject with a bag using a cane walking along the highway. Deputy dispatched.
 8:34 p.m. private property accident without injuries on the Nazarene Camp. State police were busy with a prisoner and asked if the sheriff's office could cover. Deputy dispatched.
 8:39 p.m. state police reported livestock on the highway at the intersection of Highways 70 and 380 in Hondo and at mile marker 289 on Highway 70. Deputy dispatched.
 9:44 p.m. party and reckless driving on Billy the Kid Court in Rancho Ruidoso, vehicles racing and stopped at a residence. Deputy dispatched.
 10:30 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of an attempted suicide at an RV park. Med 1 arrived at 10:44 p.m. and at 10:50 p.m. advised all was okay. Two deputies also responded.

June 13
 8:22 a.m. larceny at West Lake Campground at Bonito Lake. Deputy dispatched.
 9:32 a.m. animal pick up, a cat, at location on Juniper Springs. Deputy dispatched.
 10:10 a.m. vehicle fire at mile marker 290 on Highway 70. Hondo Fire responded but cancelled the call at 10:14 a.m. State police arrived at 11:11 a.m.
 2:18 p.m. grass fire at mile marker 122 on Highway 54. Carrizozo Fire Dept. arrived at 2:28 p.m. and completed the assignment at 2:48 p.m.
 5:49 p.m. injured cat at Schlarb Road and Highway 54, the caller's dogs had attacked at cat. Deputy dispatched.
 8:40 p.m. damage to property at location on Burchwood in Nazarene Camp, the dial on a safe had been smashed. Deputy dispatched.
June 14
 4:55 a.m. motor vehicle accident without injuries at Main Road on Highway 48 in Capitan. Capitan ambulance arrived at 5:13 a.m. and at 5:23 a.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 6:01 a.m. State police were also notified.
 7:54 a.m. request for ambulance for female with neck injury. Capitan ambulance arrived at 8:03 a.m. and at 8:15 a.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 8:46 a.m.
 9:12 a.m. request for ambulance at Carrizozo Health Clinic for possible cardiac patient. Med 1 arrived at 9:55 a.m. and at 10:05 a.m. left for the hospital in Alamogordo.



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In the "Good Old Days"

Many humorous and many semi-tragic stories regarding Judge Bean have been handed down by friends and relatives, many of whom are living in or adjacent to San Antonio today. It was in a day when enforcers of the law were few and far between, and when the men with the quickest trigger finger and the steadiest nerve were monarchs of a large portion of what they surveyed.

Bean was justice of the peace of precinct No. 6 and the ranking representative of the law for hundreds of miles north, south, east and west of him. Equipped with a copy of the statutes of Ohio of the vintage of 1885, a sense of fair play, and a strong conviction of what the law should be even though it were not so written down in the books, he put up his sign:

Judge Roy Bean Justice of the Peace Law West of the Pecos.

In addition to being chief magistrate over everything "West of the Pecos," Judge Bean conducted a thirst-quenching emporium typical of the day. The saloon was in the hall of justice, and from behind the bar came the voice of authority backed by a brace of perfectly good six-shooters.

Judge Bean's "Law."

Two Mexican men and women walked into Judge Bean's court one day and informed him that they wanted a change; that they wanted to swap helpmeets. The judge made diligent inquiries of each of the four, found all to be of the same mind, charged each of the men \$15 and a dozen bottles of beer and called it done.

When a state official from Austin on a flying visit to "Eagle's Nest" complained to Judge Bean that he was exceeding his authority, explaining that divorces should be passed up to a higher court, Bean is alleged to have retorted:

"Why, say! Have I ever butted into your affairs? These people wanted to swap, they paid me for changing 'em around, they're livin' together perfectly happy, an' nobody 'round here has complained. You go on back to Austin an' handle your courts like you want to, but this is out o' your jurisdiction."

Then there was Judge Bean's famous decision in the case of a man being tried for killing a Chinaman. The judge, after a careful search through the statutes of Ohio, couldn't find a single word against killing Chinamen; therefore there was nothing to do but release the party who did the killing.

Likewise the story of the judge's method of disposing of the \$50 in money found in the pockets of a dead Chinaman. A six-shooter also had been found on him, so the judge fined the deceased \$50 for carrying a deadly weapon.

Waking Up to the Red Menace

(New Mexican)

Arrests of thousands of radical agitators in many cities during the past ten days indicates that the government is finally awake to the necessity of doing something more than making speeches with reference to the Red Menace. The awakening comes none too soon. It is to be hoped, now that it has come, that there will be no let up in the drive on revolutionists and anarchists until they cease finally to look to America as a haven of refuge and easy money and a fertile field for operations with dynamite and the torch. It has been pretty fairly proven that a far-reaching, well-financed effort has been made to sovietize America.

We have been fortunate in New Mexico. We have been spared the riotous extravagance on one hand, and the bolshevist agitator on the other. We have had little of the slowing up of production, except in our mines and we have even escaped the worst of high price levels, high as prices here have become. But isolated and detached as we are from centers of agitation and unrest, we feel the reflexes more seriously when they finally reach us, as reach us they must. We know that the panic of 1907 did not get to New Mexico for months after it broke in the east; but it hurt none the less when it came, so will slack production and unrest have its effect when it gets to us through trade channels and through the industries on which we depend for our main support.

We know now that it is the bolshevist agitator who has been largely responsible for the steel strike, the great coal strike, the general slowing up of production in all major industries. He has appeared in various forms and in various disguises, as anarchist, as I.W.W., as radical labor leader, as syndicalist, and as preacher of "free speech," unrestricted immigration and general

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Corona Notes

The Sierra Blanca Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution performed a Flag Retirement Ceremony, on Tuesday June 14, Flag Day.

Regent Lanita Rasak presided over the ceremony as DAR members Louise Morton, Bobbie Milburn, Nena Stratton, Susanne O'Malley, and Sherry Witt performed the actual ritual of cutting away the blue field of stars making it no longer a flag. They proceeded to cut each stripe from the flag starting with the first colony to enter the Union, Delaware.

As the stripes were removed a Ruidoso Fire Department fireman took the piece and put it into a fire pit, until all the stripes were consumed by the flames with the blue field of stars going in last.

The Boy Scout Troop #59 posted the colors. Don Riddett attended in uniform. He is the oldest Boy Scout at age 83. He is also an Eagle Scout.

The Corona American Legion Beaver-Bond Post #35 and the Auxillary members present were Pete and Helen Porter, Curtis Duke, Lanita Rasak, Sherrill Bradford, Bill and Johnny Faye Harrelson. Also attending were the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars mem-

bers from Ruidoso.

VFW member Romeo Kline addressed the group at the conclusion of the ceremony. The Star Spangled Banner was played by DAR Member Evelyn Jenkins. "It is the Soldier" by Father Dennis Edward O'Brien Sgt. USMC was read by vice president General Susanne O'Malley, and "The Flag" a poem by Edith Scott Magna, president general DAR 1932-1935 was given by Sherry Witt.

Bobbie Milburn gave the Invocation and Benediction as acting Chaplain. Nena Stratton formerly of Corona was the Flag chairman who was responsible for the event. She provided lemonade to the audience members as well.

At the conclusion of the ritual, Sherrill Bradford, Bill and Johnnie Faye Harrelson, their grandson-Jonathan Harrelson from Hagerman NM, Curtis Duke, Lanita Rasak, Nena Stratton dis-assembled the multitude of worn flags that had been dropped off at locations in Ruidoso for retirement and they were burned by the firemen as well. The ashes from the flags were then buried.

The ceremony will take place again next year on Flag Day.

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Old Lincoln Town

by Rosalie Dunlap

It has been a week of mourning and a week of celebrations.

The whole world was watching the funeral of President Ronald Wilson Reagan. There were so many kinds words and praise for the president.

The viewers of the casket and the adoration of Nancy. The crowds that gathered all the way along the highways, clapping when Nancy's limousine passed, and the unbelievably quietness.

There are four memories that stand out for me, when Nancy laid her head on the casket, waving from the Air Force One before she entered the plane, turning around during the transfer of the casket from the hearse to the caisson so the crowd could take photos and at Simi when the children gathered around to comfort their mother with the beautiful sunset in the background.

Lincoln County lost some

of its own. Thelma Chipman and Louise Joiner, both very active FCI (extension) club members until ill health cut down on their activities. They both were such good friends and neighbors. Louise was the Hondo postmaster for so many years.

Karen Walker lost her battle with cancer. She was such a delightful person and a marvelous photographer. In spite of her illness she still took so many wonderful photos and an inspiration to the rest of us interested in photography.

Thursday we went to Las Cruces to attend the emeritus picnic for the agriculture and home economics personnel.

Friends and family from far and near attended the wedding of Callie Gnatkowski and John Gibson at the St. Rita's Catholic Church in Carrizozo. The bride wore a beautiful pearl studded wedding gown. Following the

wedding ceremony a reception and dinner was held at the Carrizozo County Club.

The Canyon CowBelles held a covered dish dinner for the founders of the Canyon CowBelles 40 years ago. At that time there were members from Capitan and Corona, who now have their own chapters.

It was also their annual Father's Day affair. They awarded Mike Gaines the Man of the Year award for all the help he has given the children in Vo-Ag at the school. Among his remarks he was wondering if he might be

teaching some of the grandchildren of his first students.

There will a celebration of the completion of the "Save America's Treasures" restoration project in Lincoln Wednesday, June 23 from 5:00 to 8:00. The buildings will be open for viewing.

We still see lots of smoke from the Peppin Fire. Their latest worry is the forecast of dry lightning Thursday.

Hope this makes the papers as I had to take my computer to Roswell to be fixed today. Monday. Was it HOT.

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County To Consider

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think if a country person said they did not like someone's yard in town. "So if we're going to have a public hearing on a sign ordinance, please write my copy of that proposed ordinance on toilet paper," he added.

District 2 county commissioner Maury St. John only liked the section on abandoned or dangerous signs.

Bob Moeller, property owner in Nogal who wanted the billboard, said beautification is a tough issue because the very beauty of the county is what attracts more people, more land development and the need for more services for the growing population. He asked the county commissioners to go about beautification in a fair and balanced approach instead of "piece meal" and to include regulation of junk cars and other items. He suggested the commission appoint an advisory committee with budget to pay for consultants.

"We don't want tyranny," Moeller said. "We want respect for private property in Lincoln County."

Caroline McCoy of Nogal, who brought the issue to the county commission, said there is wide spread support to regulate large billboards, but not any other smaller signs. As for junk cars, she said there are existing county ordinances that deal with that. As for an advisory committee as suggested by Moeller, McCoy said that would be a waste of time, because Morel had done a good job on the draft sign ordinance.

Ken Nosker, who lives along Highway 70 in San Patricio, said there are already rules about signs along the scenic by-way which he said was imposed illegally and will be challenged. "This is just another encroachment with Big Brother, Big Government for more control," Nosker said. "We don't need more regulations." He said he did not dislike signs, but did dislike seeing huge vacation houses built along the mountain tops.

Jerry Carroll from Oscura said he was an escapee from Dallas partly because of big "obtrusive" signs. "You have to have one of these signs built next to you to appreciate not sleeping at night because of the noise and light," he added. Carroll said there are ways to deal with large signs, perhaps by a vote of the people in the affected area, but overall he wanted "no obtrusive signs" especially in Nogal.

"Free enterprise is one thing as long as it does not disturb the neighbors," Carroll added.

District 3 county commissioner Leo Martinez said he did not like the proposed ordinance as drafted because the only area with concerns was Nogal. With that he made a motion to hold public hearing on a proposed ordinance to regulate signs only within the Nogal area.

Ruidoso resident Tony Seno said no one owns a view. "If you don't like the sign, don't look at it," he added. "This ordinance tramples free speech and private property rights." He suggested the people of Nogal incorporate into a municipality and make their own ordinances against signs.

McCoy said there is not enough population in Nogal to create a municipality unless they include all of Nogal, Loma Grande and Maggado Creek. She said zoning was not the direction she or the others opposed to the billboard wanted to go. "We just don't want a 48 foot lighted all night sign," McCoy said.

Seno then "prayed" that the sitting Republicans (all the county commission) not create bigger government for him.

Simpson said what is good for one area is not necessarily good for all areas of the county, such as the restrictions on fire. "If we can work out a special accommodation for Nogal that's great, not a county blanket regulation," he added.

After the motion was made to set a public hearing for a proposed sign ordinance for Nogal, District 1 county commissioner Rex Wilson asked how the county would compensate property owners for this "taking." Morel said in his opinion an ordinance regulating billboards would not be a "taking" and a taking would happen only if an ordinance was passed that would require existing signs to be removed. Wilson then asked if the property owners in the specific affected area should be notified. Morel said that would be a good idea "to be safe."

When the vote was taken to hold hearing on a proposed ordinance to regulate signs in the Nogal area only, commissioners Wilson, Martinez, St. John and Simpson voted yes, and Hobbs voted no.

Copies of the proposed sign ordinance will be available from the office of the county manager at least one day prior to the July 20 regular county commission meeting.

More Sheriff's Report

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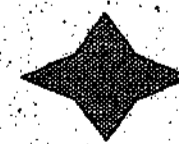
9:15 a.m. man down at location on La Junta. At 9:36 a.m. Capitan ambulance was diverted and canceled as Med 8 awaited the Office of Medical Investigator (OMI). Deputy arrived at 9:20 a.m. and the OMI at 9:36 a.m.

12:55 p.m. request for ambulance on Willard Highway for female in her 70s with respiratory distress. Corona ambulance arrived at 1:24 p.m. and at 1:42 p.m. Carrizozo ambulance arrived to transport the patient to Carrizozo airport for the air ambulance.

1:31 p.m. constantly barking dogs in Palo Verde. Deputy dispatched.

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Fort Stanton FACTS & FICTION

by Betty Lou Joiner



As our family watched the Reagan funeral we were involved with the ending of another very good person.

At a little after nine on June 11 Mary Louise Joiner died at her home in Hondo. Her three caretakers were with her and had been with Louise for four to seven years. She had had the very best of care. Not many get to stay in their own homes when they reach this age. The Joiners, Bonnells, Lawrences and Patsy appreciate Carol, Edna and Renee for a job well done.

Louise had been a postmaster at her home in Hondo for over 40 years. Leo, her husband who preceded her in death, was postmaster before her. They began my career in 1966 and so I have many fond memories of learning a wonderful occupation from two very special people.

At the time of this writing I do not know what time or when the services will be held. More in next week's column.

Posse participated at Miner's Day, riding in the parade, selling enve-

lopes, and posters, involved in a trail ride up the mountain, and helping with security was several of the member's activities.

The annual pictorial cancellation of a miner was available by postmaster Willie Hobbs of Fort Stanton. Rustic Roots were serving their good food and the stink bug race was a big hit. Smokey and Madam Varnish enjoyed the music of Mark Remington singing his new Smokey Bear song.

Mary Ann was able to take Smokey even with the Peppin Fire still burning. It seems to be about 88 percent contained and hopefully will soon be out. Several vendors were at White Oaks and two different voices of the past were performed by the actors. I had to work and couldn't take the dogs, so am writing this by word of mouth.

The Lincoln County Fair Board has decided to get arm bands for this

year's stampede. The prices will be per day and should really help out a lot of people. The fair book with the cover done by Della Bonnell should be coming out really soon. Pick one up and start on a project to enter in the fair for August. It is never too early to start.

The chamber decided to have the parade on Saturday the 3rd instead of the 4th. It is always better to have it on another day instead of Sunday. George Tippin is working to try and get the Smokey Bear Fun Run organized. This had been going for over 20 years. A quilt I made from the T-shirts is very interesting. From the first Happy Hoofers to Smokey Bear Fun Run 2004. Many have helped and donated to a fun time in Capitan.

The pictures I took for Smokey's 60th were good ones and I hope to have them in a notebook for the committee members to see.

The Smokey Bear Stampede is coming up very soon.

The Corriente Cow-Belle Roping is June 26, which is not very far off either.

The Peppin fire fighters moved from the fair grounds to the school area and will be there until the fire is cleaned up. There has been so much traffic on Hwy. 246 and the gap road that we will be really lost when it comes to an end.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Doris Pounds' family. Doris was so good to help mother and Della had taken her to Roswell several times when she was sick. Doris was a caretaker of so many people and helped the Methodist and Christ Community churches in so many ways. We will all miss Doris very much.

Today two of the four postmasters in the Hondo Valley will be installed to their new positions. Plan to come and have some refreshments and welcome Rosalee Patterson, Esther Crouch, Donna Gonzales and Priscilla Chaves to their new posts in each of the post offices. Hopefully Jerry Harger and Dave Martin from Albuquerque will be doing the honors. The pictorial cancellation will be available at the San Patricio post office.

Until next week think about some rain. How we are needing it. The grasshoppers have nearly taken over the yard!!!!

Fireworks In Capitan

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national forest where fireworks are banned always. said a lot of people enjoy the rodeo fireworks. She asked if the rodeo could put on extra security or bring in the fire department.

County commissioner Leo Martinez who lives in Ruidoso, said he sponsored Cillissen in the discussion because of the Peppin Fire that was driven by the wild winds in the Capitan area and the prolonged dry and hot weather. "We have to look at all the fireworks displays (being requested) not just the Capitan one," Martinez said. "Or we could be looking for trouble." Spencer Theater also has a fireworks display on July 4.

County commissioner Earl Hobbs said in his personal opinion with the current drought conditions all fireworks should be banned county wide.

Cillissen gave the history of the fireworks at the rodeo after THE NEWS commented that the fireworks display at the July 4 Stampede was a relatively new tradition. Cillissen said fair board member Shorty Sanders won a load of fireworks about five years ago and decided to shoot them off during the July 4 stampede performance. "It has grown." Cillissen said of the display. "But I don't get to see it because I am home guarding my house."

County commissioner Rex Wilson said he was unsure how to resolve the situation.

County manager Tom Stewart said the discussion about the concerns for the fireworks was good and he would be reluctant to approve a permit for the fireworks display. By ordinance, all public fireworks displays anywhere in the county must be approved and permitted by the county manager's office. The fairgrounds are owned by the county.

Stewart said he would consider allowing the July 4 Stampede fireworks display if it is moved away from the arena and grandstands. He also said he will monitor the weather as it gets closer to July 4 to make a final determination about all requested fireworks displays. He also said he would talk with Billy Bob Shafer, president of the fair association board, about moving the display ignition area out of the arena to a location further out.

Stewart said the Carrizozo July 4 fireworks display at the town golf course is not subject to county regulation since the golf course is town owned property, now inside the city limits, and the display is conducted by the town fire department.

Under the continued fire restriction resolution, all open burning is prohibited except in designated areas with a permit which is obtained from the county manager. Backyard/patio charcoal grills and ceremonial fires are allowed without permit. The Village of Ruidoso has banned the use of all charcoal grills.

Also under the county fire restrictions all aerial fireworks are prohibited and only certain types of ground fireworks are allowed on paved or barren areas under

supervision with water source nearby.

For a copy for the entire county fire restrictions contact the office of the county manager at 505-648-2385, or from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office at 648-2341.

Obituaries

ALFREDO "Fred" LOPEZ

Funeral services were held May 24 in Gainesville, GA for Alfredo "Fred" Lopez, 98, Rev. J.L. Yopp and Rev. Bob Bert officiated. Burial was in Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mr. Lopez died May 22 following an extended illness. He was born July 7, 1905 in Mexico but lived many years in Carrizozo. He was a barber and teacher at a barber school in New Mexico.

Survivors include his sons, Richard Lopez, Houston, and Nacho Lopez, San Antonio, TX; extended family Mary Dove, Gainesville, Lawrence and Carolyn Thomas, Allen, Megan, Montana and Savannah Thomas, and Daniel, Dawn and Dacey Grace Thomas, all of Cleveland, Charlie Dove and Jack, Laurie, Tripp and Tyler Colter, all of Gray, Mr. Lopez was preceded in death by his wife, Annie Sue Hightower Lopez.

DORIS M. POUNDS

A memorial service for Doris M. Pounds, 80, of Capitan, was held June 12 at Ft. Lone Tree Bible Ranch. She died June 6. She was born January 11, 1924 at Salida, CO. She moved to Lincoln County in 1963.

She was a member of the Handmaidens Quilting Group in Capitan and was very active in the community of Capitan. She retired from the Health Department for the State of New Mexico and was a member of the Capitan United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Grover Dobbins of Lovington; two daughters, Cindy LaMay of Needville, TX, and Patti Rogers of Roswell; two sisters, Bonnie Vick of Santa Rosa and Virginia Kleckner of Pagosa Springs, CO and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

JACK E. KING

A memorial service for Jack E. King, 81, of Portales, was held June 5 at First United Methodist Church in Portales with Rev. Harry Riser officiating. Mr. King died May 29. He was born April 20, 1923 in Clovis.

Mr. King's family moved from their home north of Clovis to Cedarvale, NM, near Corona, by covered wagon in 1929. He attended school at Cedarvale. In 1942 he joined the US Navy, where he was a communications officer. He married Lucille Laquinta August 18, 1954 in Wahiawa, HI. After he retired in 1961 as a Chief Petty Officer, they made their home in Tularosa. They moved to Capitan in 1984 where he began to train race horses. They moved to Corona in 1987 and to Portales in 1991. He was a lifetime member of Beaver Bond American Legion Post in Corona.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille King of the family home; sons, Jack and Wynn King of Ruidoso, and Jim King of Portales; daughters, Judy and John Kennedy of Vail, AZ, and Joyce and Barry Roulson of Stephenville, TX; nine grandchildren; three great grandchildren; his step-mother Leah King of Alamogordo; two brothers, Gerald King of Kent, WA, and Franklin King of Leander, TX, and sister, Billie Pender of Alamogordo.

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Church Directory



MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY

Nogal Presbyterian Church:

BILL SEBRING, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

Aneho Community Presbyterian Church:

TERRY AIELLO, Pastor / 648-2024
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church:

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor
314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM
648-2968 (Church) or 648-2107

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
Sun. Evening Training at 6:15 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)

JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, Pastor

Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth, 648-2186
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. DAVE BERGS, Pastor

213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853

SATURDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart 5:00 p.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart 9:00 a.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita 10:30 a.m.
Corona St. Theresa 1:00 p.m.

Church of Christ

TOM POINDEXTER, Minister 354-3135

Ave. G at 12th, Carrizozo, NM
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 1:15 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

REV. RON THOMSON, Rector

Corner of E Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM.
1-505-258-1242
Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Claunoh Community Church

TONY SCACCIA, Minister
849-1402
Second Sunday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.

United Methodist Churches

JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor

1000 D. Ave, 648-2893 / 648-2846
Carrizozo, NM 88301
Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Choir Practice (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.
United Methodist Women
Every 3rd Wednesday 2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner on
4th Sunday of Month 12:30 p.m.

CAPITAN:

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

Christ Community Fellowship

ED VINSO, Pastor (Inter-denominational)
514 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, NM
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister
5th & Lincoln / 338-4627
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

MEL GNATKOWSKI, Pastor / 648-2530
Phone 354-2044
Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Corona

CAL WEST, Pastor / 849-7975
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner 1st Sunday of Month

Angus Church of the Nazarens

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RICK HUTCHISON, Pastor / 336-8032
Southwest Corner of Hwy. 48 & 37 Junction
Between Ruidoso and Capitan, NM

Sunday:
Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Teen dinner and games 6:00 p.m.
Teen Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting 8:00 p.m.

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GRAY FAMILY REUNION VISITS OLD HOMESTEAD

The Gray family reunion was held in Lincoln on June 12.

Two sets of siblings were reunited. Lee Gray met his half sister Bettye Wooten from Roswell after 57 yrs. and Tony and Wayne Gray met their half sister Kerri Gray Hallgrimson after 41 yrs.

The Gray homestead is still standing and the family took pictures there on Saturday, thanks to the current owners, who graciously al-

lowed the family on the property.

Seaborn T. Gray came to New Mexico in 1884, but records show he applied for his land September 28, 1892 and family members believe he built the Gray Homestead, which is still standing, in 1892 or 1893.

Seaborn conducted a livery business in Capitan. He first came to New Mexico in 1884 and was located at the Angus V.V. Ranch 12 miles south of Capitan.

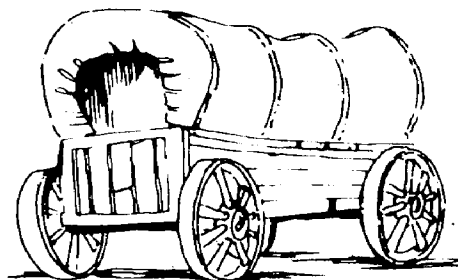
where he was in partnership with Pat Garrett. He engaged in the cattle business from 1884 until 1887.

He later located on a ranch comprising the town site of Capitan and continued to deal in cattle. In 1897 he opened the first store on the ranch and was instrumental in securing the establishment of a post office, which was called Gray. He served as postmaster from August 20, 1894, when the post office was first established, until October 11, 1900, when the town of Gray was renamed Capitan.

Part of this information taken from a book on "History Of New Mexico" and an article "Capitan" by Ann Earling and Oleta V. Cloud, as well as family members.



Seaborn T. Gray



Gray Homestead

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