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Capitan residents respond

Ordinance goes down in flames

The Capitan Zoning Ordinance went down in flames Monday night.

Some 126 people crowded the Capitan School cafeteria to voice their opinions on the proposed planning and zoning ordinance at the document's advertised public hearing. Nearly all were strongly against it.

Most wanted the village to stay as it is, because they had come there to get away from the "big city" things like zoning.

Objections ranged from the lack of zoning maps to indicate how people will be affected to the actual document, which appeared copied from one designed for a large city. Some parts of the document also were seen as an invasion of privacy. Others worried about the costs of enforcing the ordinance—extra employees for inspection and so on.

"We can't live with this kind of proposal," said 76-year resident Fletcher Hall. "We have to live within our means."

Resident Myrum Whitaker wanted the ordinance reduced from its 85 pages, to apply more to the village. She most objected to the clause which prohibits four unrelated people from living in one's home. "That should not be P&Z's business...it's an invasion of privacy."

Dr. Bernie Reimann, who

chairs the village Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z), told of the need and the history of the ordinance. In order to obtain federal dollars from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, a division of Housing and

Urban Development, applicants must show their communities have plans to upgrade themselves. Without a plan obtaining those funds in the future could be jeopardized.

Capitan Zoning Ordinance will become a land use plan for

Capitan, Reimann said.

In 1988, the village commissioned a general village plan to be drawn, using \$25,000 in CDBG funds. From that year, P&Z has worked on a zoning ordinance.

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NEARLY ALL OF THE 126 people at the public hearing on the proposed Capitan Zoning Ordinance raise their hands to signify their opposition. Residents said they preferred the village as it is now, with few "big city" restrictions.

C'zozo deal with EPA is AOK

By DORIS CHERRY

Carrizozo Trustees signed the bottom line with EPA Tuesday night.

After two years of negotiation with the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Carrizozo Trustees

accepted the final terms of an agreement for use of the town's sewer works to clean up cyanide contaminates at the Cimarron Mill Superfund Project.

The town had been deadlocked with EPA over certain terms of the agreement, especially third party indemnity.

For months the town was concerned concentrations of cyanide from the Cimarron Mill well water could contaminate the sewer treatment and evaporation lagoons. The town also wanted to charge EPA \$1,500 a month.

Tuesday night, EPA Cimarron

Mill Superfund Remedial Project Manager Paul Sieminski told trustees Harold Garcia, Aileen Lovelace, Patsy Vallejos and Doug Whittaker his office had agreed to most of the town's terms in the agreement. EPA agreed to pay the \$1,500 a month fee to pump. While EPA cannot legally agree to any third-party indemnity, because that would be obligating future funds, it agreed to monitoring the system, as outlined in the preferred remedial action presented in 1989.

Sieminski said the water will be tested in each well at the mill. The wells will be pumped for four days, the water mixed, then tested again. The water will be pumped into the town sewer only if the cyanide concentration is an acceptable level. After the first four-day pump test, the water will be pumped continuously, and tested as it leaves the site weekly. Tests will be made of the water entering and leaving the Imhoff sewer treatment tank twice a month.

A cyanide detection kit will be provided to the town for random checks.

Sieminski doubted any problems would arise that would require an emergency shut down of the system, since cyanide concentrations are relatively low. If an emergency arises, the town can call EPA on a 24-hour phone line for a decision to shut down. The town had wanted an automatic monitoring system that would shut down the wells if concentrations were too high. But Sieminski said there is no such automatic equipment.

EPA estimates the Cimarron wells will need to be pumped for at least 13 months. However, pumping will continue as long as cyanide is detected in the wells. Results of the initial four-day pump tests

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EPA SUPERFUND PROJECT Manager Paul Sieminski (right) shows Carrizozo Trustee Doug Whittaker his agency's plans to pump water from the cyanide contaminated wells at Cimarron Mill, while trustee Patsy Vallejos looks on. Trustees signed an agreement with EPA to allow cyanide-contaminated water to be pumped into the town sewer system—only after the town's worries were satisfied.



PILOTS FROM ACROSS THE STATE braved the wind Sunday to attend the Carrizozo Fly In. More than 70 people arrived in 23 planes. El Paso, Albuquerque, Roswell, Los Lunas, Clovis and Alamogordo were among the cities represented.



JANICE WARE

Janice Ware announces for re-election

Lincoln County Treasurer Janice S. Ware has announced that she is seeking re-election to the office she was elected to as a Republican in 1990.

Ware has five years experience in the treasurer's office and is seeking her second term as treasurer.

Ware said that she feels the treasurer's office has progressed well during her first term in office.

In order to save taxpayer's money, Ware searched for a less expensive billing form, which would be more understandable to the public.

During her tenure, Ware also initiated an aggressive effort to collect delinquent taxes.

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BUD PAYNE

Bud Payne announces for probate

J.O. "Bud" Payne has filed for another term as Lincoln County Probate Judge. His name will be on the Republican ballot.

Bud lives in Carrizozo and says he can save the county money by not having to charge mileage for the 90-mile round trip from Ruidoso every time he goes to the courthouse. There is also a savings in fewer long distance telephone calls.

Bud has served as Lincoln County Probate Judge for 15 months. He says he has saved the heirs and/or people he serves hundreds of dollars by furnishing them with instructions of what is required in a probate.

"These are the same instructions the lawyers use," Bud explained. He said there is a format to be typed to be used and filed at the courthouse.

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Patricia Serna announces for re-election



PATRICIA SERNA

Patricia A. Serna, Lincoln County Assessor, has announced she is seeking re-election on the Republican ticket.

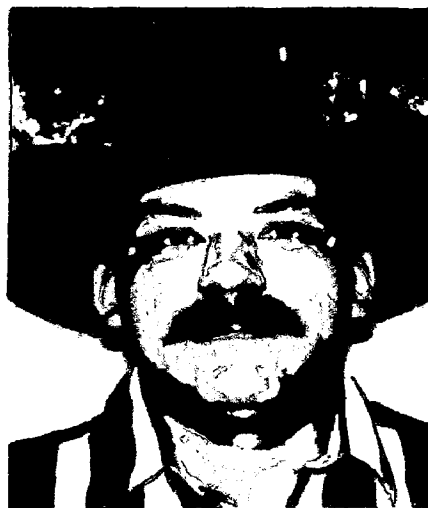
Serna is a native of Lincoln County, graduate of Carrizozo High School and has been employed by Lincoln County since Jan. 1, 1971.

She is serving her first term as county assessor and is very satisfied with the progress and changes made in her office.

The assessor is responsible for setting proper value for all property's subject to property tax. Although, valuations of property such as railroads, telephone, utilities and mineral properties are the responsibility of Property Tax Division of The Taxation & Revenue Department.

The assessor is required by law to update property value every two years. This was a re-appraisal year. On March 11, 1992, 24,905 Notice of Value were mailed to all property owners within Lincoln County. If property owners disagreed with their values, they had until April 13 to file a Petition

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GILBERT SAMBRANO

G. Sambrano announces for sheriff

Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy Gilbert S. Sambrano announces his candidacy for the position of Sheriff of Lincoln County. He will be running on the Republican ballot in the upcoming Primary Election on June 2.

Sambrano was born and raised in Lincoln County, graduated from Carrizozo High School, attended New Mexico State University (Police Science) and served in the United States Marine Corps from 1975 until 1978. He worked from

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Cleanup days scheduled

Carrizozo, Capitan and Ruidoso have all scheduled April 25 as the day to cleanup their communities. It will be the perfect time for everyone to work together to beautify their

surroundings.

The theme for Carrizozo will be 'Pride in Carrizozo Cleanup Day.' Volunteers of all ages will be needed, especially adults with pickups.

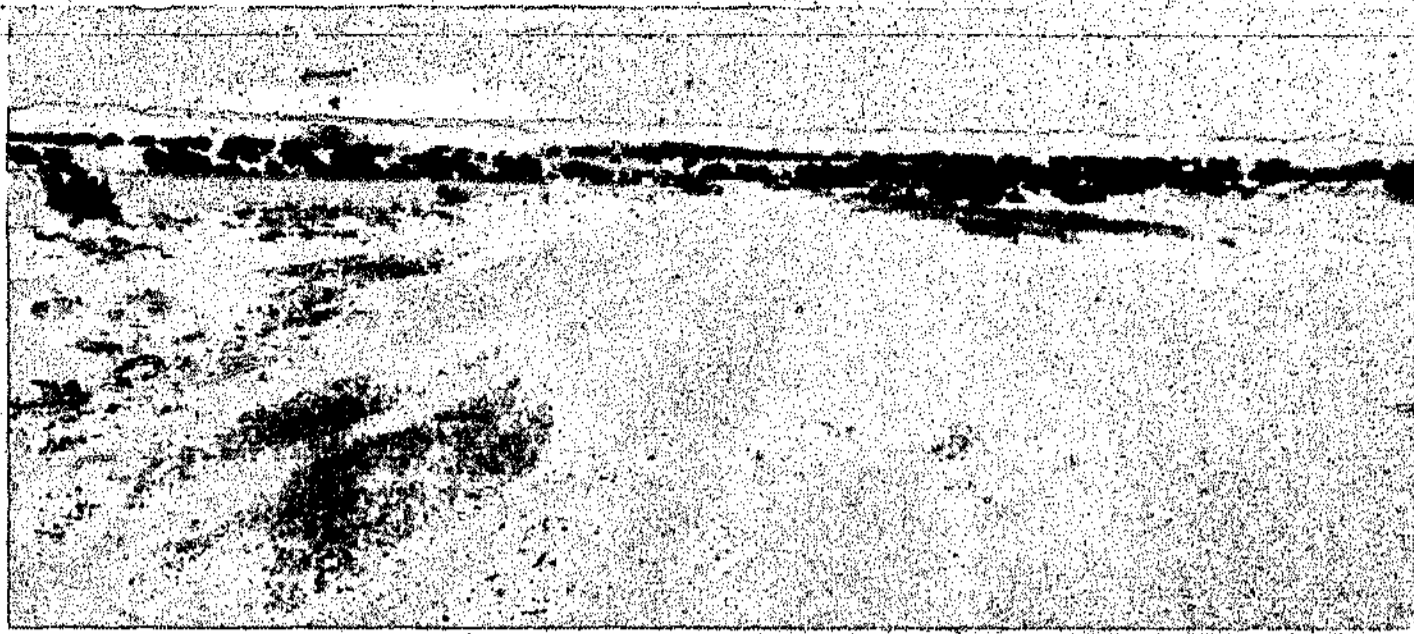
Business people and individuals are encouraged to not only work on that one day but to designate all week as a time to work on their own homes, yards and businesses.

AA meets Thursday

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday in Carrizozo at 7 pm at Zia Senior Citizens Center. Anyone interested in knowing more about the program is welcome to attend. There are no dues.

NOTICE

Please be advised that the town of Carrizozo Motor Vehicle Department will open four (4) days per week commencing May 4, 1992. Hours are as follows:
Monday thru Thursday, 8:00-12:00 a.m. / 12:30-3:00 p.m.



THE ROAD TO THE SPENCER RANCH is in good shape, thanks to the Lincoln County road department. Commissioner Stirling Spencer, to whose ranch the road goes, told of the improvements to his road at the county meeting last week. He hoped to dispell rumours he was the one who ordered the improvements. Spencer said the road has been a county road for at least 20 years, through prescriptive rights. The road had not been maintained by the county for several years, rather it was maintained by the ranch itself. When road manager Bill Cupit saw the road's bad condition, he offered to upgrade it. Spencer provided the gravel, which also was used for road improvements in the White Oaks area.



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HAYDEN SMITH, pastor

Ware announces

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Ware has earned the County Treasurer's Certification and has attended various seminars focusing on the duties of the treasurer and local government.

"I am experienced in all phases of tax collections, distributions, county investments, the budget process, and special projects collections," Ware said. "Experience in correctly applying the Property Tax Laws to the collection process on a daily basis is the prime factor in serving the public well." Ware also

said that with the frequent changing of tax laws, it is imperative that the treasurer and staff are knowledgeable of those laws affecting tax collections.

"I am familiar with the types of investments allowed by statute and by our local investment policy," Ware said.

As treasurer, she manages large sums of local, state and federal monies. Safety and liquidity of county funds are always the primary consideration for investments.

A 1972 Capitan High School honors graduate, Ware is a member of Christ Community Fellowship Church in Capitan, American Legion Auxiliary, and Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County.

Ware and her three daughters live on the family ranch west of Capitan. She is a fifth generation Lincoln County native.

Ware said she has a sincere desire to continue as a public servant and is dedicated to serving the public with integrity and dependability.

Grizzly track

Carrizozo Grizzlies had a slim team at the Melrose Buffalo Relays last Saturday.

James Silva ran and jumped his way through the events. He was second place in the 110M hurdles with a time of 16.1 seconds, the 300M hurdles with a time of 48.17 and long jump with a distance of 18 feet 7 1/2 inches. Silva was fifth in the 200M dash and sixth in the 100M dash.

Lee Roy Zamora was second in the javelin and fifth in discus. Alfonso Lucero was third in discus.

Cory Collins finished fourth in the two-mile run with a time of 11 minutes, 8 seconds. He finished fifth in the 1600M run.

Fernando Medina was sixth in discus.

Jon Vallejos was sixth in the 200M dash and the 400M dash.

The Grizzlies will travel to Ft. Sumner for the Fox Relays this Saturday. It is the first state-qualifying meet.

Friday, April 24, the Grizzlies will compete in the Slade Relays in Tularosa. The district meet will be in Ft. Sumner on May 2.

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CARRIZOZO LIONS CLUB PREPARED BREAKFAST for those attending the Carrizozo Fly In Sunday. Carrizozo Airport Manager Hal Marx extends a special thanks to everyone for their help in making the day a success, including Dr. David Rouleau, Virgil Hall, Ralph Gary, Sherry Rouleau, Cheryl Hall and the Carrizozo Lions Club.

Capitan ordinance (Cont'd from P. 1)

The proposed ordinance presented Monday was the work of many public meetings of the seven-member P&Z, plus on-site visits around the village. Reimann looked at zoning ordinances from Ruidoso and Tularosa and admitted most P&Z ordinances are copied from others. Other members of the P&Z are Reimann, Duffy Morton, Dorothy Smith, Joe Geomotes, David Posely, Jimmie Luna and one vacancy.

Before the hearing was over, mayor Frank Warth appointed Myrum Whitaker to that vacancy.

While Reimann had ideas of proposed zoning maps, he had none to show to the crowd. That raised objections from Dr. David Rouleau, who left the board of trustees at the last election in March.

Dr. Rouleau said, most people at the hearing were troubled by not knowing what zone they would live in. "It makes it difficult for people to appreciate the ordinance... you need the maps or it makes the hearing meaningless."

The crowd got loud during the hearing. Many shouting their dislikes and fears of zoning, "like some big city."

While the hearing was specifically for the village zoning ordinance, some there worried that passage of the document would lead to annexation of properties around the village, or to formation of an Extraterritorial Zone (ETZ). Reimann said there is much research to be done before an ET Zone can be proposed.

He also said there is no coherent map for the village boundaries, which has presented a problem to draw maps for the village zones.

Reimann further defended the document because it will place restrictions on property uses, such as a pig-pen next to a residence. One audience member responded she liked that better than the ordinance.

She got a thundering ovation from the group.

Reimann also said the unrestricted uses would make the price of property go down, but one real estate salesman said properties with too many restrictions often don't sell.

The crowd finally pressed trustees Leroy Montes, Gilbert Montoya, L.C. Cozzens and Gordon Ross to take stands for or against the proposed ordinance. Montes and Montoya quickly said they were opposed to it. Cozzens, offended by the hostile nature of the crowd, defended the need for a zoning ordinance, but would not attempt to railroad something through the people did not want. Ross chose to go with the opinion of his constituency—against the zoning ordinance.

When Ross suggested the proposed ordinance be taken back and reworked, the crowd would not approve. Most wanted either no zoning or one which is more tailored to a village of 1,000 people.

Dr. Rouleau said the ordinance needs to be more specific with a clear purpose. "If we really

need more laws and regulations at least let the people know why. The reason why they came to Capitan was the variety and freedom the people have here is unique in the United States."

The public hearing was adjourned and the regular April trustee meeting began shortly after to a group greatly reduced in numbers.

Trustees took no action on the zoning ordinance.

The mayor proclaimed May 9 Smokey Bear Day in Capitan and May 10-16 as Small Business Week. Friends of Smokey will have a barbecue dinner the night of May 9.

Village cleanup day is April 25. Residents who have heavy items need to call village hall before noon Friday, April 24, to arrange for a pick up. Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA), which now owns the Class C landfill, will allow free dumping on cleanup day. Howard Shanks and Gordon Ross from the Capitan Chamber of Commerce will coordinate the day and welcome any help.

Warth also reported LCSWA plans to phase in Capitan garbage collection in June. Until then Southwest Disposal will continue to pick up village trash. After LCSWA takes over, garbage rates will stay the same, at least for one year. Warth speculated rates could go up about \$1 a month to cover the cost of recycling in the future.

One thing not worked out by LCSWA is how much say the municipal councils will have on rates, village attorney Robert Beauvais said. Some LCSWA members think rates should be standardized.

Meanwhile, some wanted increased pick ups during the week by Southwest. Warth said no one should get shocked if the rates go up, since it costs more for more pickups.

Norm Renfro requested some courtesy dumpsters be placed around the village when LCSWA takes over. Now people lay trash beside locked dumpsters and overflow open ones.

Beauvais said that problem

Brandin' time

Around Lincoln County about this time of the year, a lot of folks are roundin' up their cattle because it is brandin' time. Everyone takes part from the youngest to the oldest.

A couple of weeks ago Fred LaMay and crew branded his calves. For Fred this was the umpteenth time as he was born on Nogal Mesa in 1901 and there has always been branding time for his family.

Fred said when he came to the Mesa Nogal Peak wasn't any bigger than a thimble. That's a while back. But Bill Gallacher Sr., who also ranched, said he was here so long ago that he carried water on a burro from the White Mountains to put out the fire in the Mal Pais.

will be alleviated when a county ordinance will make it mandatory for county residents to pay collection fees. When the fees are in place county residents also will get more dumpsters, collected by LCSWA.

A 1980 ordinance regarding dangerous nuisances got some attention. Warth said there is trash, litter, brush, weeds and junk autos in the village which need to be removed. He has instructed village police officer Lance Zink to identify properties which are at fault. Village Hall has started sending letters to property owners in violation of the ordinance.

Warth updated the progress on the CDBG constructed wetlands project. The property for the project has been purchased and the engineers are about completed with the design. The wetlands are expected to be completed by the middle of next year.

The cemetery budget was adjusted to add \$1,000 to the operating expense.

C'zozo deal with EPA (Cont'd from P. 1)

and continued monitoring tests will be made available to the town.

"This is our best and final offer," Sieminski told trustees. Feeling assured with the monitoring, which will document concentrations in case of a lawsuit, trustees accepted.

Had the town not accepted the offer, EPA had plans to begin another remedial action within 10 days. It would have involved pumping water into a tank on the mill site, then recirculating the water back into the ground there. The town would have gotten no fees for the action.

Cimarron Mill originally was used to extract iron ore, but was converted to a gold-extraction operation in the early 1980s. Southwest Minerals, a subsidiary of Sierra Blanca Mining Company, operated without a state permit for cyanide processing. In July 1982 the operation ceased. In June 1983, New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division (NMEID) sent Cimarron Mining Corp. a notice of violation. A month later, the company filed for bankruptcy.

NMEID field inspections of the site in 1980, 1982 and 1984 revealed presence of cyanide and elevated metals in the shallow ground water. Based on that information and samples taken by EPA in 1987, the site was proposed for the Superfund National Priority List in 1988. The mill was formally declared a Superfund site on Oct. 4, 1989, because it was judged a possible major long-term threat to human health and the environment. It also meant federal Superfund monies could be spent to study and cleanup the site. The state matches 10 percent of the cleanup cost.

In July 1990, the proposed plan to cleanup the contamination problems at the mill was announced. EPA held public meetings in Carrizozo to explain its cleanup plans. Local concerns of contaminating the town's sewer system, and possibly ground water below the sewer lagoons, increased. The

result was a two-year negotiation with EPA before the mutual agreement was reached with the town.

Also Tuesday, trustees accepted the proposal from Robert Vallejos to lease the Carrizozo Recreation Center. Trustees Patsy Vallejos and Whitaker disqualified themselves from voting on the proposal, since both are in-laws of Robert Vallejos. Since two trustees were unable to vote, state law allowed the mayor to create a quorum with a vote. It was unanimous approval of Vallejos' proposal. He hopes to keep the rec center open longer hours and make it more available to the town's younger people. Vallejos had the only sub-

mission in response to the request for proposals advertised in two area newspapers. Terms of the lease will be negotiated.

In other business, trustees: —Accepted the audit proposal from DeAnn Willoughby for the 1991-92 audit. Her proposal will be submitted to the state auditor for final approval.

—Agreed to meet with county road manager Bill Cupit to determine which roads in the Carrizozo area belong to the town and which are county.

—Approved the new business registration for Pueblo Video Sales and Rental from Charles and Mary Lou White.

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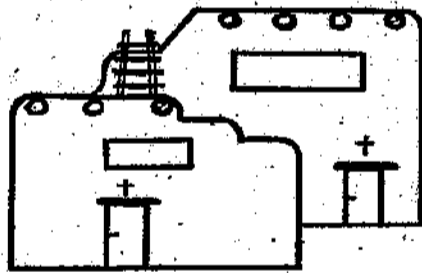
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The New Mexico School for the deaf invites the public to attend a gathering of young deaf artists from five states in Santa Fe April 23 through 26. Artsign '92 is not a contest but will give the deaf artists the opportunity to hammer out artistic and cultural questions with professional artists serving as mentors and with art educators and teachers.

Roswell

The Community Crusade at Mainstreet Roswell will get underway at 10 am April 18 beginning with a grand procession. The day's activities will include sword-fighting exhibitions and song and dance numbers all recreated from pre-seventeenth century Europe as well as a science illusionist, flaming sword presentation and two performances by Boyd Barrett.

Spring Dance Festival

The University of New Mexico College of Fine Arts announces the Spring Dance Festival 'Together Again' opening April 23 and running April 24, 25, 30 and May 1 and 2 at 8 pm on the Rodey Stage.

Game & Fish News

The new Big Game Proclamations have been delivered to vendors along with application forms for special hunts. Hunters are cautioned to read the proclamations carefully because there are some changes this year.

The spring turkey season begins Saturday and runs through May 10. The deadline for applications to hunt antelope, elk, oryx, bighorn sheep, ibex and deer entry permits is May 23.

The state game commission will meet April 22 in Rio Rancho. The advisory board, the Landowner, Sportsmen and Wildlife Council, will meet April 21 in Rio Rancho. The advisory board the Southern Committee will meet at 1 pm in the public library in Roswell April 25. All meetings are open to the public.

Olympians to be honored

New Mexico's Olympic athletes and Olympic hopefuls, and the nation's Native American Olympians will be honored at a special luncheon April 24 at the Albuquerque Convention Center.

Writer's Conference

The fourth annual 'Courage to Write for Children' conference will be held April 25 in Santa Fe. For more information call 505-982-3099.

Clean Air Award

The American Lung Association of New Mexico is accepting nominations for its annual Clean Air Award until April 29. For information and a nomination form call 265-0732.

Hurry home Al

Al's Musings will not be published this week and next week because Al Stabbs is in the hospital in Albuquerque. He hopes to be home soon and we all wish him well.

HOLY WEEK Services

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

—Capitan United Methodist Church will hold a Holy Thursday Service at 7 p.m. This will be a service of Holy Communion. The public is invited to attend.

—Holy Thursday Mass is set for 6 p.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church in San Patricio and 8 p.m. at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church in Ruidoso.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 17

—Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo will hold Good Friday Service at 7 p.m. This will be a service of Holy Communion and Tenebrae (Service of Shadows).

—Good Friday Service at 6 p.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church.

EASTER SUNDAY

—Trinity Methodist Church will join the communitywide Capitan Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. in the Capitan School Gym. The community is invited.

—Carrizozo First Baptist Church will conduct a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at Carrizozo Schools football field. A breakfast will follow at the church building. The regular services will follow at their usual times.

—Easter services at Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo will be conducted by Father Dave Berg.

—Easter Sunday Mass will be said at 6, 10, 11:30 a.m. at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church in Ruidoso. Easter Sunday Mass will be said at 8 a.m. at St. Jude's in San Patricio.

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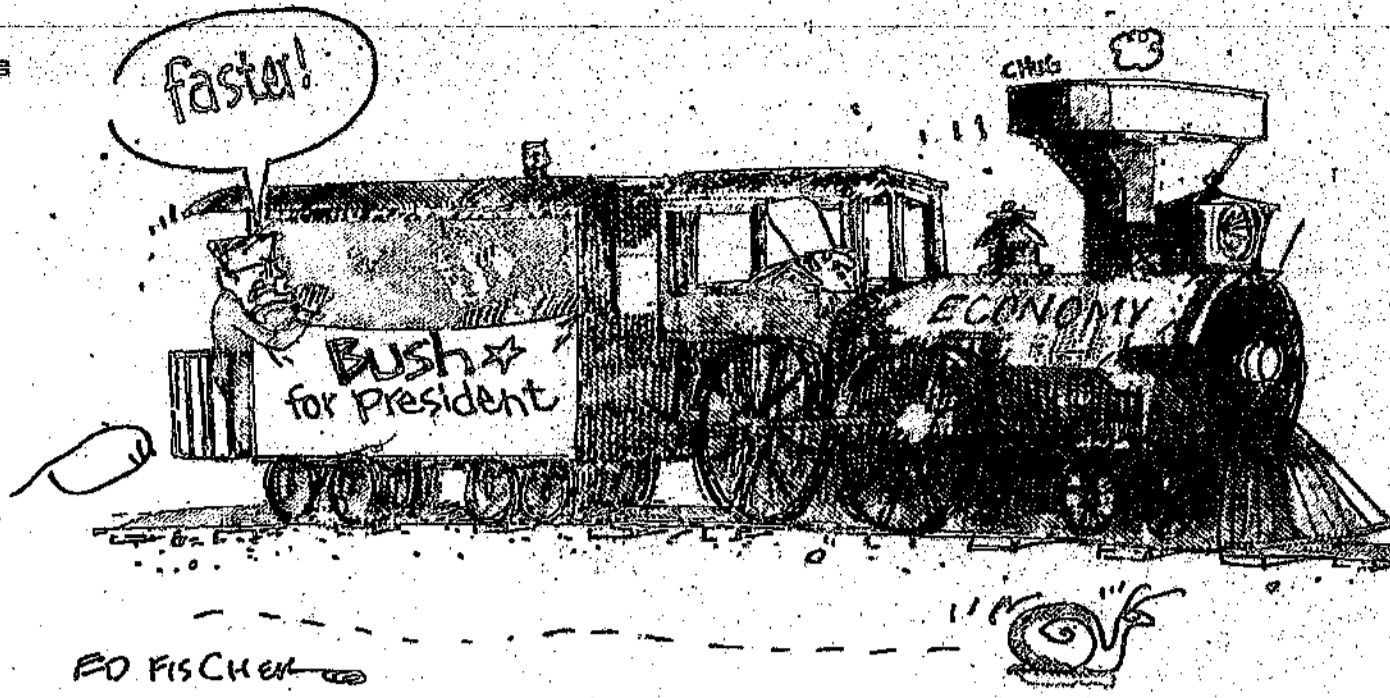
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by Jay Miller

SANTA FE—The pork industry is trying to improve the image of its product. So is the New Mexico Legislature.

Producers are telling us pork is "the other white meat" and that it can be roasted, barbecued, marinated, skewered, and who knows what else?

Legislative pork can also be served in many ways. In years past, lawmakers took home money for sewers, water systems, roads and bridges in order to improve reelection chances. Today, the selection of pork has expanded to school buildings, senior citizen centers, hand-

icapped vans, and all manner of social programs.

In fact, an entire new form of legislative giveaways has been created called "social pork," possibly the "white meat" of legislative largesse.

Three different hogs provide the source for legislative pork. General fund surpluses finance giveaways for programmatic expenditures. Construction projects and major equipment, termed "capital outlay," come from the severance tax bonding fund.

The third source of pork is the most valued—a truly "prize hog." In fact, lawmakers actually require taxpayers to fork over money for this top grade of pork that is designated for universities, public schools and senior citizens. "Payment" is in the form of higher property taxes to finance "general obligation" bonds that appear on November ballots.

Lawmakers are a crafty bunch. They know voters are unlikely to "pay" for sewer improvements, penitentiary repairs, and such. Those projects are financed by the sale of severance tax bonds. The amount of money available in the severance tax bonding fund is dependent on the quantity of minerals being "severed" from New Mexico's land.

Due to the nation's economic situation, that isn't much. The economy also has reduced drastically the amount of surpluses remaining in state coffers

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Payne . . .

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"The cost of an informal probate shouldn't cost more than \$50.00," Payne said. "This includes cost of the notice to creditors that is required to be published in the newspaper."

"I feel I have served the public well and wish to continue for another term," Payne said. He was born and reared in Lincoln County, is a World War II veteran, and previously was Lincoln County Commissioner for four years.

"I feel qualified and able to continue as your probate judge and will surely appreciate your vote," Payne said.

Sambrano . . .

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1979 until 1982 for the sheriff's department and from 1982 until 1987 for the Ruidoso Police Department, serving the last two years as a sergeant. Sambrano returned to the sheriff's department in 1989.

With 12 years of law enforcement experience, including over 400 hours of advanced training, Sambrano believes he has the knowledge and capabilities to bring the sheriff's department to a new level of competency and dedication to better serve and protect the residents of Lincoln County.

Sambrano states that his forum is simple: To Be Sheriff For The People.

The Other Side

By Owen Russell

I suffered through another birthday last week. It would seem that as much as we do this we would get used to it after awhile, but each year just adds to the pile. However, although I'm not going to tell you how old I am, I'm still in pretty good shape for a '92 model. Just a few dents and tears in the upholstery, but there are still some good miles left on the engine.

Birthdays always bring up the discussion about what type of gifts you should select. Should you get something that gives the recipient a momentary pleasure, or should you look for something of substance that will keep your memory fresh in the person's mind? If you buy her candy, it will satisfy both objectives because she'll wear it forever, and never forget you for it.

In spite of the old problem of saying more to get you out of the bind you are in getting you in deeper, I promised last week that my discussion about child support would be continued, and since the credibility of columns which discuss matters of such great importance that papers fill unused space with them is so important that the columnist has to make at least some effort to emulate George Washington and write only things which may be related to the truth, (although I think the cherry tree story was a campaign slogan), I will live up to my promise, so here goes.

(Continued from last week.)

Now, where was I? As I recall, the point I was discussing had to do with the changing expectations in the marital relationship.

Really, not much has changed in my lifestyle, except that the feminist movement in recent years has contributed to the woman thinking there must be something better in life than raising kids, but I feel that perpetuating the myth of a moral obligation for the ex-husband to provide support for his children is a concept that overlooks current conditions. There are two elements to the situation. First, blood relationships are very different from social relationships but they are being mixed together, and second, moral relationships are very different from legal relationships, but they are also being mixed together.

In past generations, the marital relationship seldom turned out to be the idyllic romantic experience it was touted as being, but the couple stayed together and raised their kids, mainly because they had no other alternative. Now that there appear to be alternatives, the relationship can't withstand the shock that comes from the discovery that life isn't as easy as we thought it was going to be.

I do not intend in this discussion to lay any blame on anyone for the way the situation is, because we are all, men, women, and society, to some extent to blame for the way things are. The feminist movement is right in saying there should be something more to life than raising kids, but it is wrong in thinking that the children should be the ones to suffer from allowing there to be something else. Men are wrong in thinking that raising children is a female's job, and should participate more in the child-rearing function and less in trying to get rich. Society should recognize that the family is a unit in which all parts should function together, and not that each should have a well-defined role.

In any case, when the wishes of the parents are allowed to override the welfare of the children, something is wrong with the system.

Now, what is wrong with the child support system as it presently exists? The first thing that comes to mind is economic. A large majority, in spite of

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY
APRIL 17 & 18**

—George Hartwell will conduct a wildland training meeting for Nogal Fire Dept. Training session Friday will be from 6-10 p.m. and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

—Easter Sunday.

MONDAY, APRIL 20

—Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority meets at 9 a.m. at the LCSWA Recycling Center in Ruidoso, Downs. Items on the agenda include regional landfill options based on discussions from the recent meetings with Otero County; Corps of Engineers Agreement to be signed; insurance coverage; Ruidoso Downs racetrack proposal for composting project; logo contest; Ruidoso and Capitan annual clean-up; grant application to EPA for composting; executive session. The public is invited to the meeting.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

—The Democratic Women of Lincoln County will meet at noon at Cree Meadows Country Club.

—Carrizozo Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. in the school administration building.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

—Region 9 Child Find and mandatory Kindergarten registration from 1-3 p.m. in the old gym at Carrizozo School. Parents need to bring birth certificate and immunization records for any child participating.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

—Capitan High School band will perform a pops concert in Carrizozo at 7:30 p.m. The band has taken its program of music from Cats, Robin Hood and other Hollywood hits and classic jazz on the road to earn funds to finance a trip to California, including a concert at Disneyland. There will be a charge.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

—Clean Up Day in Capitan, Carrizozo and Ruidoso. Each municipality has committees working to organize citizens to pickup, cleanup and fixup their properties. Contact the local chamber of commerce for more information.

—Carrizozo High School Prom at Carrizozo Recreation Center. Pictures will be taken at 7 p.m., also at the Rec Center. Parents are invited to attend the prom which will feature music selections by James Chavez of Albuquerque.

—Ruidoso Spring Softball Tournament today and April 26 at Eagle Creek Sports Complex in Alto. (Regular season begins April 28.) Call 257-2795 for league information.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

—Carrizozo chapter of the National Honor Society will induct new members at 7 p.m. in the old gym at Carrizozo School.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

—Second annual People Care Benefit Golf Scramble, starting at 11 a.m. at the Links at Sierra Blanca in Ruidoso. Over \$11,600 in prizes, including a 1992 Chevrolet S-10 Pickup. The \$55 entry fee includes green fees, cart, refreshments, a chance for 20 door prizes and \$30 tax deductible donation to People Care, Inc. The fundraiser will help People Care, Inc. to continue to provide affordable housing for mentally ill people in this area! For more information, call Bill or Frances Jones (505) 257-7601.

Inside . . .

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at the end of each year, meaning that pork for program expenditures is also cut to the bone.

So general obligation, or "G.O." bonds have become the primary source of revenue for legislative pork. State law sets limits on the amount of money that can be raised through statewide bond issues. The fund gets stretched when money is tight, resulting in less attractive pork being served by lawmakers.

It happened last year when voters rejected the first statewide bond issue in years. The

major culprit causing the defeat appeared to be a weight training room for the University of New Mexico football team. Although our Lobos need all the help they can get, voters felt times were too tough for that kind of expenditure.

Included in the defeated bond issue was a matching fund for public school districts that passed local mill levies for construction and maintenance projects. For the past 15 years, since the special levy was created by the Legislature, school districts sold their levies based on promised receipt of state matching funds.

At first the matching money was taken from the state general fund surplus to assure it would be available immediately. As the economy worsened, severance bonds were used to finance the matching. Finally, two years ago, the matching was put into the statewide general obligation bond issue. Lawmakers figured that would be the best hook of all for getting voters to say yes.

But it didn't work. The bond election lost narrowly and local promises went unfulfilled. And what made voters the maddest was that they were being asked to match their own mill levies, instead of the money coming from state coffers.

School people alleged it was a clear case of lawmakers serving up a dish of skewered pork.

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Grazing fees

Incentive program presented

Ranchers who take good care of their state-leased rangelands may get reduced grazing fees.

State Land Commissioner Jim Baca presented the draft Range Stewardship Incentive Program on April 10. The program is designed to offer discounts in the way of incentives to lease holders who excel in rangeland management.

The public will have opportunities to review the program and make comment during a series of public meetings. Locally, the State Land Office will conduct a meeting from 7-9 p.m. at the Oil Field Training Center at the Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell campus on April 28. The land office also will hold meetings in Springer April 28, Grants May 6 and Santa Fe May 12.

The program was drafted as an effort to improve the long-term health of New Mexico's rangeland, and is considered the first of its kind in the nation.

Under the program ranchers who hold leases to

graze livestock on State Trust Lands may be eligible for fee discounts of up to 25 percent, beginning October 1993. The reduction would come from an incentive factor in the grazing fee formula now used. But the actual value of the incentive factor will be determined at a later date after the State Land Office completes its economic feasibility study.

It will reward ranchers who are doing a good job and provide an incentive for those doing a marginal job, said state land commissioner Jim Baca. "This program is rooted in the understanding that we can't have a good economic policy without a good environmental policy," Baca said in a press release from the State Land Office.

Ranchers who have had grazing leases for five years or more are eligible to submit an application. An appraisal of the range condition done by a range specialist, paid for by the lessee, must also be submitted. Acreage must be in excellent to

good range condition to qualify for the incentive factor. The incentive will be reevaluated every five years.

The program is not intended to reduce the number of cattle grazing state owned lands. Rather to encourage good range practices, Baca said.

State grazing fees will finance the program, which Baca said would pay for itself in the long run with improved range. The state charges \$3.46 per animal per month, while the federal government charges \$1.92. Beneficiaries of the Trust Lands—public schools, universities, hospitals and other publ-

ic institutions—are supported by income earned by the State Land Office.

The deadline for the State Land Office to receive written comment from the public concerning the Range Stewardship Incentive Program is May 26. Correspondence should be addressed to NM State Land Office, attn: Lee Otteni, P.O. Box 1148, Santa Fe, N.M. 87504-1148.

Publication of the State Land Office Rule regarding the incentive program is scheduled for October 1992. The program is expected to begin in October 1993.

Letter to Editor

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regulations to carry out the laws of the nation. A national "shut down" policy will benefit no one.

Our only choice is to convince Congress and the American public that the preservationists are wrong. This is why over 25 "People for the West" chapters have been formed in the state of New Mexico in the past six months. By the first of May the grassroots movement of "People for the West" will have 35 active chapters in New Mex. co. I don't believe that we have all been misled by "people who are for sale to the highest bidder." We are simply common citizens who believe we have certain constitutional rights and we intend to see that those rights remain ours.

Fifty years ago people well understood where their homes, food, tools, clothes and other material possessions came from and what materials were necessary to produce the power and fuel for their homes and automobiles. They understood that industry and business paid most of the taxes supporting their schools, road, police and fire protection.

"If it can't be grown, it has to be mined!" is a slogan that none of our predecessors were ignorant of. It appears that "someone who has always made a point of knowing what's going on in the world" has ignored basic facts of life and forgotten, like most big city dwellers, where the basic needs of life come from even though he is from Lincoln County!"

WALT JONES,
President,
Capitan Chapter
People for the West.
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VA check increase for one month

Veterans who receive VA disability compensation may have noticed that their check the first week in April was a little bigger. That is because the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 delayed the legislative increase from December 1990 to January 1991 and promised that the extra money for December would be paid in 1992. The special one month's extra payment was automatically added to the check for March which arrived this month, according to Joseph S. Cordova, Director, Albuquerque Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Regional Office. Cordova said beneficiar-

ies qualified if they were entitled to payment of service-connected Disability Compensation (veterans) or Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (widows and children) on January 1, 1991, and were still on the rolls for January 1992. For most of these beneficiaries their May check (representing payment for April) will be smaller than their April check.

This is not a reduction. Since this was a one-month only back pay, the checks these recipients receive in May will return to regular 1992 rates.

Cordova indicated there were a few cases involved partial withholding of benefits in which computer problems caused the March check received in April to be lower than the check before and after rather than higher. Those few veterans who encounter this should call the Albuquerque Regional Office at 766-3361 or 1-800-432-6853. Corrective computer award action will be taken promptly as those veterans identify themselves.

Other . . .

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popular belief, of divorcees occur in lower income families, and probably one of the major causes is that there is not enough money earned in the relationship to get along. This invariably leads to stress in the relationship. In most cases, it is the woman who initiates the action, and I feel that from an economic point of view, both state assistance and the hope for child support from the husband plays a strong role in her decision to terminate the relationship. However, it should be apparent that if lack of money was one of the leading causes for breaking up the relationship, splitting the pie into two pieces isn't going to work, either.

Are there any answers? Yes, there are many answers, and some are better than others. However, most will require us to reevaluate our moral, religious and legal prejudices and look for alternatives which will work in today's world. Our ideas of child raising need to be adjusted to fit our fast-moving urban society without placing much of the burden on the child. So long as the child is dependent on you, (30 years or so) you have an obligation to consider his interests before yours, and if your marital relationship isn't what you would like it to be, just remember that the child did not participate in creating it.

If we don't do anything about it, there is still one saving grace. Most children survive childhood, often in spite of their parents.

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Free test kits are available at Lincoln County Medical Center and the Carrizozo Health Center, April 6-17.

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OBITUARIES

MACK KING

Graveside services for Mack King, 75, of Carrizozo will be held Friday (April 17) at 2 p.m. in the Angus Cemetery with the Rev. Cliff Hoeve of the Trinity Christian Church in Lubbock, Texas officiating. Burial will follow at Angus Cemetery.

Mr. King died April 13 at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. He was born March 21, 1917 in Bronco, New Mexico to Nancy and Joe King who preceded him in death. He moved to Lincoln County in 1940 from Roswell when he went to work for the Titsworth Company in the Hondo Valley. In 1950 he went to work at O-Bar-O Ranch and retired in 1985 as the foreman. He then became a rancher and cattle grower for himself. He married Fay King on March 15, 1937 in Roswell and she preceded him in death on March 23, 1991.

Survivors include three daughters and two son-in-laws: Linda King of Carrizozo; Maxie and Dale LaMay of Carrizozo and Nancy and Billy Mendheim of Alamogordo; seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The family has requested memorials to the Home Health of Lincoln County, P.O. Box 3579 H.S., Ruidoso, N.M. 88345.

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

JERRY M. SAMORA

Rosary for Jerry M. Samora, 64, of Carrizozo will be held Sunday, April 19 at 7 p.m. at Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo. Funeral Mass will be Monday, April 20 at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Dave Bergs officiating. Burial will follow at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Cemetery in Carrizozo.

Mr. Samora died April 14 at Lincoln County Medical Center

in Ruidoso. He was born Sept. 30, 1927 in Tecolote, N.M. to Purnusena and Theodoro Zamora who both precede him in death. He had lived in the Lincoln County area all of his life. He was in the Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his brother, Rito Samora, Sr. of Carrizozo and his sister, Bernadette Zamora of Carrizozo; 10 nephews and five nieces.

BOB LESLIE

Bob Leslie died April 14 at the Friendship Villa Rest Home in Miles City, Montana. He was born May 8, 1928 in Carrizozo to Rob and Eva Ward Leslie, who preceded him in death.

The body can be viewed at the Baptist Church from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 18. Graveside services will be held at White Oaks Cemetery at 2 p.m.

Bob grew up on the north side of the Capitan Mountains on his parent's ranch. He later bought a ranch in Wickenburg, AZ and lived there. After he sold his ranch he worked several years as a cowhand on one of the largest ranches in Arizona, the Bobbit Ranch.

When he moved to Montana, he was a cowhand on different ranches and made several long cattle drives. He was very ill during his last cattle drive in August. Soon after that 50-mile drive he hung up his saddle and chaps because he knew it would be his last roundup.

Bob was in the Army during World War II.

He is survived by his two sons, Darrell and Clay of Arizona; two sisters, Flora Freeland of Roswell and Dorothy Payne of Carrizozo.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Alfred, Ben, Jim and Zane, and one sister Gertrude Leslie.

Pallbearers are his nephews Leslie Freeland, Zane Leslie

Jr., Jim Leslie, Kelly Leslie, Curtis Payne and Charlie Leslie.

Honorary pallbearers are Gordon Biggers, Jerry Sidwell, Richard Sidwell, Ted Stroud and Glenn White.

ROBANA EFFIE (CORN) KEIL

Robana Effie (Corn) Keil, a former Carrizozo resident, died April 5.

She was born Jan. 16, 1906 in Ingram, TX to Sherwood and Minnie Anna Corn. Mrs. Keil came to White Oaks in April 1906. She was baptized in the Baptist Church in Carrizozo in 1918.

She married Robert H. Keil in 1921. They lived in Carrizozo before moving to Tucson, AZ where they lived many years. After her husband died, Mrs. Keil lived in Silver City near her oldest son Robert.

Mrs. Keil spent her last six years in a nursing home in Logan, Utah. Graveside services were held April 7 in Tucson with her grandson Don Keil officiating.

Survivors are two sons, Robert of Silver City, Don of California; one daughter, Linda Davis of Benson, AZ; two grandchildren; two sisters, Dollie (Corn) Ward of Carrizozo and Hada (Corn) Hightower of Tucumcari, many nieces and nephews.

DEWEY LEROY HAND

Dewey Leroy Hand, 74, of Corona, died at Gerald Champion Hospital in Alamogordo on April 8, 1992.

He was born March 25, 1918, in Cumby, Texas to Jesse and Hester Hand, who preceded him in death.

Mr. Hand was a retired Roadmaster for the railroad.

He had celebrated 53 years of marriage to Marguerite Hames, on March 21, 1992. She survives of the home.

Mr. Hand is also survived by three daughters; Rebecca Littleton of Reserve, N.M., Ruthie Chadbourn of Animas, N.M., and Carolan Riley of Corona, N.M.; one son, Leroy Hand of Corona, N.M.; a brother, J.L. Hand and a sister Opal Mitchell. Also 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents he was also preceded in death by a brother Hubert Hand and a sister Virgie Peters.

Services were Tuesday, April 7, 1992 at 2 p.m., at the First Baptist Church in Corona with Rev. John Spruill officiating. Interment followed in the Corona Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Leroy Hand, Walter Gensler, Dewey Chadbourn, Glenn Chadbourn, Randy Littleton, Eric Wetzel and Billy Chadbourn.

DOVIE E. MURRY

Memorial services for Dovie E. Murry, 81, of Ruidoso will be Friday April 10, 1992 at Ruidoso Baptist Church, 126 Church Drive, Ruidoso. Rev. Wayne Joyce will officiate.

Dovie died Sunday morning April 5, 1992 at Lincoln County Medical Center. She was born on Dec. 8, 1910 in Cisco, Texas to Robert E. and Mary E. Pounds who have preceded her in death. She is also preceded in death by her husband Floyd P. Murry on Feb. 25, 1978.

She was a housewife in gen-

eral, but had served as an LVN in Ruidoso, and was a co-owner in Hollywood Cleaners in 1965 and 1966. She moved here from Denver City in 1956 and will always be remembered for her sense-of-humor.

Survived by one son, Wayne Murry of Ruidoso Downs; daughter, Jo Murry of Ruidoso; sister, Erma Burton of Big Lake, Texas; two grandsons, two granddaughters and one great-grandson.

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

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