

C-C Gas Dissolved To Form Regional Utility

by Doris Cherry

Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Association no longer exists.

Instead Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Association (CCNGA) will become a regional municipal natural gas utility, created by actions taken during special meetings of the Capitan Board of Trustees on Friday, March 8 and by the Carrizozo Board of Trustees on Monday, March 11.

The two municipal boards of trustees ratified by resolution a joint powers agreement that dissolved the C-C Natural Gas Association as an inter-community natural gas association and transferred the assets, operation and management of the association to the municipalities to be jointly operated as a Regional Municipal Natural Gas Utility. In order to operate the municipal gas utility, the joint powers agreement establishes a Joint

Use Board.

Capitan and Carrizozo will continue to have three members each on the Joint Use Board, with at least one member an elected official, all of whom are appointed and approved by the respective boards of trustees. Each member will serve terms of three years. "It will be similar to the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority," said Kay Strickland, C-C Natural Gas Assoc. secretary.

C-C Natural Gas Association was certified as a not-for-profit corporation in August 1966 to provide natural gas at a reasonable cost to customers in both communities. However, in 1981, the state legislature amended provisions of the Natural Gas Association Act putting such organizations under the control of the New Mexico Public Utility Commission. Because of this, C-C Natural Gas Association no longer had the ability to

maintain an exclusive area for the operation of the gas utility.

Troubles began for CCNGA when Zia Natural Gas out of Ruidoso began expanding its service area. Hoping to keep Zia out of a five-mile radius area around the two municipalities, CCNGA went to the 12th Judicial Court in Carrizozo and obtained a restraining order which prevented Zia from putting in lines within the five-mile

areas around Capitan and Carrizozo.

Zia Natural Gas Company appealed. Wednesday, March 13, the appeal was heard in the state court of appeals in Santa Fe. According to Strickland the court of appeals ruled that the Public

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Corona Area Prescribed Burn Turns To Wildfire

A prescribed burn conducted by the U.S. Forest Service in the Cibola National Forest near Red Cloud Campground southwest of Corona turned into a wildfire that consumed about 1,000 acres when heavy winds whipped the fire out of its prescribed boundaries.

According to Cibola National forest information officer Karen Carter, the prescribed fire was declared to be an out of control wildfire about 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 12. The prescribed burn was begun about 11:45 a.m. that day when a forest service helicopter dropped ignition devices. At that time a spot weather forecast told crews the winds were within the limit of safety for a prescribed burn.

The helicopter was out about 55 minutes dropping ignition devices when ground crews noticed the winds increasing beyond the limits of safety. Because of this, the helicopter stopped dropping the ignition devices and returned to base.

About two hours later the winds had caused the fire to jump Forest Road 99, the northern boundary of the prescribed burn area. "Once the fire was outside the boundary for the prescribed burn, it was decided to suppress it," Carter said.

About 150 people, including six crews of 20 Forest Service fire fighters and one person with a water tanker from Lincoln County were at the scene late Wednesday. Because of extremely high winds and low visibility due to blowing dirt and dust, the helicopter was unable to get off the ground to help monitor the fire, Carter added.

By late Wednesday, about 1,000 acres of forest land outside the prescribed burn area had been burned, and about 1,000 acres inside the prescribed area. USFS had planned to burn about 6,000 acres in the prescribed area. Carter said the burn within the prescribed area is going as planned, and USFS will continue to let the fire go in that area.

Carter said there has been no damage to structures, or to the Red Cloud Campground area. Before the prescribed burn, crews had burned around the campground and some cabins to protect those areas.

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Water Problems Face Newly Elected Capitan Trustees

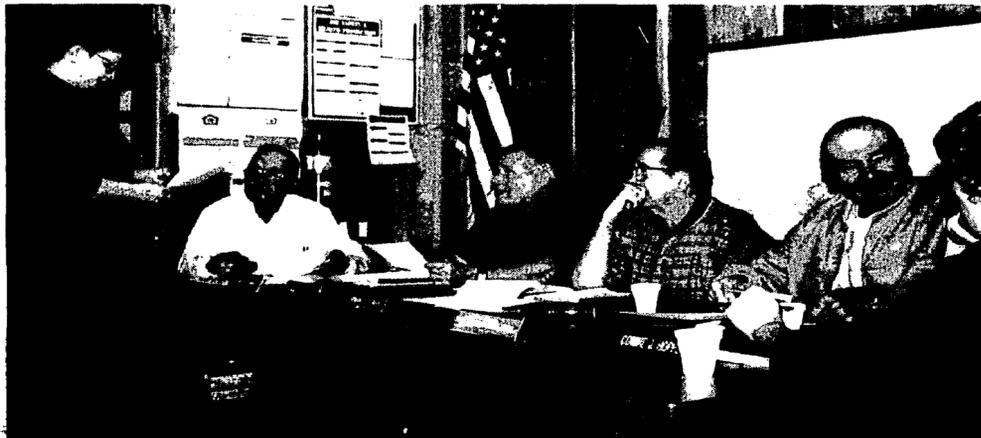
by Doris Cherry

Three new faces joined the Capitan Board of Trustees Monday night.

Village clerk Deborah Cummins swore in newly elected trustees Leroy Montes, John Whitaker and Lamoyne Carpenter prior to the regular monthly meeting at village hall. Once in session, mayor Norman Renfro appointed, and the board accepted, trustee Connie Hopper as mayor pro tem, Cummins as clerk/treasurer, Corlis Dobson as chief of police and Robert Beauvais as attorney. Renfro also appointed Montes to the Water Advisory Board. All other board positions will be filled at the April meeting, to allow new trustees time to evaluate the positions.

Although a formality, Renfro also re-appointed all classified employees.

The new trustees got a heavy dousing of water discussion on their first night in office. Emotions ran high when residents and trustees



NEWLY SWORN Capitan trustees receive their certificates of election from Capitan clerk Deborah Cummins (left) shortly after they were sworn in Monday. From left are new trustees Lamoyne Carpenter and John Whitaker, mayor Norm Renfro, new trustee Leroy Montes and trustee Connie Hopper.

discussed a supplemental permit application filed by the Village of Ruidoso to convert the Eagle Creek Inter-community Water Users Association (ECIWUA) water rights from surface water to underground wells. Renfro and Whitaker had attended the ECIWUA meeting held earlier Monday in Ruidoso where the permit was discussed.

"We got Ruidoso's name off the permit," said Renfro. "And we got them to put Eagle Creek's name on it, so if water is found Ruidoso will have to

go back to Eagle Creek."

Fears were Ruidoso would try to obtain all of the water available from Eagle Creek, although Capitan has rights to half. Traditionally, water is only available to ECIWUA during spring run-off from Sierra Blanca, the only time the creek runs significantly. If the permit is approved by the state engineer's office in Roswell, a quantity of water equal to the historical high flow, of the creek could be pumped from the Eagle Creek wells any time of the year

whether the creek is flowing or not.

"The concern is Ruidoso wants to contract with Eagle Creek for 100 percent of the water," Beauvais said. "That is a very valuable water source we could use without surface treatment."

But at this time the water is out of reach for the Village of Capitan because there is no viable water line from Eagle Creek. At one time a water line connected Eagle Creek to

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Carrizozo In Danger Of Losing Money At Airport

by Ruth Hammond

Carrizozo may be in danger of losing needed income for the airport, according to statements made during the town council meeting Tuesday.

Last year the Carrizozo

Municipal Airport fund received an additional \$1,001 from the proceeds of the monthly drag races that were held from April through November on the third Sunday of the month.

The town also received

additional gross receipts taxes from the extra business brought into town on the race days as well as the increase in lodger's tax funds for people spending the night in local motels.

During the meeting Tuesday, Gordon King, secretary for The Drag Club, spoke to the council about this year's race schedule. The first race had originally been scheduled for this Sunday but has been cancelled to give The Drag Club time to do necessary work at the airport to get it ready for the races. The first race is now scheduled for Sunday, April 21.

After King left the meeting, airport manager George Slad told the council that after The Drag Club's work day in February at the airport, he found a beer can "right next to the trenches dug by The Drag Club" and said there was "still alcohol in the cans."

Slad talked about the city being exposed to liability. He said he thought the only way to cure the problem was to have a police officer out there (at the airport) and said he had "seen alcohol every race day."

Police Chief Duane Vinson said he would rather not have

a police officer present during the entire drag race and said he would address the problem to Mr. King.

Town trustee Eileen Lovelace said, "I think if it continues to be a problem, they breach the contract," and mentioned Slad finding the evidence.

Lovelace also said that if Mr. King can't strongly stress

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Two Year Contract Offered To C'zozo School Principal

Carrizozo Board of Education offered a two year contract to school principal Randall Earwood during its regular meeting February 20.

School superintendent Paula Papponi recommended the board offer the two-year contract following a closed session to discuss personnel. Earwood was hired last summer and has been principal this school year. The board unanimously approved the recommendation, with member Nick Serna absent.

The Carrizozo Board of Education next meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 26 in the school board room. The

date has been changed from the regular third Thursday of the month because next week the school will be on spring break.

Items on the agenda will include the audit report from Rice and Associates for the 1994-95 school year; friends of education award and certificates; review for final action minor revisions to board policy; acceptance of the 1995-97 school calendar and staff of the month award.

Contracts for certified school personnel (teachers) will be considered at the April board meeting.

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Jack E. Johnson Is Candidate For Probate Judge



Johnson is starting his third year as Capitan Municipal Judge. "I feel my knowledge and insight of Municipal Judge matters should be an asset to the position of Pro-

bate Judge," Johnson said. "Chuck and I have been past 23 years and we like living in Lincoln County," he added.

Ruidoso Public Library Will Be Computerized

The Ruidoso Public Library will begin using a computerized system for checking out materials on April 1.

All library card holders will be required to have their present library card bar-coded and re-register.

To re-register, bring the following to the library: a valid driver's license, a piece of mail (recently postmarked) as verification of mailing address, and original library card.

All library cards not bar-coded by April 1 will not be able to be used to check out materials. The new automated system will simplify circulation and allow the staff to better serve library users.

Jack E. Johnson has announced that he will run for election to the office of Probate Judge on the Democratic ticket.

Johnson is a native of New Mexico, born in Santa Rosa and graduating from Vaughn High School in 1948. He was raised and worked on the family ranches in Guadalupe County until he was 30 years old. He was then accepted into the New Mexico State Police Academy and was commissioned as a New Mexico State Police Officer.

Johnson was a state police patrolman for 13 years before being promoted to sergeant and transferred to Lincoln County. He served in both Lincoln and Otero Counties for the next 13 years before retiring from the force in 1985.

Jack has been married to Marguerite (Chuck) for 25 years. They have four children, triplet boys Jimmy and Jesse of Albuquerque and Jerrypaul of Seattle, Washington, and one daughter Jane Terrel who was the former green house therapist at Fort Stanton and is now a special ed teacher in Mesalero Schools.

During his career Johnson obtained many hours of police schooling and court procedures.

Johnson was instrumental in starting the Lincoln County Mental Health Services and served on the Area Six Mental Health Board for several years. He was also a Supervisor on the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation Board. Johnson presently is a member of Capitan Chamber of Commerce and Friends of Smokey.

- THURSDAYS**
- Alcoholic Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. at Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-2313 for information.
 - Adult singles group meets at the Marie Laveaux Restaurant at in Ruidoso at 8:30 p.m. For more information call 258-3746 or 354-2635.
 - Preschool Story hour from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Carrizozo Public School library.
- THURSDAY, MARCH 14**
- Capitan elementary school parent/teacher conferences.
 - Capitan school board meets at 7 p.m. in boardroom in old administration building.
 - Ruidoso Eastern Star will have a covered dish supper to honor the District Instructor at 7:30 p.m.
- FRIDAY, MARCH 15**
- Last day to register for 55 Alive/Mature Driving course. Call 505-354-2666.
 - Capitan middle and high school students will receive report cards.
 - Capitan elementary school parent/teacher conferences.
 - AARP tax volunteers will help elderly and low income taxpayers at Ruidoso Senior Center, from 2-4 p.m.
 - GED testing at Ruidoso Instructional Center. For information call 257-2120 or 1-800-834-3368.
- SATURDAY, MARCH 16**
- Gospel Music Program at Word of Life Church in Carrizozo at 7 p.m. All musicians invited to participate.
- MONDAY, MARCH 18**
- Spring break all week for Carrizozo and Capitan Schools.
 - Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority board meets at 10 a.m. at its offices in Ruidoso Downs.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 19**
- AARP tax volunteers will help elderly and low income taxpayers at Capitan Senior Center, from 1-4 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20**
- LaJunta extension club meets at 10:45 a.m. at San Patricio Senior Citizens Center.
 - AARP tax volunteers will help elderly and low income taxpayers at Ruidoso Senior Center from 2-4 p.m.
- THURSDAY, MARCH 21**
- Friends of Smokey meets at 1 p.m. at Smokey Bear Restaurant. Agenda includes election of officers. Other business to be considered will be the Smokey Bear Dinner and Easter in the Park.
- FRIDAY, MARCH 22**
- Ruidoso Chapter #65 Order of Eastern Star official visit of Worthy Grand Matron Dorothy Pitsford and Worthy Grand Patron Harvey Lewis at 7:30 p.m. at Ruidoso Masonic Building.

Thank You

There's an open gate at the end of the road, through which each must go alone, and there is a light, we can not see, our Father claims his own.

Beyond the gate our loved ones find happiness and rest, and there is comfort in the thought that our loving God knows best.

THANK YOU, to all who so kindly opened their hearts in our time of sorrow, due to the loss of our most dearly beloved husband/father, Luciano Gallegos Sr., and our dearly beloved son/brother, Luciano Jr.

A special thank you to Fr. Dave Bergs, for the beautiful services, and to the ladies who helped at the parish hall. Thank you all for the beautiful flowers, cards, kind words, words of comfort, and prayers, or just for being there. **THANK YOU.**

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Carrizozo Re-Hires All Town Employees

by Ruth Hammond

All Carrizozo town employees were re-hired during the organizational meeting of the Carrizozo town council Tuesday. Trustee Eileen Lovelace, recently re-elected, was named mayor pro tem, Carol Schlarb was appointed town clerk/treasurer, and Duane

Vinson was appointed chief of police. It was the first town council meeting for newly elected trustee Wesley Lindsay.

Mayor Cecilia Kuhnelt presented a plaque to former Carrizozo Mayor and former town trustee Harold Garcia for his 14 years of service to the town.

In other business, the town determined the priorities for the next phase of the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) street improvement project.

Police Chief Duane Vinson reported the department would strictly enforce the animal control ordinance which requires licenses for dogs and cats. Owners must show proof of rabies vaccinations prior to getting the licenses.

Vinson presented a proposal from a linen service out of Roswell for cleaning the officer's uniforms.

Vinson reported the progress on code enforcement: 13 letters sent, four responses, two returned unclaimed, seven no response.

Lovelace asked Vinson if he checked the references on the person from the ore processing facility proposed to be located in Carrizozo. Vinson said the Better Business Bureau in one area had no record on the individual and there were no negative reports in another area.

Kuhnelt said she spoke with Mr. Oesterles that day and "all federal permits are in place and most state permits are in place."

Municipal judge Bill Meeks presented suggestions for additional duties for the judge that would increase the salary. The board tabled taking action for further study.

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Thank You

A sincere thank you to all my friends and family for their cards, calls, food, and prayers during my recent illness. Special thanks to Ernie Gonzalez, Kathy Williams, and Mary Hernandez at Carrizozo Clinic.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Do you want to know?

By Ruth Hammond

What is the harm in letting the public know what is going on with business propositions that will affect everyone? Too many portions of government business are being conducted behind closed doors and are being kept hush-hush while the people who need to know are being kept in the dark.

What is wrong in conducting business out in the open? Our elected officials are supposed to be representing US but too often these elected officials are making decisions that are not in the best interest of the general public. One congressman once received thousands of letters in favor of a certain legislation but voted against it with the explanation that HE didn't think it was right. How's that for representing the people?

Too many of us assume that our elected officials will do what is best for us but we are learning that too many of our elected officials have what is called "hidden agendas." These elected officials are making decisions that will benefit their own private interests instead of what will benefit all the people.

Another thing that is a problem with elected officials is when they don't declare a conflict of interest before voting on certain matters. Anytime an elected official owes money to a person or company that is doing business with that entity, there is most certainly a conflict of interest anytime the business in question comes up for a vote of any kind. Say for instance an elected official owes money to a company called Keyboard and later Keyboard asks the elected official to cast a vote in a certain way when doing government business. The elected official can refuse, in which case Keyboard could possibly cause problems for the elected official such as asking for payment in full at once. Or the elected official could cast a vote in favor of Keyboard, which would give the impression the vote was bought.

The correct thing to do would be for the elected official to state at a public meeting that there was a conflict of interest because the elected official owed money to Keyboard. That way the elected official could decline to vote and the decision for or against Keyboard would be made by the other elected officials.

Elected officials should also declare a conflict of interest when their own families will benefit from any decisions made. It may sound too simple but that is the way it is supposed to be. It is too bad that not all elected officials will take this action. Let's face it, making money is too often what it's all about instead of acting in the best interests of the people.

As for conducting government business in the open, we agree that contract negotiations sometimes do need to be conducted in a closed session but when agreements are made in advance, even before it gets to the negotiation stage, it causes more than a little doubt as to why the agreements were made and who will eventually benefit from the secret agreements.

Governments are supposed to be OF the people, BY the people, and FOR the people. Anytime an elected official ignores this premise of conducting government business it causes the entire governmental process to become tainted and causes distrust, not only of the governmental entity involved but in all government.

We as the voting public should demand our elected officials to represent us, not sidestep their duties. We should demand to know why our elected officials are hiding things from us, not being open. We should demand that our voices be heard, not be ignored as though we weren't old enough to understand.

When we were children we acted as children and we were treated as children. Now that we are adults and are old enough to vote, we deserve to be treated as adults and be told the truth about the things that will affect our lives. We need to tell our elected officials we want to know what is happening!

Do elected officials represent us?



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE - F. Lee Bailey has been in the news a lot lately — first as a member of the "Dream Team" defending O.J. Simpson and then for refusing to turn over cash and stocks from a convicted client's account, to which the government says it gained the rights in a plea bargain.

But many New Mexicans remember when the flamboyant attorney was pulling down national headlines for his activities in this state.

It was June 1973. The Watergate hearings were in full swing. Former White House counsel John Dean was demonstrating his mastery of total recall for the Senate committee and for millions of Americans who were glued to their television sets around the nation.

Suddenly he volunteered a surprising bit of information. Dean said he was having lunch with Attorney General John Mitchell and Pres. Nixon's Chief of Staff H.R. Halde- man when Mitchell mentioned that their good friend F. Lee Bailey had some clients with an enormous amount of gold they wanted to put into safekeeping with the government while avoiding prosecution for its possession, which was illegal in those days.

Since the comment seemed to have nothing to do with the Watergate coverup, no member of the panel chose to pursue the subject. But the media went into a frenzy trying to discover the identity of Bailey's clients and the location of all that gold.

By the next day they learned the gold had come from New Mexico's fabled Victorio Peak, a hill just a few miles inside the boundary of White Sands Missile Range that is said to contain billions of gold bullion, coins and artifacts.

But Bailey would identify his clients only as 50 persons, 40 of whom lived in the White Sands area and either had possession of or knew the exact location of the gold. He

said he would not disclose their names "now or ever." And he hasn't. And he's not gone to jail for that defiant stand — yet.

Bailey boasted that if the missile range authorities would give him a helicopter and 30 minutes, he would show he knew what he was talking about.

But WSMR officials said they got hundreds of requests to search for gold on the military reservation and none of them were panned out. Besides they didn't want to give Bailey's group favored treatment.

Favored treatment, of course, was exactly what Bailey wanted. When Halde- man provided no help, Bailey went to presidential advisor John Erlichman who got him in touch with the Treasury Department, which said if Bailey would turn over his list of clients and give the government 50 percent of everything found, they could talk.

Bailey didn't like those terms at all so he turned to the state of New Mexico. Oscar Jordan, the Land Commission attorney, was incensed that the federal government wanted to claim any share of the treasure, because the

state leased only the land sur- face to the military, for missile-testing purposes. If any public body had a right to part of the gold, it would be the state as owner of the land, Jordan said.

So Bailey went to Attorney General David Norvell and worked out an immunity agreement for his clients in return for giving the state a 25 percent share of the treasure.

But Bailey wasn't the only one dealing with the state on the matter. Ova Noss, wife of Milton E. "Doc" Noss at the time he claimed to have found the treasure in 1937, filed suit challenging Norvell's right to enter into an agreement with Bailey's group. She was represented by attorney Paul Bar- decke, who 10 years later would become New Mexico's attorney general.

Eventually Bailey, Noss and other claimants agreed to a plan that allowed them onto the reservation for two weeks, a period that proved to be far too short.

Over a decade later Ova Noss' family was allowed back onto the range. They now have been at the site almost four years and reportedly are getting very close to a major find.

Presentation Tomorrow In C'zozo For Cattlemen

Nancy Duley of Carrizozo is hosting the annual meeting of the Barzona Breeders Association of America.

All cattlemen are invited to attend "The Cattlemen's Afternoon" Friday, March 15 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. The topic, *Beef Cattle Industry: Where Do We Go From Here?* will be presented in the Lincoln County Commissioner's meeting room.

Three widely known speakers will share their knowledge on survival of purebreds in future markets, purebreds and composite seed stock, and

commercial cattle in a special- ty meat market. These are topics of general interest to commercial producers as well as seedstock producers and will shed some light on what's ahead in the beef industry.

The speakers are Tom Field, Ph.D., Steve Radakovich, and Minnie Lou Bradley.

Field, a professor of animal science at Colorado State University will speak on *Seedstock Business, Beyond the Bull*.

Radakovich, a seedstock producer from Earlham, Iowa, will speak on *Breeding for Quality and Profit*.

Bradley, the first woman to be on the Oklahoma State University college judging team, will speak on *Is Color the Answer?*

Anti-Terrorism Bill In 104th Congress Could Cause Loss Of Liberty For All

If Congress passes the so-called "anti-terrorism" bill now under consideration, Americans will experience "a profound loss of liberty."

by F.R. DUPLANTIER

It is astounding to see the 104th Congress move to expand the power and intrusiveness of the federal government," says David Kopel of the Cato Institute. "These are the same Republicans sent to Congress to reduce the federal government's erosion of individual rights." Nevertheless, many of these avowed opponents of Big Government are supporting a bill that Kopel says would "turn Uncle Sam into Big Brother."

The House version of the proposed legislation would authorize federal agents to pry into the personal affairs of any American citizen, says Kopel, "without first obtaining a court order, and without even a suspicion that the individual is involved in criminal activity." Such invasions of privacy would be just the beginning, for the bill also "gives the president the power to label a group a 'terrorist organization' and make it a federal felony to support the legal activities of that group," the Justice Department's unsuccessful effort to prove the existence of a criminal conspiracy among pro-life organizations clearly indicates what sort of groups are likely to be targeted as "terrorists."

It gets worse. Kopel notes that "illegal wiretaps would be admissible in court, as long as the wiretapping federal official was acting in 'good faith.'" How can the victim of an inquisition prove that his persecutor acted in bad faith? He can't. That's the point. The bill also contains "gun control legislation that could never pass the Congress on its own merits," says Kopel. "Currently it is illegal to sell someone a firearm if you know it will be used in a crime. This bill would apply a five-year sentence to cases in which the seller allegedly 'should' have known that the gun would be used in a crime."

Standard background checks will no longer suffice, it seems. Will gun dealers now have to obtain psychological profiles of all potential customers? Will they be expected

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LETTERS to the editor

EDITOR: I have found the Republican primaries to be a source of constant amusement, as the army of presidential wannabes make fools of themselves by telling the truth about each other.

Don't they know that that is not the way to the White House? They could all take some lessons from Slick Willy, the present occupant of that lofty perch.

The Republican who seems to have broke on top, Bob Dole, is probably the best of the lot. Unfortunately, he is from a generation that many Americans living today do not remember or understand. (I do, since I was ten years old when World War II ended).

Consequently, the odds today are 4 to 1 that Bill Clinton will rock and roll into a second term.

But nothing is guaranteed in this world other than death and taxes, so anything could happen between now and election day.

Although I cannot support him politically, largely because of the Republican party's troglodyte position on environmental issues, I have a good deal of respect for Dole as a man and genuine American patriot. If we have to have a Republican president, our country could do a lot worse than having Bob Dole in the White House.

DONALD QUEEN
Carrizozo, NM

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land, mostly mining claims, which crews are trying to protect, Carter added.

USFS fire crews will remain in the area through Saturday. "There is no danger," Carter said. "We have adequate crews and cooler temperatures are forecast which will help. We have a line around the 1,000 acres outside of the prescribed burn area."

Carter said the wildfire emphasizes the need for prescribed burns which are intended to reduce the amount of ground fuels which have built up over the last 100 years.

"It was real disappointing the wildfire happened," Carter

said. "But it shows how dangerous wildfires can be in areas where there are heavy built up fuels, and it shows the need to do more prescribed fires."

The prescribed fire had been planned for the week of March 6, but a snowstorm dampened the ground causing the fire to be delayed until this week.

Corona area residents can obtain information about the fire at the Corona Senior Citizens Center. The fire information center in the field is located at the intersection of Forest Road 99 (Red Cloud Campground road) and Forest Road 104.

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C-C Gas Dissolved . . .

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Utilities Commission should handle the dispute and took it "out of Judge Parsons hands."

The new Regional Municipal Gas Utility will not have the non-profit status as did CCNGA. But the Regional Municipal Gas Utility will be able to designate a territory in which it can plan for and implement the expansion of natural gas services at the lowest possible cost to the consumers in each municipality.

Under the provisions of the resolutions which establish the Joint Use Board for the operation of a Regional Municipal Gas Utility, the joint use board will have the authority to take title to, operate and maintain the natural gas utility including the collection and distribution system between the two entities. The Board will establish a budget for the cost, operation and maintenance of the utility; determine personnel requirements and personnel policies; determine the method of acquisition, use, maintenance and replacement of personal property used in connection with the utility; determine the time and manner of making allocation between Capitan and Carrizozo regarding user fees and distribution of revenue.

Under the joint powers agreement, the members of the joint use board are not entitled to receive from either municipality any appropriations, allotments or grants in connection with the acquisition, maintenance and operation of the municipal gas utility, or costs associated with expansion, remediation or other capital costs.

Title to the real and personal property assets of the municipal natural gas utility will be held in common between

the village of Capitan and town of Carrizozo. Any debts associated with the operation of the utility will be paid from revenue and surplus funds held in account for the joint use board. Any additional costs will be paid through an increase in rates.

Under the joint powers agreement the joint use board must provide an annual financial report on the operation of the gas utility to each of the participating municipalities, and the joint use board will make quarterly reports of its activities to the Capitan and Carrizozo Boards of Trustees.

In case the utility makes a profit, the board can use the revenues for operating carry-over, capital acquisition and/or future development of additional distribution systems.

Any decision to sell or liquidate the natural gas utility can only be made by concurrence of an absolute majority (three of the four elected trustees) of each board at a special meeting called for that purpose. If the gas utility is sold or liquidated any funds in excess of the actual costs associated with the termination and transfer of the gas utility will go to the two municipalities in equal shares.

The joint powers agreement establishing the regional natural gas utility and joint use board will become effective after approval by the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA).

The gas board will meet at 12:30 p.m. Friday, March 15 at the C-C Natural Gas office in Capitan. The meeting is open to the public.

Anti-Terrorism . . .

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to detect that cliché of murder mysteries, the homicidal gleam in the eyes?

Do you think that American legislators could never endorse warrantless searches, illegal wiretaps, presumption of guilt, detention without trial, unseen witnesses, or secret testimony? Alas, they already have, in the anti-terrorism bill pending in Congress. The Senate bill is worse; it demonstrates even less regard for our constitutionally-protected liberties. The Senate version of the bill, says David Kopel,

"contains a number of seriously disturbing and dangerous provisions," including military involvement in local law enforcement, digital wiretapping capabilities, the reclassification of apolitical crimes as terrorism, and increased funding for the storm troopers at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Is the

threat of terrorism really so great that we should give up many of our hard-won liberties to protect against it? Most Americans would not be happy with the result.

Letters to . . .

EDITOR: Friends of Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Association, we want to congratulate our Board of Trustees for voting to change our gas company from Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Association to Capitan-Carrizozo Municipal Association to Capitan-Carrizozo Municipal Public Utility. By the two boards of trustees joining and making our gas company a joint owned public utility, has put a big stumbling block in the way of Zia Natural Gas attempts to take over our gas company.

We must not let our guard down as I am sure that Zia Natural Gas will want to continue its attempt to keep the Lincoln County Gas War alive, and will do everything to gain what Zia Natural Gas wants.

Congratulations to both boards of trustees for doing the right thing. May we all continue to fight Zia Natural Gas.
RUSSELL F. GRESWOLD
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CAPITAN NOTES

BY MAUREEN SULLIVAN

Greetings from Springfield, Nebraska once again. Original plans supplanted with new plans make old plans passe. Does that make sense? Perhaps not, but that is exactly what happened. Then to cap it all, part of a front tooth that decided to drop out in my hand necessitated a return trip to the dentist. And how was your week?

The weather has been positively beautiful and makes us realize that spring is just around the curve. Everyone welcomes the season of spring with all its freshness and the awakening of the trees, flowers and shrubbery.

Agatha told me the night that my forsythia had been blooming and that made me even more homesick.

I love spring, its natural beauty symbolizes hope, continuity, and above all faith that there is really a God above us who loves us no matter how deserving or undeserving we mortals are. And as the old saying goes, spring springs eternal in the human breast.

Former Capitan Resident Dies
William Hunt Hobbs, 80, a resident of Albuquerque and a

former resident of Capitan, died Jan. 24. He was born June 7, 1915 in Capitan.

He was Past Master of Carrizozo Lodge #41 AF&AM, and a member of the Eastern Star Comet Chapter #29, both in Carrizozo.

William is survived by his wife Lena Mae McFarland Hobbs, daughter Irene Hobbs Gentry of Los Alamos, brothers Henry Hobbs and John Robert Hobbs, both of San Diego, CA, two grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, including Edith Malcolm of Capitan, nephews and cousins.

Edith's dad and William's dad had homesteaded north of Capitan in the early 1900s.

The following is the last of the three columns Paulette Cork so generously gave me to use.

Living Through
Garage Sale Day
by Paulette Cork

Although it was a rainy, gloomy Saturday, the kind most people like to spend at home curled up with a book (pre-video days), to my friend and me it was Garage Sale Day!

Our three-year-old boys were always eager to go anywhere. By noon we had managed to rummage through 26.5 garage sales. It was definitely time for a Bronco-burger break. Contentment filled the car as we chomped our burgers and fries. Suddenly the boys were silent. Their faces were pressed against the steamy, wet side car window. A police car had parked next to us. The effect of being so close to the law was both fascinating and intimidating to all of us.

Having finished lunch, I began to back the car out of its parking place. The car jerked. The motor stopped. We had just had our transmission re-done the day before and perhaps something didn't get fastened. Another thought entered my mind. The police car was parked very close. Perhaps it would be a good idea for me to move forward and turn the wheels slightly to provide more room between cars. As I did this, the car jerked again. However, this time the motor did not quit.

As I peered through the steamy, water-soaked windshield, I saw the police car's occupant standing in front of my, own, car eating his Bronco-burger in the rain. He was giving me a piercing, unsettling look.

"Do you suppose he thinks I'm too close to his car?" I asked my friend. She replied that her impression was that he wanted to talk with me outside of my car. I joined him.

My eyes followed his eyes to the side of his car. Both doors were badly dented. The pieces (of this scenario, that is) were struggling to fall into place. He informed me that his doors had been un-dented when he parked next to me. He also said I had inflicted this indentation of the back door when I backed out and the front one when I pulled back in.

Suddenly three patrol cars appeared to take my statement. As seven policemen gathered, verified and recorded vital information, I wondered if I was being classified as a multiple criminal. The boys looked like they were discussing jail visitations for toddlers. We discovered the next day the Bronco-burger cop lived a few blocks from us. For the next few years he frequently drove past our house and pointed me out to his passengers. Loud laughter always accompanied this drive-by.

It took me about ten years before I could drive by Bronco-burger without experiencing (SEE PAGE 8)

New Capitan Fire Dept. Brush Truck Is Needed At Fire

While it was shiny, new and clean, Capitan Village Volunteer Fire Department Chief David Cummins showed off the completed brush truck after the Capitan Village Trustees meeting Monday night.

Many volunteer hours went into converting the truck to a "brush" pumper at a cost of about \$35,000 instead of the \$60,000 estimated for a similar factory built unit, Cummins told trustees.

Tuesday, the truck had its chance to show the department its stuff, when the Capitan volunteers responded to a "controlled" BLM burn at Government Springs on the Rio Bonito that got out of control and turned into a wildfire.

How did it do? Just Great, Cummins said.



CAPITAN FOURTH GRADERS from Mrs. Idy Shwelter's class get a lesson about forest health from New Mexico State Forestry officer Eddy Tudor during a tour of Smokey Bear Park Wednesday.



PRETEND YOU'RE ANIMALS New Mexico State Forestry officer Lynn Hutchison tells the fourth graders from Mrs. Becky Schultz class who toured Smokey Bear Park in Capitan Wednesday. The tour was the first of three field trips for the fourth grade classes, which also plan to visit Three Rivers Petroglyphs and Bandelier Ruins near Los Alamos this spring.

Capitan Mayor To Testify For CDBG

by Doris Cherry

Phase Two of the Capitan downtown street repaving project will begin by mid-April.

The village will advertise for a construction contractor at the end of March and hopes to have a company start on the Third Street project by mid-April, reported Capitan village clerk Deborah Cummins to the village trustees during their regular meeting Monday.

Mayor Norman Renfro and Cummins were scheduled to testify before the state Community Development Board on behalf of the village's \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application in Las Cruces on Wednesday. The CDBG is for Phase 3 of the repaving project for Second Street and side streets. Cummins said if the CDBG is approved, for the whole \$400,000 or the alternate "phase down" \$360,000, the village might be able to start Second Street as soon as Third Street is finished, with the entire project completed by fall.

In case the village only receives the phase down amount, trustees approved a resolution proving "hardship" for a state highway department co-op grant. Usually co-op grants are funded 60 percent by the state and 40 percent by the applying entity. Under the hardship rule, the state will provide 100 percent of the co-op project cost. If the village receives the lesser amount for its CDBG it will apply the co-op funds to the downtown paving project.

For a number of years the council has discussed annexing the Carrizo Canyon area. The village annexation committee recently met and has recommended annexation of properties along Carrizo Canyon road only.

The village P&Z will get back a proposal it sent to the village council. A P&Z request to amend the municipal code relating to Home Occupations by deleting the sections which offer examples of home occupation allowed and those not

allowed concerned village planning administrator Cleatus Richards. He said the sections are helpful to staff, and there have been no real complaints or problems with the examples staff. "I feel the sections are helpful in enforcing the ordinance, especially if there is court action," Richards said. "You'll invite more problems if you delete the sections."

Councilor Robert Donaldson wanted to leave the examples, but to upgrade them to fit current types of home occupations. Donaldson and councilors Leon Eggleston and Frank Cummins agreed. They and councilors Joe Gomez and Bill Chance voted to send the proposal back to P&Z for further review.

Councilor approved an ordinance which established the official Scenic Byways Committee. The village of Ruidoso is the sponsor of the Scenic Byways program for the Billy the Kid Loop. The committee will advise the council on matters that pertain to the program and will act as liaison between the village and the state and federal agencies administering the program.

In other business, councilors:

Accepted a proposal from New World Systems for financial, complaint and land management software. The software will enable all village departments to communicate by computer.

Okayed a request to schedule a workshop to discuss the parks and recreation

master plan.

Tabled the bid award for the construction of the School House Park public restrooms.

Approved appointment of Ovella Estes to the P&Z and the council as the site selection committee for the scenic byways interpretive center.

Regional Housing Authority Board of Directors To Meet

A special meeting of the commissioners and board of directors of the Regional Housing Authority of Region VI, New Mexico, Inc. will be held Wednesday, March 20 at 10 a.m. in Roswell.

Agenda for the meeting includes reorganization and approvals of resolutions for HQS inspector job description, deputy director job description, and Sandstone Manor Apt. budget.

For information about the meeting call 505-622-0881.

Friends Of Smokey Election Of Officers Slated For Meeting

Friends of Smokey will hold election of officers during the meeting March 21 which will be held at 1 p.m. at Smokey Bear Restaurant in Capitan.

Among the business to be considered will be the Smokey Bear Dinner and Easter in the Park.

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Sheriff's Report

Spring Break is here, and motorists need to watch for children playing during the day.

County EMS, fire departments and deputies participated in a mock plane crash at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport on Friday, March 8. Several "patients" were transported from the scene and the mock crash drill was done by 4 p.m.

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

March 4:
11:47 a.m. a caller reported an accident on Gavilan Canyon Road. A subject hit a deer. State police were notified.

2:06 p.m. an individual at the Humane Society reported harassment by a subject who was causing problems. A deputy responded and advised that the complainant told the subject not to return to the premises and also advised that a letter would be sent and if the subject comes back,

charges will be filed.
7:23 p.m. an accident was reported at the intersection of Main Road and Highway 48 in Capitan. Capitan police requested an ambulance. There were no injuries.

March 5:
3:02 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for an 89 year old woman who had trouble breathing. Capitan ambulance transported the patient to Lincoln County Medical Center, (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

10:24 p.m. a caller reported juveniles drinking at the parking lot of a convenience store in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police were notified, but while the caller was on the line, the caller advised the juveniles had left going south on Highway 54. The juveniles were in town due to a death in the family.

March 6:
10:31 a.m. a caller requested a wrecker for a broken down vehicle about 20 miles west of Carrizozo on Highway 380. A wrecker was dispatched.

2:24 p.m. an ambulance was requested at a residence on F. Ave. in Carrizozo to transport a 90 year old man to Alamogordo. Carrizozo ambulance responded.

11:14 p.m. a caller reported a domestic incident. A man had been beaten up by a female at her house. Ruidoso Downs police and a deputy responded. The deputy arrested two subjects.

March 7:
4:03 a.m. an ambulance was requested at a residence in Hondo for a patient needing oxygen and a transport to the hospital in Roswell. Hondo ambulance responded.

8:07 a.m. a caller requested a deputy because the caller's neighbor was shooting at the caller's dog and toward his wife. A deputy responded.

12:51 p.m. a caller reported the theft of gauges off acetylene bottles at a location east of Ruidoso Downs. A deputy responded.

6:08 p.m. an officer advised of a chimney fire at a residence on 10th Street. Carrizozo fire department

responded.

March 8:
2:42 a.m. a caller reported lots of shots fired in the Hondo area. The caller advised there were Ruidoso kids there and both sides were shooting. A deputy responded, and requested backup which Capitan police offered. Upon arrival the deputy made no contact with the shooters, but he advised there appeared to be lots of alcohol at the location.

6:33 a.m. A caller reported dogs killing sheep two miles west of Capitan. Four neighbors dogs had killed a lamb the night before. A deputy responded.

7:36 a.m. a caller requested animal control in the Ruidoso Downs area. Ruidoso downs police responded.

12:34 p.m. Ruidoso Police reported an airplane crash/mock drill at the east end of the runway at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport with several patients. County EMS, fire departments and deputies responded.

11:13 p.m. a caller reported criminal damage to property, shots were fired at a house in the Cedar Creek area. The caller advised someone had just shot his tires and windshield. A deputy responded.

March 9:
8:33 a.m. a caller reported a suspicious person on the railroad tracks in Carrizozo. The subject was trying to gain entry to a railroad car. The responding deputy made no contact with the subject.

2:16 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a residence off Highway 70 for a 94 year old woman who fell. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) ambulance responded and transported the woman to LCMC.

2:44 p.m. a caller requested a wrecker at mile marker 122 on Highway 54 south of Carrizozo. A wrecker responded.

5 p.m. a walk in to the sheriff's office requested a case number for a report of stolen cows. A deputy responded.

7:39 p.m. a caller reported a loud party on 2nd Street in Capitan. Kids were throwing things off the balcony and were harassing other tenants. The responding Capitan police officer advised it was juveniles playing outside too loudly, there was no alcohol involved.

March 10:
12:57 a.m. a caller requested an ambulance at a residence in the Gavilan Canyon area for a 76 year old man who couldn't breathe. RALS responded.

11:32 a.m. Ski Apache requested an ambulance for a man on a back board and in a c collar. Alto ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

12:21 p.m. a caller reported a breaking and entering at a location in the Ruidoso area. Ruidoso police also advised of three other burglaries in the area. A deputy took the reports.

2:38 p.m. a caller reported a two vehicle accident with injuries at the intersection of Highways 70 and 48 in Ruidoso. Ruidoso Police were advised.

3:46 p.m. a caller requested a wrecker at a location south of Carrizozo on highway 54 for an out of service vehicle. A wrecker responded.

6:16 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a residence on E. Ave. for a man having a hard time breathing. Carrizozo ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

7:11 p.m. Capitan police requested a wrecker on Highway 380 east of capitan to tow a car. The driver had been arrested for driving drunk. A wrecker responded.

7:52 p.m. a 911 caller reported a suspicious activity on H. Ave. in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded.

9:12 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police reported a domestic violence incident at a location

in Ruidoso Downs. The parties were separated by a Ruidoso Downs officer and a deputy.

March 11:
7 a.m. the County Road

Department supervisor requested an officer to make a report on the windows being shot out of a county road blade in the White Oaks area. A deputy responded.

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CORONA AREA

Corona schools are on spring break this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Allen, Portales, spent Sunday night with their granddaughter, July Allen. They were enroute to Albuquerque to take a plane for Las Vegas, NV and a Farm Bureau business meeting.

Monday Mrs. Bob Burton was at the Senior Center for her first day on the job as an assistant. Naomi Bowen will be the cook. She started work Monday and is getting things in order. They expect to have the lunch program going some time in April.

Mrs. Clifford Gunn and girls are with the Bells this week while Mrs. Bell is on spring break and the Gunns are waiting for utilities to be connected to their new location in Fort Sumner.

Mrs. Mike Kessler and girls spent the weekend in Clovis with grandfather, Gus Ware, who is feeling better but will have to stay in bed for at least three more weeks. Mrs. L.K. Merritt accompanied the Kesslers as far as Fort Sumner where she will see her doctors this week and visit with family and friends.

The Mountain Ministry Parish, churches in Ancho, Claunch and Nogal, will meet in the Corona Presbyterian Church March 31 for a special Palm Sunday morning worship to be followed by a covered dish luncheon.

Mrs. Mitch Tyree, Kirt and Richard, Eunice, are visiting the Tyrees here while Richard is on spring break.

Mrs. and Mrs. Royce Washburn enjoyed the rodeo at the Houston Astrodome the first weekend this month.

Taylor McDougall, Oklahoma City, was expected at the Sultemeier Gallo ranch last weekend. Grandfather Clint planned a big celebration for her first birthday.

Officer Steve Mulkey

transferred from Elida to Portales where Mollie and he have bought a home. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mulkey were helping with the move early this week.

Curtis Duke and Mrs. Jerry Rasak attended a NM Ratite convention in Alamogordo Saturday. Mrs. Duke remained at home to watch an Emu egg hatch two days earlier than scheduled.

A Topeka, KS pilot made an emergency landing on the Bond Ranch recently when he found himself off course on his way to a Socorro meeting. The plane had some damage. Leroy Bond helped with the dismantling and storing of the plane until the owner came after it Saturday.

Wanda Duke and Lanita Rasak attended a DAR conference in Carlsbad. Mrs. Duke gave her docent report on national museums. She will have slides and descriptions available for lectures where invited. Mrs. Rasak was nominated for a natural conservation medal.

President Lee Sultemeier, Crown CowBelles, has announced the District 5 meeting to be in T or C March 20. There is a district meeting in Stanley on March 19 and Berendo has invited Crown to attend their district meeting March 22 at the Roswell Masonic Temple. Check with Shelly Frost as to exact date since both 22nd and 23rd were mentioned.

Mrs. Wayne Lindsey, installing officer for Crown CowBelles was unable to attend the last meeting because of the serious illness of her daughter, Waynette, who expected to be discharged from an Albuquerque hospital early this week.

The Forest Service began Tuesday with their scheduled burn in Pinatosa Canyon. Some guided tours are planned for the senior citizens as part of their PB program.



CORONA AREA RESIDENT LANITA Rasak is shown touring the Belengrath Gardens near Mobile, ALA. Her visit has inspired her to expand her rose garden of 100 plants. Rasak plans to visit her sister-in-law in Tyler, TX where she will purchase new roses and tour the Azalea Trail. Rasak practices conservation by mulching her roses with dry pine needles which she rakes up on her property. The practice also helps to prevent fires from spreading should lightning strike there.

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encing vivid recall, and uncontrollable tremors.

And thank you again Panlette for giving us a chance to laugh at your misfortune, shall I say?

We have another chapter of *Trailing Around with Traylor* by H. L. Traylor this week.

Prior to 1916, there were few fences between the north side of the Capitan Mountains, Santa Rosa, and Fort Sumner. The country consisted of land known as public domain and was open range, utilized by the public. The result was exploitation and overgrazing of the area. Mustang horses and wild burros roamed the country. Many were caught and tamed for domestic use.

Cowboys were known at that time for naming animals after noted people. Consequently, when the Block cowboys captured a feral jack of average size for a maverick cow retriever, altered, branded, broke, acclimated it to the ranch surroundings and were ready to start using it on maverick cattle, it was the consensus of the cowboys that the burro be named Charles Siringo in honor of a private detective who had recently been instrumental in initiating the arrest and conviction of several transients who had been butchering Block cattle.

In order for the burro to manipulate the mavericks, it had to be outfitted with a large rope that would slip over the burro's head, in the form of a circling to keep from choking the burro. When the animal to be trailed or led was secured to Siringo or any other burro used for the same purpose, the burro was turned loose and in two or three days Siringo, by biting, pulling, and kicking, led the maverick to the Block headquarters.

The mavericks were all sizes and ages, and it took much knowledge by Siringo to get them to headquarters. The mavericks were caught by a trick tank or by cowboys lassoing them. They were mainly caught in Harrison, Seven Cabins, Peachtree, Copeland, or Michallas areas. A Block cowboy was once asked, "How many mavericks do you suppose Siringo brought to the Block Ranch?"

"I'd say at least 125," was the reply.

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

Another installment of Ila Mae Payne's autobiography: I was glad to be home, but now my trip seemed like a dream. I had been so many places, done so many things. Still, next time we got a chance to go to New Mexico, I could see as much beauty right there in our old stomping grounds as I could ever find in all those foreign places.

I wonder at all the expense and trouble to which people go to have fun and be entertained, when it used to be so simple and easy when we lived on the ranch. All you had to do was look at what was going on around, and you'd have your laughs.

Like one day I remember when everything was going on just normal for a place where there's a few people, animals, and time to ponder. June had spent the day with us and Pa and Ma Payne came after her that eve, where we were out in the yard just enjoying the quiet, peaceful landscape, cows and sheep grazing on the hills, fluffy clouds floating over, birds singing, chickens scratched around. Our little black dog was so sound asleep she nearly missed the big event of a car driving up, she assumed that when somebody drove up she had to do something drastic to show everybody she was important and had a job to do. Maybe she'd run down the road to meet them, then go chase a cow, cat, horse, or whatever she could chase. It had to be something.

Now a car was already here. She had to think fast. No use barking at a car that had already stopped. No horse in sight, no cow, not even a cat, but there had to be something! Oh, there were the chickens, paying no attention to anything, just scratching and dusting themselves.

Ole red rooster became the target. The dog dashed at him like a streak, was almost on top of him before he realized her intent. She had never done this to him before, but he saw she meant business. His goose was cooked unless he acted fast. Not enough time to run, so he just leaped into the air about six feet, squawking and flapping in fright. Of course all the hens started cackling and running, but really there wasn't a thing to fear. Dog had done her thing, her little act, so went back to lie down and snooze, while we laughed till our sides hurt.

More of Ila Mae's story next week.

Sayonara, Adios, and God bless each of you!

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Ruidoso Suggests Ways . . .

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reduced by not flushing the toilet after every use and not using the toilet to dispose cigarette butts or facial tissues.

Newly elected councilor Bob Sterchi seriously joked the village should adopt a slogan used in California during its last serious drought—"If it's yellow let it mellow, if it's brown flush it down."

Councilor Bill Chance also suggested the village make available to the public an inexpensive device that reduces the water flow.

With Alto Lake dry and Grindstone Dam treatment plant only able to produce one million gallons a day, the village is seeking additional sources of water. Voters approved a \$1 million bond issue to upgrade the village water system, and the village plans to double the capacity of the Grindstone Dam water treatment plant.

Village deputy manager Alan Briley said the project is on a "fast track" with the construction bid award set in April. However, the treatment equipment often takes six to eight weeks to be delivered. Part of the bond issue will pay for replacing two inch water lines with six inch lines to eliminate "bottlenecks" where the smaller lines meet the newer larger ones.

Briley also reported on the village's application for a permit from the state engineer to allow the pumping of underground water from the property owned by the Eagle Creek Inter-community Water Users Association. Briley said in the next two days the village will drill the exploratory wells. "If we find water we'll go ask for the additional water rights," Briley said. "This is a very vital source of water we need to utilize."

Briley said the Eagle Creek Association board during its meeting Monday approved the permit application, with minor amendments, and granted permission for Ruidoso to drill the exploratory wells. The board, which is made up of three representatives from both Ruidoso and Capitan, authorized the application filed with the state engineer be amended to change the name on ownership from Ruidoso and Eagle Creek Association to just Eagle Creek Association, according to the unofficial minutes of the meeting. The Eagle Creek Board also authorized setting up a committee to do a water plan and rate structure for the Eagle Creek water. If Ruidoso finds water on the Eagle Creek Association properties it will present the findings to the board. Eagle Creek also indicated it would pay for Ruidoso's expenses.

The village already is pumping water from the Eagle Creek area and recently deepened the well from 300 to 500 feet. The well provides about 400 gallons a minute. In total the village is about at 900 gallons a minute from all of its wells, one of the criteria

for the water rationing. At the end of the water discussion Jackson reminded councilors that the Eagle Creek water rights reside with Eagle Creek Inter-community Water Users Association and the Village of

Capitan is entitled to half of those rights. "If Capitan has a way to drill wells and transmit the water it has equal rights," Jackson said.

"It's not us just doing it for us," Briley said.

A Personal View About Dept. Of Game & Fish

Internal Memo 1950:

What do we do to develop the full potential of harvesting the revenue from the vast amount of people that are flourishing from post war boom that are interested in hunting and fishing in New Mexico?

Decision: We have an abundance of game that is sellable and we can introduce past and new species to keep a continued interest. GREAT!

Internal Memo 1955:

Things are looking great! What can we do to expand? **Decision:** We can have a North, South hunt to keep them more interested. Lets start thinking about some National advertising and maybe try to get some bucks in the Boone and Crockett, or how about some two buck areas? GREAT!

Internal Memo 1958:

Things are going great! Those baby boomers are figuring out the West is the place to be hunting. How can we give them more opportunity and get more revenue?

Decision: More days in the field, some more two buck areas and some either sex hunts. We are about out of bucks so lets shoot the does. GREAT!

Internal Memo Early '70's:

We still have the demand but we have a little problem. We don't have any deer in the North. How do you think we should handle it?

Decision: We still have decent herds in the South so lets move all the hunters. We will make the majority of the North draw areas and we will expand the opportunities in the South. GREAT!

Internal Memo Mid '70's:

We got those hunters moved but a little problem exists. We have 50,000 in one pile! What can we do? Deer numbers are way down, quality is way down and the hunters outnumber the deer. Amazingly hunters are still coming to our state wanting to hunt. What will we do?

Decision: We can manipulate the hunters by forming a stratified season. We will give them three hunts and split them up. There is still a little game left so we can still have a few either sex hunts. We can nationally advertise areas as the hot spots and by the time we have a problem maybe the North part of the state will recover. GREAT!

Internal Memo '80's:

We have a problem. We are running out of anything to sell. What can we do?

Decision: Elk are doing pretty good so lets exploit them and maybe some exotics. We will tell them we are going to do some extensive deer studies to find out what happened to our deer herds. This will let us continue for another 10-15 years. Our hunter numbers are dropping for whatever reason but we can continue to raise the fees to keep that revenue up. GREAT!

Internal Memo '90's:

We have a major problem. Revenue is down, we are a bit top heavy in Administration and we don't have a whole lot of game to sell.

Decision: Lets cut back on officers, equipment, and hours in the field because we have computers that tell us everything we have learned over the last 40 years, how to manage people. IT'S NOT SO GREAT!

FOOTNOTE: I have no doubt that the Dept. of Game and Fish and the officers in the field have the capability and the knowledge to properly manage the wildlife of this state, but I feel they have been mismanaged for many years. Their first and utmost responsibility is as a steward for the wildlife of this state. Lets get back to wildlife management and not just managing hunters. This simple fact is that we are all guilty, the Dept. and the so called hunters. We have all ravished the wildlife of this state. We, the hunters, have killed game in every fashion in or out of season in great numbers with little or no respect of the game. Lets join in a new direction for the Game and Fish Dept. Game management should be the first priority. Hunting, and not necessarily killing, is a privilege of enjoying the outdoors. Fortunately even through present management and all the lethal weapons that we hunters have used, some game has survived in spite of us. Lets help and respect them more. We all can understand that predators, loss of habitat, weather and hunting will affect our game population year after year but

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Ruidoso Approves Annex Of Forest Lawn Cemetery

by Doris Cherry

At long last, Ruidoso's Forest Lawn Cemetery is now part of the incorporated village.

With mayor pro tem Leon Eggleston presiding, Ruidoso Village Councilors during their meeting Tuesday approved the annexation of 16.74 acres, which make up Forest Lawn Cemetery. The village petitioned for the annexation. Annexations are reviewed by the village planning and zoning commission (P&Z) then must be approved by the council through ordinance which requires notice and public hearing. There were no comments from the public or council about the annexation during the public hearing Tuesday.

Two other tracts of land along the Mechem Drive area also were annexed. Owners of lots totalling 6.12 acres in the Morgan, Montgomery and Fowler Tracts and Blagrund tracts 1 and 3 had petitioned for annexation. The lots are completely surrounded by village lands and now receive village water and sewer services. As recommended by the village planning and zoning commission, the lots will be zoned C-2, community business. The tracts include the Lincoln Towers area. There was no public comment about the annexation which councilors unanimously approved.

The annexation of the Til Thompson Tract and H.F. Investors Tracts, also along

Mechem Drive brought comments from owner representative Bill Pippin who agreed with the C-2 zoning on the Thompson Tract which will allow further development of the existing mobile home park. There were no other public comments about the annexation, which also was unanimously approved by the council.

Newly elected councilor Bob Sterchi abstained from voting

on the annexation and P&Z actions because he had served on the P&Z commission and had voted on the recommendations.

The village is currently in the process of annexing "islands" of county properties that are surrounded by village

property, especially if the island will provide additional taxes without costs to the village for infrastructure.

Plano Workshop To Be Held At NMSU In Alamogordo Mar. 28

New Mexico State University-Alamogordo will offer the No Stress Pop Piano Workshop on Thursday, March 28 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The workshop reveals the piano playing secrets of the working professional instead of the note-reading technique taught by most piano teachers. The workshop is geared for beginners and seasoned not-readers alike, although some previous keyboard orientation is suggested.

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He will discuss some of the recent developments that have been made in opening up the space frontier as well as several projects that are currently in progress. The public is invited to attend.

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American Legion And Auxillary Prepare For Girl's And Boy's State

American Legion Post 57 and the Auxillary unit had a dinner meeting March 5 at Smokey Bear Restaurant in Capitan for a social and business meeting. Many attended.

Along with other business the group is preparing for the Capitan delegates to attend Girl's State and Boy's State.

Girl's State will be held June 2-8 on the campus of Eastern New Mexico in Portales. Capitan will send four delegates and there are two alternate delegates.

There will be three delegates from Capitan going to Boy's State June 2-7 at New Mexico Tech in Socorro.

LEGALS

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

No. CV-96-85 Div. III ER R. NEILSON JAMES W. BELL Plaintiffs,

GROUP I: JACK E. TAYLOR, MICHAEL E. BELEW, LINDA JO BELEW, their HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES;

GROUP II: JOHN DOES THROUGH 100, their HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES;

GROUP III: JOHN AND ALL UNKNOWN NAMED PARTIES, their HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES;

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: Each and every Defendant named in Groups I, II and III above

GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Plaintiff, Roger R. Neilson and James W. Russell, have filed a Complaint for Quiet Title in the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, in the above styled and numbered cause. The object of the action is to quiet title against each of you as named Defendants in order that Plaintiff acquire clear title to the following described real property situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico:

Let 3, Block 14, FOREST HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat filed thereof in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico. You are further notified that unless you enter an appearance, plead or otherwise respond in this cause, on or before April 18, 1996, judgment will be rendered against you by default and Plaintiff will be granted the relief prayed for in the Complaint.

Plaintiffs are represented by: Lee Griffin LEGAL SERVICES

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 16, 1996, Nancy Duley and the New Mexico State Highway & Transportation Department, leasee, filed application number T-274-A(T) with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to temporarily change place and purpose of use of 7 acre-feet per annum consumptive use of ground water within the Ruidoso Underground Water Basin by ceasing the irrigation of 3.6 acres of land, located in the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 28, Township 7 South, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., from well T-274-S, located in NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 7 South, Range 10 East, and commencing the use of said well and 7-acre-feet diversion and consumptive use of water for highway construction and related purposes under Highway Project No. 1-054-2(14) 119, from 4.5 miles southwest of Junction 380 South approximately 6.8 miles, from Section 17, Township 8 South, Range 10 East to Section 17, Township 9 South, Range 9 East. Said water rights shall revert to the move-from place and purpose effective on December 31, 1997, or upon completion of the project, whichever is sooner. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The protest or objection shall be in writing and shall set forth all protestant's or objector's reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 183 West Drive, Suite 3, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this notice.

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 4, 1996, Martin L. Torres, 307 Hondo Dr., Roswell, NM 88201, filed application No. 02664 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change place and purpose of use of 3.10 acre-feet per annum of surface waters of the Rio Ruidoso, by ceasing the diversion of said waters from the San Patricio Ditch, which presently has a point of diversion located in the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 26, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., and ceasing the irrigation of 0.97 acre of land located in the W 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant proposes to commence the diversion of said 3.10 acre-feet per annum of surface waters for fish pond purposes located on 0.93 acre of land in the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The protest or objections shall be in writing and shall set forth all protestant's or objector's reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 88201, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this notice.

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 27, 1996, Joe Sanchez and Toby Sanchez, c/o Atkins Engineering Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 3156, Roswell, NM 88202-3156, filed application No. 0388 and 0756 into E-680 and H-2501-Expl. with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change point of diversion and place of use from surface to groundwater of 21.76 acre-feet per annum of surface waters of the Rio Ruidoso by ceasing its diversion via the F. Hilbern Ditch, which has its point of diversion located in the SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., and ceasing the irrigation of 6.80 acres of land located in part of the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 6, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant proposes to commence the use of the following existing wells:

Table with 5 columns: Well No., Subdivision, Section, Township, Range. Rows include H-680, H-2501-Expl-1, H-2501-Expl-3.

for the diversion of up to 21.76 acre-feet per annum of groundwater to be used for the irrigation of 6.80 acres of land located in part of the N 1/4 SE 1/4; part of the SW 1/4 NE 1/4; part of the NE 1/4 SW 1/4; and part of the SE 1/4 NW 1/4, all in Section 35, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The protest or objections shall be in writing and shall set forth all protestant's or objector's reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 88201, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice.

cc: Santa Fe C/RRR No.: P 382 824 142

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WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on February 29, 1996.

SALLY FINARELLI Clerk of the District Court By Elizabeth Luceras Deputy

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Avenue), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 28, 1996, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above mentioned date and time will be retained unopened.

BID NO. 1995-19: ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES BID NO. 1995-20: PLUMBING, HEATING

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The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make their final determination during their regular commission meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 2, 1996.

Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Martha Guevara at 505/648-2385.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interest of Lincoln County.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager Published in the Lincoln County News on March 14, 1996.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Avenue), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 3:00 p.m., Monday, March 25, 1996, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above mentioned date and time will be retained unopened.

BID NO. 1995-18: RE-SURFACING OF COUNTY ROADS D-402 and D-403

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN IN THE PROBATE COURT PROBATE NO. 1687 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LINEOL G. WHITE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at P.O. Box 1859, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, or filed with the Probate Court.

DATED: Feb. 26, 1996. LINEOL G. WHITE, JR. Personal Representative

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that two or more Lincoln County Commissioners will be meeting with Governor Gary Johnson at the State Capitol in Santa Fe, New Mexico, at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 23, 1996.

FRANK POTTER Lincoln County Manager

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ELECTION PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Sections 1-22-1 through 1-22-19 N.M.S.A. 1978 may be cited as the "SCHOOL ELECTION LAW";

AND WHEREAS, under and by virtue of Article 22, School Election Law, provision is made for the holding of School District Elections throughout the State of New Mexico and in each County and each School District thereof;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby proclaimed and public notice given of a School District Election to be held in the Carrizozo School District Number 07, on Tuesday, April 2, 1996, between the hours of seven o'clock a.m. and seven o'clock p.m. on said day, in the manner provided by law for holding such election. This School District Election shall be held for the purpose of submitting to all qualified electors of the District the following general obligation bond question and a public school capital improvements tax question:

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND QUESTION: "Shall the Board of Education of the Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 07, Counties of Lincoln and Socorro, State of New Mexico, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the District, in one series or more, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$450,000 for the purpose of erecting, remodeling, making additions to and furnishing school buildings and purchasing or improving school grounds or any combination of these purposes, said bonds to be payable from general (ad valorem) taxes and to be issued and sold at such time or times upon such terms and conditions as the Board may determine?"

PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TAX QUESTION: "Shall the Board of Education of the Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 07, Counties of Lincoln and Socorro, State of New Mexico, be authorized to impose a property tax of \$2.00 per each \$1,000.00 of net taxable value of the property allocated to such District under the Property Tax Code for the property tax years of 1996, 1997 and 1998 for the purpose of the following capital improvements in the District, i.e., erecting, remodeling, making additions to, providing equipment for and furnishing school buildings, purchasing or improving school grounds; maintenance of public school buildings and public school grounds exclusive of salary expenses of employees of the District; and purchasing activity vehicles for transporting students to extracurricular school activities?"

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Judges of Election and the Clerks of Election have been appointed in said School District and public notice is hereby given of the place designated where the said election is to be held:

CONSOLIDATED POLLING PLACE: CARRIZOZO MUNICIPAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CARRIZOZO, NEW MEXICO

Presiding Judge: Juanita Vallejos Election Judge: Ysabel V. Hernandez Election Judge: Terry A. Luna Election Clerk: Sylvia D. Barola Election Clerk: Carolene E. Emmons

ABSENTEE PRECINCT: LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE COUNTY COURTHOUSE CARRIZOZO, NEW MEXICO

Presiding Judge: Juanita Vallejos Election Judge: Ysabel V. Hernandez Election Judge: Terry A. Luna Election Clerk: Sylvia D. Barola Election Clerk: Carolene E. Emmons

MARTHA MCKNIGHT PROCTOR Lincoln County Clerk Done under my hand and seal this 6th day of March, 1996.

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PROCLAMACION DE ELECCION

FORCUANTO, Secciones 1-22-1 y 1-22-19 N.M.S.A. 1978 puede ser llamado "Ley de Eleccion de Escuelas";

Y POR, cuanto debajo yo por virtud de Artículo 22, Ley de Eleccion de Escuelas provision este hecho para detener Elecciones de Distrito de Escuela por todo del Estado de Nuevo Mexico, y en Cada Condado y en Cada Distrito de Escuela de este:

AHOR POR ESTO, sera proclamado y por esta noticia publica, danda de la Eleccion de Distrito de Escuela que sera detenida en la Distrito Escolar Municipal Num. 7 de Carrizozo consolidado en martes, dia 2 de abril, 1996, entre medio de las horas de 7:00 a.m. y 7:00 p.m. de tal dia, en la manera provino por ley para detener tal eleccion, para el proposito de someter a los electores calificados del Distrito la siguiente cuestion de bonos de obligacion general y cuestion sobre impuestos para mejoras materiales de las escuelas publicas:

CUESTION DE BONOS DE OBLIGACION GENERAL: "Se le concedera la autorizacion a la Junta de Educacion del Distrito Escolar Municipal Num. 7 de Carrizozo, Condados de Lincoln y Socorro, Estado de Nuevo Mexico a fin de que emita Bonos de una serie o mas de obligacion general del Distrito, en la suma agregada principal que no exceda de los \$450,000, con el fin de construir, remodelar, agregar anexos y amueblar los edificios escolares y comprar o mejorar los terrenos escolares o cualquier combinacion de estos proyectos dichos bonos se pagaran con los fondos derivados de los impuestos generales (ad valorem) y se emitiran y se venderan en tal fecha o en tales fechas y conforme a los terminos y condiciones que la Junta determine?"

CUESTION SOBRE IMPUESTOS PARA MEJORAS MATERIALES DE LAS ESCUELAS PUBLICAS: "Se le debera otorgar la autorizacion a la Junta Escolar del Distrito Escolar Municipal Num. 7 de Carrizozo, Condados de Lincoln y Socorro, Estado de Nuevo Mexico para que imponga un impuesto del propiedad del \$2.00 por cada \$1,000.00 de valor neto tributable de la propiedad asignado a dicho Distrito conforme alCodigo de Impuestos Sobre la Propiedad para los anos tributables 1996, 1997, 1998 con el fin de hacer los mejoras materiales siguientes en el Distrito, es decir, construir, remodelar, anadir a, proveer equipo para y amueblar los edificios escolares; comprar o mejorar los terrenos escolares, excluyendo las sumas gastado en el servicio de deudas; y la compra de vehiculos de actividades para transportar estudiantes a las actividades escolares extracurriculares?"

ADEMAS PROCLAMADO Y NOTICIA ESTA POR ESTO DADO, que los Jueces de la eleccion y los escribanos de eleccion fueron apuntados en tal distrito de escuela y noticia publica y por esta es el lugar designado donde tal eleccion sera detenida:

LUGAR DE VOTACION CONSOLIDADO: ESCUELA MUNICIPAL DE CARRIZOZO EDIFICIO DE ADMINISTRACION CARRIZOZO, NUEVO MEXICO

Juez Presidendo: Juanita Vallejos Juez de Eleccion: Ysabel V. Hernandez Juez de Eleccion: Terry A. Luna Escribana de Eleccion: Sylvia D. Barola Escribana de Eleccion: Carolene E. Emmons

PRECINTO DE VOTANTES AUSENTES/TEMPRANOS: OFICINA DE ESCRIBANO DE CONDADO DE CONDADO DE LINCOLN CASA DE CORTE DE CONDADO DE LINCOLN CARRIZOZO, NUEVO MEXICO

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will on Tuesday, March 26, 1996 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room during the Regular Meeting will take final action to enact ordinance 171 creating a municipal judge: establishing the office of municipal judge and its jurisdiction; specifying qualifications; election; term of office; appointments; training and periodic reports; providing salary and benefits; and declaring an emergency; repealing ordinance 62 dated March 3, 1993.

Inspection or copies of proposed ordinance can be obtained during normal business hours Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from the Town Clerk, CAROL SCHLARB, CMC/AAE Town of Carrizozo

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LEGAL TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF OTERO STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Case No. DR 96-126 Judge II

Eddie I. Jiron Petitioner, vs. Maria Sanchez Jiron Respondent

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF PROCEEDINGS IN MATTER OF PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION

Lincoln County Medical Center's Board of Trustees will meet on Thursday, March 21, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hospital Conference Room. The Agenda will be available at the Administrator's Office on Monday, March 18, 1996. Published in the Lincoln County News on March 7 and March 14, 1996.

Carrizozo Re-Hires

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The public hearing for the town to repeal ordinance 60 and enact ordinance 170 was discussed. Schlarb said the most important reason for repealing ordinance 62 was that the salary increases for the judge through the years had been approved by motions, which is in violation of state law.

New ordinance 170 will increase the judge's salary to \$400 a month and will take effect in the year 2000. The board directed the town clerk to proceed with publication requirements.

The resignation of Janet Lynn from the Carrizozo Lodger's Tax committee was presented. The state requirements for the lodger's tax committee are that two members be from the lodging industry, two members be from the tourism industry, and one member be at large. Trustee Ruth Armstrong said she would like for a chamber of commerce member to be on the lodger's tax committee.

Armstrong asked Schlarb to bring a copy of the town's ordinance concerning the lodger's tax committee to the next meeting.

Schlarb explained the state has broadened how lodger's tax money may be spent. More information about it will be presented at the Municipal League Meeting.

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County Democrats Select Delegates

Lincoln County Democratic party members selected 13 delegates for the New Mexico Pre-Primary State Convention to be held in Las Cruces March 16.

Meeting in Ruidoso on March 7, county Democrats approved the following delegates: Cece Griffin, Chay Rennick, Bob Stephens, Robert

Goddard, Frank Cummins, Jerry Wright, Phillip Wright, Ken Shockey, Eleanor Shockey, Doris Cherry, Flo Maul, L. Ray Nunley and Mary Lee Nunley. The delegates will represent Lincoln County at the state convention to be held at Las Cruces High School.

Also on March 7, Lincoln

County Commissioner L. Ray Nunley spoke about the situation with the Camp Sierra Blanca minimum security prison. Nunley spoke with the governor about converting the prison camp into a youth environmental work camp early in the recent legislative session. Soon after Nunley's visit with Johnson, Children Youth and Families secretary Heather Wilson and Johnson announced they had developed a plan to convert the camp into a youth camp. "Gary Johnson plagiarized my agenda," Nunley said.

Nunley also expressed concern about the proposal to sell Fort Stanton to the county. "It could bankrupt Lincoln County," he said.

The next meeting of the Lincoln County Democrat Party will be a luncheon at noon, Wednesday, April 17, at Four Winds Restaurant in Carrizozo.

Carrizozo In Danger Of

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the rule about no alcohol he didn't need to be out there.

Vinson said violators would be cited into municipal court. Vinson said he would also patrol the golf course, adding that he couldn't enforce at the airport if not enforce all town property. "The ordinance says any city property," Vinson said.

No mention was made as to whether planes landing at the airport would be searched for violations of the town ordinance of no alcohol on city property.

When King was at the meeting he asked the council if the fourth Sunday of the month could be designated as an automatic race date if it rained on the third Sunday. He asked if the airport use agreement could be amended to allow the fourth Sunday to be a rain date.

Trustee Ruth Armstrong said, "We expect a new indus-

try in town, that will be using the airport," and added, "I feel like it would not be in the best interest of the town to have a rain date."

Lovace asked if it would be a problem to have a make up date later in the year.

King said, "I don't anticipate losing a race. We've only lost two races in 20 years due to rain." He said his request would be a safeguard. He didn't know about the new industry and was agreeable for the town to coordinate with them.

Armstrong said she would like to put it off and discuss it with them (the new industry.)

King also talked to the council about the concession stands. The Drag Club had placed an ad in *The Lincoln County News* to accept bids for operation of the concession stand at the monthly drag races.

King said, "When we started here, concessions were to be volunteers with the proceeds to go to the school."

King said another vendor had been at the races, supposedly to represent the same schools, and then in the summer King received a note asking why there was no competition for the concessions. King said he answered the letter stating The Drag Club did not award the concessions but that it was open to the city, etc.

One of the main problems was different concessions operating under the umbrella of The Drag Club's insurance.

Armstrong said she thought one of the school groups might be interested and added she thought the city should run the concession and the money go into the airport fund, not The Drag Club.

Armstrong also said last year the volunteers made

money "just for football" and said she thought if it was open to basketball, volleyball, and other school groups it would be better.

King said there was no response from the schools.

Armstrong asked if King had contacted the mothers of the volleyball players and cheerleaders.

Doug Whittaker said the school was contacted and showed no interest. He explained that last year the volunteers took in more than \$3,000 for the school. "It was very profitable," he added.

Armstrong again said she thought the money from the concessions should "come back to the city."

King said The Drag Club's position was that they didn't want to operate the concession stand, that concessions were for the convenience of the spectators. If the profits go to the school, O.K. but if the vendor pockets the profits, "we want to charge." King also mentioned, "We can't open (running concessions) to everyone and use our insurance."

The Drag Club received two bids for running the concessions, one from Leroy Najjar in Carrizozo and another from a vendor in Ruidoso.

Armstrong said she thought Carrizozo residents should have preference.

After a lengthy discussion the council agreed to let The Drag Club take care of the concessions with the vendor to pay 15 percent. The town is to receive 7 1/2 percent and The Drag Club is to receive 7 1/2 percent.

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A Personal View Of . . .

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we have little control over these elements except hunting. Lets help our wildlife by creating a balance of predators and create new habitats throughout our public lands and not just on parcels that a few individuals manipulate. When drought and bad winters create havoc for our wildlife lets back off. Lets give the wildlife the full attention of this Dept. and use hunting as a tool.

As a conclusion, who is guilty and what is the most important factor, hunting poaching, weather, loss of habitat or predators? It is my opinion that it is the direction of the Game Dept. over the past forty years that is at fault. All of the factors above have to be considered continuously with quick response to maintain our wildlife.

I have been actively hunting in New Mexico for 45 years and I hope to have many more. The need to kill has dwindled over the last 15 years, but the need and the experience of hunting our great state and the desire to help individuals who have not yet had this experience will keep me heading for the hills each fall.

If you agree the direction of the Department is wrong please contact the Game Commission and the Director.

BUTCH NOLEN
Capitan, NM

Following is a list of names and addresses:

* Jerry Maracchini, Director, NM Department of Game and Fish, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

State Game Commissioners:
* Bill Brininstool, Chairman, P.O. Drawer A, Jal, NM 88252.

* Jim L. Charlesworth, P.O. Box 1243, Raton, NM 87740.

* Andrea Maes Chavez, P.O. Box 6428, Navajo Dam, NM 87419.

* Gus Elgin, 4413 Hwy. 15, Silver City, NM 88061.

* Terry Sanders, P.O. Box 2025, Albuquerque, NM 87103.

* Charles A. Mayer, 7304 Aztec NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110.

* J.W. Jones, 8800 Suzan Dr. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123.

Lincoln County 4-H Council Meeting Is Held In Carrizozo

The Lincoln County 4-H council members met Feb. 18 in the Otero County Electric Cooperative building in Carrizozo. The items discussed were the bumper sticker contest, Earth Day '96, and the citizenship Washington focus trip.

The 4-H bumper sticker contest is planned for this year. The design will be due in the state 4-H office by June 1. The 4-H emblem needs to be included in the bumper sticker. Contact the local 4-H leader for more contest guidelines.

Other items discussed were Earth Day '96, which deals with environmental issues and the chance to win a trip to Washington, D.C. Also, the citizenship Washington focus

trip which will be held July 6-13. All those selected will receive some help from the council fund which was limited to five 4-H.

The next meeting will be held April 21 at the Otero County Electric Cooperative building in Carrizozo.

By Santa Otoneros
4-H Reporter

IN THE SERVICE

Air Force Senior Master Sgt. John P. Walsh has graduated from the nine-week U.S. Air Force Senior Non-commissioned Officer (SNCO) Academy at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Ala.

He is the son of Bob L. Power of Ruidoso.

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