

State May Lease Fort To Lincoln County For Year

by Doris Cherry

On Friday, March 22, Lincoln County Commissioners Monroy Montes, L. Ray Nunley and Wilton Howell, and county manager Frank Potter met with Governor Gary Johnson in Santa Fe to discuss the future of Fort Stanton.

Montes said the governor was willing to let Lincoln County lease Fort Stanton for

a year to allow the county to find a tenant for the facility and to transfer to the county the \$500,000 annual maintenance funding and the \$600,000 in past appropriations for the Fort. Montes said the governor directed undersecretary of General Services David Ortiz to proceed with the process during the March 22 meeting.

"We are now in the process of writing up our own needs,"

Montes told *THE NEWS* Wednesday.

At the same time the Lincoln County Commissioners were meeting with the governor, the state legislature was meeting in the special session called by the governor. Included in the business for the special session was the \$500,000 appropriation for basic upkeep of the Fort Stanton facility for another year. On Wednesday, Montes

said Ortiz had called Potter on Wednesday and reported that the \$500,000 for the facility upkeep was not approved during the special session. But Ortiz assured that the governor is committed to looking for the funds.

Montes said he hopes the lease process could begin by the end of this fiscal year on June 30. "I hope it will be sooner," Montes added.

If the \$500,000 for the Fort

maintenance cannot be found, Montes said he will be real hesitant to pursue the lease any further. "A lot of people are afraid the county will pick up a \$500,000 liability," he said. "We will have a provision in the lease contract that we will find a tenant within a year, or the facility will revert back to the state. It was never our intent for the county to take over the facility."

Montes, Nunley, and Howell

all told *THE NEWS* the governor was receptive to the county's proposal. "He was willing to talk and negotiate," Nunley said.

During the meeting with the governor Montes said they

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Village Council Approves A New Sign For Center

by Doris Cherry

Ruidoso Convention Center will be better advertised with the new sign approved by village councilors at their meeting Tuesday.

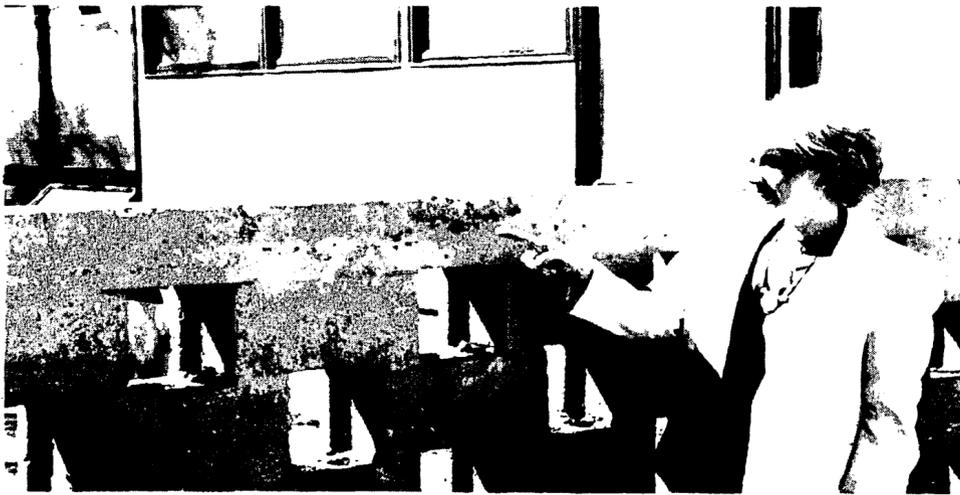
The council approved the \$53,814 bid from Electrical Products Company for a 25 foot marquee sign that will feature a bulb type electric message board with two programmable lines. To be located at the entrance to Sierra Blanca Drive, which intersects with Mechem Drive, the double sided sign will match the convention center in color and style. It features permanent letters "Ruidoso Convention Center", below which will be the electronic message center which will have 12 inch high letters. Under the message board will be "The Links at Sierra Blanca Public Golf Course" and a space will be left at the bottom for the name of a future hotel.

Preliminary designs for the additions to the convention center and village hall and the library will be ready in about two weeks, councilors learned from Ray Lopez, ICA, Inc. Lopez was contracted to oversee the projects funded with the 1995 bond issue. Included in those projects is the athletic fields at White Mountain School. Village deputy manager Alan Briley said the athletic fields will be a more involved project because it involves a joint powers agreement between the village and the Ruidoso Board of Education, and both groups must approve designs.

One of the projects financed with the bond is sewer improvements. Village manager Gary Jackson reported that the village will finally receive the 1995 state legislative appropriation of \$180,000 for sewer improvements. The funding was put on freeze by the governor late last year, because of projected shortfalls of state revenues. The 1995 appropriations were finally reauthorized by the legislature during its special session conducted March 20-23.

Councilors also approved the mayor's appointments to the newly established Scenic Byways Committee and other boards and commissions. The seven-member Scenic Byways Committee was established by ordinance at the March 12 council meeting. Members appointed Tuesday were Bill

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CARRIZOZO SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT Paula Papponi points out one of many areas needing repair at Carrizozo Schools. The district is holding a special \$450,000 bond issue election on April 2. If approved the funds would finance remodeling and repair projects in the school district.

Carrizozo Schools Special Election For Two Mill Levy And Bond Issue Tuesday

by Doris Cherry

On Tuesday, April 2, registered voters who reside within the Carrizozo School District are being asked to go to the polls at the Carrizozo Schools Administration Building and vote on two different questions.

The first question asks voters to renew the Public Schools Capital Improvements Act, or more commonly known as the two-mill levy or SB9. The two-mill levy currently generates about \$26,000 a year and is matched with about \$12,000 in state funds. Carrizozo Schools superintendent Paula Papponi told *THE NEWS* the SB9 money is vital to the district, because the amount now received just about covers routine maintenance costs and purchase of supplies. The SB9 funds supplement the district's operational funds which primarily are used for personnel salaries.

Carrizozo voters have always approved the two mill levy since its adoption by the state legislature in the 1970s.

The second question on the April 2 special election ballot asks voters to authorize the issuance of up to \$450,000 of general obligation bonds to fund various projects in the district. Bond issues are the only way for the district to obtain large amounts of money for major projects, including remodeling, major equipment or vehicle purchase and site improvements.

To show the community some of the needs for the district, school officials will conduct a "Walk Through" beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday,

printer, the high school lab would receive 20, 486 computers, laser printer and a scanner. School wide networking would connect all school computers. The estimated cost of the additions is \$113,000.

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"Without the two mill levy we can't open the doors," Papponi said. "Without the bond, everything will continue to fall apart around us."

The \$450,000 figure for the bond issue is based on the estimated cost of needed projects which were identified by the District Needs Assessment Self-Study conducted last fall and the New Mexico State Department of Education Accreditation Team which visited the district last December. High on the list in the self-study is a technology upgrade for the Library Media Center, Mid-School computer lab, High School computer lab, a school-wide networking and three networked teacher computer stations with printers. The proposed library media center could feature a computer with large capacity memory capable of connecting the school into the internet to provide an avenue for expanded research, software, a laser printer and three computer work stations. The mid-school lab would be upgraded with 14, 486 computers and a laser

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Carrizozo Begins Negotiations For Leasing Industrial Park Property

by Ruth Hammond

One month ago Dr. John H. Oesterles Ph.D. of Electro Treatment, Inc. in Tennessee spoke to the Carrizozo Town Council about wanting to lease 20 acres in the Carrizozo Industrial Park for a site to build an ore processing facility. At that time Oesterles said he did not want to begin negotiations for the lease. The Carrizozo Board of Trustees said they would wait for Oesterles to obtain the federal permits.

During the town council meeting Tuesday, mayor Cecilia Kuhnel said she had received a FAX requesting that negotiations begin.

Kuhnel said Oesterles told her all the correct paper work has been filed and permitting would be forthcoming. She asked for permission from the board of trustees to contact the town attorney to "work up" a lease.

The board of trustees agreed to allow Kuhnel to contact the town attorney concerning the negotiations.

State officials reported that a state permit will be needed. The process for obtaining a state permit will require the permit application and review by the state which could take three to four months or longer. If the state permit is issued, the ore processing facility would be subject to inspections by the state.

In other business the board of trustees adopted Ordinance 171 and repealed Ordinance 62, pertaining to the municipal judge, and providing for a salary of \$400 a month begin-

ning with the municipal judge elected in the year 2000.

The board gave approval for the bowling leagues to use the Rec Center for their annual banquets and bowling the week following the end of the bowling league season.

Police chief Duane Vinson presented a copy of a letter he had written to the Lincoln County Sheriff concerning assisting the sheriff's office when only one sheriff's deputy is on duty and assistance is requested from the Carrizozo Police.

Vinson said there were several incidents and one time the Carrizozo police officer "ended up in Hondo" because there was only one sheriff's deputy on duty.

Vinson also said he spoke with Gordon King, secretary of The Drag Club, about the town ordinance prohibiting alcohol on town property.

Vinson said, "I think the problem is taken care of."

The board accepted the resignation of police secretary Chris Hammond. March 29 will be her last day.

After a closed session to discuss limited personnel matters, the board agreed to hold a special meeting Tuesday, April 2 at 2 p.m. for the purpose of discussing hiring/advertising for a police secretary.

The board agreed to not accept the letter of resignation from the Carrizozo Lodger's Tax Committee submitted by Janet Lynn.

Trustees Eileen Lovelace and Ruth Armstrong both said they had talked to Lynn and

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NEW MEXICO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE MEMBERS (from left) Ruidoso Council Bill Chance, Ruidoso mayor and league president Jerry Shaw, Carrizozo mayor Cecilia Kuhnel and Ruidoso Councilor Frank Cummins pause for the camera during the Municipal League District meeting held at the Carrizozo Recreation Center on March 20. League staff members reported excellent turn out to the district meeting, which was hosted by the Town of Carrizozo.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAYS

—Alcoholic Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. at Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-2313 for information.
 —Adult singles group meets in Ruidoso at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 258-3246 or 354-2635.
 —Preschool Story hour from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Carrizozo Public School library.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

—Carrie Tingley Clinic visits Alamogordo. Call 1-800-472-3235, ext. 5270 for an appointment.
 —Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department enchilada supper fundraiser for fireworks, 4:30-7 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Center.

—AARP tax volunteers will help elderly and low income taxpayers at Ruidoso Senior Center, from 2-4 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

—Mountain Ministry Parish Lenten Service at Corona Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m. followed by potluck dinner.

MONDAY, APRIL 1

—Capitan Chamber of Commerce meets at 12:30 p.m. at the chamber building on Second Street.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

—Lincoln County Commission meets at 9 a.m. in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

—Special Carrizozo Town Council meeting at 2 p.m. regarding police secretary.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

—AARP tax volunteers will help elderly and low income taxpayers at Ruidoso Senior Center from 2-4 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

—Tularosa Basin Water Study meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Carrizozo Town Hall.

—Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Capitan will celebrate the Mass of the Last Supper at 5:30 p.m.

—Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo will celebrate the Mass of the Last Supper at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

—Santa Rita Church will have a Good Friday Mass at 1 p.m. to be followed by the annual walk to Our Lady of Guadalupe Cemetery.

—Good Friday Mass at 5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church.

—Good Friday Mass at 7:30 p.m. at St. Theresa Church in Corona.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

—Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. at Carrizozo Country Club Park for children up to 10 years old.

—Easter Egg Hunt at 11 a.m. Smokey Bear Park in Capitan.

—Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at 8 p.m. at Santa Rita Church in Carrizozo.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 7

—Day Light Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. -set clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

—Community "Son-Rise" Celebration at 7:30 a.m. in the Capitan Schools multipurpose building, everyone invited, continental breakfast served.

—Easter Mass at 6 a.m. at St. Theresa Church in Corona, 8 and 9 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Capitan and at 11 a.m. at Santa Rita Church in Carrizozo.

Judges Name Winners Of Cultural Arts Show

Winners were named in the Lincoln County Association for Family and Community Education (LCAFCE) annual cultural arts show held March 23 at the Carrizozo Woman's Club. The theme was *Rites of Spring*.

Winners and categories:

Fine Arts
 Photography, Rosalie Dunlap-1st place; Sculpture-Carving, Leota Pfingston-1st place, Best of Lot.
Knitting
 Baby Afghan, Ruth Wilson-1st place, Best of Lot.

Crochet
 Basket, Edith Malcolm, 1st Place; Wall Hanging, Amanda Torres, 2nd Place; Chicken, Amanda Torres, 2nd Place.
Needlepoint
 Calendar, Nina Ross, 1st Place, Best of Lot.

Embroidery
 Pillowcase, Ermalinda

Trujillo, 1st Place, Best of Lot; Basket, Amanda Torres, 3rd Place.

Counted Cross Stitch
 Wagon, Pauline Purvis, First Place, Best of Lot.

Other forms of Needlework
 Blue Tote Bag, Amanda Torres, 3rd Place.

Weaving
 Shawl, Bessie Jones, 1st Place, Best of Lot; Runner & Table Mats, Bessie Jones, 1st Place; Home Spun Yarn, Bessie Jones, 1st Place.

Quilting
 Hand Pieced Quilt, Pauline Purvis, 1st Place, Best of Lot, Best of Show, People's Choice; Bear Wall Hanging, Nina Ross, 1st Place; Pillow, Lucia Vega, 2nd Place; Machine Quilted Pillow, Nina Ross, 1st Place.

Miscellaneous
 Pressed Flowers on Candle, Lenore Welch, 1st Place; Yuc-

ca Wreath, Jo Blazer, 1st Place; Folded Material Wreath, Louella Tivis, 2nd Place; Quilted Clock, Nina Ross, 1st Place; Wood Home Accessory, Ermalinda Trujillo, 3rd Place; Padded Album, Nina Ross, 1st Place; Button Frame, Ermalinda Trujillo, 1st Place; Padded Bells, Jo Blazer, 2nd Place; Casserole Carrier, Alice Phelps, 2nd Place; Book Holder Pillow, Alice Phelps, 2nd Place; Rope Baskets, Louella Tivis, 1st Place; Button Lamp, Ermalinda Trujillo, 3rd Place.

Holiday
 Gourd Tree Item, Jo Blazer, 1st Place; Angel Wreath, Jo Blazer, 3rd Place; Silvery Holiday Wreath, Jo Blazer, 2nd Place; Easter Basket, Larue Griswold, 3rd Place.

Wearable Art
 Denim Coat, Helen Lock, 1st Place; Sweatshirt Jacket, Annie Withers; Angel T-Shirt, Alice Phelps, 3rd Place; Floral T-Shirt, Alice Phelps, 3rd Place; Sweatshirt Jacket, Helen Lock, 1st Place; Quilted Applique Vest, Helen Lock, 1st Place; Halloween Vest, Jo Blazer, 1st Place, Best of Lot; Springtime Vest, Nina Ross, 1st Place; Bloomin Sweatshirt, Nina Ross, 1st Place; Bloomin Sweatshirt, Alice Phelps, 2nd Place; Skirt & Quilted Vest, Nina Ross, 3rd Place.

Clothing
 Dress, Nina Ross, 2nd Place; Skirt & Vest, Edith Malcolm, 1st Place; Pants & Vest, Nina Ross, 1st Place; Vest W/Lace, Nina Ross, 3rd Place.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Will Begin In Carrizozo

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lincoln County will hold a group orientation meeting Tuesday, April 2 at the Carrizozo School at 7 p.m.

Parents wanting to place their children in the program and adults who are interested in becoming volunteers are encouraged to attend.

Merriken Bryant, the case manager for Lincoln County, will present an overview of this special "friendship-mentoring" program and will answer any questions about the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization. Application packets for both volunteers and clients will also be available.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lincoln County is a non-profit organization that matches an "at-risk" youngster with a stable, adult volunteer for a special one-to-one relationship. Through concentrated individual attention in a non-pressured setting, the adult can become a very unique and positive influence upon the life and development of the child.

The rewards for both the child and the volunteer can be tremendous, especially in the areas of increased self-esteem, academic achievement, and

confidence. No special skills are needed to become an adult volunteer, just the desire to help a child.

For more information about the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program or the orientation meeting April 2 please call 505-257-7107.

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Canyon CowBelles Plan To Host Annual Ag Day Hamburger Fry Apr. 2

The March meeting of the Canyon CowBelles was hosted by president Stacy Hendricks and Veda Stephenson at the Carrizozo Country Club with 20 members and one guest attending.

Carrizozo School Superintendent Paula Papponi gave a presentation on the upcoming school bond issue, outlining how important it is to the school and how the bond money would be spent.

April 2 Canyon CowBelles will host their annual hamburger cookout for the Carrizozo Schools. Grades K-12 will participate in the event. CowBelles are asked to bring two bags of potato chips or brownies or Rice Krispy treats to the cookout area at the school by 10 a.m. on the 2nd.

Rene Burton is head of the Canyon CowBelle scholarship committee and is taking applications. The recipient will be voted on at the May meeting. Guidelines for the scholarship can be obtained from Rene or Martha Payne, counselor at the Carrizozo Schools.

The Range Rider publication has been distributed to schools around the state. There will be no formal April meeting for the CowBelles in lieu of the cookout.

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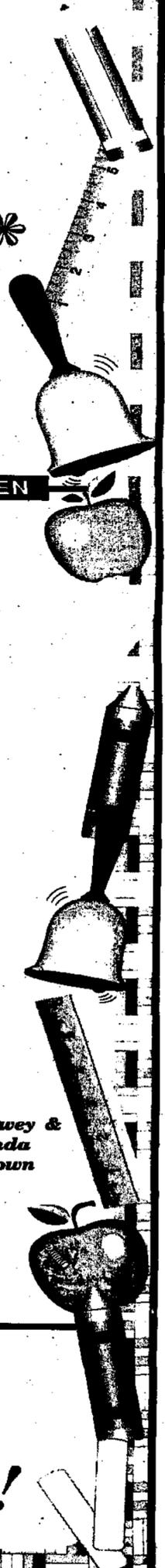
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*** * SPECIAL ELECTION * ***
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Is The Two-Mill Levy To Pay Bonds?

No. The two-mill levy was established by the legislature many years ago to fill the funding gap between the funds used for school operations and bond proceeds which are used to finance major construction and improvement projects in the District. Unlike bond money, two-mill money can be used for the maintenance of school buildings, and unlike operational funds it cannot be used for salaries.

Other Benefits Of The Two-Mill Levy

The value of the two-mill program to the District is greater than just the funds collected locally. The state guarantees \$70.00 per student (Full Time Equivalent), so if local tax collections are less than this amount, the state pays the difference. Also, having the two-mill levy authorized by the voters is one of the requirements to qualify for direct aid from the Public School Capital Outlay program. (The other qualification is that the District be bonded to 75 percent of its legal bonding capacity).

The Bonds

The second question on the ballot asks voters to authorize the issuance of up to \$450,000 of general obligation bonds. The proceeds of the bond issue will be used for a number of projects in the District. The District plans to use the bond proceeds as follows:

- ✓ Technology additions.
- ✓ Cafeteria remodeling.
- ✓ Heating and lighting systems improvements in the cafeteria.
- ✓ Cooling system for the classrooms.
- ✓ Phases 2 and 3 of the playground improvements.
- ✓ Site improvements, and
- ✓ School furniture replacements.

Tax Cost

The new bonds are expected to increase the tax levy by \$2.37 per \$1,000 of New Taxable Value of a property. If you are not sure of your Net Taxable Value, please see your most recent Notice of Value sent by the County Assessor. The table below shows the tax effect for selected property values.

Value	Bond	Bonds & 2-Mill
\$30,000	\$23.69	\$24.20
\$20,000	\$15.79	\$16.13
\$15,000	\$11.85	\$12.10
\$10,000	\$ 7.90	\$ 8.07

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- ✓ Billy & Veda Lou Stephenson
- ✓ Bob & Jane Shafer
- ✓ Wesley & Margo Lindsay
- ✓ Hayden & Cheryl Smith

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Please Vote!

THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Tremors shake the area

By Ruth Hammond

For Sale: Ocean-front property in portions of Lincoln County. Sound far-fetched? Maybe not according to the reports of minor tremors or earthquakes in Lincoln County. Last week there was a tremor near Corona and a couple of weeks ago there was a tremor near Indian Divide. The next step could easily be when the entire western portion of New Mexico and all land west of New Mexico slides off into the Pacific Ocean.

It could cause some major problems, or rather it could cause some governor problems if half of New Mexico disappeared leaving prime ocean-front property in Lincoln County. What would governor Johnson do then? Do you suppose he would try to declare Lincoln County a disaster area unfit for human life?

Actually it wouldn't be much different than what he has done to Lincoln County in the past 15 months. The only difference would be that the catastrophe caused by an earthquake would be a natural disaster instead of the irresponsible actions of one person, that person being a self-declared dictator.

Earthquakes are not funny but many survivors tell of comical things that happened while they were waiting for the shaking to stop. Apparently the most difficult thing is to accept the fact that you have absolutely no control over what is happening. Sounds vaguely like what governor Johnson is doing to us here in Lincoln County. He makes decisions that affect us and we have no control. At least when an earthquake stops, there is a little time to try and run for safety while here in Lincoln County all we can do is wait for another "big one" to shake things up.

Many of us find it difficult to imagine being in an earthquake and we can't possibly imagine what we would do. One man said he was sitting at a table when an earthquake started. The table slid across the room and his only thought was, "It's not nice to fool with Mother Nature." He said it happened quickly and there wasn't time to try to run for safety, and even if there had been time there was nowhere to go that would have been safer than where he was. All he could do was wait for it to stop.

Probably the most famous earthquake was the one that hit San Francisco in 1906 that nearly destroyed the city. People living in the area have been told there will be another one but it hasn't stopped the people from building their homes there.

The earthquake in the Oakland area nearly seven years ago also did its share of damage. Super highways tumbled down and a portion of the bay bridge collapsed. We were especially concerned because friends were in Oakland visiting relatives. They weren't aware of the extent of the damage because the electricity was out and they couldn't watch TV or listen to radio. And of course the phones were out. It was an uneasy few days until they were able to get to a phone in a neighboring town and call to let us know they were safe. And the earthquake in Los Angeles a couple of years ago did an equal amount of damage and caused concern for those with family and friends there.

The tremors in the Corona area last week and the tremors in the Indian Divide area a couple of weeks ago may not happen again, which is fine with us. Most of us would prefer to not know what it feels like to be in a really big earthquake.

Apparently some of the people in the Corona area last week wondered if the tremors they felt were sonic booms. Maybe what some of us think are sonic booms are actually tremors. If they are it might be a good idea to start painting signs advertising our ocean-front property for sale. It might be a good idea to paint the signs now instead of waiting until we start "rocking and rolling" across the plains and our paint and signs are washed out into the Pacific Ocean. It might be a good idea to not pound the signs in the ground just yet, that might cause another tremor.

Ocean-front property for sale!

LETTERS

to the editor

EDITOR: As a concerned citizen of Carrizozo, alumnus of Carrizozo High School, and Chairperson of the Carrizozo Alumni Association, I am writing this letter in support of the Carrizozo School bond issue. It was with regret that I read in the Lincoln County News of the school board president's opposition to the full amount of the bond for Carrizozo's schools. These monies are used to purchase technological additions (computers), building upgrades, cafeteria remodeling, heating and lighting improvements, cooling systems for the classrooms, phases II and III of the playground improvements, general site improvements, and school furniture replacements for our children. We all want our kids to have the best tools to work with that we can possibly afford. This is to help them get the best education possible, which should be a top priority. It takes money to educate students and if Mr. Hightower thinks the interest on the money raised by the bonds is high, then he obviously has his priorities confused. We "dodged a bullet" when the money voted for in 1990 was not spent until last year. We do not want to have to dodge another one. The administration needs to wake up and work for what is best for OUR children. Our students should not be penalized simply because of someone's misguided attempt to gain a better interest rate.

Not all parents can afford computers or other hi-tech learning tools and they depend on the schools for these items. If the opportunity exists to obtain these essential items, then let's do it! Let's support this bond issue, support our school and support our kids! If we show our support then maybe the school board will get off their "duffs" and start standing up for the school and the students like they are supposed to be doing in the first place.

It is time that discipline and respect are restored back to the class-room; It is time Carrizozo schools are brought back to the high standard as they once were; It is time Carrizozo students are rewarded rather than penalized for

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Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE—Is New Mexico on schedule with its spaceport effort?

The governor's Spaceport Commission says yes. Spaceport advocates are so sure.

The Southwest Regional Space Task Force held its quarterly meeting in Alamogordo on Mar. 16. The task force is an independent organization, composed largely of individuals and businesses in the Las Cruces area, that has been the prime mover in the push to attract the nation's first commercial spaceport to New Mexico.

The task force began proposing legislation three years ago to boost New Mexico past Florida and California, which enjoy advantages in military launch capabilities. Although the legislature did its part, crippling delays occurred within the Bruce King administration over the politics of who would be in control.

Spirits soared with the election of Gov. Gary Johnson, a businessman who had taken risks to propel his handyman business into a million dollar operation. But Johnson turned out to be much more cautious about New Mexico's spaceport development than expected.

Instead of developing the spaceport infrastructure necessary to attract testing programs to New Mexico, the Johnson administration has opted to be little more than a spectator until testing programs have proven successful and a single-stage-to-orbit rocket is ready to go.

While it's true that waiting for the development of a land-based rocket is safer in terms of not spending money on something that might never be used, it risks the possibility that New Mexico will lose the race to become the nation's hub of commercial space activity.

Geography has given us a head start over other states. A mild climate and high altitude mean dependable launches using much less fuel. Immediately adjacent to our proposed spaceport is a missile range that provides the largest space-related land mass in the world, with tracking, telemetry and recovery capabilities already in place. And there should be no doubt that land-based rockets will be developed soon to satisfy a global economic demand for the fastest transportation possible.

But while New Mexico has been proceeding with caution,

others have joined the race, among them our neighboring states of Texas, Colorado and now Arizona. Although Arizona is behind New Mexico at this point, its effort is far more aggressive, built around the premise that "you'll build it where you design it and you'll fly it from where you build it."

New Mexico has chosen to wait and watch until the final step, hoping that White Sands Missile Range can attract a testing program that later will decide to move next door to our spaceport—that won't get off the ground until the tests have proven successful.

NASA is entertaining proposals from three aerospace firms with reusable rocket designs that would replace the current shuttle. McDonnell Douglas' Delta Clipper already has undergone its first series of successful tests at WSMR. If it is the winning bidder, New Mexico could still be in the race. If it's not, we still have a chance based on

our natural advantages—but not on our marketing effort.

Commercial companies would like to start working with a commercial spaceport as soon as possible. Florida, and California are developing cooperative agreements with the existing military launch facilities in their states to present companies with public/private proposals that could prove to be the best alternatives available at the time they are needed.

Meanwhile Rep. Bill Porter, a prime mover of our spaceport effort, was able to report to the Space Task Force meeting that although money wasn't appropriated for the surveying and road improvement that had been hoped, Gov. Johnson did approve \$300,000 for the development of an expanded business plan.

Let's not blow our best chance to finally be recognized as part of the United States.

More Public Meetings Set For Water Study

Water planning is a priority in New Mexico and water is the single most limiting factor for growth.

The 40 year water study for the Tularosa and Sacramento River basins is now underway and another round of public meetings are scheduled. The public is encouraged to attend.

The first meeting was held Tuesday in Orogrande, the second meeting will be held tonight in Timberson.

Additional meetings will be held April 2 in High Rolls at the Lions Club, April 4 at Carrizozo City Hall at 6:30 p.m., April 9 at Tularosa Village Hall at 6:30 p.m. and April 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Alamogordo Civic Center.

The 40 year water study is funded by the Interstate Streams Commission and is attempting to answer the important questions about how much water is available, how much water will be needed over the next 40 years, and how to balance future demands with supplies.

The South Central Mountain R&D Council, located in Carrizozo, is conducting the 40 year water study along with Livingston and Associates, consulting engineers of Alamogordo.

The Tularosa Basin is located in western Lincoln and

Otero Counties. The Sacramento River Basin is located in southeast Otero County and includes the Timberson area.

The public meetings are an essential part of the planning process and will provide information on each community's water supply and discuss problems related to supply, availability and future demands.

The eastern part of Otero and Lincoln Counties is in the Pecos River Basin and a similar study is being conducted by the Pecos Valley Water Users Organization and the Sureste R&D. For information on that study call 505-396-2535.

OBITUARY

HALIMAE "GIGI" ROBERTSON

Halimae "Gigi" Robertson, 87, died in Albuquerque March 25.

Mrs. Robertson was born in LeFlore County, Oklahoma on December 29, 1908. She married R. B. "Doc" Robertson January 29, 1932 who preceded her in death in 1969. She was also preceded in death by a grandson Paul Bohk.

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more inviting for students who eat there, and for the community which uses the room for numerous functions, Papponi added.

Another concern of the district and the board of education has been cooling for classrooms. The bond will include an estimated \$135,000 for the cooling systems.

Other projects identified for funding with bond money include Phases II and III of the playground improvements, site improvements, school furniture and a \$25,000 contingency fund. Site improvements include repair and painting of building exteriors, sprinkler system to keep alive the 105 trees received from the R&D grant, replacement of broken toilets and urinals and replacement of broken doors and windows. School furniture includes student computer stations, high school library furniture, furniture for elementary library and cafeteria furniture for students.

Papponi said the district wants to develop separate libraries for the elementary and high school. This could give the high school students a quieter location to do research. It also will open the existing library for more public participation, especially with the expanded computer systems.

The \$450,000 figure for the bond issue is 75 percent of the district's bonding capacity. A district's bonding capacity is based on taxes collected on properties within Carrizozo School district. Districts that are at 75 percent bonding capacity become eligible for Critical Capital Outlay funds from the state which can be used for further school capital projects, or equipment and/or vehicle purchases. "As far as I can find, this district has never requested the critical capital outlay funds," Papponi said.

Last December, the Carrizozo Board of Education voted 4-1 to hold the special \$450,000 bond issue election. Board president Gary Hightower voted no, concerned about the high amount of interest to be paid on the \$450,000. He also was concerned that the money might not be spent within the required three years after issuance, as happened with the last bond issue passed in 1990.

Papponi said all the money from the 1990 bond has been spent for needs in the district. In the last year, the district has purchased new student furniture, refrigerator for the cafeteria, new stage curtains, new gym floor, painting on both gyms, bleacher covers for both gyms, repainting of outdoor bleachers, new large playground structure, and a new school van to replace the old gray station wagon. Board member Nick Serna told THE NEWS some of the money from the 1990 bond went to replace roofs, an unexpected expense.

If the bond issue is approved by voters, the school board and bond committee will meet with the public to develop a three year plan to spend the bond funds. "This will insure the money is spent within the time frame, and as allocated," Papponi said.

The school board is ultimately responsible for how the bond money is spent because it must approve all major construction bids and purchases.

As for concerns about the interest for the bond issue currently, interest rates are lower now than they were in 1990 when the last bond was passed. While \$180,000 has been paid on the interest for the 1990 bond issue, \$150,000 toward the principle also has been paid, Papponi said.

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Letters to

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attending Carrizozo schools. It is time we the people, get off our "duffs" and stand up for the school students.

Regardless of the child, they are important. They deserve the best and no dollar amount can be placed on the importance of education for any child.

As "important" as the school board and administration think they are, they also need to realize that every teacher, custodian, cook or other school employee are just as important. We have to pull together to make this whole thing work.

Parents, attend the school board meetings. Education is the most valuable asset you can give your child and you can have a say in the kind and quality of education your child receives and educational environment your child learns in. Rich, poor or in between, everyone of our kids is special. Let's treat them that way.

"Your vote is your voice".

MARGO LINDSAY
Carrizozo, NM

EDITOR: Twice now the people of New Mexico, speaking through duly constituted juries, have declared that they do not want Terry Clark to go on living.

An overwhelming majority of the citizens of this state are of the opinion that the atrocity this degenerate committed entitle him to the only justice he so richly deserves, the death penalty.

I would strongly urge those in positions of authority not to thwart the will of the people in this case or risk seeing a total breakdown in any faith in the judicial system, a growing contempt for all government and a rise in vigilantism.

For once, let the sleazy lawyers, who are always on the side of the criminal, hold their peace. Any chicken-livered judges on the Appellate Courts should recuse themselves and be replaced by people with the intestinal fortitude to see that justice is done.

I realize that there are people with ethical or religious convictions who do not believe in capital punishment. I respect their convictions but they are not the ones being asked to carry out such sentences and they do not have the right to force their beliefs on the majority of us who do.

Pedophiles who commit these crimes against children cannot be "cured", cannot be saved, cannot be rehabilitated and anyone who says they can is either ignorant of the subject or they lie for their own personal gain.

A pedophile cannot stop from being sexually attracted to children anymore than a heterosexual can stop from being attracted to the opposite sex or a homosexual can stop from being attracted to the same sex. It is inherent to their psyche. They are born that way.

And what of Dena Lynn Gore, this beautiful child, this fair daughter of Eve, whose roots run so deeply into Lincoln County? We can only hope that her soul is in a far better place than this brutal world.

Her mortal remains rest in Cedarvale Cemetery, in White Oaks, amidst family and friends and surrounded by the sky, the mountains and forests in a sacred place of beauty. She is one of ours and always will be.

How much more suffering must her family endure before justice is served?

It is incumbent on us to make sure that the degenerate responsible for this atrocity is never released or never escapes to commit crimes against other children.

That can only be guaranteed by his execution. Make sure that the powers that be hear your voices. We can do no less.

A nation that will not protect its children is headed to oblivion.

DONALD QUEEN
Carrizozo, NM

EDITOR: In my March 21, 1996 letter, I asked the following question: Why do our governments use legalese?

Legalese: "The special vocabulary and formulations of legal forms, documents, etc., often thought of as incomprehensible to the layman."

In my opinion legalese is used to awe, intimidate and confuse the people which, in turn, ensures the power, wealth and job security of certain people.

"Ignorance of the law is no excuse; you must obey all the laws." How can I obey all the laws if I do not thoroughly understand all of them? Even our Supreme Court justices do not thoroughly understand legalese. Rarely do the judges agree unanimously on what the law says.

* For the sake of the people and our nation our governments must change their official language from legalese to plain English.

NOTE: * One of the main problems that the Soviet Union faced was an excessive number of its people did not speak Russian; the official language.

FRANKLIN L. BOREN
Tinnie, NM

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"The bond is all about children, more than money," Papponi said. "A vote for the bond issue is a commitment to our children that we will provide them the best education possible."

"We have excellent facilities, we just need to upgrade and maintain them," she added.

Absentee voting for the two mill levy and the bond issue can be done until 5 p.m. Friday, March 29 at the Lincoln County Clerk's office in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

On Tuesday, April 2, the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the school administration building. If voters are unsure if they reside within the Carrizozo School dis-

trict they can contact the county clerk's office for clarification.

Robertson Obituary . . .

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She is survived by one daughter, Maggi Bohks and husband Bob of White Oaks; three grandchildren, Melissa Leslie and her husband Rusty of Carrizozo, David Bohks of California, and Robbie Bohks of Edgewood, NM; six great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews.

Interment will take place in Del Rio, TX at a later date.

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Tom Sullivan Is Candidate For Lincoln County Sheriff

Former Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan has announced his candidacy for a third term as Sheriff. Sullivan served as Lincoln County Sheriff for two terms from 1983 through 1986.

Sullivan graduated from Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, TX, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in criminal justice. He has over 3,000 additional classroom hours of training in law enforcement courses. Sullivan graduated from the Southwestern Police Institute, School of Police Supervision at the University of Texas at Dallas and the International Association of Chiefs of Police School of Police Management in Austin, Texas.

Sullivan has over 28 years of law enforcement experience. After graduating from the Texas Department of Public Safety Law Enforcement Academy, he served 6 years as a state trooper and 8 years in the narcotics service where he supervised a 31 county West Texas District



TOM SULLIVAN

from the Lubbock office. He served four years as Lincoln County Sheriff and has been employed by the New Mexico Department of Corrections for 10 years. Sullivan is former deputy warden at Camp Sierra Blanca and is currently a correctional Administrator at Western New Mexico Correctional Facility in Grants, N.M., where he serves as administrative assistant to

Warden Ron Lytle. Sullivan has been granted a leave of absence from the corrections department through the June 4th primary.

Sullivan is past president of the New Mexico Sheriff's Association (1984-85) and past president of the Texas Narcotic Officers Association, a 1500 member organization of federal, state, municipal and county law enforcement officers primarily involved in drug enforcement. He also served on the Capitan Village Council.

Sullivan has a proven record as Lincoln County Sheriff. During his tenure, the Sheriff's Dept. served 5,654 civil papers and worked 638 traffic accidents, answered 1,386 animal control calls, recovered over a million and a half dollars worth of stolen property, filed 196 narcotics cases and recovered drugs valued at over 1 million dollars. The department confiscated eight vehicles and one airplane in drug related cases. They collected \$107,000 worth of worthless checks that were issued to Lincoln County merchants.

During Sullivan's terms the department installed a National Crime Information Center (NCIC) terminal which gives the department immediate access to nationwide intelligence information and data. The communications network for the department was re-designed and additional repeaters were installed at strategic locations eliminating "dead-spots" in the county. "My achievements as Sheriff were the result of a team effort by employees who were proud of their department and took pride in its accomplishments."

An 18 year Lincoln County resident, Sullivan owned and operated Sullivan's Security Service, a private security patrol business from 1978 to 1993 when it was sold. He and his wife Pat reside in Capitan. Pat is a kindergarten teacher at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center in Ruidoso and has taught school in Capitan and Ruidoso for 18 years. They have three grown sons and four grandchildren. Tom's mother Maureen writes a weekly column for the Lincoln County News.

Tom is past president of the Carrizozo Rotary Club and a former director of the Ruidoso Noon Lions Club.

"With professional, responsible leadership, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department can be a respected, effective law enforcement agency", Sullivan said.

Ten Year Pin

Johnny Patterson of Tinnie received a 10 year service award from the New Mexico department of agriculture (NMDA) during the annual conference.

NMDA director/secretary Frank A. DuBois presented the award, which was one of 23 service awards presented to employees. DuBois said employee recognition and appreciation is an important part of the annual meeting.



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OBITUARIES

WILLIAM "Denny" LUJAN

Funeral service for William "Denny" Lujan, 41, of Phoenix and formerly of Ruidoso was March 21, at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Lujan died March 17, in Albuquerque. He was born February 3, 1955 in Tucson, Arizona. He is survived by his daughter Stevie Lujan of Lubbock, TX; mother, Deanna Lujan of Phoenix; and two sisters, Rikki Porter of Peoria, AZ, and Nona Collins of Phoenix; two nieces and a nephew.

JOHN SHEEHAN

Memorial mass for John Sheehan, 73, of Ruidoso was March 22, at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Catanach officiating. Mr. Sheehan died March 16, at his home. He was born December 3, 1922 at Blackwell, Oklahoma. He married Juanita Adams on November 16, 1957 at Dallas, TX.

He is survived by his wife Juanita of Ruidoso; son, Jeremy W. Sheehan of Ruidoso; and two daughters, Linda Smolinsky of Garland, TX and Norma Jean Estrada of Ruidoso Downs, and six grandchildren.

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

OLMA L. NEWTON

Olma L. Newton, age 90, a resident of Ruidoso for 36 years, died March 9, in Federal Way, Washington. She is survived by her daughter, Myra Skau of Federal Way; son, Ken Newton of Santa Fe; brother, Frank Prescott of Grants; six granddaughters, and 14 great grandchildren. Olma was born April 24, 1905 in Fort Worth County, Texas and was married in Erick, Oklahoma to Eugene Newton, who preceded her in death in 1965.

A memorial service was held March 15 at the First Methodist Church in Ruidoso. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

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

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Brantley Is Candidate For District Attorney



DARRELL N. BRANTLEY

Darrell N. Brantley, an Alamogordo attorney, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the position of 12th Judicial District Attorney for the four year term which will start Jan. 1, 1997.

Brantley was born in Alamogordo and attended school in Alamogordo and Cloudercroft, graduating from Alamogordo Senior High School in 1971. He received his bachelor's degree from NMSU in 1976 and a doctor of jurisprudence from the University of Houston, Bates College of Law, in May 1979.

Brantley returned to Alamogordo in June 1979 and worked as law clerk for then 12th Judicial District Attorney Frank K. Wilson while studying for the New Mexico bar exam. He was licensed to practice law in August 1979

and served as an assistant district attorney for approximately one year. He resigned from the district attorney's office in the fall of 1980 to accept an attorney position with local law firm Fettinger & Bloom.

Brantley has been engaged in private law practice in Otero and Lincoln Counties as a sole practitioner since 1986, having gained experience in a wide array of civil and criminal matters before state and federal courts at both the trial and appellate levels.

Brantley was a part-time instructor at NMSU-Alamogordo for several years during the mid 1980s, teaching real estate law and business law courses.

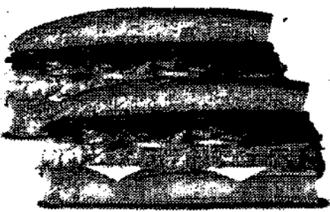
His wife is the former Linda K. Palkki from Grand Rapids, MI. She is a first grade teacher at La Luz Elementary School. They have two children, Kimberlee, a 7th grader at Chaparral Junior High School, and Kyle, in 4th grade at North Elementary School. Mr. Brantley is a sponsor and assistant coach of a team in the Alamogordo Little League.

Brantley states that he is "committed to the impartial, professional administration of criminal justice. As the chief law enforcement officer of the judicial district, the professional competence and integrity of the District Attorney must be unquestioned. I believe that I will bring these qualities to the office."

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The Sidwell family wishes to thank all our friends and neighbors for their sympathy and comfort extended us during the loss of our loved one, Ria Lee Sidwell

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Sheriff's Report

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office has recently been accused of illegal procurement practices when it took phone quotes on the painting of two undercover vehicles.

According to the county procurement rules, purchase of services under \$2,500 requires three phone quotes, and does not specify if the quotes must be from businesses within the county.

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

March 19:
6:12 a.m. an ambulance was requested at the Corona Fire. Carrizozo ambulance responded.

3:53 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a residence on Main Street for a man having trouble breathing. Capitan ambulance transported the patient to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

5:09 p.m. a caller reported criminal damage in the Alto/Enchanted Forest area. A

deputy was assigned. A Forest Service officer reported criminal damage to property. A deputy took a report.

9:37 p.m. a caller reported a young heifer was on Main Road in Capitan. The calf had a harness and rope also, but the responding Capitan police officer did not find it.

10:30 p.m. a deputy advised he made a traffic stop for DWI on Highway 37 near Nogal. The deputy advised he was in pursuit of a vehicle speeding 65 to 80 miles per hour, and the vehicle had extensive damage from hitting a deer on Indian Divide. Later the deputy advised he stopped the subject who was drunk and arrested him for DWI.

March 20:
3:20 a.m. Ruidoso police advised of an accident with injuries east of Hondo on Highway 70. Hondo ambulance and state police responded.

6 a.m. Carrizozo ambulance advised it was on route to the Corona Fire. The ambulance and crew returned to the

Carrizozo shed at 5:30 p.m.
8:12 a.m. Southern Pacific Railroad advised of damage to a railroad crossing and a communication line pole. A deputy responded.

10:32 a.m. a caller reported a larceny, someone stole his license plate. A deputy took a report.

4:39 p.m. a caller reported an accident with injuries. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) ambulance responded, but found no one at the scene.

7:55 p.m. a deputy advised he had arrested a subject for driving on revoked license at a traffic stop on Highway 54 south of Carrizozo. A wrecker was dispatched to tow the vehicle.

March 21:
3:03 a.m. a stolen vehicle was reported off the roadway about 30 miles north of Carrizozo. A deputy and a wrecker responded.

8:06 a.m. Corona ambulance crew advised they were going to stand by at the Corona Fire. The crew returned to the shed in Corona at 5:45 p.m.

11:40 a.m. a deputy advised he had made an arrest at a traffic stop. The subject had a revoked driver's license with an arrest clause. A wrecker was dispatched to tow the vehicle.

11:26 p.m. an accident with injuries was reported on Cedar Creek. State police, a deputy and Alto ambulance responded and transported the injured to LCMC.

March 22:
12:21 a.m. a detention center officer requested an ambulance. Carrizozo ambulance responded and transported the patient to LCMC.

3:41 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a residence on Last Road in Capitan for a 102 year old woman. Capitan ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

9:19 a.m. a caller reported illegal dumping in the Palo Verde Ranchettes, a neighbor was dumping construction material on the caller's property. A deputy responded.

2:32 p.m. a caller reported an accident at the intersection of Highways 54 and 380 in Carrizozo. Carrizozo ambulance transported a patient to Socorro Hospital.

8:28 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a residence in Corona. Corona ambulance responded.

8:35 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a residence on G. Ave. in Carrizozo. Carrizozo ambulance responded and met RALS on Highway 37 to take a paramedic on board for a Code 1 run to LCMC.

March 23:
1:56 a.m. Ruidoso police officer reported a possible fight in Turkey Canyon and requested assistance. Two deputies responded.

11:54 a.m. caller in Hondo reported a fire at a location off Highway 70 mile marker 296. Hondo fire department responded.

1:20 p.m. a 911 caller, from a pay phone in Corona, reported a fire. Corona fire department responded.

1:48 p.m. Ruidoso Downs Police Department reported a grass fire on Highway 70 at Seeping Springs. Ruidoso Downs fire department responded.

7:21 p.m. a 911 caller reported a breaking and entering at a residence in Carrizozo. Someone broke in and the caller did not know if anything was missing. Carrizozo police responded.

10:04 p.m. Ruidoso Downs Police reported kids had a campfire. A deputy and a forest service officer responded, but made no contact with a fire or people.

March 24:
12:24 p.m. a Bonito fire fighter reported a dumpster fire at mile marker 11 on Highway 48. The department responded.

3:46 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of two juveniles throwing glass out on to Gavilan Canyon road. The responding deputy advised he made no contact with the juveniles even though he went from Highway 48 to Hull Road.

6:21 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for a 23 year old male with a possible overdose. Hondo ambulance, a deputy and a forest

service officer responded. When the officers and ambulance arrived they found the subject had fled on foot. The subject was located and checked.

12:52 a.m. a caller reported a possible breaking and entering. Two deputies responded. 8:23 a.m. a caller reported a chimney fire on Highway 380 west of Carrizozo. Carrizozo fire department responded.

March 25:

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Carrizozo preschoolers created their own special valentines to mail to family and friends while studying a unit about postal services.

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Teacher Cherri Goad said the students enjoyed making the valentines and the field trip that included treats.

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Carrizozo Begins Negotiations.

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asked her to reconsider. Armstrong said she told Lynn the town would be re-organizing the Lodger's Tax Committee and "bring it up to state standards."

Ruth Hammond, secretary of the Carrizozo Lodger's Tax Committee asked what portion of the committee was not "up to state standards."

Armstrong said there were amendments to the lodger's tax act enacted by the state legislature.

According to the official copy, the major changes will be in how the lodger's tax money may be spent.

The lodger's tax committee will be restructured to be an advisory board with the requirements for membership to remain as they are now: two members are to be from the lodging industry, two members are to be from tourist related businesses, and one member will represent the public. The new law does not include a required length of term for advisory board members.

The new law will require the advisory board to make recommendations for expenditures of lodger's tax funds, which is presently the procedure followed by the Carrizozo Lodger's Tax Committee.

Town clerk Carol Schlarb explained the new law will not take effect until July 1, 1998.

Armstrong was named to be the town's board member for the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) with trustee Wesley Lindsay named as alternate.

Certificates of appreciation for helping with the town's hosting of the New Mexico Municipal League meeting March 20 will be presented to Holly Marie Schlarb and Renee Ramirez for helping serve, Zia Senior Citizens Center for centerpiece, and the Carrizozo chamber of commerce. The board also expressed their thanks to town clerk Carol Schlarb, deputy clerk Margaret LaBelle, and the town crew for all their help.

The first budget workshop will be held April 22.

Schlarb will attend the clerks spring meeting in Albuquerque.

The board accepted resignations from George and Carrie Slad, airport managers, effective April 24.

Potential added duties for the municipal judge were discussed. One suggestion was defense counsel and another suggestion was civil defense coordinator. Action was tabled until after the budget is determined for the next fiscal year.

The town has a lifeguard for the swimming pool for the summer. The town will advertise for a cashier.

Action was tabled concerning placing advertising for the Rec Center.

Lindsay asked that additional lighting be put on city hall. He mentioned that election night the people could not read the election results posted on the door.

The board discussed the time being changed for the trash to be picked up. Town residents did not have their poly karts out early enough and their trash was not picked up and people were taking their trash to the county dumpsters.

Town foreman Faustino Gallegos said watering at the golf course will be from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and again from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m. The time may need to be changed after daylight savings time begins April 7.

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CAPITAN NOTES

Greetings from Dallas, Texas and all points south. Am having a wonderful time with my family, but no time to sit and tell you about it now. I do not have much time to enjoy each of them and want to savor every precious moment. Am sure you will understand.

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

Mavericks Prompt "Gang" Roundup

The story of the Hatchet steers and maverick cattle was told to me many years ago by an old timer who worked for the Hatchet Cattle Company at the time a lease was consummated with the Cree family.

The Cree family came to Lincoln County in the 1880s. They bought land and watering locations from homesteaders in the areas of Ruidoso, Eagle, Little Creek, Bonito and as far north as the townsite of Capitan. Their ranch headquarters and working facilities were established on Little Creek.

After terminating the cattle industry, the Cree's returned to Scotland and rented their pasture land here to cattle companies. One of the better summer pastures was north of Ruidoso and was called the Cedar Creek pasture.

In 1920, or there about, the Three River Cattle Company leased the Cree headquarters ranch and the pasture and moved 500 two-year old steers, by hoof, over the mountains to Little Creek. From there, they drove 450 bovines to the Cedar Creek pasture for the summer.

Old timers Ike Wingfield, J.V. Tully, Fount Miller and Pete Hale estimated that the carrying capacity for a summer was more like 150 cattle units. By fall, many of the steers had scattered to all the above mentioned areas and a few had been running with maverick cattle in the rough sections.

That fall the cowboys gathered most of them and returned them to the Three Rivers Range. The ones they missed that had not already taken up with mavericks began to pester the local farmers by breaking into their fields and pastures.

Occasionally, a farmer was able to catch one for the ranch hands. A few of the steers continued to remain close and troubled the farmers for three or four years.

Finally a group of local people got together and notified the ranch people they intended to take legal action if the cattle were not removed from the National Forest, State and Public Domain at once.

Jack Forrester tells of two separate roundups conducted at the same time. One was northeast from the northeast corner of the Mescalero Reservation to the drift fence Judd McKnight built in the area between Ruidoso and Penasco Rivers.

The main roundup was headquartered on what was known as school section 16, north of Ruidoso. That portion included areas from Eagle Lake to the two Bonitos, Turkey, Argentine and Pennsylvania Canyons, Barber Ridge and the Nogal Peak country.

"I hadn't been working for the Diamond A long when one day the foreman informed a fellow by the name of Crosby (not cowboy Bob Crosby) and me that we were to go to a roundup in the mountains to help gather some maverick and stray cattle."

He said a few of the strays,

particularly in the country next to the Indian Reservation, could be Diamond A's cattle. We left the next morning with a pack horse and 10 saddle horses. Late that afternoon, we found the campsite by a spring and a small running creek in the area that was known as school section 16.

We unsaddled, took our bed rolls and duffle bags off the pack horse and turned the animals loose with the main remuda. The Hatchet outfit had set up a tent for the cook and his helper. When we looked inside the tent, it seemed like there was enough grub to feed a small army. Well, we found out later why.

There were cowboys from every cattle outfit in the country. Even some people from the Mescalero agency showed up. The Mescalero people did not have a Cattleman's Association at that time. Each individual who ran cattle on the reservation had a separate brand plus the bow and arrow.

Many brands could be found on the reservation. The next morning we were up, ate, saddled, and were ready to go by sun-up. Some of us had a small canteen of water and the cook gave each a snack to put in our saddle bags.

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

Another installment of Ila Mae Payne's autobiography:

Now, funnin' and jokin' could go a bit too far when it was aimed at people, especially little people. Like Norman, growing up among a bunch of rowdys. Being the first grandbaby made him the first kid for both families to be around for awhile, so everybody would tease him, pull jokes on him, anything they thought funny. Seemed the most fun thing they'd do was scare him. Soon he figured there was a booger just about anywhere he turned.

When he was about age two, he was staying the day with Ma Payne. There was an old guy came to the door,

tramp looking feller with long hair and a beard, and a glass eye. Norman trailed too when Ma went to the door. When he saw the person at the door, he backed off and hollered, "Booger!" Of course Ma Payne was terribly embarrassed, but she nearly had to laugh too.

Another day we were building an addition onto our house. A few people were visiting, etc. June and her friend went upstairs to look things over. We'd built two bedrooms, with no floors down yet, just foot boards to get around on placed over the joists. Girls were "cutting up" having fun. June stepped on a board with no support under its end, which dumped her and fell back on the joists with a thud. She fell between the joists but caught herself in time to keep from falling to the floor below. With her body and legs dangling above, all in the room jumped to see what had happened. Again, Norman took a look and shrieked, "Booger."

More of Ila Mae's story next week.

Thank you Herbert Lee and also Ila Mae Payne, you have certainly been by life savers regarding my column and I will be eternally grateful to you both.

Middle age is when you burn the midnight oil around 9 p.m.

The young may know the rules, but we elderly know the exceptions.

A bore is a fellow who opens his mouth and puts his "feats" in it. ...Henry Ford.

You may not know when you are well off, but the Internal Revenue Service does.

Well, that's it for another edition of *As Maureen's World Turns*, so stay tuned next week for another chapter, same time, same channel, same author.



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CORONA NEWS

Sunday in Corona, earthquake or sonic boom? The question was widespread in the community until settled by a telephone call Tuesday from the NM Dept. of Health to the village clerk. The caller asked questions and reported that a check with NM Tech shows an earthquake registering a bit more than 3 point on the Richter with the epicenter at Gallinas Peak. The seismograph shows increased activity in the area over the last two months.

Nolan Vickrey, Commander American Legion Beaver-Bond Post No. 35 is pleased to have received the following letter dated February 14. The letter reads "Dear Corona American Legion: Thank you for the wonderful donation of the American flag for our school. The new flag will certainly be used with pride. Thank you for your assistance and thoughtfulness". Signed: Sincerely, Bob Richardson. The Legion and Auxiliary are busy now with preparation for selecting candidates for Boys and Girls State.

Cedar Temple No. 26 Pythian Sisters met Wednesday, Mar. 20 at the home of Edna Robinson. MEC Gayle May asked for the payment of dues and the installation of officers, the same as last year. She directed the draping of the charter for Frances Echert, Supreme Senior, for a period of 30 days, as ordered by Ethel Nellise, Supreme Chief. The secretary read a letter from Darrell Henry Supreme Chancellor, re "Thoughts for Mutual Accommodation".

The MEC then announced initiation dates for four members and presented them with tokens of appreciation. Pauline McCloud 6-14-44 and Geraldine D. Perkins 1-10-45 received 50 year pins. Leta Sharp 5-15-52 and Edna Robinson 9-1-52 received 40

year pins. Refreshments were served, cake, chips and dips and 7-Up and coffee while visiting with Butch and Jacque Robinson who drove from Edmond, OK. Then a little later with Lyndon Robinson who came in unexpectedly from Greeley, CO, and still later Rex Robinson arrived from Grants. Butch has been in South Africa and will go to Australia next month.

Betty Minton, Butch Robinson and George Ryberg are busy with plans for their class reunion during the Corona Festival in July.

Leta Sharp has reported that her great grandchildren are normal. Ty Tubbs saw a doctor to have a head removed from his nose and his sister, Ashlyn, has one leg in a cast. She broke it whole playing on a trampoline.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Porter have had recent visits from their daughter and granddaughter, Lori and Lindsay Stubbs from Houston. Iris, Fred's sister, has stopped by several times on her way from her home in Deming to Albuquerque where her husband is in therapy following a stroke.

Tommy Mulkey was ill with flu from Tuesday last week. With bad headache and neck pain he was taken to Gerald Champion Hospital in Alamogordo where alert doctors, after a brain scan and spinal tap, diagnosed bacterial meningitis. With mega doses of antibiotics he responded quickly and was able to return home Monday afternoon. He should rest until April 1st before returning to his job with the highway department.

Lee Sultemeier has announced a change of dates from April 4 until the 11th, Crown Cafe, installation of officers at last and a report on the Gallinas fire by June Tyree.

The buzzards came back on schedule early last week.

Mrs. Naomi Bowen spent last week at the Zia Senior Center in Carrizozo getting additional training for her position as cook at the center here. April menus sound good.

Tim Sanchez was busy building shelves at the center in preparation for pantry supplies, still no date for starting service here.

Mrs. Bob Burton called from the Senior Center Tuesday to report that the U.S. Forest Service is giving us 400 assorted conifers and she is looking for a home for them. The Easter hat parade at the Senior Center here has been postponed indefinitely due to the illness of the producer.

Mrs. Randy Lueras reports that her brother, Arley Dial is to graduate from fire school in Las Cruces on April 12. He has done very well and is excited about the training.

Lori Lamb and Beth Sisk took a group of children to watch the Australian/New Zealand shearers in action. The children helped stomp the wool in the sacks and shared their chocolate chip cookies and 7-UP. Ronnie Merrit gave them an impromptu lesson in wool judging and gave them samples of fine and tender wool.

In the town team basketball tournament here last weekend five teams competed. Durango won with Melrose second.

Trinity Site To Be Open Sat., April 6

Trinity Site, the site where the first atomic bomb was exploded in 1945, will be open to the public Saturday, April 6. Trinity Site is open only two days a year to the general public, the first Saturday in April and the first Saturday in October.

No charge is made for the tour and reservations are not necessary. The Stallion Gate entrance will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and visitors are allowed to enter at anytime during these hours. Stallion Gate is located 54 miles west of Carrizozo on U.S. Highway 380 and 12 miles east of San Antonio.

The Alamogordo tour will depart from the Otero County Fairgrounds parking lot on Highways 54 and 70 at the north end of Alamogordo at 8 a.m. This tour will enter through the Tularosa Gate at 8:30 a.m. and arrive at Trinity Site at about 10 a.m. The tour will depart from Trinity Site at 1 p.m. Those wishing to stay longer may depart through the Stallion Gate. Visitors are asked to stay on marked roads.

Everyone should have a full tank of gas and a spare tire prior to leaving on the tour. Photography is permitted only at ground zero.

In The Service

Air Force Airman Isaac M. Huerta has graduated from the antenna and cable system installation and maintenance specialist course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, TX.

Huerta is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Efran A. Huerta of Carrizozo and his grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Luciano Gallegos of Carrizozo. Huerta is a 1995 graduate of Carrizozo High School.

Johnie Johnson Is Sheriff Candidate

Johnie Johnson of Carrizozo has announced he is a candidate for the office of Lincoln County Sheriff. He has been a dispatcher for the Lincoln County Sheriff's department for eight years, having worked for the last two administrations.

"When on duty, the welfare, property and lives of Lincoln County citizens are my re-

sponsibility, a responsibility I take very seriously. I have developed a relationship of trust and loyalty with the citizens of Lincoln County."



Johnie Johnson

Johnson said.

"I would like to take this proven trust and loyalty into the office of sheriff. I know Lincoln County and its needs. I can cooperate with the other elected officials for the best county government for the taxpayers and voters. I can disagree and cooperate. We must not think alike but we must think together," Johnson added.

Johnson was appointed to the Carrizozo Town Council and served as town trustee.

He has been a member of the Carrizozo Lions Club for eight years, six years as secretary,

account holder for the Carrizozo chapter Salvation Army for seven years, members of the Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services in Carrizozo and was Driver of the Year for 1995, and is E-911 Public Service answering point supervisor.

Johnson was past president of the Lincoln County Sheriff Department Association and said, "We came to an agreement with the county commissioners to avoid a lengthy and costly law suit where no one really wins."

Johnson received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army. He served from 1959-62 in Guam, Okinawa and France.

Johnson is very active in church activities. He and his wife have been married for 35 years. They have three children and six grandchildren.

Candidates File For State Offices

Candidates for state offices filed last Tuesday to be placed on the June 4 primary election ballot.

The state office candidates, unlike the county candidates, filed with the Secretary of State's bureau of elections office in the state capitol building in Santa Fe.

Candidates who filed for State Representative District 56, which includes all of Lincoln County and parts of Otero County (Mesalero and Tularosa) and Chaves County (far western portion) were: Democrat Lonnie Ray Nunley and Republican W.C. "Dub" Williams.

For State Senate District 8, incumbent Democrat Pete Campos is unopposed.

Candidate for State Board of Education District 8 is Republican Van W. Witt.

Candidates who filed for the 12th Judicial District Attorney (Lincoln and Otero Counties) were: Democrat Bert Atkins and Republicans Scot D. Key and Darrell N. Brantley.

District judges also filed as retention candidates, but their names will not appear on the June primary ballot. The judgeship retention will be on the November general election ballot. Judges who filed for the 12th Judicial District retention are: Division 1 Sandra A. Grisham, Division 2 Robert M. Doughty II, Division 3 Richard Parsons Sr., and Division 4 Frank K. Wilson.

Voter registration for the primary election closes at 5 p.m. May 6. Only those individuals who are registered in a major recognized party—Democrat, Republican or

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LEGALS

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 14, 1996, Thomas T. Jr. and Sadie L. Mann, 5812 Norven Dr., NE., Albuquerque, NM 87111, filed application No. 01404 & H-208 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change point of diversion and place of use of 4.225 acre-foot per annum of surface waters of the Rio Bonito by ceasing the diversion of said waters via the Providencia Ditch which presently has a point of diversion located in the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 13, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., and supplemental well H-208 located in the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 20, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., and ceasing the irrigation of 1.30 acres of land located in the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant proposes to commence the use of either a river pump, to be located in the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 34, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., Hulbert Spring located in the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 34, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., or shallow well H-794 located in the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 34, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., for the purposes of diverting up to 4.225 acre foot per annum of surface waters for the irrigation of 1.30 acres of land described as follows:

Table with 5 columns: Subdivision, Section, Township, Range, Acres. Rows include SW 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 and NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4.

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cc: Santa Fe C/RRR No.: P 382 824 147 Published in the Lincoln County News on March 28, and April 4 and 11, 1996.

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

Case No. DR 96-128 Judge II Eddie I. Jiron

Notice of Pendency of Proceedings in Matter of Petition for Dissolution of Marriage in Forms Pauperis

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO Maria Sanchez Jiron, GREETINGS: THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO Maria Sanchez Jiron, GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A Petition for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed in the District Court of Otero County, New Mexico, being wherein the Petitioner seeks to obtain constructive service of process upon you. The general object of said action is to dissolve the marriage of the parties. You are further notified that unless you file a response pleading at least twenty (20) days after the fourth weekly publication of this notice, judgment will be entered and the relief prayed for in the Petition for Dissolution will be granted by default, to Eddie I. Jiron.

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN No. CV-96-25 Div. III

ROGER R. NEILSON and JAMES W. RUSSELL, Plaintiffs,

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

GROUP II: JOHN DOES 1 THROUGH 100, and their HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS;

GROUP III: ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF, Defendants.

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 E. 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:

Lot 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 INC., P.C. 1296 Macheson Drive Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345

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

SALLY PINARELLI Clerk of the District Court By Elizabeth Lueras Deputy

Published in the Lincoln County News on March 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1996.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOE L. ARNETT, Deceased.

No. PB-96 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned is Personal Representative of this estate and creditors of the Estate must present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice or be forever barred.

RITA SHAW 1563 Demoret Rd. Columbus, OH 43228

Published in the Lincoln County News on March 21 and 28, 1996.

INVITATION FOR BID

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., Tuesday,

April 23, 1996, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above date and time will be retained unopened.

BID NO. 995-21: CARPETING BID NO. 1995-22: ACOUSTICAL CEILINGS (LAY-IN)

BID NO. 1995-23: LIGHTING EQUIPMENT

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make their final determination during their regular commission meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, May 7, 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 28, 1996.

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO No. CV-96-50

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF KATHRYN ANN SCHOENFELDER, Petitioner,

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS GIVEN that Kathryn Ann Schoenfelder did on the 25th day of March, 1996, petition the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, and a hearing will be held on the 12th day of April, 1996, at 9:00 a.m., at the Lincoln County Courthouse located at 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico to change Petitioner's name to Kathryn Ann Cuppucilli.

DUTTON & HAKANSON, LTD. Don E. Dutton P.O. Box 5088 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 (505) 257-2323 (505) 257-9203 FAX Attorney for Petitioner

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BID NO. 1995-24: ROOF REPAIR HONDO FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING BID NO. 1995-25: INSTALLATION OF STREET SIGNS

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MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager Published in the Lincoln County News on March 28, 1996.

LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE 96-3 PENALTY ASSESSMENT FEES

The Village of Capitan Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on April 8, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall Bldg. to discuss repealing Ordinance 96-3 relating to penalty assessment fees, establishing Ordinance 96-3 establishing a penalty assessment program, defining penalty assessment misdemeanor, establishing listed schedule of penalty assessments. Ordinance 96-3 will be considered for adoption on April 8, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at the Village Hall Bldg.

A/DEBORAH CUMMINS Clerk-Treasurer, CMC Village of Capitan Published in the Lincoln County News on March 21 and 28 and April 4, 1996.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo did on Tuesday, March 26, 1996 at 8:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, adopt 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 report; providing salary and benefits; and declaring an emergency; repealing ordinance 82 dated March 3, 1993.

Inspection of Copies of Ordinance 171 can be obtained during normal business hours Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., from the Town Clerk.

CAROL SCHLARB Town Clerk, CMC/AEE Town of Carrizozo Published in the Lincoln County News on March 28, 1996.

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Lincoln County DETENTION CENTER REPORT

The following individuals were booked into, or released from, the Lincoln County Detention Center (county jail) in the courthouse in Carrizozo:

March 11: James Valdez, 21, Mescalero: aggravated assault on a household member and aggravated battery on a household member; \$50,000 cash bond set by Magistrate Judge William Butts; released March 13 on orders from Butts.

Wayne D. Parnell, 40, Ruidoso Downs: probation violation; no bond set by probation officer.

Felix Martinez, 19, Carrizozo: criminal trespass, assault on school personnel and resisting arrest; \$5,000 cash bond set by Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr.; released March 15 on orders from Dean; arrested by Carrizozo police.

Larry Padilla, 33, Ruidoso: held for Socorro County for failure to pay fines and contempt of court, violation of conditions of release; \$5,300 cash bond; released March 13 to Socorro County.

March 12: Yvonne Hutchinson, 45, Ruidoso: contempt of court, revoked conditions of release; \$50,000 cash bond set by Butts; released March 12 on orders from Butts.

John Rhodes, 35, Ruidoso: warrant for DWI and theft; \$3,500 cash bond posted March 13 and released; arrested by Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO).

Richard Torrez, 39, Hondo: stalking, assault; \$1,500 cash bond set by Dean; arrested by LCSO.

March 13: Gabriel Hanson, 23, state penitentiary: held for court with Judge Dean; released March 21 for transport to New Mexico Corrections facility in Santa Fe.

March 14: Michael Mohrhauser, 40, Ruidoso: probation violation; no bond set by probation officer.

Adam McClendon, 24, Ruidoso Downs: residential burglary, criminal damage to property; \$5,000 cash bond set by Butts posted same day and released.

March 15: Victor Cocchiola, 20, Las Cruces: aggravated battery, assault; served two more days on 90-day sentence; released March 17.

James Fender, 35, Ruidoso Downs: domestic assault; \$5,000 cash bond set by Dean; released same day on orders from Dean; arrested by LCSO.

March 16: Frank Gallegos Jr. 27, Carrizozo: interference with an officer; \$500 cash bond set by Carrizozo Judge Bill Meeks, released same day after posting bond; arrested by Carrizozo Police.

Selena H. Darnell, 21, Ruidoso: contributing to the delinquency of a minor, criminal damage to property, criminal trespass; \$11,000 bond set by Butts.

March 18: Quenton Selby, 39, Alto: DWI 2nd: court commitment of seven days ordered by Butts; released March 25, time served.

George Padilla, 30, Ruidoso Downs: assault on household member, abuse of child, parole violation; \$50,000 bond, and parole hold.

Daniel Shane Candelaria, 24, Ruidoso Downs: violation of domestic order; no bond set by District Judge Robert Doughty; released same day on orders from Doughty; arrested by Capitan police.

Tammy Lynn Candelaria, 29, Capitan: violation of domestic order; no bond set by Doughty; released same day by Doughty; arrested by Capitan police.

Thomas Montes, 40, Hondo: DWI, open container; court commitment of 48 hours ordered by Dean; released March 20 time served.

March 19: Mario Soto, 23, Albuquerque: DWI 2nd; 72 hours court commitment ordered by Dean; released March 22, time served.

Beverly A. Patterson, 45, Ruidoso Downs: probation violation; no bond set by probation officer.

Gary Loretto, 20, Mescalero: evading officer, littering, open container, possession of marijuana; \$1,500 bond set by Butts posted March 23 and released.

Ronnie Hammett, 53, Capitan: possession of marijuana, DWI 2nd, speeding; \$2,200 bond set by District Judge Richard Parson for Dean; released March 20 on orders from Parson; arrested by LCSO.

March 20: Michael Bressette, 26, Albuquerque: driving on revoked license, arrest clause; \$1,000 bond set by Parsons for Dean posted March 22 and released; arrested by LCSO.

March 21: Henry Juan Sanchez, 53, Ruidoso Downs: aggravated battery of a household member, battery of a household member; \$100,000 bond set by Butts.

Milton Sanchez Jr., 63, Ruidoso Downs: aggravated battery against a household member; no bond set by Butts. Rebecca L. Gage, 20, Alamogordo: driving on suspended license, speeding; \$679 bond set by Parsons for Dean; released March 22 on orders from Parsons for Dean.

Donna Rucker, 34, Ruidoso: aggravated DWI 2nd, failure to report accident with damaged court commitment of seven days ordered by Butts.

March 22: William W. Shepard, 19, Ruidoso: probation violation; no bond set by probation officer.

Timothy D. Cox, 18, Ruidoso: court commitment of 15 days given by Parsons. Victor Cocchiola, 20, Las Cruces: served two more days of 90 day sentence; released March 24.

March 25: Mitchel O'Daye, 21, Mescalero: disorderly conduct, criminal damage to property; court commitment of 364 days given by Dean; arrested by LCSO.

The following individuals were RELEASED from the Lincoln County Detention Center:

Isauro Villaba, 20, Ruidoso: released March 25 to be transported to Western New Mexico Correction Facility in Grants; booked February 28 for probation violation and failure to pay fines.

Richard Shelton, 42, Ruidoso Downs: released March 25 to be transported to the corrections facility in Grants; booked March 7 on charges of assault on a household member and probation violation.

Lerry Chittum, 29, Clovis: released for rehab in Albuquerque on March 23; booked December 18 for probation violation.

Anthony Romero, 19, Ruidoso: released March 12 on orders from Butts; booked October 24 for conspiracy, allowing self to be served, retaining or transport of vehicle.

George Heileman, 35, Ruidoso: released March 14 on orders from Butts; booked November 27 for DWI, careless driving, no registration, probation violation, no seat belt.

Luis T. Fernandez, 36, Capitan: released March 15 on orders from Dean; booked January 23 for driving on revoked license.

Paul Hernandez, 23, Carrizozo: released March 20, time served on 30 day court commitment for DWI 3rd and reckless driving; booked February 19.

Debbie Serna, 33, Carrizozo: released March 15 for transport to Bernalillo County Detention Center; booked March 3 for probation violation hold for Bernalillo County and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jerry Romero, 22, Ruidoso Downs: released March 13 after cancellation of arrest order by probation officer; booked March 5 for probation violation.

Gary Copeland, 35, Ruidoso: released March 21, time served; booked March 6 for 30 day court commitment for no seat belt, driving with license revoked.

Carl Gordan, 29, Ruidoso: released March 13 on order from Butts; booked March 7 for failure to comply with conditions of release.

Ronald Hudgins, 51, Roswell: released March 17 time served of seven day court commitment for DWI 2nd; booked March 10.

Christian Grijalva, 25, Ruidoso: released March 12 on orders from Butts; booked Feb. 21 for speeding, unlawful use of license, probation violation.

Carrizozo Schools Honor Roll Fourth Six Weeks

Second Grade: A Honor Roll--Mathew Barela, Whitney Earwood, K.C. Hendricks, Jerilyn Lovelace, Wade McMahan, Savannah Morales, Briana Roybal, Mary Beth Shivers, Whit Whittaker, Justus Wilson; A/B Honor Roll--Mariah Hiera, Natasha Renney, Christopher Vega, Cody Vega.

Third Grade: A Honor Roll--Stephanie Brewer, Opal Greer; A/B Honor Roll--Nathan Chavez, Elsa Garcia, Brandon Morales, Sonya Vega, Jesse Samora.

Fourth Grade: A Honor Roll--Monique Morales, Robert Payne, Steven Rowin, Keith Shafer; A/B Honor Roll--Justine Beltran, Bud Hammond, April Marlin, Jessica Swift, Ariel Vallejos, Katie Ventura.

Fifth Grade: A Honor Roll--Jesse Ortiz, Ashlie Samora, Cheri Sanchez; A/B Honor Roll--Anthony Beltran, Ciji Bingerman, Corey Earwood, Maggie Ventura.

Sixth Grade: A Honor Roll--Bianca Baca, Andra Harkey, Robert James, Branden Langley; A/B Honor Roll--Abel Avila, Adrian Goad, Jason Harkey, Patrick Hightower, Elizabeth Jones-Strawbridge, Cerelia Sambrano, John Serna.

Seventh Grade: A/B Honor Roll--Mary Beth Bond, Stella Brewer, Kayla Hammond, Lisa Sanchez.

Eighth Grade: A Honor Roll--Bryan Hightower, Mollie Hightower, Rene Rael, Robert Shafer; A/B Honor Roll--Nikki Duncan, Tara Earwood, Ryan Roper, Elizabeth Sambrano, Holly Schlarb, Josh Vega, Andrea Wyatt.

Ninth Grade: A/B Honor Roll--Elizabeth Avila, Briton Goad.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo is now accepting applications for a Cashier for the Jane Turner Memorial Pool. Job descriptions and applications may be obtained at City Hall. Deadline for applications is May 9, 1996 at 3:00 p.m. The Town of Carrizozo is E.O.E. in Compliance with ADA Title H-A.
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NOTICE OF VACANCY
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FACTS & FICTION

by BETTY LOU JOINER

Going once! Going twice and three times you're gone!! We are still waiting and looks to me like it will be another whole year before the legislature will meet to decide if they pass a bill to give control of the Fort to Lincoln County. The year's anniversary date came and went with nothing in sight. Ray Nunley called me on Monday and said the meeting with the governor was very receptive and from what I got it will depend on whether the commissioners find a lessee or not. Does anyone know what the Western Park Theme idea is? This is the first I have heard of this. Sounds good, but haven't seen anyone who is behind it.

On Tuesday two ladies from the Historic Preservation Division out of Santa Fe were down taking a lot of pictures to be sure they had most all of the buildings here at the Fort. Dr. Mary Ann Anders, an architectural historian said she had had a lot of calls with many people wanting to know about the Fort? What exactly would happen to it? If you would like to write and voice your opinion for or against preserving the historic value, you might drop her a note to 228 E. Palace Ave., Santa Fe, NM.

Didn't write for a couple of weeks as I pulled the same thing Ruth did. Two or three and maybe "more" errors were written and a few were very

upset. My apologies once again and will not write anything concerning fire procedures that I do not know anything about. I wrote that the Fort Stanton Fire Dept. was the Camp Sierra Fire Dept. Sorry Nick. The other mistake I will be better off not even trying to correct!!

Friends of Smokey had a meeting on March 21 at 1:00 at the Smokey Bear Restaurant. Debra Ingle called the meeting to order. Her trip to Texas to a large Smokey Bear parade was a big success with her passing out many folders and brochures. The Easter Egg Hunt and annual Smokey Bear dinner were decided on with the Capitan Fire Dept. once again helping with the hunt. Election of officers were: Debra Ingle, president; Kathleen Hellman, vice president; Sherrie Thetford, secretary; and Sue Stearns, treasurer. Ten people attended.

Going with Audrey to Roswell last Thursday, I had to cancel my trip to the third grade class. Will be going this Friday and will have fun things to do with lighthouse stamps, olympic stamps and will take the letters that Teresa and the fifth grade teacher from Liberal, Kansas sent. Their students wrote our third graders very interesting letters.

Evelyn Sidwell, owner of "Granny's Nook" in Carrizozo displayed her fashions at the Capitan Senior Citizens. Models from Carrizozo modeled the outfits last Wednesday. Hats were worn by most attending with some from the 1900s. Songs were sung by all present and a gift of beads were presented to all the models.

Capitan Pool Sharks played at San Patricio Friday. Dick Beck, Capitan, won first; Gene Green, San Patricio was second; and Juan was third. Women winning were Bessie Jones, first; Molly Mason, second; and Inez Brooks, was third.

LCFCE Cultural Arts Meeting in Carrizozo Saturday was attended by 10 Capitan members and Pauline Purvis won the "Best of Show" award with her quilt.

Margaret Rench is doing great! Stopped in to get some

history about Capitan and was amazed to see her doing so well. She commented several times she is so proud to be in the eighth month of her "94th year" of life. Visited with Millie Muse and granddaughter there last Sunday. Millie never stops — works day and night.

Heard that Matt and Becca Ferguson are the proud parents of a baby girl born on Pat's birthday March 14. Congratulations to both of you. Sara Louise has an older brother.

Ronald and Teresa have been busy as beavers moving to their new home in Meade, KS. The couple bought a place with 20 acres and hope to raise a little hay and a big garden. Spring break had Teresa packing and moving, and Ronald fixing things in their new home. Hope to go visit them real soon, but may have to wait till Kersti gets old enough to feed the dogs. I just keep getting more and more and more

Sheila Williams celebrated her birthday last week. Chad and Chase spent one night trying to catch the tooth fairy. One of them had lost their first tooth and is smiling and so happy. Jeanie and Phil will be home from Arizona soon and Kersti will be thrilled. She considers them her second grandparents.

Sheriff's posse will have their Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 a.m. in Carrizozo on April 6.

Another box will probably be closed with another employee moving on to another state job. There was 11, then nine, now eight!

Retired postmasters from Hobbs, Tatum, and Arizona have called to talk to me about my office, but the situation is so different from most, no one can answer any questions... so I will continue to hope my third graders keep me open!!!!

Candidates . . . (Con't from P. 9)
 Green—may vote for candidates of their party in the primary election.
 Early absentee balloting begins May 15.
 Contact the Lincoln County Clerk's office at 648-2394 for more information.

New Sign Is Approved

Hirschfeld, Cindy Clayton, Gary Lynch, Frankie Jarrell, David Vigil, Sam Tobias, and Ruidoso councilor Bill Chance as ex-officio member representing the council. The seventh member will be appointed by the New Mexico State Highway Department.
 Other appointments approved were Frankie Jarrell to the Lodgers Tax Committee as member at large, Mary Maxson to the Arts and Film Commission, Jerry Shaw to the Regional Waste Water Board to replace former councilor J.D. James who was not re-elected and Shaw and Jackson to the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District board.
 In other business, councilors:
 —Approved a zone map amendment to re-zone a residential lot as C-2, community commercial in Carters Park Subdivision. A re-plat created the lot which had a dual zoning.
 —Approved a new restaurant beer and wine license for La Lorraine on Sudderth Drive. There were no public comments.

—Okayed the vacation of a public right of way on a lot in the Ruidoso Springs Subdivision, one of the oldest in the village. The vacation was one of many in a process to clarify the old lot lines, which have been lost over the years due to development and floods on the river.
 —Accepted an amendment to a grant from the state transportation department for an additional \$7,425, for a total of \$16,950 in state funds for the rehabilitation of the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport apron and taxiway. The village will also provide \$16,950 as a match to the \$305,100 grant from the Federal Aviation Administration for the project.
 —Approved the bid award for three 4x4 utility vehicles for the police department from Sierra Blanca Motors at a cost of \$20,560.45 each. Councilor Joe Gomez declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting because he works for Sierra Blanca Motors.
 —Awarded the construction bid for the School House Park public rest rooms to Sierra Blanca Construction for a

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total of \$42,891.62.
 —Heard the village manager remind everyone that the village is still in Phase III of its water contingency plan, calling for no outdoor watering, and conservation of indoor water use.
 —Met in closed session for about 30 minutes to discuss purchase, disposal and/or acquisition of real property and acquisition and/or purchase of water rights. After coming back into open session, councilors authorized staff to proceed with negotiations for lease or purchase of water rights as discussed.

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Honor Roll . . .

(Con't. from P. 10)

Twelfth Grade:
 A Honor Roll--Debbie Bond, Jim Brown, Sarah Funk, Angie Odom; A/B Honor Roll--Jessica Barela, Zachary Chavez, Chuck Goodman.
Outstanding Math Students:

Kindergarten-- Casey Barela, Sara Comstock, Andres Garcia, Erin Hightower, Courtney LaMay, Spur Lovelace, Jude Renney, William (Zeke) Vega, Kendal Wilson, Rivers Webb, Clinton Cogdill, Britini Culley, Jessica Hansell, Kyle LaBelle, Jarret Lovelace, Tyler Nelson, Antonio Sambrano, Gregory Vigil, Sara Comstock.

First Grade-- Timothy Barela, Robert Dutchover, Tawny Lindsay, Nicole Nava, Krista Padilla, Matthew Samora, Kaitlyn Vega, Alex Wallace, Johnny Beltran, Britney LaMay, Antonio Medrano, Aleisha Nelson, Samantha Portillo, J.R. Shafer, Jacob Verdugo, Adam Zamora.



CARRIZOZO FOURTH GRADERS VISIT NEWS. Carrizozo fourth grade students and their teacher Mrs. Cogdill visited *The Lincoln County News* March 15 to learn more about how newspapers are published. The class has been studying newspapers and the field trip to *The News* helped show the students that putting a newspaper together each week takes much time. *News* co-publisher Peter Aguilar shows the class how the newspaper is pasted up each week.

State Forestry Camp Is Accepting Applications

The Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District and the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District each sponsor students to attend the New Mexico Forestry Camp. The districts pay the full tuition of \$145 per student. Students ages 13 to 18 are encouraged to apply for the camp.

Students at Carrizozo School and Corona School may apply through their high school counselors or by contacting the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District office at 409 Central in Carrizozo, phone 648-2941.

Students in Ruidoso School, Capitan School or Hondo School may apply through their counselors, Vo Ag teachers, or by contacting the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District, Highway 380 West in Capitan, phone 354-2220.

Deadline for returning applications for both districts is April 10. More information may be obtained by calling either office and asking for secretary Sue Stearns.

The New Mexico Forestry Camp will be held June 2-7. The camp is located at the Rancho del Chaparral Girl Scout Camp in the Jemez Mountains near Cuba.

Forestry camp is designed to help young people learn about forest environments. Students work with foresters, wildlife biologists, archaeologists, and other natural resource specialists to gain hands-on understanding of the uses of the forests.

Last summer 68 students participated in the program which was the sixth year for forestry camp. Students learned to measure trees, evaluate soils, track radio collared wildlife, and more.

The camp is sponsored by the Cuba Soil & Water Conservation District and is co-sponsored by federal and state natural resource agencies and non-profit organizations with a natural sciences orientation.

Capitan Resident Is Named To Northwest College Dean's List

Karen Amanda Johnson of Capitan was on the second term Dean's List at Northwest Nazarine College in Nampa, Idaho.

State May Lease . . .

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discussed a request from Heather Wilson, secretary of Children Youth and Families Department (CYF) for 53 surface acre water rights to be used for a farm for the proposed juvenile work camp. Montes, a farmer, said he thinks such a large farm is too ambitious and he was hesitant to agree to the request. Instead he thinks the greenhouse at Fort Stanton could be moved to the youth camp.

All commissioners said they hope the county commission will be able to meet with the state legislative leaders about the lease or transfer of the Fort Stanton property to the county before the 1997 legislative session.

"It's important for the county to have control and responsibility of the Fort to insure we don't get something there that we don't want," Howell said.

Nunley said the governor was in agreement with the commissioners that it is important to get jobs back into Lincoln County.

Nunley said the county commission needs to be very careful and cautious with any transfer. He agrees the county should lease the Fort for a year, during which time the county could find a tenant. "If no tenant is found, then the county would not be obligated beyond the year," Nunley said.

"I think we're making headway," Nunley said. "But with caution. I don't want to be too optimistic."

The commissioners' trip to Santa Fe had a double purpose. Commissioners met with Gary Morton, secretary of State Cultural Division, concerning problems with the Lincoln Historic District. Lincoln County attorney Alan Morel recently issued a memo-

randum to the commissioners that the ordinance which establishes the historic district is unenforceable because the county lacks overall zoning.

Meeting in groups of two to avoid having a quorum, Nunley and Montes met with Morton separately from Howell who later discussed the situation with the secretary. Nunley said the problems with the Lincoln ordinance need to be resolved.

"The problems in Lincoln are not what this county commission created," Nunley said. "We just uncovered them."

Both Nunley and Howell think a special historic district should be created for Lincoln but another option is municipal incorporation, if the residents want it. Nunley and Montes said an immediate option is for the county to call a moratorium on all development in the Lincoln district until the issues are resolved.

Montes said Morton is doing all he can from his end to help the county settle the situation legally, without confrontation or lawsuit. Montes said there is legislation which could make Lincoln a special designated historic area.

"I think the cool heads will prevail," Montes concluded.

Montes said commissioners Bill Schwettmann and Stirling Spencer are both concerned about the Fort Stanton and Lincoln situations, but Schwettmann was unable to attend the meetings in Santa Fe because of recent surgery and Spencer was away on business.

The Lincoln situation will be an item of discussion at the Tuesday, April 2 county commission meeting set for 9 a.m. in the commissioners chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

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