

Capitan villagers Protest Proposed Trailer Park

by Doris Cherry

Before a fully packed village hall Monday night, Capitan trustees John Whitaker and Leroy Montes tabled a request for a mobile home park that could have up to 46 units.

With trustees Dobra Ingle and Benny Coker absent, mayor Norman Renfro voted with Whitaker and Montes to table the request for a "few months" to allow time to study the impact the development would have on the village and to bring it before a full board.

The proposed mobile home park on 18.84 acre tract on Aspen Road, a dead end street in the southern subdivision area of the village, was being planned to contain up to 46 units. But at the village meeting Monday, developer Gary Caughron said he and his partner had scaled back the project to just 25 units. Village planning commission had considered the development during its last meeting and after review of village ordinances had recommended approval.

Trustees Table Request

Planning commission member Greg Hausler said during the Monday meeting that the developers had requested one commercial water tap for the tract of land. Village ordinance allows only one water tap per tract. "After much discussion and review of village ordinances we found the request not in disagreement with village ordinances," Hausler said. He also said the developers had expressed a

willingness to work with the village to help alleviate the water situation.

Then citizens got to speak. Lonnie Lippmann read a written statement expressing his concerns about the impact on water consumption for a 46 household development, waste water treatment in the flood plain area and the impact that many new families could have on the enrollment at the school. He also questioned

whether the village would have to upgrade the water supply lines to provide the development with enough water, at a cost to the rest of the property owners who pay taxes, even though the mobile home owners would only pay rent. Lippmann questioned the aesthetics of such a development at the south entrance to the village. In closing his comments, Lippmann also said a newly formed Capitan Neighborhood Association is prepared to instigate litigation against the village and

the developer if any statutory or regulatory violations occur in the building the proposed trailer park, should the building of such be approved." Lippmann also said rumors are some in village government have a financial interest in the proposed, which the Neighborhood Association will attempt to prosecute if proven true.

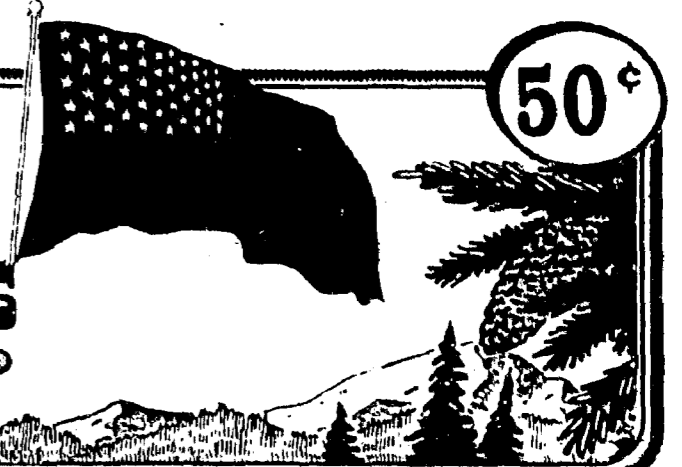
Renfro then asked what the water situation is in the area, mostly the water pressure in the areas above the proposed

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CONCERNED CAPITAN CITIZENS fill village hall Monday to protest a proposed 46 unit mobile home park located off Aspen Road, which intersections with Highway 48 on the south side of the village. Resident Lonnie Lippmann, standing, reads a written statement expressing concerns. The two trustees at the meeting tabled the proposed development until they could study it further and until all trustees were present.

Carrizozo Street Project To Begin Next Month

by Barbara Culler

The Town of Carrizozo trustees held their regularly scheduled meeting on April 13. Trustees Eileen Lovelace, Cynthia Morales, and Wesley Lindsay were present. Trustee James Silva was absent as was mayor Manuel Hernandez. As mayor pro tem, Lindsay presided over the meeting. Carol Schlarb, town clerk, was also in attendance.

Rene Burton, representing the chamber of commerce, told the trustees that Eddie Livingston, of Livingston Associates, donated a new computer to the research library, which is headquartered at the RC&D (the Resource Conservation and Development Program) offices in Carrizozo.

Morales reported that a tarp has been purchased by the solid waste which will be used to cover the roll-off after it is closed on Saturdays. She also reminded the trustees that Saturday, April 17, is a free day for residents of Carrizozo. She said that water heaters, refrigerators, and appliances will be charged for even on the free day.

Isaac Camacho, from The Land Group, made his company's recommendation on the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) project for streets and the state co-op project re-bidding. The first

time these projects were bid all of the bids exceeded the engineer's estimate and the construction budget. At that time, Armstrong Construction was the lowest bidder.

The bid opening for the re-bid projects was March 26. There were four bidders and Armstrong Construction, from Roswell, was the low bidder again. Their bid was \$336,818.76 and exceeded the

engineer's estimate by 19 percent and the allowed construction cost by 10 percent. Camacho said that since the lowest bid exceeded the engineer's and the construction cost there were two options available, one option was to delete some of the items to lower the cost and the other option was to try to

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Detention Officer Has A Hard Job

by Doris Cherry

Gone are the days of Barney Fife the officer on duty for a one-celled jail.

Instead, county detention officers must fulfill a multitude of duties and responsibilities in a professional and courteous manner. They must act responsibly, not react to extreme situations with inmates, including those inmates who may have medical or mental problems.

"This is a complicated business," said Lincoln County Detention Center administrator Mike Borrego. "Few outside the correction profession know what a detention officer really does. A detention officer cannot merely react to a situation. He or she must be proactive in order to prevent serious problems."

A detention officer's day starts when he or she arrives at work. Shifts come in at 6 a.m., 2 p.m. and 12 midnight. Their times overlap so there is always two officers on duty at a given time. Each worker, and everyone who comes through the door at the detention center, signs in, and everyone who leaves signs out. "So we know where everyone is at all times," Borrego said.

After completing paperwork, detention officers begin a walk through of the back cells every 30 minutes to check on the 34 male inmates and four female inmates housed in the detention center. On an average, the detention center deals with six inmates who are either coming in, or going out daily.

Ruidoso Has Plenty Of Water; Needs An Improved System

by Doris Cherry

On May 18, the village of Ruidoso is holding a special election asking voters to reauthorize a one percent special supplemental gross receipt tax with revenue dedicated to a bond issue of up to \$6 million to be used solely to improve the village water system.

During the April 13 village council meeting, mayor Robert Donaldson gave a presentation on the village water situation. He gave the same presentation during the Community Update held last month. Donaldson said the two questions, which are tied together, were posed to voters in March 1998. However, voters approved the bonds, but not the gross receipt tax. But the two are tied and bonds cannot be issued without the tax to finance them, Donaldson said.

The village has plenty of water rights and raw water to take care of its needs in the future. But the amount of water is not the real problem for the village, it is the antiquated and leaking old water system that has suffered from the lack of maintenance and upgrading over the years, Donaldson said. He backed up his statements with graphs that showed the village has rights to a total of 7,320.30

acre feet of water a year. Those rights come from 5,648 acre feet of water in the North Fork drainage, 859 acre feet of water owned from Eagle Creek surface and wells, 338.88 acre feet of water leased from Capitan from Eagle Creek surface and wells, 293.72 acre feet of water from Rio Ruidoso basin owned, and 180.09 acre feet of water from Rio Ruidoso basin

leased. In terms of actual water supply, the village has rights to 2,613,375 gallons a day from North Fork, 1,806,843 gallons a day from Eagle Creek, 423,183 from Rio Ruidoso for a total of 4,843,401 gallons a day.

Currently the village, with an estimated population of 7,000, uses on average

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Ruidoso Imposes Fines For Tossing Lighted Materials

by Doris Cherry

Already this spring several fires have occurred in Ruidoso, started by carelessly tossed lighted cigarettes.

With fire danger already listed "very high" at the Smokey Bear Ranger Station in Ruidoso, village councilors are so concerned about careless human caused fires that they have passed an ordinance imposing a \$500 fine for tossing lighted materials on public rights of way and public lands.

During their regular meeting Tuesday, Ruidoso councilors held a public hearing on

the amendment to the village ordinance that already made it unlawful to cause a fire on a person's own land or the land of another person with a lighted cigar, cigarette, match or other manner and to leave the fire unquenched. Councilors unanimously approved the addition of wording to make it unlawful for persons to discard lit material on a public right of way, public property or areas open to the public. Originally councilors discussed having the ordinance apply to persons who toss

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SMOKEY SAYS... "Only you can prevent forest fires." In Ruidoso, fire danger was very high on Tuesday, April 13, despite recent rain and snow showers. Ruidoso village council gave Smokey's cause some teeth Tuesday when it adopted an ordinance imposing a \$500 fine on anyone found guilty of throwing a lighted cigarette, cigar or other material on to public rights of way or public lands within the village. Several recent grass fires were started by discarded lit cigarettes.

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Capitan Villagers Protest

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development. Caughron said they plan to install a 3,000 gallon water storage tank for the 25 spaces which will be filled to help with water pressure during peak times in the morning and evening. He also said plans are to upgrade to a 10 inch water line. In response to Lippmann's allegations the developers were not going through proper channels for waste water, Caughron said they are dealing with the state Environment Department in Ruidoso. By state rules, they are allowed five mobile home spaces per septic tank. As for the quality of the

park, Caughron said their plans are to set age limits on the mobiles, require underpinning and decks, allow only limited number of domestic pets and have each mobile metered to allow use of only 4,000 gallons of water a month. "We will not overstress the system and it will look nice and be a quality park," Caughron said.

Resident Al Barton who lives on Main Road said the developer should pay for upgrading the water system. Caughron said he thought the village was in the process of upgrading water lines in that area. "The village would have paid for 15 houses had they been built there," he said. Caughron said the developers will be the property owners and will be helping to pay for any upgrades.

Renfro said one meter is all the development is entitled to since it is one tract of land. Whitaker said he was in an "awkward situation" because they as a board had turned down people who wanted water service even though they were surrounded by village properties.

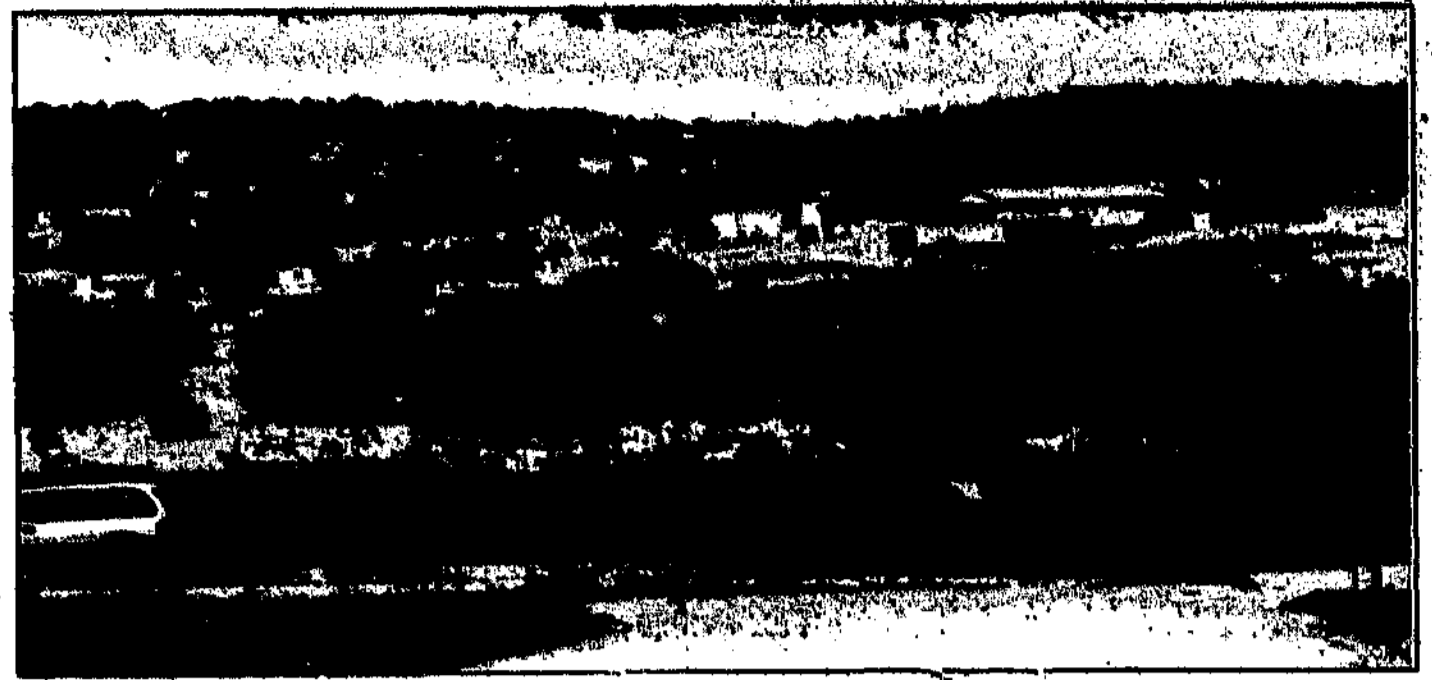
Aspen Road resident Ronnie Crawford, who lives next to the proposed park, said he was against the development because he had bought his house and property because it was still rural with space between himself and his neighbors. Crawford was concerned about water availability, since only about 60 percent of the 1,300 lots in the village have been developed. "This one development will take about 10 percent of the water left (for those 600 empty lots)," Crawford said. "And 3,000 gallons is not a drop in the bucket."

He also was concerned about fire protection due to low water pressure. Village maintenance supervisor Terry Cox said there is ample water flow in the area for fire protection, except if there is more than one fire at a time.

As for waste water, Crawford was concerned the property was too small for that many septic tanks and in danger of floods.

Village attorney Dave Thompson said he reviewed the development application and he did not see any legal obstacles to grant approval. He said Lippmann's comments were all "good arguments in favor of zoning." However, Capitan does not have zoning and all attempts in the past have been defeated.

An east Cedar Road (which is near Aspen) resident Maria Jenkins read from the village water ordinance, which states "several dwellings may use one meter." She said in her opinion "several" means only four or five. But Crawford said several is more than two and less than six. Jenkins said she was concerned the



A PROPOSED TRAILER PARK would be located on the 19 acres of undeveloped rural land west of Highway 48 on the south side of Capitan pictured here. Nearby residents protested the park at the Capitan village meeting Monday, even though the developer offered to reduce the number of spaces from 48 to 15.

mobile home park would devalue the five homes and properties from Aspen to Main Road. She said there is not much space between these homes. She also was concerned about the noise from 25 more dogs. "This is nothing personal against Gary (Caughron), but most of us went to the subdivisions because we wanted some space," Jenkins said.

On the issue of who should pay for water system upgrades, Bob Jones said the developer should pay the whole cost. He said he wanted to develop the same piece of property in the past and he would have had to pay for all the upgrades.

Renfro said the village knew "something like this would come up and we need to handle it right." Another Mesa Verde subdivision property owner said the renters at the park will not carry the

burden of property taxes. Lippmann said since the village has no ad valorem property taxes now, only the county will benefit from any additional property taxes. (Note: along with the county, the state, hospital, soil and water conservation district and school district receive their share of taxes paid on properties within the village.)

Montes said the village should take two or three months to study the situation to give time for the public and adjacent residents to give their input. "And so we can come up with the right answers," he added. "Now I have no answers. This is something that needs to be really worked out."

Whitaker said the situation needs legal review. Renfro said they need a full council.

Barton said the village should not jump into approving the request overnight.

"Rather extend it because you need to take care of the citizens," he added.

Before a vote on Montes' motion to table the request, Caughron said a lot of the issues raised pertained to zoning. He then said they would consider dropping the number of mobile home units to 15 because of the concerns about water and septic tanks. Rita Crawford said the trustees need to consider the village water ordinance and what is legal. Caughron said that is why he took the request before the Village Water Advisory Board and Planning Commission. Renfro said another public hearing on the request was needed to get input from all sources. With that, Whitaker seconded Montes' motion to table and he, Montes and Renfro voted yes, which brought a round of applause from the more than 35 people at the meeting.

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Commissioners Meet Today In Carrizozo

Lincoln County Commissioners are meeting today in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Items on their agenda, in the order listed, are as follows: (Commissioners sometimes change the order of regular items, however all public hearings are advertised to begin at 1 p.m. and must follow that schedule.)

--Approval of minutes from March 18 regular meeting and March 31 special meeting.

--Approval of consent agenda that includes payroll/accounts payable; treasurer's financial report for the month ending March 31; Mill levy assessment for Chaves Soil and Water Conservation district annual request; agreement with Wayne G. Andrews for architectural services for the Lincoln County Fairgrounds addition; contract for equipment purchases county wide for Zia Senior Citizens Center with the New Mexico State Agency on Aging; Standards of Conduct for Zia Senior Citizens Center.

--County manager's report.
--Board of Finance quarterly meeting with Lincoln County Treasurer Joan E. Park.

--Employment agreement with South Central Mountain Resource Conservation and Development District for secretary.

--Glencoe Rural Events Center Management Agreement with Hondo Valley Schools Board of Education.

--Informational GED presentation by Dr. James Miller and Sandy Kashmar requested by commissioner Ray Nunley.

--Preliminary road acceptance and two year test wear period in Agua Fria Subdivision.

--Information presentation on Flood insurance by Grant Pinkerton and Jerry Lazary.

--Western States Coalition request by Public Land Use Advisory Council (PLUAC) chair Matt Ferguson.

--Discussion of time limits of commission agenda packets going out requested by commissioner Wilton Howell.

--Proposed resolution regarding property tax cut legislation, asking the governor to consider such during the special session, as requested by Howell.

--Lincoln Historic Preservation Board presentation by John McGrath chair on alternative use for the legislative appropriation that was designated for a historic walkway.

--Lincoln County Health and Wellness Board presentations by John McGrath member on statement regarding the sale of Lincoln County Medical Center and proposed funding sources for the future and Community Development Block Grants.

1 p.m. public hearings:

--On a proposed ordinance amending, repealing and reenacting Lincoln County Subdivision ordinance regarding community liquid waste treatment systems, performance bonds, and changing the amount of water allowed to be used out of a private well from one-half acre foot to three acre feet a year.

--On a proposed ordinance to create a Lincoln County Glencoe Rural Events Board which shall work with the Hondo Valley Public Schools board of Education in promoting the use of the Glencoe Rural Events Center.

--On a proposed ordinance amending the county personnel policies and procedures to adjust how sick leave can be used and adjusting the salary of the chief deputies of elected officials to 95 percent of the salary of the elected official.

--On a proposed ordinance adopting the second state allowed one-eighth of one percent of gross receipt tax for the care of indigent patients in Lincoln County.

Other regular items are:
--Consideration of bids/requests for proposals (rfps) for annual mental

health contract; resurfacing of Eagle Creek Road; resurfacing of Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates.

--Appointments to District V position on the Planning Commission, and commission member to the New Mexico Association of Counties.

--Applications from the seven county volunteer fire departments to participate in the 1999 Fire Protection Fund Distribution.

--Proposed resolution adopting the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service and Amateur Radio Emergency Service

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS**
 —Craig Hipple of the District II Office of the State Engineer is at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
- TUESDAYS**
 —Alcoholic Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-1145 for information.
- WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS**
 —Ruidoso Public Library story time, 2-3 p.m. Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. Thursdays, for children 3-6.
- THURSDAYS**
 —Pre-school storytime 9:30 a.m. Carrizozo school library.
 —Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2635 or 258-9201 for information and location. Or e-mail at www.nogal.com/leasg.
 —Alcoholics Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Center. Call 648-1145 for information.
- FRIDAYS**
 —Alcoholics Anonymous big book open discussion 7-8 p.m. Capitan Senior Center 354-4032 for information.
- TODAY, THURSDAY, APRIL 15**
 —"Doughnuts For Dad" community meeting 7:30-8:30 a.m. Carrizozo Schools board room.
 —Lincoln County Commissioners, 9 a.m. their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Public hearings at 1 p.m.
 —Ruidoso Economic Development Committee 3 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.
 —Democratic Party of Lincoln County, social hour at 6:30 p.m. meeting at 7 p.m. Cree Meadows Restaurant, Ruidoso. Order from the menu.
 —Diabetes Alert Workshop 7-9 p.m. Ruidoso Senior Citizens Building.
 —Lincoln County Planning Commission 7 p.m. county commissioners chamber in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.
- FRIDAY, APRIL 16**
 —Open House for Donna Harkey who is retiring after 25 years from Norwest Bank in Carrizozo, 2-5 p.m.
- SATURDAY, APRIL 17**
 —United Methodist Women of White Mountain Sub-District convention 9:30 a.m. registration at Tulareosa United Methodist Church. District includes Carrizozo, Ruidoso, Alamogordo, Cloudcroft and Tularosa.
 —Official Visit of Worthy Grand Matron and Patron to Ruidoso Chapter #64 Eastern Star. 2 p.m. meeting.
 —Capitan High School Prom.
- MONDAY, APRIL 19**
 —Carrizozo Action Team 9 a.m. RC&D office Central Ave. Carrizozo.
 —Capitan Corriente CowBelles Ag Day, Lincoln County Fairgrounds, exhibits for Capitan elementary students.
 —Ruidoso Sports Advisory Council 6 p.m. Ruidoso village hall.
 —Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zoning Commission 8 p.m. village hall.
 —Carrizozo Little League organizational meeting 6 p.m. First Baptist Church fellowship hall.
- TUESDAY, APRIL 20**
 —Ruidoso P&Z Commission 2 p.m. village hall.
 —Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority board 2 p.m. LCSWA offices Ruidoso Downs.
 —Tiger Relays Track Meet 3 p.m. Capitan Schools Sports Field.
 —Parents/community meeting for Carrizozo Youth Sports Program, pee-wee soccer for 3-6 year olds, 6 p.m. Carrizozo Rec Center.
 —Carrizozo Board of Education 7 p.m.
 —Lincoln Historic Preservation Board 7 p.m. Dr. Woods Annex
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21**
 —Ruidoso Parks & Rec Committee 6:30 p.m. village hall.
 —Lincoln County Fair Association board 7 p.m. fairgrounds office in Capitan.
- THURSDAY, APRIL 22**
 —Ag Day at Carrizozo School, hamburgers sponsored by Canyon CowBelles.
 —Kindergarten Registration and preschool screening, 10 a.m. to 12 noon Corona Schools.
 —Lincoln County Medical Center board 6 p.m. hospital board room.
 —Special public hearing on proposed hotel lease, 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso village hall.
- FRIDAY, APRIL 23**
 —New Mexico Premier of "The Outfitters" Sierra Cinema in Ruidoso.
- SATURDAY, APRIL 24**
 —Music recital of Capitan and Carrizozo students of Cindy Foglesong 1 p.m. Carrizozo Methodist Church.
 —Lincoln County Historical Society 2-5 p.m. Carrizozo Women's Club.
- APRIL 26**
 —Special Capitan School Board strategic plan work session 6 p.m.
 —ENMU-Ruidoso Spring Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m. Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, Community Choir and Show Choir under direction of Danny Flores. No admission.
 —Special public hearing on proposed hotel lease, 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso village hall.
- APRIL 27**
 —Republican Women of Lincoln County 11:30 a.m. Capitan Trinity Baptist Church, Board meeting 10 a.m. Call 257-4402, 257-9351 or 258-9101 by noon April 22 for reservations.

Carrizozo Street Project

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obtain some additional funding.

Camacho said that he received the impression from the previous meeting that the board was reluctant to cut any items. Schlarb, Camacho said, indicated the board might be willing to come up with an additional \$25,000 to increase the budget for the construction to \$329,000. This would make the Armstrong bid within 2.4 percent of the budget. There was very little change in price between the first bid and the re-bid, according to Camacho. It was felt that there was no reason to re-bid as there would probably be little change in the price. It was decided to try and get more funding and negotiate with Armstrong Construction and see if they would do the projects for \$329,000, including the gross receipt taxes. Armstrong agreed to do the projects for \$329,000, including the gross receipt taxes, if the sign posts and panels for the sign posts were deleted from the project. During the negotiations, Lindsay said that the town could do those two areas of the project.

Camacho said that The Land Group recommended Armstrong Construction be given the bid at the negotiated price of \$329,000, including the gross receipts taxes. Armstrong Construction has done two previous street projects for the town, in 1992 and 1995.

Schlarb was asked by Lovelace where the \$25,000 would come from and Schlarb said that the \$25,000 could come from the gasoline fund and there would be no need for a resolution to use the money for the additional funding on the street project.

Camacho said the time table for the projects is: April 23, pre construction conference; May 10, to start the project; and, August 10 the completion of the project.

Lovelace made the motion to approve the increase in the town's matching funds. The motion was approved. Trustees also approved awarding the contract for the projects to Armstrong Construction.

The trustees tabled awarding the RFP for the trailer mounted Jet Rodder. There was one bid from Pete's Equipment Repair Inc. in Albuquerque for \$30,644. If the town agreed to change to a 40 gallon per minute 2,000 PSI pump and to a 80 horsepower gasoline engine \$3,856 would be deducted which would make the final cost on the bid \$26,788. The trustees asked Jim Payne, the town foreman, if he felt the changes would be any significant change from what he had requested. He asked the trustees to table awarding the bid until he got more information on what the difference would be.

Carrizozo Chief of Police Angelo Vega gave trustees some information on the Department of Labor's Job Training Partnership program. This program pays 50 percent of the salary for an employee in training status for six months; after six months the town picks up the full salary. Vega said he would like to use this program to help get the town an uncertified police officer. Vega said that he felt this would be a

good job for an early morning or late night officer. He said he has been talking with Morris Thomas, from the State of New Mexico Department of Labor in Alamogordo, and was told that Carrizozo is eligible for this program. He will have Thomas come and explain the program to the trustees at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Vega asked the trustees, and received approval of the application for law enforcement protection fund money. The only new change, which will have to be addressed at budget time, is that regular maintenance on vehicles and police equipment, office furniture and supplies, or operating expenses are not allowable expenses. For the last couple of applications those have been permitted, but are not permitted now.

Payne gave information on and asked approval of a bid by Pro Pool, of Albuquerque, for filter equipment for the Carrizozo Swimming Pool. The amount is \$27,298.17 plus freight. Pro Pool is under contract with the GSA so the contract does not have to go out to bid. Schlarb said that Payne needs to get his GSA contract number. Lovelace said that there is \$50,000 set aside for the swimming pool. The plan for the swimming pool has been approved by Carl Stubbs, from the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) in Ruidoso. The pool needs to have the filter system in before it can be opened. Stubbs said, according to Payne. The trustees gave their approval of the bid after the engineer's approval is given and Schlarb receives Pro Pool's GSA contract number.

Pat Voss, of the lodgers tax committee, asked approval to spend \$500 for permanent plants for the visitor center caboose. Out of this \$500, \$300 would be given to the Carrizozo Action Team for reimbursement of amount spent on two Chinquapin Oak trees for the visitors center. The committee also asked approval for up to \$2,000 for irrigation and a drip system at the caboose. Voss also said that the committee is asking for \$500 to have two lights at the caboose, one on each end. She said that the electrician will hook them up at no cost as his contribution to the visitor center. The total amount the lodgers tax committee asked for, and received approval for, is \$3,000.

Trustees approved to advertise the amendments to the town personnel policies and procedures ordinance relating to police department. These amendments relate to the following: minimum annual work required, on duty is defined, compensatory time, compensation, and leave requests.

Two budget workshops were scheduled to be held April 29 and May 6. The proposed budget has to go to the DFA (Department of Finance and Administration) by June 1, 1999.

Schlarb was designated, by the trustees, as Y2K Coordinator for the town, and each department head is to be in charge of their department's Y2K program.

Schlarb told the department heads that in order for the town to be protected from

lawsuits concerning Y2K, the departments have to send letters out to all companies and people they do business with requesting an update on their Y2K compliance, if they are now or when they will be compliant. This documentation is a necessary requirement to protect the town from lawsuits. Schlarb said she

would provide the department heads with a copy of the letter she has sent to the vendors she does business with or it would be fine if the department heads make their own letter. During the discussion municipal judge C. O. Rominger suggested that

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Children Held Hostage

By Ruth Hammond

How would you react if you were told that children in Lincoln County were being used as collateral in a money transaction? You would probably consider it human bondage, or child bondage. According to the dictionary, bondage is involuntary servitude or slavery; subjection to any influence or domination. If you knew for certain this was happening would you try to stop it immediately?

Or would you smile smugly and insist such a thing could never happen in 1999? It is happening in the state of New Mexico, not just in Lincoln County. The children in New Mexico are being used as collateral by the governor in his attempt to force the Legislature to pass a school choice plan that includes vouchers. The governor vetoed the 1999 General Appropriations Act for the third time. This act includes funding for state government and funding for schools. When he vetoed the third bill, governor Johnson said the bill had several flaws, most of which were related to public education. He said his representatives are available to work with the legislature to assure that HIS requirements are addressed. He also said enough time has been wasted on futility. Is educating our youth futile?

Schooling was addressed by the state legislature in 32 bills. The governor vetoed 17 of those bills, some that included proposals for equitable funding systems for school capital outlay and student transportation. The governor did sign bills for expanded charter schools and charter district legislation and legislation to improve efficiency and accountability in school finance. But the governor did NOT sign the bill that would have funded schools for the next fiscal year which begins July 1, 1999. The legislature enacted many education measures that reflected desire to improve support for public schools. But the governor seemed to forget about children.

Tuesday the governor announced that a special session of the legislature will begin at noon May 4. The governor said he wants the legislature to pass a bill that will include real education reform that includes passing a school choice plan that includes vouchers. The governor's voucher plan would allow parents and students to choose which public or private school best serves their needs. There is nothing new about that, it is called parent choice and is in effect now, with the difference being that tuition for private schools must be paid by the parents. The governor wants the state to issue vouchers from the state worth approximately \$3,200 for parents to use to spend at the school of their choice, public or private school.

And the governor said the legislature needs to produce a bill that will give true education reform to address our public education system which is falling many of our students. Hey, gov., if there is a problem with the public school system, pass legislation to fix it, don't abandon it. And don't keep our children in limbo about their education next year while you use them as collateral to get the bill you want. This is a form of human bondage, or child bondage.

Giving people a choice is one thing but using tax dollars to pay for private schooling is questionable. Will church schools qualify? Will the children now in private schools receive vouchers for their tuition? Will these private schools be accredited, or just get money?

Earlier this month the governor signed House Bill 39 to protect New Mexico night skies. Seems the governor deems light pollution more important than providing funding for educating our children.

Schooling is serious business. Funding for public education should be a priority. It was with the state legislature. Wonder what happened to the governor's priority. Maybe he needs a night light.

Child bondage in state?



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE - What are vouchers? The public wants to know, according to several reporters at Gov. Gary Johnson's news conference following his deadline for signing and vetoing bills on April 9.

Gov. Johnson was a step ahead of them. Since the end of the regular legislative session on March 20 he had been planning a three-week road trip to sell vouchers to the people of New Mexico prior to the beginning of a special session he plans for early May. Here's a sample of the ques-

tions posed by reporters. They very likely are the questions Johnson and his staff are addressing now as they travel the state.

Where are the private schools and the educational entrepreneurs that can handle 100,000 students next year? Won't some of these be flimflam artists? Will they be accountable to anyone? Where is there that much classroom space? Do these schools have to accept any student who applies? Can they kick students out? Who makes up the difference between a private school's tuition and the \$3,100 voucher from the state?

Gov. Johnson seemed irritated by the questions, as if he'd heard them too many times before. His first answer was usually "Vouchers are vouchers. It's just that simple." When pressed, he explained that even if 100,000 vouchers were issued next year, only a few thousand could be used because of limited space, so it wouldn't be a real big deal.

On the subject of some of the educational entrepreneurs being flimflam artists, Johnson explained that there would still be school boards and that all schools would have to be accredited.

When that explanation raised a number of eyebrows, he turned over any further explaining to David Miller, his policy analyst for vouchers. Miller said the private schools could be either "accredited or recognized." The voucher law proposed by the Johnson administration during the regular session required only that private schools "register" with the local public school superintendent to be eligible to receive voucher money.

Miller then went into an angry, shouted discourse about how the public schools' 30 percent dropout rate and low test scores are the real flimflam that is going on. He said parents and the marketplace will be the control on any flimflam in the private sector. Miller appeared shellshocked from defending Johnson's voucher proposal at hearings before hostile legislative com-

mitted during the past session.

Gov. Johnson acknowledged that many new private schools would have to locate in shopping centers and office buildings but he held out hope that some education entrepreneurs would build new schools. He also was upbeat about getting a degree of compromise out of the Legislature in a special session. He said he was willing to lower his goal of issuing 100,000 vouchers next year, but it still had to be at a substantial level in order to work.

Rep. Ted Hobbs, the House Republican floor leader, wasn't as upbeat. He said the House GOP leadership had floated a compromise voucher proposal for a pilot program in Albuquerque, but that Democrat leaders wouldn't hear of it. He indicated it was a trial balloon which hadn't been cleared with the governor - who had just finished informing reporters that pilot programs are not acceptable to him.

Early in the regular session, Senate Democrats modified a bill creating a pilot program for dropouts into what some of them called a voucher proposal. The alternative schools could be run by private profit or non-profit groups. The measure was modified a second time to fit Johnson's voucher criteria more closely. It then passed both the Senate and the House but was vetoed by the governor, consistent with his position on pilot programs not being acceptable.

Also during the past session, House Democrats proposed a private school tuition tax credit bill designed after laws in other states that had headed off vouchers. But Gov. Johnson said that wasn't acceptable either.

C'zozo Street

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getting backup power for city hall and the police department should be looked into as neither of these areas has any backup power. Payne said that the water supply has been checked and the valves for the water work manually and there should be no problem with Carrizozo residents receiving water.

Several items were tabled: approval of budget increase with resolution increase the annual salary starting April 10 thru June 30 FY 98-99, and addendum to purchasing policy. Trustees also took no action on consideration to resurface bowling lanes/budget workshops.

Approved also were business registrations and the monthly expenditures.

Ruidoso Imposes

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lighted materials from their vehicles, but adjusted the wording to include all tossing. Also councillors wanted the fine to be mandatory with no reduction for community service or other adjustments.

Village manager Alan Briley said he met with village judge Mike Line who did not like the mandatory fine. The judge suggested the \$500 mandatory fine be imposed only during times of very high fire danger. Briley said the judge raised the issue that a mandatory fine imposed on a person with no money to pay would result in that person going to jail and serving a sentence of one day per \$5 of the fine. "That could add up to a \$3,500 expense for the village just to jail a person for a \$500 fine," Briley said.

Assistant village attorney Chay Rennick said the judge raised another scenario of an elderly person tossing a lighted cigarette after a rain storm, and a police officer having to file on that person. Although the judge did not like the mandatory sentencing, he did not give any alternative suggestions. Rennick said village attorney John Underwood suggested a range of fines from a minimum of \$100 to \$500 with community service in lieu of the \$400 fine.

Councilor Bill Chance said the reason for the mandatory fine is to give the ordinance "teeth."

Mayor Robert Donaldson said tossing a lighted cigarette is a "mindless habit." "The idea was hit them in the head with the \$500 fine and wake up a few brain cells," he said. "It might be worth \$3,500 to show we'll do it. I think the ordinance has to have teeth."

Councilor Bob Sterchi suggested a fine, community service or combination.

Audience member Don Dutton said as a reformed smoker he complimented the village for its efforts, but he was concerned how the village could enforce the ordinance. "Can citizens file a complaint?" Dutton asked.

Donaldson said citizens could file a complaint if they saw someone tossing lit material. Chief of police Larry Maddox said citizens can file complaints after they witness a violation, however they must be willing to testify in court.

Councilor Linda Flack said she did not believe anyone deliberately throws out a lighted cigarette. She advocated education on not throwing out lighted materials. "People don't intend to burn the forest down, it's just ignorance," Flack said.

Councilor Ron Anderson said it is already illegal to litter or throw anything out of a window. "I see no leeway to be soft, in some towns in Colorado it is a \$500 fine to litter," he said. But Flack asked how people knew about the fine and Anderson said because signs are posted.

Maddox said he and his officers see people tossing out lighted cigarettes quite often. "I think we will have a lot of violations if you pass this ordinance," he said. Flack then said if they pass the ordinance they need to post signs about the fines.

Sterchi made an amendment to the proposed ordinance to impose a \$500 fine, community service or a combination of the two and motion to approve the ordinance. Chance seconded the motion and all councilors voted yes.

The ordinance will be in effect at all times, regardless the fire danger or wind velocity.

The Paragon Poll

By J. Zane Walley

"88% of all civil servants and 77% of all presidential appointees believe the American public does not know enough about current issues to form a wise opinion." Pew Research Center report released in April of 1998

Face-to-face interviews with countless disgruntled Americans unexpectedly and compellingly created the concept for the Paragon Foundation Poll. In January and February, a Foundation representative made a 4,500 mile journey through New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee speaking to common folks involved in agriculture, logging, manufacturing, health-care, construction and a variety of other enterprises. It was no surprise that faith in government was at a low ebb, but it was enlightening to learn that working people across the nation held common feelings concerning the economy, governmental over-regulation, free trade agreements, and in particular the lack of representation in the media for their concerns and opinions.

The largest employer in Gadsden, Alabama, Goodyear Tire and Rubber, had just announced that it was moving south of the border to take advantage of NAFTA and lower wages. A six hundred thousand-acre National Forest in Mississippi was closing roads that had been used by generations of hunters and fishermen. Loggers in Louisiana were fearful their industry would be severely damaged because a Red-headed Woodpecker had been added to the endangered species list.

Ranchers, miners, and loggers in New Mexico had been denied use of public lands because of the Spotted Owl and the Southwestern Willow flycatcher. In Texas, at Big Bend National Park, Rio Grande River rafting companies were starting to worry

that the National Park Service was going to shut down their access to the park. Retirees and seniors were angry and deeply worried about recent Medicare cuts in home-health care. Not one person interviewed by Paragon had a scrap of confidence in the government.

Many of the people interviewed were angry with the bureaucracy. Former Alabama Sen. Gary Burns, a stalwart Democrat, said, "NAFTA has gutted the American economy and those Washington politicians who pushed it through should be charged with criminal conspiracy." Gene Starkey, a retired Mississippi police officer stated, "The Federal government has taken over almost everything in Mississippi from law enforcement to hunting and fishing. Jim Stafford, and old New Mexico cowboy, voiced, "They are governing our country by polls and the polls are nothing more than bought and paid for lies!"

Is it possible that Jim is right? Maybe he laid his finger on the reason that Middle America feels disenfranchised. The Gallup Poll released January 8, 1999, was dramatically different from the random Paragon grassroots survey. Gallup stated that "Americans continue to express high levels of confidence in all three branches of the federal government, as well as in state and local governments, in the news media, and in the men and women who hold public office."

The January Gallup Poll when contrasted to the views of real people who were openly speaking their minds, increased Paragon's interest in the polling process. The

representative began asking people the following questions. Has Gallup or any other large polling company ever asked for your opinion? Have you ever known anyone that has been surveyed? Do you believe the results published by polling companies such as ABC and Gallup? One hundred percent of the people informally surveyed by Paragon answered no.

These answers give rise to serious questions. What segment of the population are these giant research companies polling? Are the results of the polls honest, or purposely slanted to deceive the public? Is the opinion of the average, productive citizen being heard? Certainly, our government is increasingly governing by poll, and the surveys provided to our officials are used as reasons to pass an appalling variety of laws and legislation. Perhaps the bureaucrats even believe the polls. If they do, they should drop their heads in shame over the Pew Research Center report released in April of 1998. The Pew survey of Federal employees found that 88% of all civil servants and

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Our federal government is made up of three branches: an Executive branch, headed by the President, a Judicial branch, headed by the U.S. Supreme Court, and a Legislative branch, made up of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. How much faith and confidence have you at this time in:

A.) The Executive Branch headed by the President:
 Great Deal Not very much Fair Amount
 None At All No Opinion

B.) The Judicial Branch, consisting of the U.S. Supreme Court:
 Great Deal Not very much Fair Amount
 None At All No Opinion

C.) The Legislative Branch, consisting of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives:
 Great Deal Not very much Fair Amount
 None At All No Opinion

D.) How much trust and confidence do you have in the government of the state where you live in effectively handling state problems?
 Great Deal Not very much Fair Amount
 None At All No Opinion

E.) Overall, how much trust, and confidence do you have in national politicians who hold public office?
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ists have charged that pollsters distort the results of their surveys to reflect the viewpoints of the person or party that pays for them. *New York Times* William Safire added that most media polls were "grievously misleading." Amy Keller, writer for the Washington, D.C. based *Poll Call*, investigated poll doctoring, and found that even "legitimate polls" face charges of doctoring or "pushing" survey results. Mathematician Alan F. Kay, in his book, *Locating Consensus for Democracy*, exposes how polling twists questions, analyzes and presentations to advance special interests. Mr. Kay writes, "Political polls, supported by special interests, are fed to the public daily through mass media. These polls capture the political agenda and lead democracy astray."

Paragon Foundation believes that in order for the Republic to function as intended by our founding fathers, that officeholders, officials, policymakers, and local leaders must strongly hear the people's voice in surveys that are untainted, free of tampering and beyond logical reproach. Because of this important and pressing need to educate our officials and provide public voice to all Americans, the Paragon Poll was created. Certainly, this humble survey is a "David among Goliaths" but with your continuing advocacy, it will grow, and it will sorely wound the smug Philistines.

In this publication, you will find the first Paragon Poll. Please take the time to complete and return the form so your opinions can at last be heard. This is not as important as voting but it runs a close second. Volunteers at the Foundation Headquarters in Alamogordo, New Mexico

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will honorably and honestly tally your opinions and the results will be provided in a future issue of this publication. The results will also be provided to elected representatives and newspapers across America. Other polls will follow in future issues of this publication. If you have opinions or suggestions for future polls, please send them along with a large SASE to J. Zane Walley, Editor, *The Paragon Powerhouse*, P.O. Box 161, Lincoln, NM 88338.

Lincoln County Historical Society To Meet April 24

Lincoln County Historical Society will hold its first meeting of 1999 from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, April 24 at the Carrizozo Woman's Club.

The program topic on Alamogordo's First 100 Years will feature Dr. Dave Townsend and Mrs. Linnie Townsend, Cliff McDonald and Barbara McDonald. What better way to begin the Lincoln County Historical Society's first official program of 1999 than to learn about our neighbors Alamogordo and Otero County. Both are 100 years old and going strong. There could be no better group to share the intriguing history of this area than featured speakers Dr. Dave and Mrs. Linnie Townsend and Cliff and Barbara McDonald.

Dr. Townsend is now president of the board of directors of the Alamogordo/Otero County Centennial Celebration, Inc. He is also involved in educational and legislative issues, an author, retired history professor, former state legislator and administrator of the NMSU Alamogordo Branch Campus. Dr. Townsend will open the session.

Linnie Townsend will discuss the books she and Dr. Townsend have developed about the history of the region. Cliff McDonald will have a slide show after a break. From his youth McDonald has been interested in the history of the county and has an incredible archive of photos. His wife, Barbara will conclude their presentation by reading from several selections pertinent to the heritage of the region.

After the presentations, a reception and book signing will be held.

For more information about the meeting call 653-4821.

OBITUARY

SAMMY HERRERA

Memorial service for Sammy Herrera, 43, of Ruidoso Downs was April 9 at the Glencos Rural Events Center at Glencos. Burial was at St. Jude's Cemetery at San Patricio. Officiating was the Rev. Al Lane.

Sammy died April 6 in Ruidoso. He was born October 22, 1955 in Ruidoso and had lived in the area all of his life. He was a carpenter and a member of the Christ Church of the Downs.

He is survived by three children, Samuel, Katrina and Samantha; his mother, Bea Herrera; brothers and sisters, Becky Harrington, Arlene Herrera, Ben Herrera Jr., Lorena Rue, Pat Herrera, Dolores Rue, Teresa Herrera and Sandra Rue, and his grandmother, Elisa Herrera. Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

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

Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle
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 Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
 Sunday School..... 10:00 am
 Sunday Evening..... 8:00 pm

First Baptist Church
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 Sunday School..... 9:45 am
 Worship Service..... 10:35 am
 Sun, Evening..... Training at 5:15 pm
 Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)
 JOHNNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
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 Worship Service..... 10:30 am
 Thursday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

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 Capitan Sacred Heart..... 8:00 pm
 Ochozito Santa Rita..... 8:30 pm

SUNDAY:
 Capitan Sacred Heart..... 8:00 am
 Ochozito Santa Rita..... 10:30 am
 Coronis St. Theresa..... 1:00 p.m.

Church of Christ
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 Sunday School..... 10:30 am
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 Evening Worship (Winter)..... 11:15 pm
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

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 1-800-287-3388
 Holy Eucharist..... 8:30 am Sunday

United Methodist Churches
 TOM WOODWARD, pastor
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 Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am
 Worship Service..... 11:10 am
 Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 6:30 pm
 United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm
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CAPTAN
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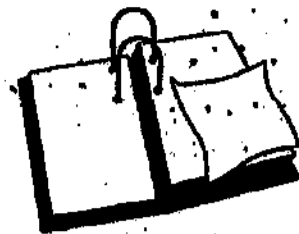
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CAPITAN NOTES

By MAUREEN SULLIVAN

Greetings again from Omaha. I'm still here and so are the dogs and mice. We had some severe weather and I had to go down to the basement for a tornado warning. The mice, dogs and I were safe. I wished a wind would clean up the basement and blow the mice to Kansas! But no such luck.

Katie Maureen was confirmed on Easter eve at the Trinity Cathedral in Omaha. It was a beautiful ceremony. Hard to believe that she is so grown up. She looked very pretty with her

red hair and new white and pink satin dress. All of the girls in her class wore lovely dresses. The boys in their slacks and pressed white shirts and freshly combed hair proudly walked up the aisle beside the girls. The 12 year rite of passage. What a wonderful time in their lives. Filled with so much hope and energy and enthusiasm. Katie had many family friends attend and we were all very proud of her. She loves pretty dresses, volleyball, skating, soccer, drama and art and of course her two dogs and four mice. She wanted

rabbits and a parrot for confirmation but thank God didn't get them.

I remember my own Confirmation more years ago than I would like to admit. Well so far so good, I guess. Attending my granddaughter's Confirmation brought back many memories, some good and wonderful, but some a bit on the sad side. And just a "for instance" my first "Cardinal" Sin only it wasn't associated in any way with the Cardinal. It was the bishop. Bishop Drumm. Peace to his ashes. He is long gone now and they've named a nursing home after him. He had notified Father Moran that he would not confirm any child under 12 years old. I of course was under 12, 10 as I remember. We lived 12 miles from the church and Father Moran hated to have my father drive that far every Saturday for instructions and then back on Sunday for church. So he told my parents he was going to slip me through even though I was only 10. The church was packed. Not even standing room left. His excellency paraded down the aisle to we poor weep ones in the class and began questioning us to see how well we knew our catechism. His first question was what is the 4th commandment? This little boy said Honor thy father and thy mother. He said no I want the 4th commandment. Then another little boy said Thou shalt not commit adultery. There was a titter run through the church. And then he pointed a finger at me and said I want the 4th commandment and I said honor thy father and thy mother. Then he pointed to another girl and she said thou shalt not kill. And then back to me and said I want the 4th commandment this time. And again I said honor thy father and thy

mother. Then he said how old are you?

And I look up imploringly at Father Moran on the altar and he raised two hands for 10 and then 2 fingers for 12 and then put his head down. 12 I said. There was silence. I think the bishop knew I was lying.

Afterwards my mother grabbed me and told me I lied to the bishop. I told her Father Moran told me to. Luckily the O'Days had seen Father Moran do it and told my mother what he had done. The next time I went to Confession to Father Moran I told him I had lied to the bishop. He gave me no penance that day.

All is right in my world now, too. I am getting some rest and have good news about my eye. I do not need cataract surgery. I have an inflammation that will respond to medication. Thank you for all your prayers and positive thoughts for me. My daughter the psychologist is always telling me to be more positive. I think I'm positive enough but she has other thoughts. I told her Senator Claude Pepper's comment about thinking positively about the future: "Heck at my age I don't even buy green bananas." I got her going for a while on that one.

Well, I've rambled on enough here for this week. I'll leave you with a quote from Mark Twain: "God must have realized humans need to be connected with the past, so He gave us memories."

County FFA Students Place At State Contests

The Hondo FFA Floriculture Career Development team placed first at the New Mexico FFA Association State Career Development Events contests held at New Mexico State University (NMSU) in Las Cruces March 24-27.

Members of the Hondo Floriculture team were Bethany Sanchez, Christina Chavez, Jessica Ann Sanchez and Patricia Sanchez. Their coach was Bobbi Omness. Bethany Sanchez and Christina Chavez were the top first and second high individuals in the event. The Floriculture event tested FFA member knowledge and skills in the production and retailing of flowers, plants and foliage. Students had to identify plant materials, complete a test on the floriculture industry, demonstrate problem solving/decision making skills related to the floral industry and work as part of a team.

The Corona FFA Wood Career Development team placed second in the event at the state contest. Members of the team were Courtney Perez, Dal Frost, Drew Bagley and Keith Shafer. Their coach was Travis Lightfoot. Perez was the top placing individual in the Wood Career Development event where students had to analyze and grade wool fleeces then defend their decisions by giving oral reasons to an event official.

The Carrizozo FFA Wood Career Development team placed third in the event. Members of the team were Bob Shafer, Mary Beth Bond, Mollie Hightower and Bryan Hightower and their coach was Herb Borden.

Capitan FFA Horticultural Produce team Kaye Christensen, Amanda Bird, Shaina Shrecongost and Krystal Winfield placed third in the Horticultural Produce event. Their coach was Todd

Proctor. The event tested their knowledge of fruits, nuts, herbs and vegetables by requiring them to place each in six classes and finish a written exam.

Capitan FFA Wildlife team placed third in the state contest. Team members were Justin Armenta, Wesley Armenta, A.J. Richardson and Colten Moore with coach Todd Proctor. Wesley Armenta was third high individual in the event that tested knowledge and ability to identify 75 species of wildlife found in New Mexico.

Capitan Livestock Team of Brit Ventura, Trenna Stephens, Dustin Sultemeier and Dale Cillesen placed fifth in the event. Ventura was second high individual in the event. Their coach was Todd Proctor. Members had to evaluate classes of breeding cattle, market cattle, breeding sheep, market sheep, breeding swine and market swine then defend their placings by giving oral reasons to judges. Students also had to grade five head of slaughter cattle, feeder cattle and market swine.

Capitan Agricultural Mechanics team of Taylor Smith, Dale Cillesen, Justin Armenta and Andrew Gutierrez placed fifth in the event that tested knowledge and skills in agricultural mechanics.

Al Whittaker Wins Drag Race

Al Whittaker of Carrizozo took first place in the modified class at the drag races held at Roswell Dragway April 11. His 1988 Chevie Camaro is powered by a 350 small block chevie engine.

Also competing in the drag races were Walter Hill in the modified class and Doug Whittaker in the pro class, both from Carrizozo.

Capitan Approves Purchase Of Land For Cemetery Expansion

Capitan Cemetery will expand by 2.9 acres thanks to action by the Capitan Village Trustees at their Monday April 12 meeting.

Trustees approved a budget increase resolution to pay property owner Gene Evans for the land with three \$10,000 interest free installments over the next three years. Money to buy the land will come partly from the Cemetery Fund and partly from the General Fund, said village clerk Deborah Cummins. Later in the meeting trustees approved a contract with Evans for the land purchase, contingent to completion of the deed description and other paper work being done by surveyor Tim Collins.

Also at the meeting, trustees accepted the proposal for the millar map project from Dennis Engineering. The project involves production of a set of transparent overlays to the village maps that show where gas, water, phone and electric utilities are located. Funding for the project will come out of the \$25,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awarded to the village in 1998.

The village road department will get some badly needed equipment thanks to approval of the only bid for a motorgrader, roller and water truck submitted by Rust Tractor of Albuquerque. The motorgrader will cost the village \$1,425 a month, the roller/compactor \$1,260 a month, and the water truck \$988 a month. Mayor Norm Renfro told the large group at the meeting that trustees had been looking to upgrade the village road equipment for several months. "Now we can do the roads better than we've been doing," Renfro said.

Once again, the village is advertising for a new police officer. Trustees reluctantly accepted the resignation of

Justin Burks as police officer. Burks wrote in his resignation letter that he had accepted a job as plumber at Holloman Air Force Base because of the higher pay. He wrote he would miss the village and the many friends he had made while working as an officer for the last year. When trustees discussed hiring a new officer they agreed with police chief Carrol Durbin to advertise for a certified officer. Resident Lonnie Lippmann suggested the village raise the salary for police officers in order to keep an officer. Renfro said in the advertisement it will state that salary is dependent on experience.

In other business, trustees: --Authorized village attorney Dave Thompson to serve as the village's legal counsel in any litigation involving Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG).

--Approved the appointment of trustee Leroy Montes as a village representative on the CCNG board, for a three year term.

--Thanked Lincoln County Commissioner Ray Nunley for attending the meeting and to tell the commission thanks for the additional funding for the new public safety building.

--Welcomed new Lincoln County Medical Center administrator Jim Gibson who attended the meeting to get to know the community.

--Met in executive session to discuss pending litigation.

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nephew, Freddy Schmidt here from San Antonio. Freddy was accompanied by his two year old granddaughter and father.

Pam Vickrey from Farmington came Saturday to spend the week with her grandmother, Mrs. Merritt.

Sunday morning Mrs. Allen Sultemeier was reported seriously ill in a Lubbock hospital suffering from asthma and reaction to medication.

Mrs. Tim Kane went to Albuquerque to pick up her grandson Joel Romero. Joel who is 15 flew in from LA to spend the spring break here.

Mrs. Doug McPheters is home after spending the winter on the Maine coast, an area she loves.

Beverly Peterson, Castaic, CA broke an ankle to start her vacation but came on to spend a week with her mother, Mrs. Jackie Davidson

Rev. Hartman, Roswell, will fill the pulpit at the Presbyterian Church here on Sunday morning, April 18.

Congratulations to each student who entered the Corona Elementary Reading Bee 1999. This was the school's first local reading bee.

Grade 1 - 1st place, Wendy Primoro; 2nd place, Ray Romero.

Grade 2 - 1st place, Jamie Dobbs; 2nd place, Josh Gage.

Grade 3 - 1st place, Tysa Davidson; 2nd place, tie between Cindy Burroughs and Jordan Muncy.

Grade 4 - 1st place, J.R. Shafer; 2nd place, Patrick Palomarez.

Grade 5 - 1st place, Maricela Noriega; 2nd place, Chris Dobbs.

Pre-school screening and kindergarten registration will be Thursday, April 22 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the library.

The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders had a field trip Monday to Alamogordo to visit the I-Max where they viewed "Whales" and then toured the Space Museum.

The Community Action Program of Corona held a meeting today, and they are busy finishing up the last room in the museum.

Denise Lightfoot and Scott Martin were united in marriage on April 10 at 8:00 p.m. on the Poverty Plains Ranch, 30 miles north of Roswell.

Haleigh Erramouspe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Erramouspe, baptismal was Sunday at the Corona Presbyterian Church.

We would like to welcome Randy and Kayla Luera and children Troy and Savannah back to Corona.

Irma Bryan recently received the Conservation Award for 1998 from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Flora Leo Bryan who is visiting in Oklahoma is reported doing much better and is anxious to return to New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Gibbs had their grandsons Max and Seth from Albuquerque for the weekend while Kelly and Steve went to San Diego, CA for a book signing on one of Steve's books.

In Corona for the weekend were Richard Lightfoot from Albuquerque, Karen and Wayne Lightfoot from Animas, Beverly Gunn and children from Ft. Sumner, Rusty and Candice Roberts and son from Clovis.

Mrs. L.K. Merritt spent three days last week in Ft. Sumner where she saw her doctor who gave her a good report.

Mrs. Nettie James, from Alamogordo, recently celebrated her 80th birthday in Claunch at the Woman's Club.

Patay and Lee Mulkey went to Gallup to visit Donna and Mickey then came back to Grants and visited with John and Pattie Joe and their new daughter, Gordyn Olin.

Cathy and Byron Yancey went last week to visit Juanita Jund in Alamogordo.

CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

Lincoln County Medical Center COMMUNITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING will meet on Thursday, April 22, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hospital Conference Room.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo have scheduled the following dates to hold budget workshops for the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

LEGAL NOTICE

LINCOLN COUNTY LODGERS TAX COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING APRIL 28, 1999 10:00 A.M.

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 1999, at 10:00 a.m.

MARIE GUEVARA Assistant County Manager Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, April 15, 1999.

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. CV-99-344 THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. JAMES E. GIBSON and SUSAN D. GIBSON, husband and wife, and UNITED MORTGAGE AND INVESTMENT CORPORATION, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 21, 1999, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the east door of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on March 15, 1999, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

Nick Vega, Special Master P.O. Box 248 Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301 (505) 646-2917

Published in the Lincoln County News on March 25 and April 1, 8 and 15, 1999.

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive 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 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 5, 1999, at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

BID NO. 99-09-052 RADIO MAINTENANCE SERVICE CONTRACT

BID NO. 99-09-053 ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE SERVICE CONTRACT

BID NO. 99-09-054 PLUMBING, HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING MAINTENANCE SERVICE CONTRACT

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 Thursday, May 20, 1999.

Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Martha Guevara at 505/646-2855.

All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the bid number(s) shown above.

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.

MARIE GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

Published in the Lincoln County News on April 8 and April 15, 1999.

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

No. CV-99-43 Div. III GERALD L. GRIEF and SANDRA S. GRIEF, Plaintiff, vs. GROUP I HOMER C. SCOTT and RUBY H. SCOTT, husband and wife, as the Original Trustees of the Homer C. Scott and Ruby H. Scott Family Trust.

Established by The Homer C. Scott and Ruby H. Scott Family Trust Agreement, dated November 29, 1990; First Successor Trustee under said Trust Agreement, HAROLD C. SCOTT; Second Successor Trustee under said Trust Agreement, MARJORIE ANN HURLING; HOMER CLINTON SCOTT and RUBY J. SCOTT, his wife, W.W. DAUBS and ANNA M. DAUBS, aka Anna N. Daubs, his wife, their heirs, devisees and assigns.

GROUP II JOHN DOES, 1 through 100, and all of their lawful heirs, devisees and assigns.

GROUP III AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF

Summons and Notice of Pendency of Action THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOW-

ING NAMED DEFENDANTS: HOMER C. SCOTT and RUBY H. SCOTT, HAROLD C. SCOTT, MARJORIE ANN HURLING, HOMER CLINTON SCOTT and RUBY J. SCOTT, W.W. DAUBS, and ANNA M. DAUBS

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that GERALD L. GRIEF and SANDRA S. GRIEF, Plaintiffs, have filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-99-43, wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiffs seek to obtain constructive service upon you.

The general subject of said action is to quiet title to certain real estate which is the subject matter of the above-captioned and numbered cause of action and is described as follows:

Lot 6, Block 9, LOMA GRANDE ACRES, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, March 9, 1970, in Tube No. 364.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before May 28, 1999, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiffs in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiffs Complaint.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiffs are as follows: Alan P. Morel, Alan P. Morel, P.A., P.O. Box 1030, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88365.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this the 2nd day of April, 1999.

(Seal) ALICE BACA BAXTER Court Administrator/District Court Clerk By: Eugenia Vega Deputy

Published in the Lincoln County News on April 15, 22 and 29 and May 6, 1999.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 27, 1999 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico to consider to adopt amendments to Ordinance 91-159 Titled: Town of Carrizozo Personnel Policies and Procedures as follows:

- Chapter III, Section 3. 4(A) Chapter X, Section 10.4 Chapter XI, Section 11.8 Chapter XI, Section 11.6 Chapter XI, Section 11.6

Copies of proposed Amendments to Ordinance 91-159 Town of Carrizozo Personnel Policies and Procedures may be inspected at the office of the Town Clerk during normal business hours, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Carol Schlaerb, OMC/AEE Town Clerk - Treasurer Town of Carrizozo

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SECOND NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION

CARRIZOZO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM TO DETERMINE IF THE CARRIZOZO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE THE DISTRICT'S MILL LEVY ON ALL REAL PROPERTY IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE DISTRICT FOR UP TO ONE DOLLAR PER THOUSAND DOLLARS NET TAXABLE VALUE.

To all owners of land within the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District:

Notice is hereby given that a referendum election will be held between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4th, 1999 to vote on the following proposal:

FOR approval of a resolution of the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District to authorize the supervisors of the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District to continue a mill levy on all real property within the unincorporated areas within the District at a rate of up to one dollar per thousand dollars of net taxable value. This authority shall remain in effect for ten (10) years and may be extended pursuant to Section 73-20-46A NMSA 1978.

AGAINST approval of a resolution of the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District to authorize the supervisors of the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District to establish a mill levy on all real property within the unincorporated areas within the District at a rate of up to one dollar per thousand dollars of net taxable value. The New Mexico Soil and Water Conserva-

tion Commission has approved this referendum. Incorporated areas are NOT included in this levy.

POLLING LOCATION WILL BE THE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE & CARRIZOZO SWCD OFFICE, located at 409 Central Avenue in Carrizozo, NM.

Eligible voters within the District shall obtain and cast their ballots at the polling place on election day; OR

Eligible voters who will be absent on the day of the election may apply by mail in writing to Sus Stearns at P.O. Box 457, Carrizozo 88301, for absentee ballots prior to April 19. Each applicant must return the completed absentee ballot to Sus Stearns not later than 8:00 p.m. May 3rd, 1999.

Information needed to determine voter eligibility such as name, residence, location of acreage of land owned, must be provided as requested; OR

Eligible voters who will be absent on the day of the election may vote in person at Carrizozo SWCD office located at 409 Central Avenue in Carrizozo, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays of the week beginning April 19th and ending on May 8th.

The Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District includes agricultural land of a portion of Lincoln, Socorro and Torrance Counties. Board of Supervisors include: Bill Hightower, Chairman; Bob Carter, Vice-Chairman; Billy Bob Shafer, Secretary/Treasurer; Knellene McDaniel, Member; Gordon Barham, Member; Melvin Johnson, Member; Howard Harkey, Member. Sus Stearns serves as Program Director.

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Detention Officer

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end up in the detention center, often just to escape the winter cold. In the summer, the county has seasonal population to swell the numbers within the detention center. And there are a lot of repeat offenders, or probation offenders.

Because of rulings by the state fire marshal that a maximum of 36 inmates can be held in the detention center, many inmates are transported to OCA in Estancia or to the Otero County Detention Center. Recently commissioners approved construction of a dormitory for work release inmates. Borrego said he hopes to house up to 10 trustees and work release inmates in the dormitory. Inmates are selected for work release by sentencing judges based on individual situations.

Borrego has started some programs to help the inmate population deal with incarceration. One is the inmate re-

quest form that opens a written communication between staff and the inmates. In the form inmates can complain, make suggestions or let off steam. Borrego said he tries to respond to the forms within 24 hours to take care of problems. "Mostly it gives me an idea as an administrator of what the mood is back there (in the cells)," Borrego said. He said there are a lot of complaints, but one of the most common is the lack of sunlight and ventilation in the 35 year old detention center.

Other new programs are the GED and Alcoholics Anonymous programs. Borrego said both are very successful because they give inmates something to do. "Both programs have good attendance, in fact have waiting lists," Borrego said.

Along with dealing with inmates, detention officers have to deal with inmates' families and friends who come to visit. During visiting hours on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, detention officers have to monitor visitors for identification, for contraband and must be courteous while telling them why there are requirements. "We have to stay cool and most of all, professional," the officer said.

One officer with six years experience said the job has a high level of stress. She said most of all the detention center needs more employees. "We need part time officers to fill in for, when someone is sick, on annual leave or has to transport an inmate," she said. "We are always short handed."

Borrego said as the courts and public and the fire marshal expect more from the detention center, this can only be accomplished with more staff. Borrego also thinks the existing staff, especially sergeants (shift supervisors), are grossly underpaid. Currently a detention officer with years of experience makes a salary of up to \$9 an hour after the recent raise. That was the first raise since 1994 and it put the salary levels for Lincoln County Detention Center officers about middle of what detention officers make in surrounding counties.

"A raise would give an incentive to keep officers," the officer said.

As budget time gets nearer for the Lincoln County Commissioners, who are responsible for the Lincoln County Detention Center, detention officers and administrative staff want commissioners to know the difficulty of their jobs. Currently there are 11 full time detention officers who work 10 hour shifts that are rotated, two administrative staff and three sergeants who act as supervisors. Another full time position is currently open.

To bring the needs of the detention officers to the attention of the Lincoln County Commissioners, staff wrote in a letter from them to the commissioners dated February 19. Detention center sergeants and officers are requesting a salary increase of five levels because of the high risk and to bring their salaries to parity with the sheriff's office.

"Detention center staff ask their entire work day in a hostile environment," it wrote. "We are constantly exposed to health and safety hazards. We are subjected to a continuous barrage of inmate insults, lawsuits and assaults. Ours is a very stressful and dangerous profession. Some government entities throughout the United States have recognized this and have granted correctional workers hazardous pay in the form of early retirement. We are aware and are reminded daily that others find our detention center repulsive and enter our doors only as a last resort. We must work here!"

"We are required to be fully trained. As the sheriff's department, we must also maintain a high standard of conduct on and off the job. These standards, and personal scrutiny is not required of other Lincoln County employees."

"With the added burden of the health and environmental problems common to all Detention Centers, our jobs entail much more day to day risk and danger than any other county government positions. New Mexico statutes deem jailers and any employee of a local jail acting within the scope of their duties the same rights and protection under the law as any other law enforcement officer. Shouldn't we receive similar step level requirements (salary levels)?"

The letters from the detention officers and administrative staff refer to an essay entitled "What is a Detention Officer?" written by Jack Daly, a private consultant to the state corrections department. Daly summarizes the four paragraph essay by stating the "Detention Officer is the person expected to do the job with professionalism, integrity, dedication, compassion, intelligence, perseverance, sensitivity, a thick skin, a strong back, a quick and agile mind, a warm heart and an unflinching sense of humor, with little recognition or appreciation for a job well done."

"The public has no idea of what all we do," Borrego concluded.

Short Notes

Stock Car Races Will Try To Begin Again On Friday

Carrizozo stock car drivers Josh Hammond and Keith Greer were disappointed last week when the stock car races at Sertoma Speedway were canceled because of the wind. The races are scheduled to begin Friday, April 16, with races being points races.

Carrizozo Youth Sports Program

A meeting for parents and the community for the Carrizozo Youth Sports program for pee-wee soccer for ages 3-6 will be held Tuesday, April 20 at 6 p.m. at the Carrizozo Rec Center.

Organizational Little League Meeting Set

Anyone and everyone interested in continuing the Carrizozo Little League program for boys and girls ages 8-12 this summer is urged to attend an organizational meeting Monday, April 19 in the First Baptist Fellowship Hall.

Carrizozo Action Team Will Meet Monday, April 19

The Carrizozo Action Team will meet at 9 a.m. Monday, April 19 at the RC&D office, 409 Central in Carrizozo. The public is welcome to attend.

New Phone Books Will Be Delivered

The new U.S. West Dax Alamogordo White and Yellow Pages will be delivered to homes and businesses in this area beginning this week.

Ruidoso Has Water

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2,213,750 gallons of water a day or 2,478 acre feet a day. Estimates are if the population grows to 9,000, water use will be about 2,954 acre feet a day or about 2.6 million gallons a day. If commercial accounts increase to 900 with the same 9,000 residents use could increase to 3.1 million gallons a day, Donaldson said.

Ruidoso has adequate water rights, supply and access to raw water for the future, Donaldson said. "So why do we restrict use? Because of limited storage."

Also the village has limited treatment of raw water. Donaldson said the village must add capacity or storage, but storage is cheaper than treatment. In the summer of year 2000, new water quality standards will affect the village. Donaldson said the Grindstone treatment plant can be adjusted to meet those standards but the old Alto Crest treatment plant will have to be rebuilt. Other reasons that stress the water system are the season disparity of demand and an above average leakage in the ancient delivery system that has about 40 different pressure zones in a terrain that has a 1,400 vertical foot difference between the highest and lowest points in the village.

Donaldson then listed what the village needs to do to improve the water system for the future:

- Fund a 15 to 20 year maintenance and replacement plan for the delivery system.
- Develop backup systems for critical components in the system.
- Add new storage tanks for treated water.
- Look at increasing the size of Alto reservoir or a new lake below Alto lake on the village owned Eagle Creek properties.
- Apply to the state engineer for banking effluent credits on low water times of April through mid-July to use during high river flows during mid-July through September.
- Seek effluent credits on North Fork and Eagle Creek wells.
- Develop additional water rights in North Fork by drilling additional wells and consider deep well exploration to tap into deep underground flows in Eagle Creek.
- Continue to require proper outdoor water use habits for

Ruidoso's specific climate and environment and enforce the water conservation ordinance with special attention during spring months.

Donaldson said he thought the proper outdoor water use habits was the most important element of the water plan. He said the village is now in Phase 1 which does not restrict what day people can water outdoors. However, under the newly passed water conservation plan, outdoor watering is not allowed between the hours of 10 a.m. to five p.m. when evaporation diminished the effectiveness of watering.

"We have the water we need, we just have a system that we need to work on with the help of residents and citizens," Donaldson said.

Councilor Bill Chance said the proposed gross receipt tax has been in place since 1983 and all the village wants is citizens to approve its continuance with funds dedicated to the water system. "This removes the burden (on paying for improvements) from residents and is the most fair method to repair our water system," Chance said. He said the village must replace the existing system and minimize leakage, develop storage and a regular maintenance program. "If we don't do the right things, we will have to come up with the revenue by having to increase water rates," Chance said. "The fairest way to raise the funds is the gross receipt tax on everyone who spends money in Ruidoso."

Councilor Bob Sterchi echoed the sentiments expressed by Donaldson and Chance and he urged everyone to vote yes for both questions on May 18.

Later councilors discussed ways they could inform residents and visitors about the water situation. Suggestions were to include information in the water bills, the quarterly village newsletter and the local newspaper. Village manager Alan Briley said if the water and fire danger situations become extreme he will consider renting a lighted sign such as being used at the highway construction zones to place at the entrances to the village. The sign will flash the current water phase and associated restrictions and fire danger warnings.

Councilor Ron Anderson

again questioned the village's right to restrict domestic water wells unless hydrologists say there is no water left under the ground. He agreed people with wells should not water from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. because of the evaporation.

At a meeting last month, councilors called for an opinion from the state attorney general about the use of domestic wells, but Donaldson said the village cannot request such an opinion, only state representatives or senators can do this. Donaldson suggested the council conduct a workshop to discuss domestic wells and adjudicated water rights. He said he was concerned that municipalities spend millions of dollars in acquiring water rights, when a domestic well is entitled to three acre feet a year just because it was drilled.

Commissioners Meet Today

(Con't. from P. 2)

Standard Operating Plan that would provide coordinated communications operations for Lincoln County during emergencies and when ordinance communications fail or need to be supplemented.

-Information presentation on the military operation: Roving Sands '99.

-Lincoln County Detention Center time line update.

-Proposed management contract for July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2001 with Correctional Systems, Inc.

-Authorization to conduct an election among employees to conduct an election to change the current municipal coverage plan with the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA).

-Authorization to publish and schedule a public hearing on a proposed ordinance relating to fireworks in the county.

-Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) final approval of resolution that adjusted the 1998-99 budget as amended.

-Visitors who did not request to be on the agenda.

-New and other business from commissioners, for discussion only.

-Executive session for limited personnel matters, threatened and/or pending litigation.

Corona Wraps Up FFA Season

Corona wrapped up their judging season two weeks ago when 17 FFA members traveled to Las Cruces to compete in their district contest as well as the state contest. Corona along with the rest of district 7 didn't have a district contest of their own so they used the state contest for their district as well as their state contest. The 17 members were: Anthony Aguirre, Laura Gonzalez, Shaline Lopez, Meghan Romans, Delia Gonzalez, Brandon Biebelle, Rachel Lueras, Keith Shafer, Randy Warren, Elyssa Winchester, Dal Frost, Rankin Frost, Stephanie Lawson, Courtney Perez, Rocky Bagley, Drew Bagley and Sarah Stewart with sponsors Travis and Roe Anne Lightfoot.

Corona did well in district placing first in wool, livestock and poultry, also placing third in horse and homesite and placing third in sweepstakes overall.

On the state level, Corona also did well placing second in wool with Courtney Perez placing first high individual in the state. The wool team being a very young team consisted of Courtney Perez, Drew Bagley, Dal Frost, and Keith Shafer. Another young team, the livestock team consisted of Rankin Frost, Brandon Biebelle, Dal Frost, and Keith Shafer. They placed fourth in the state overall.

Mr. Lightfoot is very proud of all the hard work and effort that the teams showed this year.

Chapter Reporter Rocky Bagley

Corona News

(Con't. from P. 7)

Instructor Mary Smith, Ginger Shafer, and Janice Bonds. This trip was made possible by a donation from the Corona Summer Festival Committee. A special thanks to them.

There will be a special meeting for Wednesday, April 21 for the purpose of discussing plans for the rock building project. On that day a representative of the National Historical Landmark group will be here. They will tour the building and we want to have a pot luck dinner that evening. The community is invited. A representative of the State Historical group among others will also be here. This involves possible funding for the renovation and preservation of the building as well as the actual remodeling of the inside of the building.



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OBITUARIES

MIGUEL GONZALES
Funeral mass for Miguel
Gonzalez, 85, of Hondo was at
St. Jude's Catholic Church in
San Patricio April 10 with the
Rev. Dave Berge officiating.
Burial followed at St. Jude's
Cemetery.

Miguel died April 8 at
Hondo. He was born July 21,
1913 at San Patricio and had
lived in the area all of his life.
He was a retired heavy equip-
ment operator and a member
of St. Jude's Catholic Church.
He married Crescena
Ybarra in 1934 at San Patricio
and she preceded him in
death November 15, 1998.

He is survived by three
sons, Larry Gonzales of
Hondo, Ervin Gonzales of
Tularosa and Mike Gonzales
of Lakewood, CA; four daugh-
ters, Yvonne Gonzales of Las
Vegas, NV, Dorothy Alvarado,
Erma Pantoja and Lorena
Helmyer all of Alamogordo;
brother, Alfred Gonzales of
San Patricio; two sisters,
Juanita Reynolds of
Alamogordo and Lucy
Reynolds of Ruidoso; 23
grandchildren and 15 great
grandchildren. He was preced-
ed in death by daughters,
Nancy Sedillo and Mae Salas,
brother, Eloy Gonzales and
sister, Geneva Silva.

Arrangements were under
the direction of LaGrone Fu-
neral Chapel of Ruidoso.

children, 42 great grandchildren,
and 33 great great grandchil-
dren. He was preceded in
death by sons Billy Randolph,
Frank Randolph and baby son
Kister Randolph and a daugh-
ter, Beatrice Trujillo.

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the direction of LaGrone Fu-
neral Chapel of Ruidoso.

**DORIS MARGARET
BALDINELL**

Memorial service for Doris
Margaret Baldinell, 79, of
Ruidoso Downs was held April
6 at the LaGrone Funeral
Chapel in Ruidoso with Phil
Corbett officiating.

Doris died April 1 at her
home. She was born August
16, 1919 at Beckly, WV. She
married Pat Baldinell April 1,
1947 in Roswell.

She is survived by her hus-
band, Pat; three daughters,
Jane Heiby of Hargeton, VA,
Beth Nosker of Glencoe, and
Carol Tremblay of Alto; two
sons, Richard Baldinell of
Bothell, WA and Robert
Baldinell of Ruidoso; brother
Glen Gilkerson of Loisburg,
WV; and three sisters, Mary
Meeker of Coolidge, AZ, Nell
Anderson and Louise Crouch,
both of Beckley, WV.

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neral Chapel of Ruidoso.

**Movie Premiere Of
The Outfitters At
Sierra Cinema 23rd**

Sierra Cinema proudly
announces the exclusive New
Mexico premiere and showing
of Revere Anselmo's critically
acclaimed *The Outfitters*,
starting April 23. The movie
was filmed entirely in Lincoln
County and starring Danny
Nucci, Dana Delany, Del
Zamora and Sarah Lassez.

Critics at the Sundance
Film Festival raved about the
film. Comments were:

"Revere Anselmo has
written a script filled with
insightful and funny one-lin-
ers which would do Steve
Martin or Billy Crystal
proud..."

"Much as Mel Brooks did in
Blazing Saddles, Revere
Anselmo reinvents the studio
western...to create a film both
amusing and touching...a
delightful new page in the
western genre."

The Outfitters opens April
23 at Sierra Cinema, 721
Mechem in Ruidoso.

**Canyon
CowBelles**

Canyon CowBelles met
March 3 at the home of Gwen
Barela with Gwen and Jan
Bradley as hostesses. There
were 18 members present.

Anna Ferguson reported on
the American Cattlewomen's
Assoc annual meeting in
Charlotte, NM on Feb. 10-12.
She said that most of the
discussions were concerning
state and individual water
rights and private property
rights. Patty Townsend is the
new Region VI president and
New Mexico was runner-up in
most associated members and
most total members.

A new scholarship fund, the
Pat Nowlin Memorial Schol-
arship has been established to
help CowBelles who would
like to further their education.
Canyon voted to donate \$25
each in memory of Ina Hooten
and Mabel Renfro.

Food committee for Ag Day
will be Lisa Shivers providing
hamburgers, Anna Ferguson
providing veggies for toppings,
and everyone else will bring
chips or dessert or both.

Three *Fueled for Flight* kits
have arrived to be distributed
to the scho... two for
Carrizozo and one for Ruidoso.
March birthdays were Gwen
Barela, Beverly Thorp and
Bunty Richardson.
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