

Capitan Concerned For Fort Stanton

by Doris Cherry

Capitan village trustees are concerned about the fate of Fort Stanton.

During their regular meeting February 9, trustees discussed House Joint Resolution 14 to allow the state to sell Fort Stanton, introduced by State Rep. Dub Williams. While they took no specific action about their stance, trustees agreed the state should not put the facility up for sale. Citizens Lonnie Lippmann and Fred Cheney also spoke against the sale of the facility.

Mayor Norm Renfro advised the trustees and the citizens present of a meeting about Fort Stanton to be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, February 24, in the commissioners chambers of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

(Editor's note. House Joint Resolution 14 was tabled by Williams on February 10, before it went to a hearing in the House Judiciary Committee.)

More census takers are needed for Lincoln County. Trustees heard a report from

Gene Roberts, assistant manager of recruiting for the Census 2000. Now the bureau has hired 38 percent of the needed census workers for Lincoln County, which is lagging behind all the other counties in the state, Roberts said.

To recruit more local people to help with the census, especially workers to go to homes of people who do not send in the census forms, Roberts is going to the municipalities in Lincoln County. "We need to hire from 80 to 100 people in Lincoln

County," Roberts said. "We don't have enough now for the non-response follow up. We need people who know the remote, hard to get to areas of the county."

Anyone interested in applying for a census job can call 1-888-325-7733 for information on where the next census testing will be given. Roberts said the next census job tests will be given at 8 p.m. Thursday, February 17, at Hondo Schools, at 10 a.m. Friday, Thursday, February 18, at Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Interested peo-

ple can obtain an application, fill it out and take the test on the same day. Tests will also be given at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 22, at Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center, and at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 23, at the Department of Labor office in Ruidoso. Roberts said a test could be scheduled in a location if enough people need or request it.

Roberts also said in some areas of Lincoln County (especially Corona) calling the 1-888 number will connect to the Albuquerque or Santa Fe

Census bureau offices. If this happens, Roberts said the caller should dial 1-505-541-6900 to connect to the Bureau's Las Cruces office which has information about the census recruiting in Lincoln County.

Census jobs pay an average of about \$10 an hour, plus mileage for travel.

Renfro suggested Roberts talk to the high school to recruit 18 year olds to take the census.

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Meeting To Begin Action On Fort Stanton Feb. 24

A town hall meeting is set at 6 p.m. Thursday, February 24 in the Lincoln County commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo to begin work on a plan for Fort Stanton.

"This is not a love-in for the Fort," said Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart and moderator for the town hall meeting. "This is a meeting to come up with an action plan for the fort."

"We've had enough talk," Stewart added. "We need to get to work because we have less than a year to develop a plan."

The public is invited to attend the meeting, but Stewart suggests they come with their sleeves rolled up and ready to begin working on solutions. The theme of the town hall meeting is to develop the road ahead and create milestones.

Scheduled to speak at the town hall meeting are State Rep. Dub Williams who will present the legislative perspective, New Mexico General Services Department

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Carrizozo Candidates Forum February 29

Candidates for municipal offices in Carrizozo will have an opportunity to present their views at an open forum set to begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 29, at Carrizozo Recreation Center.

Sponsored by Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce, the public is invited to attend and ask questions of the candidates for trustees and municipal judge.

C'ozozo Hosts Girls District Basketball Finals Saturday

The Carrizozo Lady Grizzlies varsity basketball team is first place in regular District 3A play.

With this first placed seeding, the Lady Grizzlies will host the District 3A tournament finals at 6 p.m. Saturday, February 19, in the new gym.

For the District 3A title, Carrizozo will play the winner of the Corona-Hondo game that will be played at 6 p.m. tonight (Thursday, February 17) in Corona. The Corona Lady Cardinals defeated Vaughn, and Hondo Lady Eagles defeated Mountainair at games played on Tuesday.



LINCOLN COUNTY RANCHER Martin Yriart talks with a representative of Wells Fargo Bank during the Ag Fest event held for New Mexico State Legislators in Santa Fe on February 3. Yriart, a wool grower, ranches in eastern Lincoln County. Others from Lincoln County at the Ag Fest event were Lincoln County Commissioner and rancher Rex Wilson, Lincoln resident, former county agent Ralph Dunlap, the owners of Carrizozo Orchard, and others.

Educator Bill MacVeigh To Retire After 28 Years

by Doris Cherry

Educator Bill MacVeigh is retiring at the end of the school year. After 28 years in education, with 25 of those at Capitan Schools, MacVeigh said he is ready to devote his time to his small trophy and engraving business.

Capitan Board of Education at the February 9 meeting, accepted MacVeigh's notice of retirement, just moments after they had approved rehiring him as middle school principal for the 2000-01 school year.

Principals Richard Clevenger for elementary and Darrel Stierwalt for high school will be back next fall. The board approved rehiring the principals and George Holman as special services director. All were evaluated by school superintendent Diana Billingsley and staff.

Proposed School Year 2000-2001 calendar got a first reading. It has school starting for students on August 15 with the first two days being half days. Holidays are Labor Day Monday, September 4, Columbus Day Monday, October 9, Thanksgiving November 22, 23 and 24, Christmas December 18 through January 1, with students returning January 2, 2001. President's Day Monday, February 19, Spring Break March 12-16, Good

Friday April 13 and Easter Sunday Monday, April 16. Last day of class would be May 25 with graduation on May 26.

Billingsley said the calendar must be completed and approved by the board because it must be included with the school budget sent to the State Department of Education in Santa Fe. By law the school district must have 180 days of classroom time. In determining the calendar, Billingsley said they started from the last day of school, sometime before Memorial Day. Because Memorial Day falls early in 2001, it pushed the start up date to earlier in August, Billingsley explained. The start date is after the county fair, she added.

"In-service" days when students do not attend school but staff does, usually for special programs, are not included in the proposed calendar until the 180 days are set, Billingsley said.

The proposed calendar will get a second reading and approval at the March 9 board meeting.

This year, Capitan School District has to submit its 2000-01 budget to the SDE by April 7. To work on the budget, the board approved a special budget work session at 6 p.m. March 23 and a special meeting at 6 p.m.

April 6 to approve the budget.

During the February 9 meeting Billingsley said it will be a challenge to do the 2000-01 budget because the funding will be down. The state funding is based on the enrollment for the 1999-2000 school year which was down more than 60 students from the previous budget year. At the time of the meeting Billingsley said no one was sure how much education

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Friends of Smokey Meeting Canceled

Friends of Smokey, Capitan, has canceled its meeting of February 24 to allow members to attend the town hall meeting on Fort Stanton, scheduled at 6 p.m. in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Biddy Basketball Registration Set For February 22

Sign up for Carrizozo Biddy basketball will be held from 2:30-4 p.m. Tuesday, February 22, at the Carrizozo School multipurpose room.

Children ages three through sixth grade are eligible for the program.

For information call Gwen at 648-1335.

Cogdill Rehired As Instructional Leader

by Doris Cherry

Carrizozo Board of Education at its regular meeting February 15, unanimously approved rehiring Rick Cogdill as instructional leader for the 2000-2001 school year.

Board members Steve Harkey, Lisa Shivers, Gray Gallacher and LeeRoy Zamora also accepted, with regrets, the resignation of superintendent Glenna Goodwin. "We hate to see her go back up the mountain," board president Harkey said. (Goodwin has accepted the superintendent's position at Cloudercroft School District where her home is located.) "I think she has done an excellent job."

Goodwin said the only reason she is leaving Carrizozo District is to go home. "I'm not gone yet," Goodwin said. "We've got lots to do before I go."

One of the things to be done is approval of an Out of District policy. The board

reviewed the proposed out of district policy that designates priority students as those living within the district. Under the Open Enrollment Act of 1996 the school district is mandated to develop out of district policy and priority standards. Goodwin also recommended the board set the maximum student enrollment for Kindergarten at 14 and the maximum enrollment for the first, second and third grade classes at 21. With the proposed policy, the board will have the option of giving exceptions to out of district families with several children enrolled in Carrizozo schools. Copies of the proposed out-of-district policy can be viewed at the superintendent's office during regular working hours.

The board will again review the proposed policy for adoption at its March 9 meeting.

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"PRE-SPRING" FLOWERS. Warm spring-like weather in Carrizozo fooled this forsythia plant into sending out its brilliant yellow blooms. The 'pre-spring' weather is often nicer than the blustery, sometimes cold, conditions of true Spring that begins on March 22.

Capitan Concerned For

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Roberts said in Capitan, the census will be taken by distributing the census forms with self-stamped envelop. If the documents are not returned, Census bureau workers will follow up with a direct home visit.

Village administrator Steve Barela updated trustees about the ongoing negotiations with Taylor Construc-

tion about the problems with the public safety facility project. Capitan attorney has sent Taylor's attorney a notice for Taylor to proceed with remedying the problems, or the village will terminate the contract with Taylor. The village is also working with Taylor's insurance company to resolve the situation.

Work continues on the application for a grant/loan from the Rural Utilities Services (RUS) (former Farm Home Administration) for village water system improvements. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is still lacking but being prepared by the engineers hired for the project. An audit of the village water budget showing revenues and expenses for the last three years was prepared by Ronnie Hemphill CPA and submitted to RUS. Barela said the audit will show the village whether water rates need to be raised to help pay for the 40 year loan.

Trustee Leroy Montes said he did not think the village needs to raise water rates to pay for the project because it will receive more than \$1 million over the next 20 years from Ruidoso for lease of Capitan's share of Eagle Creek water rights, and the settlement of the Eagle Creek water rights.

The meeting ended with the announcement that Capitan Village Hall will be closed on Monday, February 21, for President's Day.



LITTLE SWINGERS. Carrizozo elementary students enjoying the warm summer-like weather this week and have a swinging good time during recess.

Educator B. MacVeigh

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would receive next school year because the state budget was in "limbo" and had not been approved.

"I'm disappointed in the governor," said board president Tom Trost of the governor's veto of the budget pre-

sented by the legislature.

During reports from board members, Gary Tregembo reported on going to Santa Fe to several workshops and his meeting with State Rep. Dub Williams. Tregembo said Williams met with him for more than 30 minutes, "much to the chagrin of 10 or 20 people" waiting to see Williams. He supports education, and is looking at alternatives. There is a suggestion to look at gaming revenues outside of the lottery for the college scholarship fund that provides instate college students tuition money for seven semesters. As for the Capital improvements funding from the state, Tregembo said three school districts have sued

the state for inequities in the capital improvement funding, and others are indicating they will sue over the funding.

NM has until July 28 for a solution, if not a judge will tell the state how to do this.

One of the legislative solutions proposed is to tap into the permanent fund, not just use the interest, Tregembo said. The proposal is to have a question on the ballot to amend the constitution to allow the state to take money from the permanent severance tax fund. Tregembo said while in Santa Fe he talked with legislators both Democrats and Republicans and found them, and the governor to support education.

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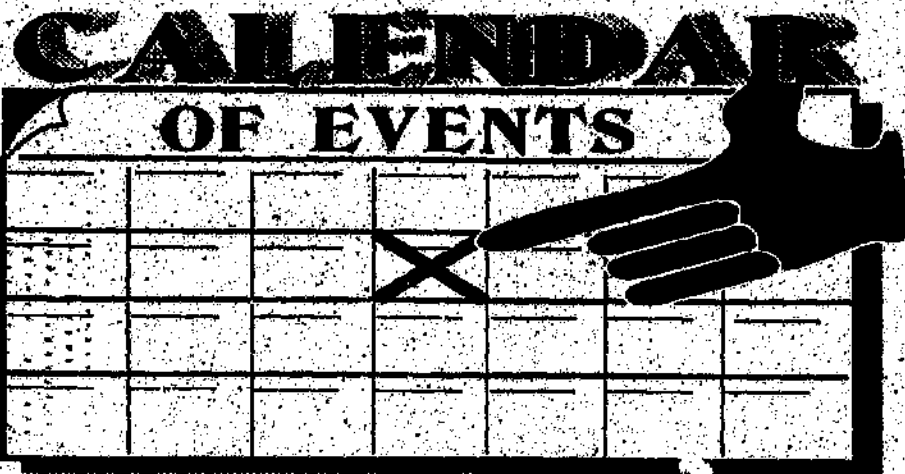
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Cogdill Rehired As

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Carrizozo schools will get a new 2000 model Suburban for next school year. The board accepted the low bid of \$26,802 from Wallace Chevrolet for a two wheel drive three-quarter ton Suburban.

The board accepted a \$200 donation from parent Matt Borowski which will be used to send two Carrizozo Student Council members to the state student council conference.

Goodwin updated the board on changes to the school safety plan. She said after reviewing the plan she decided to have elementary students and administration staff evaluate the campus to the Baptist church, instead of Carrizozo Health Clinic, Middle and high school stu-

dents and staff will evaluate to Carrizozo town hall. Goodwin said Cogdill is planning three drills this spring. One will be an overall evacuation of the campus with emergency response agencies notified of the drill, another is a "shelter in place" drill where students will go to secure locations on campus and the last will be a fire drill.

Goodwin also explained there was confusion about whether the state will conduct the dental sealants program for students. She said Dr. Dale Goad (dentist) advised her the state will do the sealant program at school in March.

Due to a change in the transportation formula, Carrizozo schools will receive \$12,537 less from the state for the bus contracts. The district had \$2,418 in reserves in the transportation budget which will be

used to offset the reduced funding. The \$10,121 reductions were taken from the operation and maintenance portions of the bus contracts, not from bus drivers' salaries. Goodwin said "I met

with the bus contractors individually," Goodwin added. "We took out a percentage on each contract."

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GED Tests To Be Given Feb. 24 At ENMU-Ruidoso

The General Equivalency Diploma (GED) examination will be given to Lincoln County residents at the Eastern New Mexico University, Ruidoso Instruction Center on Friday, February 25, and Friday, March 24.

Tests begin at 8 a.m. both days at the ENMU Ruidoso center at 709 Mechem Drive. Cost of the exam is \$20 payable prior to the testing time. Applicants must be at least 17 years old to be eligible for testing. If under 18, the applicant must obtain an Underage Permission Testing Form from the ENMU office. Applicants are required to have a valid New Mexico ID, social security card and the GED pre-test.

For more information call the ENMU office at 257-2120 or 1-800-934-3868 if outside the Ruidoso/Capitan area.

Meeting To Begin

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deputy secretary Les Swindle who will present state perspectives and expectations, Jane Jenkins from the National Historic Trust perspective, Stephanie Gaine for the NM Heritage Preservation Alliance perspective, Van Shamblin with the Fort Stanton Inc. perspective, Ed Roberson with BLM, Les Simmons and Freddie Kaydahzinni giving the Mescalero perspective, Dr. Jon Hummer professor of history at New Mexico State University, Nick Skogland and Sam Townley caretakers at Fort Stanton, and others.

FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS

—Jalayne Spivey of the District II Office of the State Engineer is at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

TUESDAYS

—Alcoholic Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

WEDNESDAYS

—Moms In Touch prayer meeting, 9 a.m. Ancho. Carpool from Carrizozo. Call 648-2460 for information.
—Alcoholic Anonymous open meeting, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS

—Ruidoso Public Library story time, 2-3 p.m. Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. Thursdays, for children 3-6.

THURSDAYS

—Carrizozo School Library Story Hour 9:30-10:30 a.m. for preschoolers age 3-5.
—Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2635 or 258-3201 for information and location.
—Capitan Chamber of Commerce Bingo, 6:30-10 p.m. Chamber building on Second Street.
—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.

SATURDAYS

—Capitan Public Library open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

TODAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

—Lincoln County Commission, 9 a.m. commission chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo.
—Food commodities to be distributed from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Recipients must present proof of address and income for the previous month. Bring sacks or boxes to carry food.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

—No school district wide in Capitan for President's Day holiday. No school on Monday, Feb. 21, for Capitan or Carrizozo Schools.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

—Sertoma Club of Alamogordo hosts Senator Jeff Bingaman at the club's annual Freedom Banquet. For information call 437-3227, 437-9334, 437-4880 or 434-9094.

PRESIDENT'S DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

—Capitan Village Hall closed for President's Day holiday. Capitan and Carrizozo Schools closed.
—Hondo and Corona Schools open. Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo Town Hall and Ruidoso Village Hall also open.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

—Non-partisan lecture/seminar "Your rights, know and protect them or lose them", 11 a.m. Tinnie Silver Dollar restaurant. RSVP by Feb. 18 to 257-9351 or 653-4379.
—Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority board 2 p.m. LOSWA offices Ruidoso Downs.
—Carrizozo Town Trustees 6 p.m. town hall. Business includes consideration of petition to abandon and vacate portions of First Ave. and Rock Island street.
—Capitan Village Trustees 7 p.m. village hall, if business warrants meeting.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

—Scholastic Bookfair begins at Carrizozo School.
—Carrizozo FCE 1 p.m. Otero County Electric Cooperative office. 10 commandments of good listening presented by member Virginia Burd. Hostess Angie Provine.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

—Friends of Smokey meeting cancelled.
—Town Hall meeting for Fort Stanton, 6 p.m. Lincoln County Commissioners room in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

—No class at Carrizozo School for in-service day.
—Free Youth Night lock-in, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Feb. 26, Ruidoso Senior Center (old library building).

New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Perkins, Clovis, are the parents of a daughter, five pound, five ounce Mackenzie Lea. The baby has a brother, 19 month old Zachary. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Pete Harrison, Clovis. Paternal grandparent is Rand Perkins and great grandparents, Geraldine Perkins, Corona and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thomas, Mountainair. Note: Mackenzie was born February 11 on her great-great grandmother DuBois' birthday.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Fort meeting next Thursday

By Ruth Hammond

Many people have been working to try to help save Fort Stanton from being sold to the highest bidder and possibly being used as a private club for the rich or some other plan that would remove Fort Stanton from public access. Now you will have a chance to do your part. Next Thursday, February 24 at 6 p.m. a Town Hall Meeting will be held in the Lincoln County Courthouse, commission chambers, for people to discuss possible uses for Fort Stanton and to start working toward that goal. We hope to see you there.

Even though the resolution to sell Fort Stanton was tabled this legislative session, it is important for people to work to find a good use for Fort Stanton. Five years ago the state tried to find someone to rent the Fort. At that time ads were placed in national magazines at a cost of more than \$155,000. Can you imagine a better use for \$155,000 of your tax money? During that advertising campaign the governor and others wore t-shirts that belittled people with disabilities. Supposedly it was a "big joke" to get attention.

Eventually a proper use will be found for Fort Stanton. It could be a national historic site that would be the perfect destination for tourists. Another possibility is that it could be an extended care facility for veterans. Congress enacted Public Law 106-117 Nov. 30, 1999 that mandates facilities be established to provide long term care, and/or assisted living, treatment and counseling, and emergency treatment for veterans. A few veterans have said that Fort Stanton would be the perfect place for a veteran's facility.

There are other options. Fort Stanton could be a living museum, recreation and conference center providing year round recreation. Tourists could have the opportunity to visit an authentic pre-Civil War fort. Residents of Lincoln County would have something to brag about because Fort Stanton is the best preserved intact historic pre-Civil War Fort in the United States. The 1,326 acre Fort Stanton property is surrounded by BLM land, and this would help make it an ideal National Monument and/or Historic site.

It will take work to preserve Fort Stanton. One meeting won't do it, but the Town Hall Meeting next Thursday could start the process and get people to agree that Fort Stanton is worth saving. The Town Hall Meeting next Thursday will give everyone an opportunity to voice their opinion as to the best use for Fort Stanton. If you have a preference as to which option is the best for Fort Stanton, please attend the meeting and share your thoughts and ideas with others.

Not everyone will agree, but that is what a work session is for, to cuss and discuss the situation and hopefully find a solution that will please the majority of the people. Fort Stanton is in Lincoln County, south of US Hwy 40, and it is time for local people to boast about our historic treasure and tell people that there is life in southern New Mexico.

Grand, flowery speeches won't be necessary at the Town Hall Meeting next Thursday. We all know that Fort Stanton is one of the most beautiful places in the world. Now we need to work together to put Fort Stanton in the national spotlight and give it the publicity it deserves. It is time we let other people know about our lovely treasure.

Mark your calendar now

Lincoln County Tourism Council Begins 9th Year

Lincoln County Tourism Council is beginning its ninth year of promoting and developing tourism in Lincoln County with a public meeting in Carrizozo on February 24.

The meeting starts at 11 a.m. Thursday, February 24, at the Otero County Electric Cooperative office in Carrizozo. The group is scheduled to review the status of its 1999 grant projects, including the "Arts in the Orchard" event held last fall. The council also will begin work on grant applications for year 2000. REDTT (Rural Economic Development Through Tourism) program awards up to \$3,500 annually to each county tourism council for specific programs or projects.

Since 1993, Lincoln County has received \$16,517 in REDTT grants. The funds have paid for the Arts in the Orchard event, the Lincoln County Tourism Expo, tourist related signs, brochures and maps, and for familiarization tours and employee hospitality training.

Business owners and anyone involved in tourism are invited to attend the council meeting.

The tourism council is a

joint project of the Cooperative Extension Service (CES) and The REDTT project of New Mexico State University. The council's goal is to strengthen tourism as part of the local economy by identifying tourism opportunities and resources, market and promote them, and provide training and support needed for local tourism.

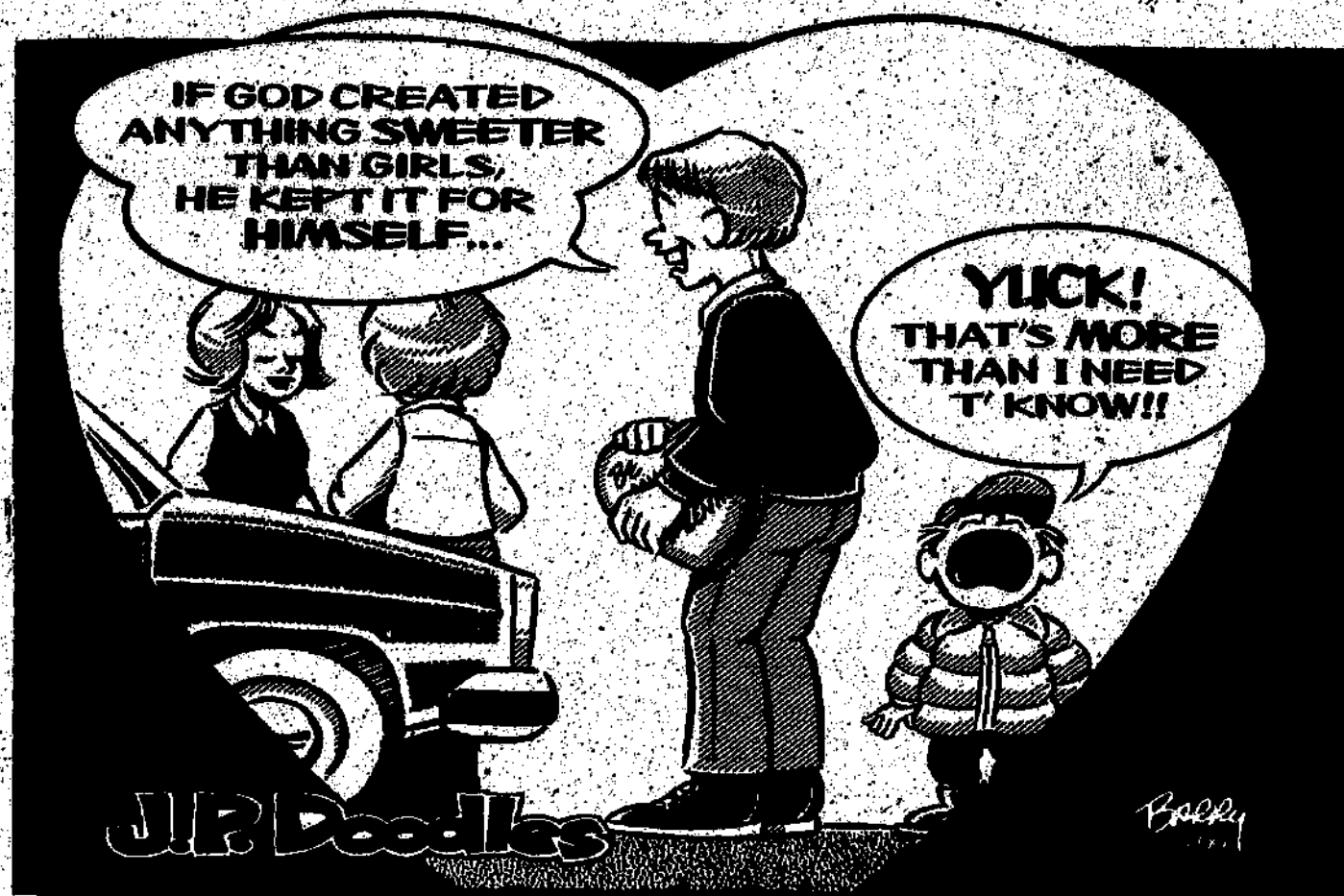
REDTT works with chambers of commerce, business and tourism leaders, elected officials and involved citizens in 10 counties in southern New Mexico.

For more information call Betty McCright, Lincoln County CES program director at 505-648-2311, or Norman Todd REDTT director at 505-623-5083.

Friends Of Ruidoso Library Annual Meeting March 6

Friends of Ruidoso Library will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, March 6 at the library.

Guest speaker will be Nelda Lewis on the book *Oh Ye Jigs & Juleps* by Virginia Cary Hudson, "...an adult's guide to the child's world of 1804."



INSIDE THE CAPITOL

SANTA FE - Do you believe in life after death? How about life before birth? Watching the conference committee process of the New Mexico Legislature will make you believers in both - and no telling what else.

Conference committees are those mysterious meetings between a few members of each house that take place behind closed doors at the end of legislative sessions. These groups are appointed by the speaker of the House and the president pro tem of the Senate to work out differences between bills that have passed the two chambers in different forms.

The Big General Appropriations Act is always the subject of a conference committee, and that is where much of the strangeness appears. These committees are usually composed of two members of the majority party and one member of the minority from each house. Under the current legislative configuration, most of the compromises take place between the Democrats in the House and Senate. The Republican members don't have much effect - or get as many goodies.

Negotiations over a \$3.4 billion budget are understandably complex. Members of the committee like to have the maximum amount of flexibility for their creative minds to work with. But sometimes that creativity involves resurrecting bills that have been killed or items that have been omitted from the budget bill as it passed each house. And sometimes appropriations that never have even been proposed or debated find their way into the committee's report.

Legislative leaders have always insisted that these closed bargaining sessions are the most efficient way to facilitate the wheeling and dealing necessary to put a final appropriation package together, especially in the short time allotted New Mexico lawmakers.

And they are right. The open bargaining sessions that the media and various good government groups seek would take much longer, mostly because of the posturing all sides would feel necessary to explain their positions and to garner maximum publicity. But efficiency is not what Government policymaking is all about. Dictatorships are the ultimate in efficiency. What we're looking for is fairness.

We in the media know it would be fascinating to see inside those conference committees. Senate Majority Leader Tim Jennings of Roswell calls the process "fine tuning." But Senate Public

Affairs Committee Chairman Shannon Robinson of Albuquerque, who bottled up a bill to open these committee meetings, says there are some things people wouldn't want to see - such as how either laws or sausage are made.

For the last two years, it has been up to the Senate to kill Republican-sponsored legislation to open conference committees. This year the House passed the measure unanimously. It also is up to the majority party to kill such legislation. Because it is to that party's benefit to have the doors closed so no one sees the brow beating the minority takes.

But Republicans really don't want those meetings opened because if they gain the majority, they will have many scores to settle with Democrats who have beaten them down for decades. Republicans got the upper hand briefly in the mid-1980s and used their superior numbers to full effect.

Democrat leaders say the closed confabs allow negotiators to go about their business without special-interest lobbyists breathing down their necks.

Only 111 states have open conference meetings. Most are bigger states that have longer sessions.

But New Mexico lawmakers should strive for maximum openness because secrecy breeds suspicion and loss of confidence in government. A good step has been taken with the release of information on the Legislature's Web site. Anyone with access to a computer and modem can read all bills and their amendments, view committee reports listing the final vote on bills, see an analysis of money bills and read veto messages.

After this session, all Senate committee votes will be posted. The big disclosure still lacking is roll call votes on floor action.

Extensive Hearings Held On Nominees For State Office

REPORT FROM SEN. PETE CAMPOS

SANTA FE - The Senate Rules Committee conducted extensive hearings on dozens of nominees for state offices during the 30-day legislative session and the full Senate eventually confirmed most of those, said Senator Pete Campos, D-Las Vegas, the co-chairman of the committee.

"The confirmation process of appointees to their positions, whether they be appointed by the governor or, as in some cases, by the state land commissioner, is crucial if we as a society are to maintain the checks and balances, among our three branches of government," Campos said. "As the people's representatives, the Senate's role in consenting to certain appointments is the people's way of making their voices heard."

The Senate Rules Committee, under the leadership of Campos and co-chair Senator Gloria Howes, D-Gallup, has developed a process of reviewing appointees' backgrounds, inquiring about their views or policies that are related

to the position for which they are being considered and then deliberating on what recommendation the committee should make to the full Senate, Campos said.

"It is not easy for the Senate to fulfill this responsibility during the course of a 30-day session, while we are pressed with issues such as drafting a budget for the upcoming fiscal year," Campos said.

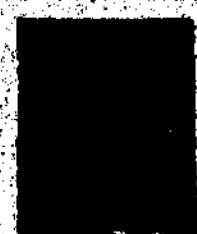
"But it is a necessary and critical function that is taken very seriously by members of the Senate Rules Committee and all members of the Senate."

Campos noted that a total of 84 nominations for state offices, boards and commissions was submitted to the Senate Rules Committee for consideration during the session. Of those, nearly 70 were expected to be confirmed by the end of this week when the session adjourns, Campos said.

"In the vast majority of cases, nominees who were not actually heard by the Senate will be able to continue to serve under the recess appointed process," Campos said.

"I want to thank the members of the Senate Rules Committee for diligently working through this important process," he said.

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April 11 Begins Capitan Schools Blue Ribbon Week Against Violence

During the week of April 11, Capitan Elementary Mediators will lead the Blue Ribbon Week Against Violence.

Capitan Board of Education members Tom Trost, Grant Dean and Gary Tregembo (board members Ervin Aldaz and James Hobbs were absent) approved a request from elementary mediators Kallie Griffin, Nikki Stevens, Paige Jones, Mike Wilson, Jayna Johns and Jarrett Lovelace to conduct the Blue Ribbon Week Against Violence campaign. Each student presented an activity for

each day, such as "shade out the violence" day when students can wear sunglasses all day.

The high school student senate, FFA and Lifeguards (a student support group) are planning to present a drug, alcohol and tobacco awareness program to the elementary and middle school students, student senate president Holly Schiarb and member Crystal Roybal reported to the school board.

Capitan Music Boosters will soon be selling engraved bricks to raise funds for music programs, and to leave a memory of supporters. The board approved the request from the Capitan Music Boosters to have the fund raiser, and accepted the concept of a millennium wall or walkway constructed of the engraved bricks. Booster president Neva Smith introduced band president Micky Summerville and vice president Autumn Geib to the board. They presented the request along with information about the fund raiser. The bricks will sell for \$30 each with engraving. Of that the band receives \$10.

Trost said he thought it was a great idea, but wanted to know where the fund raiser had been done. A band parent at an elementary in San Antonio in the Sandia mountains had built a gym with proceeds from a similar brick sale.

The company that sells the bricks will provide instructions on how to display the bricks. Boosters propose to provide the labor from parents and volunteers.

Elementary teacher Tiffany Menix was honored for being named Ag Educator of the Year by the New Mexico Farm Bureau.

The board also approved a resolution that accepts the canvass of the February 2 Public School Capital Improvements Tax, or two mill levy. The results were 150 for and 141 against continuing the two mill property tax for school facilities improvements.

A \$10,000 payment on two new busses will be going to the transportation contractor Frank Silva. The board approved changes in the 1999-2000 Fleet Service Contract terms to reflect the payment and a decrease of \$519 because ridership is down this year. The school receives transportation funding from the state.

Regular route school bus drivers, substitute and activity bus drivers were approved. Bus 1 is driven by Cindy Foglesong and covers the Capitan subdivisions, Laura Christensen drives Bus 2 to Lincoln, Tom Turner Bus 3 to Fort Stanton, Debbie Anderson Bus 4 to Ruidoso, Micki Martin Bus 5 to Angus, Carole Trapp Bus 6 to Indian Divide, Janet Tate Bus 7 to Ward subdivision, Tammy Sultemeier Bus 8 to Loma Grande and Crystal Eldridge Bus 9 to Encino North. Subactivity drivers are Dianne Shrecengost, Ed Vinson, Allen Sultemeier, James McDaniel, Margaret Woodard, John Foglesong, Roxanne Eshom and Rudy Ashby.

County Students Named To Texas Tech Honors Lists

Texas Tech University in Lubbock has announced students who were named to honors lists for Fall 1999. Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work, students on the Dean's List earned a 3.5 to

3.9 grade point average.

From Capitan, Meaghan L. Vinson was named to the President's List, from Carrizozo, Julie Ann Barham was named to the Dean's List, and Keri M. Shafer was named to the President's List.

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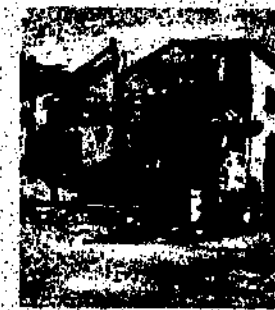


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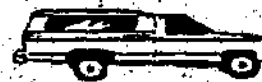
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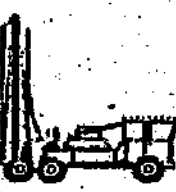
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Proposed Capitan School Drug Policy Presented To Board

by Doris Cherry

The product of a task force charged with drafting a drug policy for Capitan schools was presented for a first reading by the Capitan School Board members at their meeting February 10.

High school principal Darrel Stierwalt who worked with the task force, said the group felt good about the draft policy because it has flexibility to benefit a student who needs it. Stierwalt said the policy is based on prevention, education, detection and rehabilitation. "These are young people who make mistakes," Stierwalt told board members Tom Trost, Grant Dean and Gary Trengembo. "As educators it is our job to pick them up and get them back on the path."

The draft policy includes two pages of written goals, legal statements, and the intent of the drug policy program, and a "flow chart" that summarizes the program. The intent of the policy is to train educators to identify students at risk or abusing drugs, alcohol and tobacco, then educate students and offer remedies to prevent and stop the use of drugs and alcohol. Under the proposed policy, students will be tested for drugs only if teachers or administrators have "reasonable suspicion."

Stierwalt said the key to the program is training.

During review of the flow chart in the proposed policy, Trost said he had mixed feelings about the notification of the parent/guardian and building administrator when a student self-refers for an intervention/education program. Stierwalt said the group struggled with that also, but decided it would be negligent and create a legal liability if the parents/guardians were not notified. Trost was concerned students would not be as open if parents knew. Stierwalt said the hope is to get the student and parents to assist with the program in a positive manner. "Legally as an educator/administrator we must tell parents," Stierwalt added.

A task force committee member Karen Haughness said the intent is for school administration to speak with the student first, then with parents separately, then reunite the family on a positive ground. She said as school counselor she can counsel students without parental permission.

Considerable time was spent discussing the "reasonable suspicion" element of the proposed policy. "We had a real hard time with this," Stierwalt said. "When this was first proposed, my position was to hang them high if they use drugs." Stierwalt said the committee however had the attitude that once a problem is identified the school needs to assist. Again Stierwalt said reasonable suspicion will require training on what to look for, then how to refer a student according to the flow chart.

Training is at the top of the flow chart. This training will be given to administration and staff for policy, procedure and awareness. Parents and guardians and students will also get training on the policy and drug awareness. Outside agencies such as the police departments, judges and juvenile probation office, will also be notified of the policy, if adopted. From this line, the chart flows down from the student.

Students have two options—they can self refer or they can be called into the intervention/education program. If they self-refer they will enter into the program with hopes of

exiting successfully. If not successful, the student will reenter the intervention program.

Under the reasonable suspicion, a student's parents/guardians will be notified. Then the student has the option of entering the education/intervention program cooperatively. If the student refuses, the student will be tested for drugs, and possibly searched. If a student tests positive, the intervention/education program is mandatory and could result in a possible in school or out of school suspension or expulsion.

If a student tests negative for drug use, the issue will be dropped and the student will not be required to enter the intervention/education program.

Stierwalt said a major question has been who will pay for a drug test. He said with the proposed policy the cost for the \$30 a test will not be a deterrent to the program.

"We hope to provide education to keep students from abusing and using substances," Stierwalt said. "We need to involve parents, and agencies to help turn the student around, rather than expel the student."

A parent at the meeting said he hoped the policy will address steroid use. Another asked where the money will come from to pay for drug tests. Stierwalt said some football players are paying to have their own tests now. He also suggested using the profits from the high school soda machine, or from bake sales to pay for the testing. Stierwalt also said there is some money from the federal drug free school funding, but that was used to pay for the drug dog to come into the school. However, the dog recently died, so the district is looking for another drug dog.

Another parent asked if teachers and staff will be allowed to have tobacco products on campus, even if it is in a purse. Stierwalt said teachers and staff are not supposed to have tobacco on campus. "One of our biggest problems is the adults," Stierwalt said. "They need to know when they attend ball games they have to leave campus to smoke." Stierwalt acknowledged the strict policy could cause major problems with staff, "if they abide by it as well as the students."

In response to a question of who will train staff about identifying drug use, Stierwalt said school psychologist Dr. Robert Winters will train, then assist and work with families. Haughness said there are lots of resources for written training materials. Stierwalt also said he contacted Ruidoso police to utilize their officer who can do training to identify use of methamphetamines, marijuana, barbiturates, heroine, cocaine and crack.

"The first thing is training for staff and parents once the policy is put in place," Stierwalt said.

The proposed policy was drafted with the volunteer help of an attorney. The policy has been referred to the school district attorneys at Simon Cuddy law firm for further legal review. The board will hold the second reading of the proposed policy at its March 9 meeting.

Proposed Drug Policy For Capitan Schools

"The Capitan Schools will use their educational resources and skills to teach students the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco, and institute a policy of responding to the needs of their students, particularly those students who are at risk of substance abuse."

"The policy will encourage

students to confide in their teachers and discuss with their teachers problem they have with drugs, alcohol and tobacco, in a confidential manner designed to not only educate the student but to assist the student in employing methods to prevent the use and abuse of drugs, alcohol and tobacco and rehabilitate the student if they are using drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

"The Capitan Schools will enforce all federal and state laws regarding controlled substances, alcohol and tobacco. Should any student violate those laws, the violation will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency. If a student is found by the appropriate court to be violating those laws, Capitan Schools, in cooperation and in conjunction with the court, may impose any additional restrictions, rehabilitation and requirements. The Capitan Schools will comply and cooperate with any court ordered judgement."

"The Capitan Schools does not allow drugs, alcohol and tobacco on its campus nor use thereof by its students. The Capitan Schools will comply within the rights and limits of federal and state laws and with due regard for the student. The Capitan Schools will conduct searches of students and students' effects while on campus to find violations of the law."

"The Capitan Schools will establish a program of education and prevention of the use and abuse of controlled substances, alcohol and tobacco. The Capitan Schools will institute a training program in which its educators and administrators will be taught to recognize students who are at risk and/or students who are abusing drugs, alcohol and tobacco."

"If a Capitan educator has a reasonable suspicion of a student using and abusing drugs, alcohol and tobacco, the educator may contact the student in a respectful, dignified and confidential manner and offer assistance to the student. The student may confide in the educator without being subject to discipline and enter into a cooperative program to assist the student in understanding the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco. A program of rehabilitation will be developed so the student may discontinue the use and abuse of such substances. Should the student cooperate in such a program, there shall be no disciplinary action taken against the student and in every way possible the problem and program shall remain confidential."

"Should a student refuse to cooperate and/or assist in such a program, an educator who with reasonable suspicion to believe the student is using drugs, alcohol and tobacco may insist the student undergo a urinalysis test to determine if he/she is using or abusing drugs and alcohol. The student must take the test. If the student refuses to take such a test, the administration at Capitan Schools may discipline the student by suspension or other appropriate penalties. The student shall first be asked to voluntarily submit to such an examination. If the student refuses, with reasonable suspicion the student may be required to undergo such an examination. Should it be found the student is using drugs, alcohol and tobacco, the student will first be offered the opportunity to enter into the program designed to stop the use of

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drugs and alcohol. Should the student cooperate in that program no disciplinary action will be taken against the student. Should the student refuse to cooperate in a program of rehabilitation, Capitan Schools will direct the student to enter into the program or otherwise be subject to disciplinary measures including suspension at the discretion of the administration of Capitan Schools. Should the student refuse to enter into such a program and/or fail to comply with the program and continue the use of drugs and alcohol, such action by the student will not be tolerated. The student shall be subject to disciplinary action by the administration of Capitan Schools including permanent expulsion.

It is the intent of this policy of the Capitan Schools

to first train its educators and then to educate its students and offer to its students in a confidential fashion a remedy to prevent and to stop the use of drugs and alcohol. It is further the purpose of this policy to provide for the health and safety of all students, to improve the school learning environment by eliminating destructive behaviors of students under the influence of drugs, mood altering substances or alcohol, and to encourage students who use drugs to participate in a drug treatment program. It is designed to create a safe, drug-free environment in which students can ultimately learn and assist them in getting help when needed.

Copies of the flow chart for the proposed policy are available from the office of school superintendent Diana Billingsley at 354-2239.

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OF HEALTH

Alzheimer's Disease: What You Should Know

(NAPS)—The more you know about Alzheimer's disease, the easier it is to deal with it. Alzheimer's is a progressive, degenerative disease of the brain that affects 4 million Americans and has an impact on their 19 million family members.

According to a recent survey by the Alzheimer's Association, Americans often confuse warning signs of Alzheimer's disease with normal memory loss due to aging and fail to recognize other difficulties as key warning signs of the disease. Because relatives can often miss these signs in a loved one and fail to act, crucial treatment, other therapies and planning are delayed.

In the survey, one half of Americans (49 percent) incorrectly believe that normal forgetfulness, such as failing to remember where one left the house keys or parked the car, on its own is symptomatic of Alzheimer's disease. And one-third (33 percent) of respondents failed to recognize that other thinking difficulties—such as forgetting simple words or using inappropriate ones, or being unable to recognize numbers—are in fact among the warning signs of this debilitating brain disease.

This lack of understanding of the warning signs of Alzheimer's can lead to tragic delays of diagnosis and treatment—tragic because today's treatments are most effective when started early.

Early recognition and diagnosis of Alzheimer's offers people the greatest opportunity to benefit from medical and behavioral intervention. Medical treatments have been shown to help sustain cognitive functioning (thinking and reasoning) and maintain a person's quality of life. The sooner someone with Alzheimer's begins treatment, the more likely it will be that they will benefit.

Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

1. Memory loss that affects job skills
2. Difficulty in performing familiar tasks
3. Problems with language
4. Disorientation to time and place
5. Poor or decreased judgment
6. Problems with abstract thinking
7. Misplacing things
8. Changes in mood or behavior
9. Changes in personality
10. Loss of initiative.

Source: Alzheimer's Association

Education Campaign
Because of the confusion among Americans about the warning signs of Alzheimer's, the Alzheimer's Association has launched a nationwide educational campaign designed to educate family members, health care professionals and caregivers to recognize warning signs of Alzheimer's disease, seek early diagnosis for a loved one and take action. Eisai Inc. and Pfizer Inc. provided an unrestricted grant to the Alzheimer's Association to support this survey and the resulting educational outreach. Currently, there are two drugs available for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease, donepezil (ARICEPT) and tacrine (COGNEX). Several new medications will be available in the near future.

To learn more or to get a copy of the brochure "Is It Alzheimer's? Warning Signs You Should Know," please contact the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 272-3900 or visit www.alz.org.

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Corona Presbyterian Church: Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study & Youth Fellowship..... Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle
ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor
209 Lincoln Ave. Capitan, NM 354-2925
Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Sunday Evening..... 6:00 pm

First Baptist Church
HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
314 10th Ave. Carrizozo, NM 648-2888 (church) or 648-2107
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Worship Services..... 10:55 am
Sun. Evening..... Training at 8:15 pm
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)
JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186
Children's Church..... 10:30 am
Worship Service..... 10:30 am
Wed. Bible Study..... 7:30 pm

Santa Rita Catholic Community
FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853
SATURDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 6:00 pm
C'zoza Santa Rita..... 6:00 pm
SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:30 am
C'zoza Santa Rita..... 10:30 am
Corona St. Theresa..... 1:00 pm

Church of Christ
PERRY ZUMWALT, minister
Ave. C at 32th, Carrizozo, NM
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:00 am
Evening Worship..... 7:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

St. Matthias Episcopal Church
REV. CANON JOHN PENN, rector
Corner of E. Ave. & 81st, Carrizozo, NM 1-505-297-2358
Holy Eucharist..... 9:30 am Sunday

The Word of Life Church
REV. CHUCK FULLTON, pastor / 648-2338
711 E Ave. Carrizozo, NM
Affiliated w/ the Evangelistic Assembly Church
Sunday..... 7:00 p.m.

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

United Methodist Churches
TOM WOODWARD, pastor
1000 D. Ave., 648-2883/648-2846
Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am
Worship Services..... 11:10 am
Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 6:30 am
United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 pm
CAPITAN
Adult Sunday School..... 8:30 am
Worship Service..... 9:15 am
Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 am
Fellowship Time..... 10:15 am
Adult Sunday School..... 11:00 am
Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 7:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday
Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group) 1st and 3rd Tuesday..... 9:30 a.m.

Christ Community Fellowship
ED VINSON, pastor (Inter-denominational)
514 Smokey Bear Blvd. Capitan
Preparation Prayer..... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ
LESLIE EARWOOD, minister
5th & Lincoln / 336-4827
Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church
Phone 354-2044
Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
AWANA Wednesday..... 6:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Corona
GAL WEST, pastor / 849-7975
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner..... First Sunday of Month

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A GLIMPSE OF THE MINING HISTORY OF THE SOUTHWEST

The following information is taken from the 'International Industrial Record', a mining publication (Devoted to the General MINING and Industrial Interests of the Great Southwest), which is printed on the front page of the 80 page booklet, and was published in El Paso, TX on July of 1901. The Lincoln County News will publish the entire booklet in the following weeks depending on space available. The publication is filled with in-depth history of the mining industry in and around Lincoln County and New Mexico. We hope you enjoy it.

The Great Southwest.

The Mining Resources of the Vast Mining Region Surrounding El Paso.

Northern Mexico, New Mexico, Arizona and Texas.

PART 1

MEXICO

Mexico, under the wise, broad and liberal administrative policy of President Porfirio Diaz, ably assisted by his worthy appointees, has made greater advancement in material, social

and moral progress than under all former rulers, and today that great republic occupies an enviable position among nations, and enjoys the distinction of being the second great republic on earth. Not only is she great in the name which her wise counselors have made for her, but she is also great in her almost limitless resources — in her vast mining regions, her broad extent of grazing lands her agriculture, viticulture, horticulture, her manufactures, and various other industries, in which she is making such rapid and admirable strides.

Mexico yields the palm to no other country in the riches of her natural and acquired resources and industries. She is mighty in her strength in this respect, and her people are fast coming to a realization of this fact. Her people are becoming richer, her trade is increasing, her importance as a business nation, intensifying. The business men of the United States, particularly those of the manufacturing interests, are familiar with this truth, and are straining

every nerve to acquire footholds in that country. They are sending their traveling representatives into Mexico, opening branch houses, establishing agencies, and endeavoring in every way to become thoroughly identified with the business interests and business men of that country. Many of them are succeeding in this in a most satisfactory manner, for the Mexican people are ever ready to extend a welcome to the honorable business man of any country, and to affiliate with him the same as with their own people. A friendship once made is seldom broken by them. They are firm and staunch in their support of a friend, and will go to great lengths to render a favor. But beware of their misplaced confidence. Once assured of a man's unworthiness, henceforth he is completely ostracized in every manner.

Mexico's Resources

The following has been translated from El Progresista, a Mexican journal, for use in this edition of the Record:

Mexico is one of the richest countries in the world in natural resources. Nothing is lacking but the hand of intelligent man to make it the richest and most productive country on the globe. In mining, yet in its infancy, notwithstanding it is the first of her elements of present production, she can, by exploiting it, produce more than any other country in the world, for, without exaggeration, it can be asserted that the territory of Mexico is one immense deposit of minerals. In fact, in the greater portion of the states of Mexico, the principal source of wealth is mining.

In her natural agricultural products, Mexico also figures as one of the richest countries in the world. She has the products of tropical countries as well as those of countries outside of the tropics. This is because Mexico has a large part of her territory situated at great altitudes. As a result of the cold produced by the altitude, the agricultural products of the coldest countries are obtained within the torrid zone. And as if this was not enough, in the states of Oaxaca, Guer-



President Porfirio Diaz

rero, Veracruz, etc., etc., the products of the tropics and the cold countries are produced in the same places. The ceiba, the lemon, the banana, grow side by side with the pine and the peach.

As to fauna, it is also the richest country on earth, for without metaphor, it can be asserted that all the animals in the world thrive, develop and live in Mexico.

Among the richest states of Mexico is Sonora. We are going to discuss it, so that, when its great natural resources and the facilities for exploiting and developing them are known, capital and progressive men of business may invest their money in a state which will bring them returns in whatever enterprise they undertake.

In mining, Sonora is the richest state in Mexico. All its territory may be said to be a gold bearing stratum. There is not a district (counties are so called in Sonora) in the state in which there are not gold placers in exploitation, on a large or small scale, but which demonstrate that there is gold everywhere in the state.

In fact, the district of Altar alone produces about \$720,000 in gold annually. This calculation is based on the fact that there are

about 2,000 men employed in the exploitation of the different placers in the district, and merely computing \$1 as average product of each man, which undoubtedly is greater, but which we wish to put low intentionally.

In this district the best gold placers are not being worked; but only those where, because the water is not very scarce, no great expenses are incurred in establishing the exploitation. That is to say, only what pays immediately is exploited, as also where it is not necessary to use large capital for the establishment of the business.

The placers exploited in this manner are those at La Cienega, Los Llanos, San Perfecto and Las Palomas, placers which have been worked since the middle of the Eighteenth century. The richest part of these placers are not worked because there is no water on the surface or because it is difficult to obtain it; and only the portions near water are worked. We must also say that this exploitation is carried on in the most rudimentary and economical manner.

To get an idea of what these placers are capable of producing, if worked with all modern facilities, suffice it to say that the Messrs. Serna established themselves at Los Llanos with a capital of \$50, and have taken out a million and a half dollars in fifteen years, and are among the richest in Sonora, notwithstanding they have wastefully expended large sums of money.

Altar has the reputation in Sonora of being the district that produces the most gold, a reputation due, as I have said, to the fact that its gold placers have been worked since the middle of the Eighteenth century. Notwithstanding this, of the gold placers in the district, not the hundredth part of the placers known as producers of placer gold are worked, for the reason above given.

Richer than the placers of La Cienega, Los Llanos, Las Palomas, San Perfecto, which are the best known and best worked placers, are the placers of Quitobaquito, La Manteca, El Zoni, etc., etc. These placers are traversed by rich and large gold bearing veins.

To convey an inadequate idea of the auriferous region of Altar, suffice it to say that it has more than 32,000 square kilometers

(12,350 square miles) of auriferous ground.

Notwithstanding that Altar is a district all of which is auriferous, I can certify that the districts of Hermosillo and Ures. In the portion included between the Yaqui and Sonora rivers, are richer in gold than Altar, because in the undeveloped and almost unprospected placers of Matape, Reveico, Llano Colorado, Snaque Grande, etc., etc, the average taken out by a miner is higher than in Altar. In the placers of Hermosillo and Ures a miner takes out, as a minimum, \$2 per day, and in Altar \$1. The placers in Hermosillo and Ures are not worked because there are big and rich gold and silver mines in exploitation. The mining districts of Las Prietas, Soyopa, La Dura, La Baranca, Suaqui Grande, San Javier, Los Bronces, La Alameda, Las Cruces, etc., etc., do not give occasion for undertaking the exploitation of placers, both because they are large producers and furnish abundant labor and because the people of Sonora in general are not much given to mining enterprises, preferring a low daily wage to a larger though doubtful earning.

In the other districts of the state, Magdalena, Arizpe, Moctezuma, Sahuaripa, Alamos and Guaymas, there are also large and profitable placers, but they have not been exploited and are almost unknown.

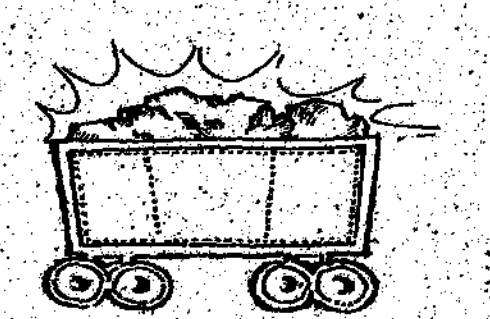
We ought to say, because it is true and little known, that Sonora is much richer than upper California in gold placers and mines, for, while the auriferous region which gave so much gold and renown to that state is relatively small in area, in Sonora, on the contrary, the region where there are no placers or gold veins, is very small.

Sonora is also rich in silver mines, from which large quantities of that metal have been extracted. Its most notable districts are Alamos, Soyopa, Suaqui Grande, San Javier, Los Bronces, La Barranca, La Dura, San Feliz, La Alameda, Promontorio, Planchas de Plata, La Trinidad, San Marcial, and many more too numerous to mention.

There are also in Sonora large deposits of iron, lead, tin, cinnabar, copper, nickel, antimony and other precious metals, notwithstanding many big deposits of them are known.

The Spaniards successfully, and on a large scale, worked silver mines which were abandoned, first, on account of the war of Mexican independence; then on account of war with the native tribes in the state; later the civil war and the discovery of the placers of upper California. Among the districts that were successfully worked by the Spaniards and in which there are innumerable profitably producing silver mines, are Suaqui Grande, La Alameda, San Marcial, Alamos, etc., etc.

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LEGAL NOTICE

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

No. CV-99-271
DIV. III

**RANDY CLARK,
PEGGY CLARK, and
KEN CLARK, her husband,**

Plaintiffs,

vs.

JAMES HAYMAN,

Defendant.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED RESPONDENT:

**JAMES HAYMAN
1035 Skylane Road
RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO 88345**

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that **RANDY CLARK, PEGGY CLARK, and KEN CLARK**, Plaintiffs, have filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-99-271 wherein you are named as the Defendant and wherein said Plaintiffs seek to obtain constructive services upon you.

The general objects of said action are to obtain personal injury and monetary damages.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before March 27, 2000 judgment will be rendered against you by default, and the relief prayed for in the Petition will be granted.

The address of the attorney for the Plaintiffs is as follows:

Ray Sharbutt
SHARBUTT LAW FIRM
419 Mechem Drive
Ruidoso, New Mexico (505) 830-9100

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this 25th day of Jan., 2000.

CHERYL C. CASTRO

Clerk of the District Court

By: Eugenia Vega

Deputy

Published January 27 and February 3, 10 & 17, 2000.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Corona Municipal School District will receive sealed lump sum bids for:

Gymnasium Renovation
Corona High School
250 Franklin
Corona, New Mexico

Bids will be opened publicly in accordance with the following:

Date: Thursday, March 9, 2000
Place: Corona Municipal Schools Board Room
250 Franklin, P.O. Box 258
Corona, New Mexico 88318
Time: 4:00 PM, local time

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Gymnasium Building at 9:00 am, local time, on Thursday, February 24, 2000. Contractors will have an opportunity to view the existing facilities and will be expected to be familiar with all visible existing conditions.

Bid Documents may be obtained after 1 pm on February 14, 2000, from Groer Stafford/SJCF, Inc., 6020 Academy N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, and may be viewed at the following locations:

- Builders News & Plan Room
3435 Princeton NE
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505/884-1752
- 1615 University Blvd., NE
Dodge Reports
Albuquerque, NM 87102
505/243-2817
- Construction Reporter
1609 Second Street, NW
Albuquerque, NM 87102
505/243-9793
- Dodge Reports
7500 Viscount, Suite 106
El Paso, Texas 79925
915/778-5097

A deposit of fifty dollars (\$100.00) will be required for each set of documents issued for bidding purposes. Only complete sets of Documents will be reserved for the Bidders and major suppliers. Make check payable to: Corona Municipal Schools.

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LEGAL NOTICE

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

No. CV-00-027

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE
OF ROBERTA MARIA ORTIZ**

Petitioner.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a suit is pending in Twelfth Judicial District Court wherein Roberta Maria Ortiz is the Petitioner. Object of suit is change of name of Roberta Maria Ortiz to Maria Alvarado.

A hearing on the application will be held at Twelfth Judicial District Court, Lincoln County Courthouse, before the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, on Friday, February 25, 2000 at 1:15 p.m.

You are further notified that this Notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks and that unless you file a responsive pleading or motion within twenty days of the date of the last publication, your consent shall not be required. Petitioner's attorney is E.C. "Mike" Gomez, P.O. Box 2831, Roswell, New Mexico 88202-2831.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal of this Court.

DISTRICT COURT CLERK

By: Elizabeth Lueras
Deputy

Submitted by:
E.C. "Mike" Gomez,
P.O. Box 2831
Roswell, New Mexico 88202-2831
(505) 325-4448
Attorney for Petitioner

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**NOTICE OF INVITATION
TO SUBMIT BIDS**

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Ave., (P.O. Box 711), Carrizozo, NM 88301, until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8, 2000 at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids not received by the time and date indicated above will not be accepted for consideration and will be returned unopened.

BID NO. 99-00-032

INMATE MEDICATIONS

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a regular 9:00 a.m. County Commission meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2000 at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, or by calling Jane Williams (505) 648-2385.

All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the Bid Title, Bid Number, Date and Time of Opening. If the bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Bid" along with the Bid Number.

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

JANE WILLIAMS
Purchasing Agent

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LEGAL NOTICE

CAPITAN MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2000

Precinct Three
February 8, 2000

Two four year Trustee Positions are up for the March 7, 2000 Election, Precinct Three. The persons seeking these two positions are:

John D. Whitaker
George W. Tippin
Marcelyn V. Shamblin
Alfred Leroy Montes

The Election for Precinct 3 will be held at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds at 101 West Fifth from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Early voting for Precinct 3 will begin on February 16, 2000 at Capitan Village Hall, 114 Lincoln Ave. The hours for early voting will be the regular Village Hall hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The following individuals will serve as precinct board:

Presiding Judge..... Bertie Beavers
Election Judge/Absentee/Early..... Jane Livingston
Election Clerk/Absentee/Early..... Kathleen Phillips
Election Clerk/Absentee/Early..... Darlene Stewart
Alternate..... Edith Dobbins
Alternate..... Lori Roberts
Alternate..... Barbara Sanchez

Election School will be held on February 29, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. in Ruidoso, New Mexico at the Ruidoso Civic Center.

/s/ **KATHRYN R. GRIFFIN**
Village Clerk
Capitan Village Hall

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BID NO. 99-00-033

**One (1) New Dump Body,
10-12 Cubic Yard Capacity**

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JANE WILLIAMS
Purchasing Agent

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will at its next regular meeting of Tuesday, February 22, 2000 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico will consider a petition to abandon and vacating a certain portion of First Avenue and a certain portion of Rock Island.

CAROL SCHLARB, CMC/AE
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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MATCH POINT

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**Free Youth Event
Feb. 25 In Ruidoso**

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to a free all night lock-in at the Ruidoso Senior Center (old library building) from 7 p.m. on Friday, February 25 to 7 a.m. on Saturday, February 26.

The event features a live airing of KLYT radio with DJs, all night food, dancing, activities and fun. Doors will be locked at midnight and no one enters or exits after

that time.

Sponsors of the free event are the Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force, Lincoln County Community and Youth Asset Building Team, Lincoln County Maternal Child Health Planning Council, Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Dept., Lincoln County Health and Wellness Board and Lincoln County DWI Council.

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Car Control

By Edwin Feulner

Cars are a menace to society. Every year they lead to thousands of deaths. Criminals use them in committing crimes. And when mixed with drugs or alcohol, their deadly potential increases. In short, cars should be banned.

Sounds crazy, right? But substitute "guns" for "cars" and you have the gun-control argument in a nutshell.

Gun-control advocates will argue that the comparison is unfair, and it is: To guns. The truth is, cars are more dangerous than firearms. In 1997 there were 43,458 motor vehicle deaths in the United States, according to the National Center on Health Statistics. By comparison, there were 32,436 firearms deaths—and fully half of those were suicides.

Notice I said motor vehicle deaths, not motor vehicle accidents. Some will say that gun victims are murdered while car-crash victims are "accidentally" killed, an argument designed to make guns look "bad" and cars "neutral." But 39 percent of all fatal crashes involve drunk drivers using their cars as deadly weapons. By the numbers, criminals kill about 15,000 people a year with guns, and drunk drivers kill about 15,000 people a year with two-ton machines that can travel at more than a hundred miles per hour. Perhaps we should pass a law banning "Saturday Night Chryslers."

Not only do guns cause fewer deaths than the activists would have us believe, they can also be life-savers. According to John Lott, a professor at Yale, as many as 2 million crimes a year are prevented in the United States because the potential victim is armed. In Canada and Great Britain, for example, where gun controls are stringent, 50 percent of all break-ins occur while the victims are at home. In the United States, where many homeowners own weapons—and the criminals are aware of this—87 percent of all home burglaries occur when the residents are away. Lott notes in his book "More Guns, Less Crime." Is there a lesson here?

For his contribution to the gun-control debate, Professor Lott has become an intellectual pariah. Elite opinion-shapers, who have embraced gun control with religious fervor, want nothing to do with him: In their view, if you have something nice to say about guns you're one of those people—the kind who hunt ducks with bazookas, worry about "Communists invading their cul-de-sac, and name their kids "Smith" and "Wesson."

Of course, gun-control snobs are seldom at risk of serious crime themselves. It's easy to preach against guns from gated communities protected by private police forces. But suggest that the \$8-an-hour rent-a-cop who guards these neighborhoods be allowed to have a gun to protect his own family, and the gun-control zealots wax hysterical.

Witness today's political debate, which is rife with talk of rights—a "Patients' Bill of Rights" for those who want their insurance plans to cover liposuction, an "Airline Passengers' Bill of Rights" for those who want more (or fewer) peanuts in their in-flight snacks. Mention constitutional rights, however, including the right to own a gun, and you'll be accused of being a Neanderthal.

In Maryland, Attorney General Joseph Curran can't be bothered with the Second Amendment. He wants laws that would ban all handguns in the state. Never mind that Curran is sworn to uphold the Maryland constitution, which guarantees Maryland citizens the protections of the U.S. Constitution. When it comes to the Bill of Rights, some politicians defend only the parts they like.

That's the way the gun-control crowd wants it. No 225-year-old scrap of parchment will stand in the way of their drive to banish guns—but not cars, rocks, knives, baseball bats, or any other object used to inflict harm—from the face of the earth. It's that kind of thinking that poses the real threat to Americans.

Note: Edwin Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation (www.heritage.org), a Washington-based public policy research institute.

NOTICE OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE, DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES, PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS, AND NOTICE OF ELECTION SCHOOL FOR THE PRECINCT BOARDS

Town of Carrizozo

In connection with the regular municipal election to be held on March 7, 2000 and pursuant to 3-8-30 NMSA 1978:

A. Notice is hereby given that the following qualified electors are candidates for public office of the Town of Carrizozo.

The candidates' names are listed in the order that they will appear on the ballots as determined by the drawing by lot.

- 1. For the office of Trustee for a four year term: Wesley B. Lindsay, Tommy R. Guevara
2. For the office of Municipal Judge for a four year term: Johnnie L. Johnson, C.O. "Chuck" Rominger, LeoRoy Zamora

B. Notice is hereby given that the following polling places shall be used for the conduct of the regular municipal election to be held on March 7, 2000.

- 1. Voters in Consolidated Precincts 2A and 13 within the municipal boundary shall vote at Town of Carrizozo Council Chambers, 100 4th Ave., Carrizozo, NM.
2. Voters in the absent voter precinct will vote at the Office of the Municipal Clerk, Town of Carrizozo City Hall, 100 4th Ave., Carrizozo, NM.
3. Voters in the early voting precinct will vote at the Office of the Municipal Clerk, Town of Carrizozo City Hall, 100 4th Ave., Carrizozo, NM.

C. The following Precinct Board members have been appointed:

- 1. For Judge in Consolidated Precincts 2A and 13: Don Means, For Clerks in Consolidated Precincts 2A and 13: Margie Baca, Cheryl Smith, Josie Vega
For Alternate in Consolidated Precincts 2A and 13: Ruth Wilson
For Translator in Consolidated Precincts 2A and 13: Josie Vega
2. For Judge in Absent Voter Precincts 2A and 13: Don Means, For Clerks in Absent Voter Precincts 2A and 13: Margie Baca, Cheryl Smith, Josie Vega
For Alternate in Absent Voter Precincts 2A and 13: Ruth Wilson
For Translator in Absent Voter Precincts 2A and 13: Josie Vega
3. For Judge in Early Voting Precincts 2A and 13: Don Means, For Clerks in Early Voting Precincts 2A and 13: Margie Baca, Cheryl Smith, Josie Vega
For Alternate in Early Voting Precincts 2A and 13: Ruth Wilson
For Translator in Early Voting Precincts 2A and 13: Josie Vega

D. Notice is hereby given that a Precinct Board Election School will be held on the 14th Day of February, 2000 at the Lincoln County Commissioners Room in Carrizozo, New Mexico. The school will begin at 9:00 A.M. The school is open to the public.

Dated this 9th day of February, 2000. CAROL SCHLARB Municipal Clerk

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AVISO DE NOMBRES DE CANDIDATOS PARA CARGO PUBLICO; DESIGNACION DE LOCALES PARA VOTAR; MIEMBROS DE LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DE RECINTO; Y AVISO SOBRE LA ESCUELA DE ELECCIONES PARA LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DEL RECINTO

Pueblo de Carrizozo, Nueva Mexico

Con respecto a la eleccion municipal regular que se llevara a cabo el 3 de marzo de 2000 y de acuerdo con 3-8-30 NMSA 1978:

A. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que los siguientes electores calificados son candidatos para puestos publicos del Pueblo de Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico.

- 1. Para el puesto de Fiduciario por un termino de cuatro anos: Wesley B. Lindsay, Tommy R. Guevara
2. Para el puesto de Juez Municipal por un termino de cuatro anos: Johnnie L. Johnson, C.O. "Chuck" Rominger, LeoRoy Zamora

B. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que las siguientes locales para votar se usaran para la eleccion municipal regular que se llevara a cabo el 7 de marzo de 2000.

- 1. Votantes en los Recintos Consolidados 2A y 13 dentro del lindero municipal votaran en: Town of Carrizozo Council Chambers, 100 4th Ave., Carrizozo, NM.
2. Votantes en el recintos de votantes absontista votaran en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad: Town of Carrizozo City Hall, 100 4th Ave., Carrizozo, NM.
3. Votantes en el recinto para votar antes de la eleccion votaran en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad: Town of Carrizozo City Hall, 100 4th Ave., Carrizozo, NM.

C. Los siguientes miembros del Cuerpo Directivo del Recinto han sido nombrados:

- 1. Para el juez en los Recintos Consolidados 2A y 13: Don Means, Para escribanas en los Recintos Consolidados 2A y 13: Margie Baca, Cheryl Smith, Josie Vega
Para la suplente en los Recintos Consolidados 2A y 13: Ruth Wilson
Para el traductor en los Recintos Consolidados 2A y 13: Josie Vega
2. Para el juez en el recinto del votante absontista: Don Means
Para las escribanas en el recinto del votante absontista: Margie Baca, Cheryl Smith, Josie Vega
Para la suplente en el recinto del

- votante absontista: Ruth Wilson
Para la traductor en el recinto del votante absontista: Josie Vega
3. Para el juez en el recinto para votar antes de la eleccion: Don Means
Para las escribanas en el recinto para votar antes de la eleccion: Margie Baca, Cheryl Smith, Josie Vega
Para la suplente en el recinto para votar antes de la eleccion: Ruth Wilson
Para la traductor en el recinto para votar antes de la eleccion: Josie Vega

D. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que se llevara a cabo una "Escuela" sobre la Eleccion del Cuerpo Directivo del Precinto el dia 14th de Febrero de 2000 en el Cuarto de los Comisionados, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico. La "Escuela" empezara a las 9:00 A.M. La "Escuela" esta abierta al publico. Fechada este dia 9th de Febrero, 2000.

CAROL SCHLARB Escribana Municipal

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PRIMARY ELECTION PROCLAMATION

Pursuant to the Primary Election Law of the State of New Mexico, I, Martha McKnight Proctor, Lincoln County Clerk, State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby issue the following proclamation:

That a Primary Election be, and the same is hereby called to be, held throughout the State of New Mexico, County of Lincoln and precincts thereof, on the 6th day of June, 2000.

That the Primary Election shall be applicable to the following political parties, to wit: the Democratic Party, the Green Party, and the Republican Party; and

That the Primary Election shall be for the purpose of permitting the Democratic Party, the Green Party, and the Republican Party to nominate candidates for the following offices:

FEDERAL OFFICES

ONE UNITED STATES SENATOR SIX-YEAR TERM

ONE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 2: TWO-YEAR TERM

STATE, DISTRICT, AND METROPOLITAN OFFICES THREE JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS POSITION 1: EIGHT-YEAR TERM POSITION 2: TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM POSITION 3: EIGHT-YEAR TERM

ONE MEMBER OF THE STATE SENATE DISTRICT 8: FOUR-YEAR TERM

ONE MEMBER OF THE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 56: TWO-YEAR TERM

ONE DISTRICT JUDGE 12th JUDICIAL DISTRICT DIVISION 2: TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM

ONE DISTRICT ATTORNEY DISTRICT 12: FOUR-YEAR TERM

ONE MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 8: FOUR-YEAR TERM

COUNTY OFFICES

TWO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 1: FOUR-YEAR TERM DISTRICT 3: FOUR-YEAR TERM

ONE COUNTY ASSESSOR: FOUR-YEAR TERM

ONE SHERIFF: FOUR-YEAR TERM

ONE PROBATE JUDGE: FOUR-YEAR TERM

Declarations of candidacy by pre-primary convention designation and nominating petitions for the office of United States Representative, United States Senator, Judge of the Court of Appeals shall be filed with the Secretary of State on Tuesday, February 8, 2000, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Declarations of candidacy and nominating petitions for multi-county legislative districts, district judges, district attorneys, state board of education, and public regulation commission shall be filed with the Secretary of State on Tuesday, March 21, 2000, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Declarations of candidacy and filing fees or, in lieu thereof, pauper statements for all other elective county offices shall be filed with the county clerk on Tuesday, March 21, 2000, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Declarations of candidacy and nominating petitions for candidates who seek, but fail to receive pre-primary convention designation for a statewide office or the office of United States Representative shall be filed with the Secretary of State during regular business hours either ten days following the date of the pre-primary convention or on Wednesday, March 29, 2000, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

No state convention for designating candidates shall be held later than the Sunday, March 19, 2000.

Candidates of designation of primary election candidates shall be filed by political parties with the secretary of state no later than 5:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday succeeding the state convention.

Declarations of retention for the one justice of the Supreme Court and the one judge of the court of appeals shall be filed with the Secretary of State on Tuesday, February 8, 2000 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF LINCOLN COUNTY, New Mexico

Martha McKnight Proctor, Lincoln County Clerk

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PROCLAMACION PARA LA PRESELECCION DE CANDIDATOS

De conformidad con la ley del Estado de Nuevo Mexico, en la que constan las disposiciones que rigen la Presleccion de Candidatos, yo, Martha McKnight Proctor, Escribana del Condado de Lincoln, Nuevo Mexico, en virtud de las facultades que me otorga la ley, por la presente, expido la proclamacin a continuacion: Que se convoque la Presleccion de Candidatos y,

por la presente, la misma se convoca para que dicha presleccion tenga lugar el dia 6 de junio 2000 en cada Condado de Lincoln, Nuevo Mexico, y recinto del Estado de Nuevo Mexico;

Que la presleccion de candidatos aplique a los siguientes partidos politicos, a saber: El Partido Democrita, el Partido Verde y el Partido Republicano y

Que la Presleccion de Candidatos se lleve a cabo con el fin de permitir que el Partido Democrita, el Partido Verde y el Partido Republicano nombren candidatos para los siguientes cargos publicos:

CARGOS PUBLICOS FEDERALES

UN SENADOR FEDERAL PLAZO DE DOS AÑOS

UN REPRESENTANTE PARA EL CONGRESO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS

DISTRITO 2: PLAZO DE DOS AÑOS

CARGOS PUBLICOS DEL ESTADO, DE DISTRITO, Y DE AREAS METROPOLITANAS

TRES JECES DE LA CORTE DE APELACIONES

CARGO 1: PLAZO DE OCHO AÑOS

CARGO 2: PARA LLENAR EL PLAZO NO VENCIDO

CARGO 3: PLAZO DE OCHO AÑOS

UN MIEMBRO DEL SENADO DEL ESTADO DISTRITO 8: PLAZO DE CUATRO AÑOS

UN MIEMBRO DE LA CAMARA DE REPRESENTANTE DEL ESTADO DISTRITO 56: PLAZO DE DOS AÑOS

UN JUECE DE DISTRITO DOCE DISTRITO JUDICIAL DIVISION 2: PARA LLENAR PLAZO NO VENCIDO

UN FISCAL DE DISTRITO DISTRITO 12: PLAZO DE CUATRO AÑOS

UN MIEMBRO DEL CUERPO DE EDUCACION DEL ESTADO DISTRITO 8: PLAZO DE CUATRO AÑOS

CARGOS PUBLICOS DE CONDADO

DOS COMISIONADOS DE CONDADO DISTRITO 1: PLAZO DE CUATRO AÑOS DISTRITO 3: PLAZO DE CUATRO AÑOS

UN ASESOR DE CONDADO: PLAZO DE CUATRO AÑOS

UN ALGUACIL DE CONDADO: PLAZO DE CUATRO AÑOS

UN JUEZ DE SUCESIONES: PLAZO DE CUATRO AÑOS

Las declaraciones de candidatura expedidas en la convencion para la pre-seleccion de candidatos mediante designacion y peticiones de nominacion para el cargo de Representante en el Congreso de los Estados Unidos, Senador del Senado de los Estados Unidos, Juez de la Corte de Apelaciones se presentaran en la oficina de la Secretaria de Estado el martes 8 de febrero 2000, entre la horas de las 9:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.

Las declaraciones de candidatura y peticiones de nominacion para los distritos legislativos dentro de las demarcaciones de varios condados, para los cargos de jueces de distrito, para cargos en el cuerpo de educacion del estado, y en la comision publica reguladora, se presentaran en la oficina de la Secretaria de Estado el martes, 21 de marzo 2000, entre las horas de las 9:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.

Las declaraciones de candidatura y las cuotas que la ley impone para inscribirse o en lugar de dichas cuotas, las declaraciones de indigencia para todos los otros cargos publicos de condados se presentaran en la oficina del Escribano del Condado el martes 21 de marzo 2000 entre las horas de la 9:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.

Las declaraciones de candidatura y las peticiones de nominacion para los candidatos que se postulan, que no sean designados por la convencion celebrada antes de la presleccion de candidatos para cargos publicos del estado o para el cargo de representante en el Congreso de los Estados Unidos, se presentaran en la oficina de la Secretaria de Estado durante las horas habiles ya sea diez dias a partir de la fecha de la convencion para la pre-seleccion de candidatos o el miercoles 29 de marzo 2000 entre las horas de las 8:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.

Las convenciones para designar candidatos no tendran lugar despues del domingo 19 de marzo 2000.

Los partidos politicos presentaran certificaciones de designacion de candidatos en la oficina de la Secretaria de Estado a mas tardar las 5:00 p.m. el primer martes despues de la convencion estatal.

Las declaraciones de retencion de un juez de la corte suprema y un juez de la corte de apelaciones, se presentaran en la oficina de la Secretaria de Estado el martes 8 de febrero 2000 entre las horas de las 9:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.

EN FE DE LO CUAL, PONGO MI RUBRICA Y EL GRAN SELLO DEL CONDADO DE LINCOLN, NUEVO MEXICO

Martha McKnight Proctor Escribana de Condado Lincoln

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LEGAL NOTICE

Lincoln County Medical Center COMMUNITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Will Meet On

Monday, February 28, 2000

At 6:00 p.m. in the

Hospital Conference Room

The Agenda will be available at the Administrator's Office on Friday, February 25, 2000.

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

NO. PB-99-41

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRED F. LAMAY, Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

To: Unknown heirs of Fred F. Lamay, and all unknown persons who have or claim any interest

in the estate of Fred F. LaMay, deceased.

Roba Barber, Personal Representative of the Estate of Fred F. LaMay, deceased, has filed a Petition requesting the Court to enter an Order which (1) formally probates the Decedent's Last Will and Testament dated June 7, 1994 and Decedent's First Codicil To The Last Will and Testament dated June 24, 1998; (2) confirms the previous informal appointment of Petitioner as personal Representative; (3) approves the final accounting by the

(4) determines the heirs of the Decedent; (5) determines the persons entitled to distribution of the estate of the Decedent; (6) approves the distribution of the Decedent's estate as set forth in the Petition; (7) declares this estate fully settled and discharges Petitioner from further claim or demand of any interested person; and (8) includes such other determinations and provisions as may be proper. Notice is hereby given that a hearing on such Petition will be held at the District Court of Lincoln County, in Carrizozo, New Mexico, on March 15, 2000 at 8:30 a.m.

DISTRICT COURT CLERK

By: Eugenia Vega Deputy

SANDERS, BRUIN, COLL & WORLEY, P.A.

Steven P. Fisher P.O. Box 550 Roswell, New Mexico 88201

505-822-5440

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold their Regular Scheduled Meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2000 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

AGENDA WILL BE POSTED in accordance with Resolution 1999-23, Twenty-Four hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact Carol Schlarb or Margaret LaBelle at (505) 648-2371, City Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

Carol Schlarb, CMC/AAE Town Clerk Town of Carrizozo

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LEGAL NOTICE

RFP-2000-02

Notice is hereby given, that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will be accepting proposals regarding the Operation and Management of the Town of Carrizozo Recreation Center.

Request for Proposals will be received by the Town of Carrizozo, P.O. Box 247, Carrizozo, NM 88301, until Friday, February 18, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. at the office of the Town Clerk.

The Town of Carrizozo reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any proposal, waive minor technicalities and award the proposal to best serve the interest of the Town of Carrizozo.

CAROL SCHLARB, CMC/AAE Town Clerk/Treasurer

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OBITUARY

ALBERT S. SANCHEZ

Funeral Mass for Albert S. Sanchez, 71, of San Patricio was at St. Jude's Catholic Church at San Patricio February 14. Burial followed at St. Jude's Catholic Cemetery. Officiating was Fr. Dave Bergs. Albert died February 10 at his home. He was born June 9, 1927 at San Patricio. He had lived in Lincoln all of his life. He served in the Army during WWII and was a retired heavy equipment operator with the civil service at Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo. He married Eva McKinley on January 9, 1947 at Roswell. Mr. Sanchez left his constructive trademark everywhere he went. Albert and his sons built a memorial at the NM School for the Visually Handicapped for the late Jerry Watkins. He built homes, made furniture, birdhouses and may grottos in the valley of San Patricio. He and his wife, Eva, were the mayordomos of the Catholic Church in San Patricio for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Eva of San Patricio; three sons: Mike Sanchez and his wife Lupe of Alamogordo, Godfrey Sanchez and his wife Marion, and Reyes Sanchez and his wife Yvonne of San Patricio; daughter, Bertha Sanchez of San Patricio; 16 grandchildren, six great grandchildren and two on the way; brothers Carlos Sanchez and Porfirio Sanchez of Ruidoso; and sister Eufracia Romero of Tularosa.

Blood Drive On Friday In Ruidoso

Blood supplies are at a shortage, and donors are needed. Lincoln County residents can help by donating blood from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, February 19 at the Gateway Church of Christ in Ruidoso. The blood drive is sponsored by the Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary, and the church. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, feeling well and healthy. Donors need also to bring an I.D. and list of current medications they are taking. Type O blood, the most common, is most needed blood right now. Donors who give blood four times this year will receive a t-shirt. Donations will be taken by technicians from United Blood Services, a nonprofit blood provider for more than 500 hospitals in 18 states. For more information call UBS at 1-888-878-5433 or LCMC Auxiliary at 257-4381.

Corona News

The Corona School Board held its monthly meeting February 7 in the Corona high school English room, due to to EMT classes in the board room. In attendance were board members Rick Gage, Danny Lueras, Jeanene Gibbs, Denise Byrd, and Alvin James, supt. Sid Miller, principal Travis Lightfoot, business manager Janet Stewart, and transportation secretary Edie Porter. A welcome was given by president Gage and everyone participated in pledges to the flags.

Approved were the minutes of Jan. 11, payroll/bills, BAR for technology for Education, Bar for transportation, delay accepting gym renovation plans. Quality of Education Survey was open for discussion, they would like to have it out by March and give the board and staff an opportunity to come up with additional questions prior to handing out. Administrative report was given by supt. Miller, and he gave an update on the rock building, the budget and finance analysis, and legislative needs. Board member Alvin James was at the hearing for Bill No. 220 at Santa Fe. The committee did pass the Bill so now it will go on for further consideration.

Principal Travis Lightfoot announced that a junior will be selected to go to Washington and will be sponsored by Central NM Electric Company. Edie Porter presented the board members with a folder of the bus transportation system in Corona Public Schools. Also presented was a letter from Michael Davis, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, that the School Budget and Finance Analysis Unit had reviewed the request of the Corona Municipal School District Board of Education to be designated as the local board of finance for the Corona school district effective July 1, 2000.

The board then went into executive session and no action was taken and only personnel and litigation was discussed. The meeting was then adjourned.

Congratulations to FFA members Shaline Lopez and Keith Shafer. They competed in District 7 Creed and Quiz contest in Magdalena. Shaline placed first and Keith placed fourth. Both will attend State Conference in June and compete there. The FFA is currently selling sausage and you can place your order with any FFA member or advisor Lane Widner.

Corona Cardinals traveled to Carrizozo last Tuesday for basketball. Both teams were defeated by the Carrizozo Grizzlies, but they all played hard and showed good sportsmanship and pulled players off of the court, we appreciate their sportsmanship. The boys team consisted of only five players and when we were in foul trouble Carrizozo showed good sportsmanship. The Cardinals then traveled to Vaughn on Friday to play Vaughn for their homecoming.

Also playing prior to the high school game were the pee-wee teams. This was the first game and they lost both games, but had only been practicing two weeks so we hope to have some future wins. The Corona Lady Cardinals will start

district playoffs on Thursday.

Byron and Cathy Yancey made a trip to Roswell last week to keep their great granddaughter, Adrienne Lueras, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lueras, who was visiting her grandparents, Charlie and Crystal Lueras. While there they also visited with son, Troy and granddaughter Meghan.

Johnnie Erramouspe made a trip to Logan this weekend to help her daughter, Jeannie, Todd, and girls move to Nara Vasa.

Corona Zia Senior Citizens made 47 plastic heart shaped baskets with handles for the elementary students and Johnnie Faye Harelson and Cathy Yancey delivered them on Valentines Day. The seniors are busy working on the quilt to raffle for Corona Summer Festival.

Ruth and Jackie Davidson made a trip to Willard on Valentines Day to meet with Ruth's sister and husband, and while there Ruth was given a bouquet of flowers from her daughter in California.

Ward Alford and children, Jaci and Clint left Monday for their home in Cheyenne, OK, after spending the weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Rogene Alford.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Kimball, Albuquerque, came over Friday to stay overnight with her parent, Robin Pfeiffer.

Paul Romero died early Sunday morning after a long bout with cancer. Services are scheduled for Thursday morning.

Mrs. Virgil Owen was called to Hobbs last week by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Willie Mae Sanders. Mrs. Sanders, a former Corona business woman died early Saturday.

Jason Gibbs spent the weekend with his family here, returning to Albuquerque Sunday evening. He has been working for the Albuquerque Tribune for five years and left Tuesday for Abilene, TX where he will be a reporter for the Abilene Reporter News. His news beat will be medical and higher education with the three colleges there, Abilene Christian, Hardin-Simmons, and McMurray.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Duke were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner in Albuquerque last month. Lanita Rasik (Jerry had to work) and Laverne Rodriguez (Alex was sick) daughters of the couple, a grandson and his family, Michael and Sarah Rodriguez and children Michael Benjamin and Raenn and granddaughter Stephanie, a UNM senior arranged the party, complete with gold candles, an anniversary plate, vase with flowers and other gifts.



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Community Policing A New Philosophy For State Police

by Doris Cherry

Community Policing is a philosophy in the making in New Mexico.

District 8 of the New Mexico State Police division of the NM Department of Public Safety, will start a new program in March with a goal to change how the public perceives the state police. According to District 8 commander Lt. Bill Bowers, officers from his district will be going to various communities to begin the new "community policing program".

Under the program, state police will help set up advisory boards that meet monthly to identify problems within their communities. Then with help of state police the boards will identify resources to solve these problems. "The problems may not be law enforcement issues necessarily," Bowers said.

Community policing is a change from the traditional policing which had no community involvement, Bowers continued. "We want to build better trust of the state police," he added.

Most police departments operate under traditional policing, where the officer responds when a crime is reported. Yet crime has gone up 550 percent in the last 30 years. Community policing philosophy is to use community involvement and use the criminal justice system as little as possible. "We want to solve the problems without

an arrest if possible," Bowers said.

"We are public servants," Bowers said. "But we need input from the communities."

Most people tend to think of state police as just highway patrol, Bowers continued. But under state law, New Mexico State Police (NMSP) have full concurrent jurisdiction with law enforcement agencies statewide. While NMSP officers have two jobs to which they are mandated to provide the lead—search and rescue, and hazardous spills—NMSP have authority to respond to any crime, regardless where committed.

"We are a full law enforcement agency," Bowers said. "Imagine us (NMSP) as a full law enforcement agency like the Albuquerque police department, except statewide."

NMSP has a Criminal Investigation Bureau with trained detectives who can respond to any major crime or difficult crime. NMSP also has a narcotics bureau, provide governor's security and for the legislature while in session. The department owns one helicopter and three airplanes.

NMSP operates a 16 week intensive training academy for new officers. Another new program is beginning in Otero County where new officers are assigned to be investigators for the 12th Judicial District Attorney's office.

State police must respond

to problems on any prison, and at the Camp Sierra Blanca privately run juvenile camp. Also state police provide security at the closed Fort Stanton facility with five officers living on site.

State police do not serve legal papers, which is left up to the county sheriffs offices or local police departments.

Although they have statewide law enforcement jurisdiction, NMSP is not directly connected to the local 911 telephone emergency systems. Usually NMSP get involved with crimes committed in municipalities and/or counties when requested by local police departments or county sheriffs offices, Bowers said. Sometimes a report of a crime is made directly to the state police. But state police do not have to wait for a request for assistance to respond.

Bowers said citizens have the option to report a crime, or talk with an officer, with either their local police department or sheriff's office, or to call NMSP directly. Bowers, District 8 commander, has a subdistrict office located in the Ruidoso Police Department building. Citizens can contact state police by calling the Ruidoso subdistrict office at 257-5523 or 257-7365 or the District 8 headquarters in Alamogordo at 437-1313.

District 8 includes all of Lincoln and Otero Counties, the eastern portion of Socorro County and the southern portion of Torrance County.

District 8 has 20 officers, three sergeants and the district commander. Bowers said the new community policing program will not require any additional officers, rather training of current

officers because the program is a philosophy.

District 8 is one of the first NMSPP districts in the state to initiate the community policing program. "With community policing we're trying

to improve how people perceive us," Bowers said.

"We want the communities to know we are there all the time, and we want to work with the communities to solve their problems,"

* * Obituaries * *

FRANCES G. SHAW

Funeral services for Frances G. Shaw, 87, of Capitan were February 16 at the Capitan United Methodist Church with Rev. Tom Woodward and Rev. Bob Boyd officiating. Burial followed at the Angus Cemetery.

Mrs. Shaw died February 13 in Capitan. She was born September 27, 1912 at Quanah, TX. She moved to Lincoln County from Texas 85 years ago by covered wagon when her family homesteaded north of Capitan.

She was a 50 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, charter member of the Capitan Women's Club, lifelong member of the Capitan Roundtable, Capitan School board, and Chamber of Commerce. She had served as postmaster at Fort Stanton and then at the Capitan post office from 1961 until 1974, when she retired. She was a charter member of the Capitan United Methodist Church.

She married Jack Shaw on September 9, 1930 in Capitan and he preceded her in death in November of 1979.

Survivors include a son, Jeff Shaw and his wife Vicki of Las Cruces; a daughter, Diane Riska and her husband Mike of Capitan; a

brother, Lawrence Gardenhire of Melbourne, FL; two grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

PAUL ROMERO

Paul Romero, age 69, died February 13 at his home in Corona following an illness. Paul was born February 22, 1930 in Corona, where he was reared and attended schools. He married Carmen Patricia Antunez March 22, 1960 in Vaughn, NM.

Paul worked as a cowboy in numerous ranches all his life. He was a member of St. Theresa Parish in Corona. He is preceded in death by his mother Maria Guadalupe Romero and a son Alvie Romero.

Paul is survived by his wife Carmen Patricia Romero of the family home in Corona; seven sons, Paul of San Antonio, TX, and Lisa of Roswell, Herman and wife Nita of Albuquerque, Danny and wife Daneen of Whitesville, KY, Michael and wife Jenny of Tajique, NM, Jessie of Carlsbad, Tony and George of Colorado; three daughters, Maria Dearing and husband Chris of Albuquerque, Alvina Holleyman and husband Lon of Corona, and Joanna Hollifield and husband Andrew of Owensboro, KY; two sisters, Mary Aragon of

Grants and Katherine Romero of Clovis; 11 grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

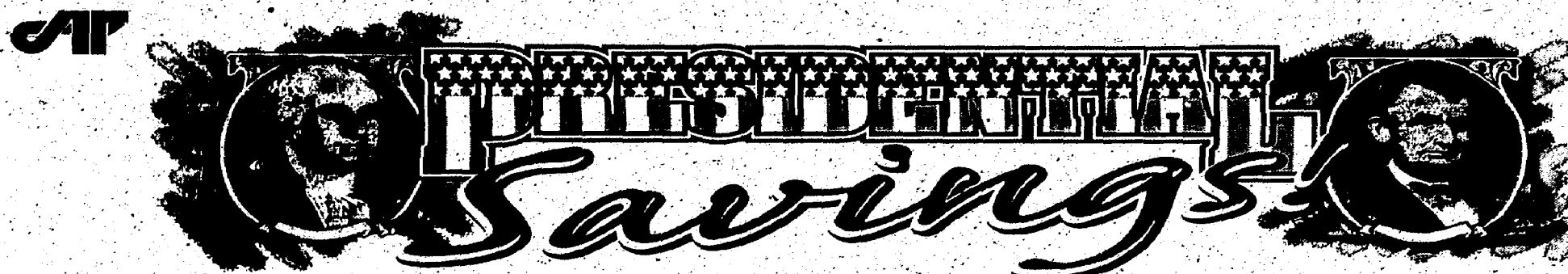
Mass of Christian burial will be held today, February 17 at 10:00 a.m. from St. Theresa church in Corona, with Fr. Dave Bergs officiating. Burial will follow at the Corona Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be his sons. All services are entrusted to the Chavez Funeral Home of Santa Rosa.

Wolf Translocation Hearings Scheduled

Two meetings to get public input on the proposed translocation of previously released Mexican Grey Wolves into the Gila Wilderness have been set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (FWS).

The first hearing is set for 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 1 at the community center in Reserve, NM. The second hearing is set for 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at Light Hall on the Western New Mexico University campus in Silver City.

An anti-wolf reintroduction rally will be held on February 26 in Glenwood. Call the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association at 505-247-0584 for information.



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