

Carrizozo Mayor Tables Appointing Employees

by Doris Cherry

The Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees met Tuesday, March 14, to a standing room only audience. There were more than 55 members of the audience. The trustees present were new member Tommy Guevara, reelected member Wesley Lindsay, and Cynthia Morales. Mayor Manuel Hernandez and town clerk/treasurer Carol Schlarb also were present. Hernandez said that it has

been a long time since a meeting has had a full house.

Hernandez asked Guevara and Lindsay if they had any remarks that they would like to make. Guevara thanked everyone who voted and said that he will try and do a good job. Lindsay thanked everyone for their vote of confidence and said that he would continue to try and do the best job he can. Hernandez asked the trustees if they

had any questions concerning their duties and there were none.

Morales nominated Lindsay to act as mayor pro tem in the absence of the mayor. The nomination was unanimously approved.

Hernandez told the trustees that he would like to table the item "In accordance with law, Mayor shall submit, for confirmation by the Governing Body, the name of the person who shall be employed to fill the

appointive office of Town Clerk/Treasurer, Chief of Police, Maintenance Director and Town Attorney."

Hernandez said that he wanted to call a special meeting for personnel and closed to the public at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday for this item. A motion was approved to table the item. (After the meeting ended, Hernandez said to this reporter that there would be no special meeting on Thursday and that the item

would be handled at the next board meeting.)

During audience participation, the members of the audience were asked if they wanted to address the trustees. Hernandez invited Barbie Roper to come up to the podium. Roper started to speak and was told by Hernandez that she was not allowed to make a comment regarding personnel. Roper's comment was about personnel so she was not allowed to state what she

wanted to.

The town audit for fiscal year 1998-1999 again was tabled as De'Aun Willoughby, CPA, was not present to make the presentation.

Trustees awarded the RFP (request for proposals) for architectural services and engineering services to Engineers Inc., of Tucumcari.

Municipal Judge C.O. Rominger, during his gen-

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CAROL SCHLARB, CARRIZOSO TOWN CLERK/TREASURER, received an award yesterday at the CDBG workshop in Socorro for excellence for her nine years administering CDBG (Community Development Block Grants) and SAP Grants for the Town of Carrizozo. The award was presented by Jeff Condrey (left), director of the state Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) Local Government Division, and Don Jordan, deputy director of DFA/Local Government Division. The letter from DFA requesting Schlarb attend the workshop to receive the award stated, "Carol has administered projects throughout the years with effective and professional results." DFA officials when presenting the award, said, "She has always responded in a courteous and professional manner, she is very organized, knowledgeable, moves the project along quickly and is always ready for the next step."

Capitan Mayor Breaks Tie For Mayor Pro Tem

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Mayor Norman Renfro broke a tie in favor of appointing Leroy Montes as mayor pro tem during the Capitan Trustees meeting March 14.

Trustees Debra Ingle and Benny Coker voted no on the mayor's appointment of Montes, while Montes and John Whitaker voted yes. Neither Ingle or Coker commented on their vote.

Trustees unanimously approved the mayor's appointment of Kathryn Griffin as clerk and Carrol Durbin as chief of police. Renfro praised Griffin for taking over as clerk a year ago when former clerk Deborah Cummins left after two weeks notice. Village admin-

istrator Steve Barela said he was hired to help with organization and other issues.

Barela praised Griffin for her "great job" on the municipal election, her first. "Of course she paid me \$50 to say all these things," Barela teased. "I'm glad she was here."

The other appointed position was chief of police. Barela joked that he had gotten only \$20 from the chief to say good things. "When I first came the chief was having trouble keeping officers," Barela said. Now the village has three officers, which some residents do not like because they are getting stopped and ticketed for traffic violations.

Renfro said Griffin was a very good employee and

when he appointed her as clerk, the audience applauded. Renfro also said he thought Durbin had done a good job as police chief. He said in talking with municipal officers statewide, police departments are the most trouble.

Trustees also authorized Barela to request bids for a 4x4 utility vehicle for the police department. The village has \$15,000 in its Law Enforcement Protection Funds (LEPF) for police equipment and vehicles. The remaining amount needed to purchase the vehicle, estimated to cost about \$26,000, will be borrowed from the general fund to be paid back with the new fiscal year

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County Commission Delays Fire Restriction

Lincoln County Commissioners at their special meeting March 9, held in the Ruidoso Village Administration Center, delayed action on imposing fire restrictions. Commissioners were prepared to declare the county to be in high fire danger due

to drought. But Robert LaMay, with the U.S. Forest Service Smokey Bear Ranger District, said the forest service would not invoke fire restrictions until April 1, unless the area receives significant precipitation. LaMay also did not have the documentation on the drought and associated fire danger.

County attorney Alan Morel told commissioners that the forest service documents declaring fire restrictions must be attached to any resolution the commission approves establishing fire restrictions. Because the documentation was not available commissioners decided to address the fire restrictions at their regular March 16 meeting.

Commissioners also held another hearing on subdivision road assessments. County commissioner Ray Nunley said now may be a good time for road improvements in subdivisions because of the availability of road materials due to the highway construction in the Ruidoso area.

Morel outlined the various ways to establish a self-imposed road project. First extraordinary maintenance will be required to improve a road. Next the county commission would set up a special assessment district. At least 50 percent of the prop-

erty owners in the affected subdivision must vote in favor of the self-assessment.

County manager Tom Stewart said that anyone interested in the assessment process can contact his office for more information.

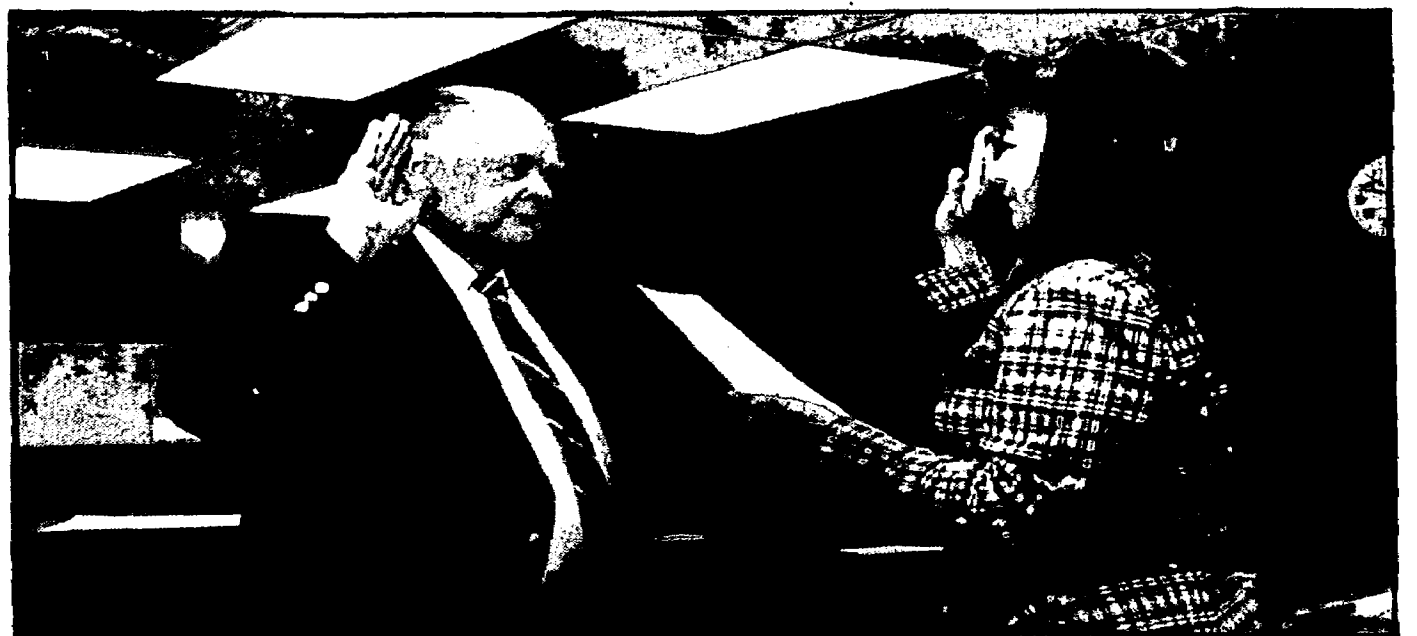
Realtor Joe Zagone said the real estate people want roads improved and cost estimates for road upgrades. County road supervisor Albert Hernandez said estimates will have to be figured on an individual road basis.

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann said much of the cost of road improvements goes for engineers, surveying and establishing legal descriptions.

Earl Hobbs, a Deer Park Valley resident, was opposed to self-assessment. John Skinner, a resident of Coyote Mesa Subdivision, was told that each property owner in a self-assessed subdivision will have to pay, regardless if the owner lives on the property.

Chuck France, Enchanted Forest property owner who moved from Ohio, said it would be difficult to get everyone in his subdivision to sign a petition, since many are absentee owners. Also France said property taxes are inexpensive here compared to other states.

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C.O. "Chuck" ROMINGER was sworn in as Carrizozo Municipal Judge March 13. Rominger was elected to the position to which he had been appointed to complete the previous judge's term. Carrizozo Town Clerk/Treasurer Carol Schlarb administered the oath of office.

Parent Airs Concern To Capitan School Board

by Doris Cherry

Upset about a list of issues published in the school newsletter, a Capitan school district parent called for the disbanding of the Action for Children and Teachers (ACT) group.

During the Capitan School Board meeting March 9, parent Kimber Ioviero read a letter she wrote in support of teachers. She said she was there about the issues and

concerns list compiled and published by the communication task force committee. The task force was established by the school board last year to serve as a way for parents to communicate their concerns to the school administration. Although not done by board action, the communication task force has been disbanded.

The ACT, not established by the school board, was organized by a group of par-

ents to help teachers and the school district.

"I and a lot of parents felt it was uncalled for to voice complaints to teachers," Ioviero said. She also presented copies of several other letters written by parents who did not agree with the issues and concerns listed by the communication task force. "And who think something should be done

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Ruidoso To Have First Ever St. Patrick's Day Parade Friday, Mar. 17

At 11 a.m. Friday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day, a parade in honor of the saint will begin at 5th Street on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. This is the first time a St. Patrick's Day parade has been held in Ruidoso.

The parade will go west on Sudderth to its intersection with Mechem Drive, north on Mechem to end at Pub 48, 440 Mechem Drive.

A permit for the parade was issued by the village, and the parade was announced at the Ruidoso Village Council meeting of March 14.

Also at the council meeting, village manager Alan Briley announced the new toll free number to village hall offices. The number is 1-877-700-4343.



TOMMY GUEVARA takes the oath of office as Carrizozo Town Trustee during a swearing in ceremony March 13. Administering the oath of office was Carrizozo Town Clerk/Treasurer Carol Schlarb.



WESLEY LINDSAY was sworn in for his second term as Carrizozo Town Trustee March 13. Carol Schlarb, Carrizozo Town Clerk/Treasurer administered the oath of office.

Parent Airs Concern

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about the ACT," Ioviero added.

When ACT was first established, Ioviero said she was involved, because it was to help make good relations between parents and teachers and provide support by fund raising and help in the classroom. But after originator Kala Scarafioti left as president of the group, it all changed, Ioviero said. "It was money, social status. Now it is no longer a parent teacher group, all they can do is develop fund raisers and form

senseless committees."

Ioviero said she volunteered time to ACT for two years and was an officer. Last fall she did new student packets but the packets were rejected as not good enough to give out. So she gave up. "They can have their ACT without me," she added.

"The ACT has gone from book fairs to brunch and cupcakes to quiche," Ioviero said. "I want small school involvement, not big city politics."

"Reconsider the ACT," she asked the board. "They are doing more harm than good. ACT has turned out to be 'Against Capitan Teachers.'"

After complaining about the ACT, Ioviero spoke about the list of issues and concerns compiled by the communication task force. She said the comments of the task force put a wedge between the teachers and parents. "I think the staff is willing to work on problems," Ioviero said. "I don't think parents need to read about petty problems in the newsletter." Ioviero said some of the complaints came from anonymous notes put in comment boxes in the school, which she considered invalid because no names were attached.

Ioviero also was concerned that the comments from the communication task force would reflect on ACT members who did not share the concerns with the task force committee.

Board president Tom Trost said he was pleased that a lot of parents have written in support of the staff, especially after the bomb threat. He then accepted the dozen letters Ioviero brought.

No other comments were made about Ioviero's letter until the board got to the public comment portion of the meeting agenda. Then parent and task force committee member Steve Osborn asked what was so threatening to teachers in the list of issues and concerns, such as more staff on the playgrounds. Ioviero answered that some teachers felt they were picked on.

Osborn said kids had been hurt while on activities because of too little supervision.

A parent at the meeting said it took her four hours to read the long transcript minutes from the communication task force committee meetings. She thought the comments did nothing but tear apart Mr. (Dick) Clevenger (elementary principal). She also thought the issues were "nit-picking". She said parents should come to the parent advisory committees to help set rules. As for the school board members, they have responsibility to the voters and taxpayers.

Osborn responded that he thought the communication task force was a good idea when the school board set it up. After spending many long hours with the task force they came up with the issues and concerns. "We were frustrated as we felt the concerns were not met," he said. He added that the task force set out to be as fair as it could, but the board turned

down a requested meeting with teachers and administration.

Trost said he saw the issues and concerns as generally negative statements that were not productive.

Osborn said Capitan is such a small school district that everyone could work together on problems. "Our intent was to handle problems in an open situation," he said of the task force.

School board member James Hobbs said it is not the school board's job to get involved between teachers and parents. He said parents must follow the chain of command in dealing with problems. Osborn said he did, but came to the board because his concerns were not met. "These issues did not have to be negative," Osborn added.

But Trost said they were seen as negative and he understood why teachers took it negatively after the list and communication task force meeting minutes appeared in the newsletter. "That bothered me," Trost added.

Osborn said one can hear the teachers yelling at students in the classrooms in the elementary. "I think that's degrading," he said. Osborn said the issues had been meant to be discussed with the teachers and the board. Osborn then acknowledged he had no problems this year with teachers or staff. But there were other issues. "I didn't vote to put it in the newsletter, but since it was some parents have agreed with the issues," Osborn said.

School board member Gary (SEE PAGE 10)

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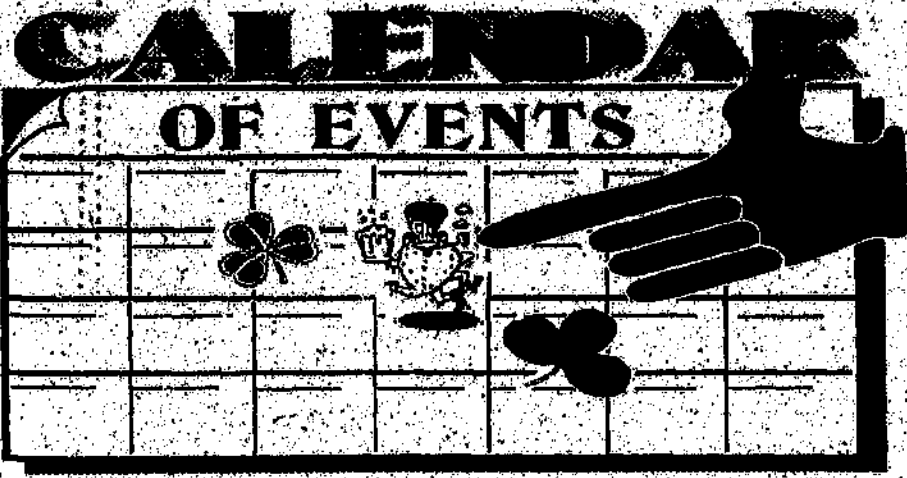
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TUESDAYS
 -Alcoholics Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

WEDNESDAYS
 -Moms In Touch prayer group, 9 a.m. Ancho. Car pool from Carrizozo. Call 648-2460 for information.
 -Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

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 354-2835 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. Call 354-4032 for information.

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

TODAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 16
 -Lincoln County Commission regular meeting 9 a.m. commission chambers of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.
 -Friends of Smokey meeting tonight canceled and rescheduled for April 6.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17
 -St. Patrick's Day parade beginning at 11 a.m. on 5th Street on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso.

MONDAY, MARCH 20
 -Capitan students return to school.
 -Carrizozo School parent-teacher conferences.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21
 -Carrizozo Action Team meets at 9 a.m. at the RC&D office.
 -Filing date for candidates in the primary election. County offices file with the Lincoln County Clerk in her office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
 -Carrizozo School Board regular meeting 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22
 -Carrizozo Family & Community Education (FCE) 1 p.m. Otero County Electric Cooperative building on 12th Street. Program on spices and herbs for the home presented by Angie Provine.
 -Free AARP tax help, 1-4 p.m. Corona Senior Citizens Center.
 -Capitan High School parent advisory committee (PAC) meeting 6 p.m. high school library.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23
 -No school for Capitan elementary students. Parent-teacher conferences held from 3:30 to 7 p.m.
 -Special Capitan School Board work session 6 p.m.
 -Drug Reform Forum 6 p.m. Cree Meadows Country Club North 40 room, Ruidoso.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24
 -No school for all Capitan students to allow for parent teacher conferences from 8 a.m. to noon.
 -Progress reports sent out for Carrizozo school students.
 -Capitan Middle School track meet, Tiger Field.

Register Children For Head Start Program

Registration for the Lincoln County Head Start program begins March 31 in Hondo.

Free Music Program At First Baptist Church In Carrizozo March 23

Everyone is invited to a Christian music program presented by the Mission Live team at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at the First Baptist Church of Carrizozo.

Made up of eight young people from across the nation, the team is traveling across the country sharing the Gospel in a worshipful and humorous fashion.

There is no admission fee, but donations will be taken during the performance.

The Missions Live team is sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Carrizozo and the Southern Baptist Convention.

AARP Tax Help In Corona March 22

AARP Tax Aide volunteers will be at Corona Senior Citizens Center from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 22.

Tax aide volunteers will help prepare tax returns and answer tax questions. The service is free for low and middle income taxpayers with special attention to those 60 years old and older. A person does not have to be a member of AARP to receive the help.

From 9 a.m. to 12 noon on March 31, Lincoln County Head Start will register eligible three to four year old children at Hondo Valley Public Schools.

Registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 4 at the Lincoln County Head Start Parent Center in Ruidoso, for the Ruidoso Head Start classes.

On April 5, registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Carrizozo Schools Head Start Classroom.

On April 6, registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Carrizozo Schools Head Start Classroom.

FCE Cultural Arts Show In Carrizozo Friday, March 31

"The New Century in Review: Off with The old and On With The New" is the theme of this year's Cultural Arts Show of the Lincoln County Family and Community Education (FCE) clubs.

The Cultural Arts Show will be held at the Carrizozo Woman's Club on Friday, March 31. Entries will be open for public viewing at 1 p.m. following judging. Members of the Lincoln County FCE clubs will register entries beginning at 10 a.m.

Yvonne Zumwalt of LaJunta FCE club is the chair of the show.

noon at Capitan Head Start Classroom on 5th Street in Capitan.

Parents need to bring the child's birth certificate, record of current immunizations, special security card, Medicaid or insurance card, check stubs from January to April, 2000, 1999 income tax

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Organizing the organizers

By Ruth Hammond

More than 60 people crowded into Carrizozo city hall for the town council organizational meeting Tuesday evening. The mayor was supposed to submit names of people to be appointed to the offices of town clerk/treasurer, chief of police, maintenance director and town attorney. The mayor asked the trustees to table the matter until Thursday when he would call a special meeting at 6 p.m. The mayor said the matter would be addressed in executive session.

Even though personnel can be discussed in closed, or executive session, state law requires that any action taken by the elected officials must be in open session. The mayor did not announce why he needed to discuss the matter in executive session prior to submitting the names.

Evidently the mayor assumed that the public is also not allowed to discuss personnel in an open meeting. When one person went to the podium to make comment the mayor said that anything could be discussed except for personnel. The person did not say anything. Apparently this means that people are not allowed to publicly state that any town employee is doing a good job. State law allows elected officials to discuss personnel in closed or executive session but there is no ruling that the public is not allowed to speak about personnel in open meetings.

The mayor's special meeting, which was announced in the regular meeting, has supposedly been canceled. After the town council adjourned, the mayor and one or two of the other elected officials talked about the special meeting. If the mayor and at least two of the other elected officials were discussing any town business after the meeting adjourned, it could be a violation of the Open Meetings Act. All town business is to be conducted in Open Meeting and any time three or more elected officials are together it is a quorum and town business must not be discussed or there could be allegations of Open Meetings Act violations.

Important announcements should be made to the crowd, not just a select few. Right now everyone is in a quandary as to whether there will be a special town meeting tonight or not. The mayor announced the special meeting during an open meeting but he supposedly canceled the special meeting when very few people were there to hear. Does this mean that officially the special meeting will be held but unofficially the special meeting will not be held?

Not allowing the public to speak or be involved in the governmental process gives the impression that someone has something to hide. Former President Harry S. Truman said, "Secrecy and a free, democratic government don't mix." A portion of what happened Tuesday evening may not have been secret but it certainly wasn't out in the open.

Governing bodies have an obligation to represent the public. Excluding the public is not representation it is more dictatorship or tyranny. Tyranny is defined as absolute power arbitrarily or unjustly administered; despotism. We need less tyranny and more compassion, less despotism and more caring, less dictatorship, and more working together. More than 60 people attended the organizational meeting, wanting to be a part of the governmental process.

Exclusion is not representation



INSIDE THE CAPITOL

SANTA FE - Gov. Gary Johnson was in his most combative of moods as he announced his second budget veto of the season, threatening more vetoes, multiple special sessions and a government shutdown, all amid much pointing of fingers.

Most public officials begin news conferences by making a series of announcements, designed to lay groundwork for any verbal assaults they might plan to launch. But as soon as Gary Johnson sat down at his big conference table, flanked by aides and facing the Capitol media, he began talking about a government shutdown and blaming it on "Manny, Ray and the Democrats."

The budget-veto announcement came next, almost an afterthought, probably because the governor knew everyone assumed it and because he had nothing new to say about the veto. It was due to Democrat "overspending and underbudgeting," it was out of balance and it couldn't be fixed with line-item vetoes.

Gov. Johnson said he would call a special session late this month, but he was not optimistic about its outcome so he is prepared "to keep bringing them back" until lawmakers give him a budget he likes - even if that means a total government shutdown.

The governor's biggest heartburn was the "underbudgeted" prison appropriation, which he said would make a prison shutdown very possible. When he had trouble explaining what a prison shutdown means, a reporter asked if it meant opening the doors and letting the convicts out. Johnson answered that it would be the Legislature's fault and not his. When doubt was expressed that he would do such a thing, the governor said he guessed we'd have to stop feeding the prisoners, or something.

At that point, Johnson's aides got very nervous. Chief of Staff Lou Gallegos tried to act into the conversation but couldn't. Many remembered the prison riot last year, which inmates blamed on threats by Johnson. Finally Gallegos got into the conversation explaining that the prison situation is more complicated than the Democrat charge that private prisons aren't saving the money. Johnson said they would. Gallegos noted that there has been an increase of 400 inmates in the past year.

David Harris, secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration, jumped into the conversation saying that money won't

run out until mid-June, so they will only have to find a way to tide prisons over until July 1 when the new fiscal year commences. But Johnson wouldn't give up, insisting that there is not money anywhere else in the budget to fund those two weeks and that there are no contingency plans for how to get through that period.

A more immediate concern is the state parks that actually will have to shut down. Because of dissatisfaction with fee increases and the management of parks, last year's Legislature funded the division only through the end of March. Johnson says this is the main reason he is calling a special session for the end of this month instead of waiting until early May as he usually does.

The problem with the end of the month is that the YMCA Model Legislature has the legislative chambers reserved for that time. The

Governor's Office is trying to find them alternate space. That dilemma has produced an almost universal reaction among capitol observers: why not let the kids work out the state budget crisis themselves?

It's unfortunate that constitutional problems bar such a solution because New Mexicans are beginning to get restless. Three weeks ago the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce offered to pay for a mediator to get the governor and Democrat legislative leaders talking. Johnson says that idea is "dead."

Now other business groups say it is time for our state leaders to put childish behavior behind them. They feel the Legislature and governor are more interested in maneuvering for political advantage in the coming elections than in solving the state's depressing economic problems.

They may be right.

Capitan Mayor

(Continued from Page 1)

LEPP funds received from the state after July 1.

Capitan police department may get into the new public safety building this summer. Barela reported that the insurance company for the project had accepted a bid of more than \$29,000 to tear out and re-pour the concrete floor. The village has been in a dispute with contractor Taylor Construction of Roswell about the floor that did not meet specifications. Another construction company will redo the floor. "We are trying to speed the project up, but in a diligent way," Barela said. "Hopefully in one week the work will begin."

Barela also reported on the Rural Utility Services (RUS) grant/loan for water system improvements. The environmental review study was completed and submitted to RUS. Barela said he met with the new loan specialist who developed a "worse case" scenario time line with an eligibility conference with trustees and RUS staff in

April or May, meeting of the Office of General Council of RUS in Denver in June, approval and funding authorized in June, bid for the project by June or August with construction beginning in September. Barela said he would like to cut the time line so construction begins in July or August for the four month project.

Renfro said the loan/grant process started last year and has now grown to more than \$800,000. Coker and Ingle were scheduled to go to Washington D.C. on March 15 on National Rural Water Association business. Renfro asked the two while in Washington to "do some hand twisting" for the loan/grant.

Action on a lease of Capitan's Eagle Creek water rights to the Village of Ruidoso was tabled because village attorney Don Dutton was unable to attend the meeting.

What will happen to the money from the lease came up during discussion of an expansion to village hall.

Resident Robert Goddard asked if any of the Eagle Creek money will be used for the village hall expansion. Renfro said it was up to the trustees, but he did not favor using the money for the expansion.

Trustee Ingle at the beginning of the meeting requested a change to the minutes of the February 22 meeting to include the discussion about the money from the Eagle Creek water rights lease being earmarked for water improvements, and that Barela found no record of such a designation. Barela said there was no resolution or direction from trustees for the Eagle Creek lease money.

Goddard said he did accounting for Eagle Creek association and at first did not think it was a good idea to turn loose of the Eagle Creek watershed. Now he thought the lease money should go to water improvements. "The building (village hall) would take a third of the money," Goddard said.

Coker said the money can be earmarked, but the first step is to see what the legislature will do with the capital outlay appropriations of \$50,000 from Rep. Dub Williams and \$100,000 from Senator Pete Campos. The funding was among the many appropriations that died in the final moments of the regular session. Another consideration for funding for village hall is a New Mexico Finance Authority loan.

Barela said of the money from the Eagle Creek settlement, \$90,000 went to pay off the loan for the water rights, other funds were used to pay for the RUS engineering service and the engineering for the storm drain project of the last unsuccessful Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. Of the remaining funds \$149,000, is in certificates of deposit in the local banks and about \$31,000 is in the village budget line item for water rights.

Citizen Fred Chaney asked Ingle, who is president of the New Mexico Rural Water Association, if Coker was an employee of the association and if so if that was a conflict of interest. Ingle said no. Coker said he did work for the New Mexico Rural Water Association but not now. Ingle said Coker was employed through federal contract arranged by Congressman Joe Skeen.

Rick Silva Announces Candidacy For Lincoln County Assessor

Rick Silva, Republican, has announced he is a candidate for the office of Lincoln County Assessor.

Silva has been an appraiser in the Lincoln County Assessor's office for more than 16 years. If elected he will be the first state certified appraiser to hold the Lincoln County Assessor office.

A fifth generation area resident, Silva understands Lincoln County. Silva was raised in La Luz and graduated from Alamogordo High School. His grandparents were raised in Lincoln County.

As a 16 year employee of Lincoln County, Silva understands county government. He has management skills learned from managing a restaurant with 15 employees.

Silva is an active member of youth, church and community, helping with little league basketball and football and serving on the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission.

"I pledge to continue a service oriented department that will seek progressive advances, using the latest technology in information services," Silva said.



OPEN LETTER and PETITION TO: MAYOR & TRUSTEES, TOWN OF CARRIZOSO, NM

From the undersigned:

In reference to the reappointment of Carol Schlarb as Municipal Clerk: Carol has held this position for 21 years. It would be virtually impossible to replace her knowledge, work, skills and experience. Her grant writing and administrative contacts alone are not replaceable in a community this size.

It would be a gross injustice to the Town of Carrizozo and to Carol not to renew her employment. It appears there is a personality or jealousy conflict directed at Carol from within the administration. This is totally wrong. This type of thing should be handled face to face.

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Capitan School Board Updates Safety Plan

by Doris Cherry
The February 17 bomb threat to Capitan School showed the weaknesses of the district safety plan, and prompted changes to the

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bomb threat section of the plan.

At the March 9 board of education meeting, members adopted revisions to the district safety plan that redefined the procedures to be followed in case of a bomb threat or bomb emergency. The changes were the result of reviewing how the school district responded to the bomb threat incident and parental concerns on how the safety plan was followed.

School superintendent Diana Billingsley said the changes were the result of two parent meetings and work of a committee made up of herself, all the school principals, bus contractor Frank Silva, special education coordinator George Holman, administration intern Dale Jackson, finance officer Francis Traylor, maintenance supervisor Nick Pacheco and administration clerk Liz Montes.

Parental concerns included having children in the weather, letting older students leave early, no notification of parents, personnel search and use of electronic devices after the bomb threat was made. The changes in the safety plan address these concerns. Children will be taken to different locations depending on grade, with elementary to the Church of Christ, middle school to the fair building and high school to the Christ Community Church. Students will not be transported to home early, vehicles on campus will not be moved until the search is completed. Lincoln County Sheriff's Office will notify the Capitan Fire Department also.

Student check out, and transportation, and contact of law enforcement are also revised. Billingsley said state police will be asked to be in charge of any investigation and will determine how a search is made. She said Holloman Air Force Base has a bomb sniffing dog available upon request from the Lincoln County Sheriff.

School board member Gary Tregembo asked how students will be signed out. Billingsley said she is working with the ACT parent group on a new student information sheet that will be entered into a computer. Billingsley said it is important for parents and guardians to update their student information cards, especially the telephone numbers of emergency contacts.

School board member Ervin Aldaz requested Region 9 Education Cooperative be asked to provide training for such an incident. Billingsley said there will be a training on explosives protocol at an out of town workshop on May 5.

After other questions about students getting into lockers or taking backpacks, Billingsley said the elementary might require clear backpacks next year. Elementary principal Dick Clevenger said there are suppliers for the clear pack.

Earlier in the meeting during discussion of another topic, school board president Tom Trost said the district had received many letters, and flowers, from parents who supported and thanked teachers and staff for how they handled the bomb threat incident.

High school principal Darrel Stierwalt updated the board on the investigation of the bomb threat. He said because of the Capitan High School and Lincoln County Crime Stoppers, two students have given the name of an individual suspected in the incident. Lanny Maddox, Ruidoso police chief who administers the county crime stoppers, also received a name, Stierwalt added.

Capitan School Gifted Program Revitalized

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Board of Education at its March 9 meeting adopted revisions to the district gifted programs.

The revisions will focus on science in the middle and high schools, and on a one-on-one mentoring in the elementary school. Each elementary gifted student will be assigned a staff member in the accelerated math program and to provide individualized instruction in the area of the child's "exceptionality."

Special education/gifted program coordinator George Holman said there is now a middle and high school science club called "Archimedeans." Club president Melanie Hail told the board about the weather station gifted students hooked into the internet, plans for a trip to White Sands Missile Range to see a sounding rocket and night launch and other projects. High school sponsor Rick Berglund said the crown project for the high school gifted program is the mapping of water resources in Lincoln County. He said the intent is to give students time working on real projects. "People will give us money to do this type research," Berglund said.

Holman said the gifted program needs to continually change to keep students interested.

A parent however was concerned the gifted program labels children as so special they have to be taken from the regular classroom, especially in the elementary. Holman said he understood that point of view, but the state mandates the district to have a gifted program. And the state sets the standards for "exceptionality" with guidelines on the testing of potential gifted students. Students are tested for the gifted program by referral from teachers, or parents can request their child be tested.

In response to the parent questions, Holman said gifted students are usually included in the high school. As for taking a staff member to mentor the elementary student, Holman said the mentor must be qualified in the gifted area. School board president Tom Trost said he did not see a teacher being pulled away from the rest of a class to mentor the gifted child. Elementary principal Dick Clevenger said the elementary has small

enough classes that curriculum could be adapted to allow the teacher time with the gifted student. Currently the elementary does "teaming" where students with higher level abilities in math and science study with students in higher grades.

Trost said the program is not intended to label students and he invited the parent to come to the school and meet with Holman. School board member James Hobbs said the program is to enhance programs and help those who need it.

The school board also: -Adopted the 2000-01 school calendar with class to start August 15 for students, and ending May 25, 2001.

-Approved amendment to the activity bus contract to increase the mileage paid to \$2.32 a mile for a new 72 passenger activity bus with air conditioning.

-Authorized a football game with out of state school

Anthony Texas on October 6, in Capitan. The authorization is required by the New Mexico Activities Association for any game with an out of state school.

IN THE SERVICE

William H. Schwettmann IV, Alamogordo High School class of 1999, graduated from the Marine Recruit Depot in San Diego on March 3.

Attending the graduation were his parents William and Eileen Schwettmann III of Santa Fe, sister Sally Schwettmann a senior at NMSU, and his grandparents William and Katherine Schwettmann II of Alto.

Pvt. Schwettmann, after a 10-day leave, will report to Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base at San Clemente California for advance training and a permanent tour assignment.

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Capitan School Budget Community Meeting Will Be Held March 30

Parents and community members are invited to attend one of two Capitan School budget workshops being held at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 30 in the school administration building.

The meeting is sponsored by the Capitan ACT parent group and the school administration.

School superintendent Diana Billingsley told the school board at its March 9 meeting, that no one knows how much the schools will get from the state, or whether a salary increase will be required until a state budget is passed and signed by the governor at the upcoming March 27 special session of the state legislature.

Districts have been advised to develop a budget based on last year's funding from the state, Billingsley added. Capitan school board will hold a special hearing on the 2000-01 budget on April 6. The district must have the budget into the state department of education office in Santa Fe on April 7.

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.

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PART 5

The Hidalgo Mining Company
The Hidalgo Mining company was organized in 1884 to operate mines in the district of Parral, state of Chihuahua, Mexico. They began business in a small way, but have enlarged their operations year by year ever since. Their property comprises about 200

pertenencias of proven mineral-bearing vein. There are 10 working shafts, depth varying from 150 to 900 feet, six of which are equipped with modern steam hoisting machinery, the balance with whims. There are two modern mills with annual capacity of 45,000 tons. The method of treatment is lixiviation. There is also a

foundry, in which all necessary castings are made; machine shop fully equipped with modern machinery; carpenter shop with wood working machinery, and about 100 houses for offices, dwellings, etc.

The first property acquired by the company was the Aguilera mine in 1884, on Cerro de la Cruz, within the limits of the city of Parral, being the same hill which is called "La Santa Cruz." This is a full claim and a very large vein, upon which a hoisting plant was erected and a perpendicular shaft sunk to a depth of 350 feet. The mine produced so much water that the pumping plant upon it was found entirely inadequate to keep it unwatered, and no work has been done upon it for several years.

Immediately adjoining this mine the company own a mill site upon which was erected Hidalgo Mill No. 1. This mill was run successfully from 1888 until the end of 1893, at which time it was closed down, Mill No. 2 having in the meantime been erected at the mines in the Minas Nuevas district, in order to provide for a larger tonnage and save the cost of transportation. Since that time Mill No. 1 has not been in operation.

In 1891 the company acquired the Presena Mine at Minas Nuevas, about six miles northwest of Parral, also an interest in the Salto Mine adjoining, and subsequently acquired the remaining interest in the Salto;

also the San Francisco, the Morena, the Alferena and Vizcaina, all upon the main ledge of Minas Nuevas district. These mines give a total length on this ledge of 3,944 feet. Of the mines on this ledge the Presena and Alferena are each equipped with a very complete steam hoisting plant; on the Salto, the San Francisco and Morena, horse whims are in

use. Immediately adjoining the Presena on the west was erected in 1893, Hidalgo Mill No. 2, having a capacity of 80 tons per day. Both Mill No. 1 and Mill No. 2 are what are known as "leaching plants." Briefly stated the method of treatment is as follows:

The ore is first crushed with an ordinary rock breaker, then passes through a fine crusher; next passes through revolving ore driers to eliminate all moisture. It is then mixed with a certain percentage of salt, after which it is crushed, by means of heavy rolls, to a pulp passing through a 36 mesh screen. It is next passed through a revolving furnace, where it is roasted to a cherry heat, and is then withdrawn to the cooling floor, where it is permitted to lie until the temperature falls to 160-130 degrees Fahrenheit. It is then charged into large vats where it is treated with water and a solution of chemicals which dissolves the silver and other metals contained in the ore, the solution being drawn off into other vats, after which the waste rock is discharged from the leaching vats by sluicing.

The solutions which have previously been drawn off into other vats, as mentioned above, are then treated with other chemicals, which precipitate the silver and other metals, leaving the solution itself clear and ready to be pumped back into storage vats to be used over again. The precipitate is then drawn off and pumped into hydraulic presses by which means most of the moisture is pressed out of the precipitate (now known as sulphides). The sulphides are then placed in drying ovens in the refining room which evaporates the balance of the moisture. These sulphides are afterwards put into a furnace, where they are refined, the base metals being separated from the silver and

the silver is cast into bars ready to be shipped to the mint.

In 1895 the company acquired nine mines which have been known as the Concession mines, owing to the fact that they were the principal ones embraced in a mineral zone for which a concession was granted to certain parties several years ago. These mines are the San Juanico, Cabadena, Las Cruces, Los Hilos, Las Guijas, La Luz, Las Animas, La Presa and Esperanza. The La Presa is situated on a piece of real estate belonging to the company, comprising 15 or 20 acres; the others are ordinary sized mining claims, and all of them properties which in the past have had more or less reputation, some of them having been in early times very large producers, but all of them have been idle for many years.

The officers of this company are as follows: John H. Wilson, president; John R. McGinley, vice president; James I. Long, general manager; Robert J. Long, general superintendent, and S.E. Gill, secretary and treasurer. Incorporated under the laws of Colorado and capitalized at \$1,000,000. Home office, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Parral and Durango Railway company is owned and operated by the same stockholders, and connects the mines of the Hidalgo Mining company with the Mexican Central Railway at Parral, and extends into the foothills of the Sierra Madre mountains, having a total length of about 50 miles. Its equipment consists of about 75 cars and five locomotives. In addition to carrying the Hidalgo Mining company's ore, fuel, timbers, etc., it does a general freight and passenger business for the adjoining mining camps and surrounding country.

Mr. S.E. Gill is president; John H. Wilson, vice president; Jas. I. Long, general manager; W.G. Muzzy, secretary and treasurer. Offices are in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Parral, Mexico.

THE JESUS MARIA MINES COMPANY

And the Mines Development company are New York companies operating in Parral. The two companies have a capitalization of \$500,000. It is a close corporation, being owned by but four persons. Mr. P.L. Fearn is president and general manager; J.A. Cruise is the superintendent at Parral, and Frank Farmer is superintendent at El Carmen. The Jesus Maria and Pancitas, of Parral, compose six claims, and are silver and gold properties. At El Carmen, Durango, 90 miles south of Parral, the company owns the Jesus Maria, of 10 claims; the Baradon, of 8 claims; the Cordon, of 8 claims, and the Mina del Manas, of 6 claims. The last is a gold property, the three preceding are silver and copper.

The Jesus Maria mine at Parral is not only the oldest but the largest producer in Parral camp. It has been worked for 300 years, and has an authoritative record of having produced \$7,500,000. It has been worked to only a depth of 250 feet.

The present owners have sunk the main shaft 100 feet in the past year, and have developed one vein a distance of 425 feet. The vein averages 16 feet wide and assays 70 ounces of silver and .3 ounces of gold. The mine is producing 100 tons per day. The high grade ore is shipped to the El Paso smelter, and the company is under a contract to deliver 30 tons per day to the Penoles company of Mapami. The balance is sent to the Parral Milling company's mill at Parral.

The Prieta Gold and Silver Mining company of Baltimore is also operating at Parral. F.C. Wood is president, and lives in Baltimore; P.L. Fearn is general manager, and Mr. Blaine superintendent.

SIERRA MADRE RAILWAY DISTRICT

The building of the Grande, Sierra Madre Pacific railway three years ago gave the mining properties northwestern Chihuahua eastern Sonora excellent transportation facilities and impetus was given the mining industry in these districts. Under the able management of this railway company reliable information from the districts reached by the line have been continuously obtained and furnished to the public, and at any time can be obtained by the miner or the mine operator calling at or writing to the office of the company in Juarez to obtain reliable information regarding the resources of rich mineral country, penetrable by or reached through the Sierra Madre railway. Juarez the northern terminal of the road, is the Mexican border town just across the Rio Grande south of El Paso, Texas, and street car line between the cities passes by the offices of the company.

A representative of International Industrial Record has visited all the important mines in the district, and public interested in mining here given what information has been gathered at the various mines.

The first mining district reached is called

"La Derrota,"

Belonging to the Juarez company. The ore is a flux, containing a great deal of iron, and the values consist of lead, silver and some gold. The property has a 4000-foot shaft and 8 levels, and is at present operated by Mr. George Campbell under lease, making regular shipments to the Paso smelting works.

Other mines owned by Juarez company in this district are: La Negrita y Anexas, Grande y Anexas and some important properties.

Several new developments have been made lately by Dr. Marchand of El Paso, to the northwest of the Bismark, Sierra de los la Mintas, and close to the old Santa-I mine, and some very rich lodes are being opened up ready for shipment.

Other mining properties same district are "La Estrella" belonging to the Bauche and H.W. Higley of Durango the owner of Estrella del No Estrella del Oriente, Estrella del Poniente, and Estrella del Sur but none of the Estrella mines are being worked at present lack of capital. The Altan mine, owned by Rafael Chav and the Monte Christo, owned by Jesus Gamillo, are also mining properties, but at present idle.

In Sierra Rica, to the north of Guzman are several good copper properties, both high and low grade, and the ore is shipped to El Paso via Guzman. This is a very promising copper district and well worth the miner's attention. And in many of these mines mentioned here and not being worked would make a stake for an intelligent miner by taking lease on them. The nearest road point is Guzman, where the railroad company has a good hotel.

Sabinal District

Thirty miles southwest of Guzman are the mines Sabinal, which are of great importance. The Aventurero Mining company owns and operates the following mines: Santo Domingo, Aventurera, Ninita, Anexas de la Nina, Don El Mundo, Dos Herman, Hobart and Don Julian. These the Santo Domingo is the principal producer. This mine has been worked a long time and has extensive workings, great depth and immense bodies, containing carbonate lead, silver and gold.

The Aventurero company ships at present 1200 tons of ore per month from Sabinal station. Mr. Britton Davis, of

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Smokey Bear Museum Items Are Inventoried

by Doris Cherry

Irreplaceable Smokey Bear memorabilia have been inventoried and returned to the Smokey Bear Museum and gift shop which now has a fire and theft alarm system.

Museum manager Kateri Hicks reported to the Capitan village trustees during their meeting March 14. Last month some citizens were concerned about the museum items being stored away while the museum was getting new carpeting and alarm system. Hicks said they compared the new inventory to a 1996 inventory

of items and discovered that four percent of the items on the 1996 inventory cannot be found. "This does not mean the items are not there," Hicks said. She said some items could be worded differently, or were listed twice. She said the inventory lists are available for viewing by the public.

Also when the museum staff inventoried the items they video taped each item. The video tape has been placed in a safe deposit box.

At the museum the alarm system has been installed and is working. Hicks said if a phone line is cut, or a door opened the system is wired to call 911 automatically. "We worked hard on replacing the memorabilia," Hicks added.

Also during the meeting, Rock Road resident Kathleen Phillips asked for information on the road improvement project on Rock Road and Mountain Pass. She said the road department did a wonderful job, but she wondered why so much was spent for two cul-de-sacs that served two full time households and four mobile homes.

Mayor Norman Renfro said the projects are done through the state highway department cooperative program under which the village provides its money share as in-kind equipment use and labor, and the state gives actual funds for materials purchase. Renfro said the village road foreman recommended roads to be upgraded and the trustees approve the list to be sent to the state highway department for funding through the cooperative program. "All

the roads need to be improved," Renfro said. "But they are trying to do all the roads that have not been upgraded."

Village administrator Steve Barela said Rock Road prior to the work was a country dirt road. Every year roads with needs are placed on the state coop program list that is approved by trustees and sent to the state. Barela said citizens with concerns on road improvements can see him about it, or about other issues.

Village road supervisor David Cox said some of the roads upgraded with coop funds were never developed by the subdivider. As the subdivision began to fill up there was more demand to build up the roads. He said Rock Road and Mountain Pass since they are traveled little should be good roads "forever" and they should never have to go back. Cox said the village fire and EMS services would have been unable to respond to a home on the roads had they not been improved.

Later during the public comment period, Phillips asked what it would take to get natural gas to her home on Rock Road. She said she had tried for 11 years to get Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG) Company to bring natural gas lines to her house. Trustee Leroy Montes, chairman of the CCNG board, said he will check what the problem is. He said a lot of people have gone to the gas company and gotten no service. "A lot of people come to us (members of the gas board) and they will have gas," Montes said. "If we know about it, we'll take care

of it. We represent the people."

Montes said when he became a CCNG board member CCNG had 800 customers, now it has more than 1,000. "But we can't fight Hamilton and the people in Capitan and do a good job," Montes said. "We're hoping in a year we'll be through with Hamilton (Zia Natural Gas Co.)."

Montes then suggested Phillips get an application for a gas hook up from the CCNG office. Phillips said CCNG office staff never offered her an application, rather said they would send someone out, which never happened. Renfro, who also serves on the CCNG board, said if Phillips was to go to the CCNG office the next day she would get an application. Phillips said she had not wanted to bother the trustees for something that was the CCNG employees' business.

Also during the public comment period, David Cox asked about the status of a letter from Smithco about the allegations on the fire hydrant CDBG project. Barela said village attorney Don Dutton was to have discussed the item that night, but Dutton was delayed in court in Alamogordo and was unable to attend the meeting. Barela said as far as he knew Smithco had not replied to Dutton's requests for clarification.

Citizen Fred Chaney then asked trustee Benny Coker if he had any comments. Chaney was referring to comments made about Coker at the February 22 meeting during discussions about the Smithco allegations. Coker was absent from that meeting. Coker said, "Not really. It sounded like a Benny Coker roast."

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The Mexico mine is owned and operated by the Urrafia brothers of Chihuahua and Juarez. This property has a depth of 150 feet, and produces first class ore, carrying silver and gold, and will soon commence regular shipments to El Paso Smelting works.

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San Salvador, belonging to S. Decory, M. Avila, J. A. King and J. Palmer, and adjoining San Salvador is the National, both on the same vein, belonging to Messrs. King, Jones and Decory.

All these three mines produce high, and low grade sulphides carrying silver, copper and lead.

There are many other mines and prospects in this district, and it is well worth a visit by miners, looking for investments or leases.

The next district reached is the

(MORE NEXT WEEK)

Obituary

KENNETH RAY LITTLE, JR.

Kenneth Ray Little, Jr. died November 8, 1997. He was 47 years old, died in his San Antonio home, of an apparent heart attack.

He is survived by 1 brother, Mike Little, Houston, TX, Allan Little of Lorton, VA, and sister, Jeannene Little Hobbs, NM.

His grandparents Ja S. and Mamie Little were active Ruidoso residents the 50s-60s when Ken was growing up. Jack Little was mayor Ruidoso around 55-56. Mamie owned "The Lit Shop" which was sold Mrs. John Emde around 1965.

Kenny went to school at the NM School for the Deaf in Santa Fe, where his uncle Dr. James Little was superintendent.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo did during their Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 14, 2000 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico adopt deleting Section 6-5-3 of the Town of Carrizozo Municipal Code Book and enacting new section 6-5-3 and section 6-5-4.

Section: 6-5-3 Tobacco use or possession by Minors:

The Town of Carrizozo realizes that Section 30-49-1 et seq of New Mexico Statutes Annotated a/k/a the Tobacco Products Act in Section 30-49-3 attempts to regulate the relationships between minors and tobacco products. However the language contained in Section 30-49-3 is potentially unclear as to whether it is a violation of the statute for minors to possess and/or utilize tobacco products. Accordingly, the Town of Carrizozo adopts this ordinance, Section 6-5-3, to clarify that in the Town of Carrizozo it is illegal for minors to use or possess tobacco products.

It shall be unlawful for any minor within the town limits of the Town of Carrizozo to procure, attempt to procure, possess, utilize or consume any tobacco products. Any person who violates any provision of Section 6-5-3 is guilty of a petty misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$100.00 or 48 hours of community service. Each act in violation of 6-5-3 by any minor shall constitute a separate and distinct offense for purposes of penalty imposition.

Section 6-5-4 Severability

Copies of Ordinance may be inspected at the office of the Town Clerk during normal working hours Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CAROL SCHLARB CMC/AE
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids (or Bid Proposals) for the Capitan Elementary School Expansion (Project) will be received by Capitan Municipal School District Board of Education (Owner) at the School Administration Building, Office of the Superintendent, 150 Forest St., Capitan, NM until April 13, 2000, at 2:00 PM. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. Bids will be opened publicly, read aloud at Bid Opening. All Bids must comply with the Instructions to Bidders. The Contract Documents may be examined at the offices below:

Gregory T. Hicks & Associates, P.C.
112 Second Street, SW
Albuquerque, NM 87102
(505) 243-7492

Builders News
3435 Princeton, NE
Albuquerque, NM
(505) 884-1752

Construction Reporter
1609 Second Street, NW
Albuquerque, NM
(505) 243-9793

F.W. Dodge Co.
1615 University Blvd., NE
Albuquerque, NM
(505) 243-2817

In accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing the sum of \$100.00 for each set of documents at Albuquerque Reprographics 4716 McLeod Rd., NE Albuquerque, NM 87109 (505) 884-0862. Any questions in regard to these documents may be directed to the Architect, Gregory T. Hicks & Associates, P.C., (505) 243-7492. Any bona fide bidder upon returning the documents in good condition within ten (10) days following the bid opening, will be returned that deposit.

Bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The Bidder's attention is directed to the Requirements of the Contract Documents for adherence to applicable federal, state and local statutes, regulations and ordinances, payment of minimum wages and payment of taxes.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting and walk-thru on April 6, 2000 at 10:00 AM, at Capitan Elementary School. All General Contractors are required to be there.

The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject Bids. Bids shall be good for 30 days following the opening of Bids and may be withdrawn pending Owner action.

Board of Education
Capitan Municipal Schools

Ms. Diana Billingsley
Superintendent

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

No. CV-00-020
Div. III

SHERI D. BARRETT, *d/a* SHERI H. BECKER,
Plaintiff,
vs.

GROUP I
CARI BECKER, *d/a* GARI LYNN
KOSCHMANN and GARI BECKER-BRIGGS,
and JIM KOSCHMANN

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

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

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF
PENDENCY OF ACTION
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOW.

ING NAMED DEFENDANTS; EACH OF THE DEFENDANTS IDENTIFIED IN GROUPS II AND III ABOVE.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that SHERI D. BARRETT, *d/a* SHERI H. BECKER, Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. 00-020, wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service upon you.

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

COUNT I

Lot 27, Block 6, of HIGH MESA, SUBDIVISION, Unit 2, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the files of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on the 29th day of April, 1971, in Tube No. 405.

Subject to easements, reservations and restrictions of record.

COUNT II

Lot 28, Block 6, of HIGH MESA SUBDIVISION, Unit 2, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on April 29, 1971, in Tube No. 405.

Subject to easements, reservations and restrictions of record.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before April 27, 2000, judgment will be rendered against you by default, and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiff in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff are as follows: Alan P. Morel, Alan P. Morel, P.A., P.O. Box 1030, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88355.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this the 8th day of March, 2000.

JAN PERRY
Court Administrator/
District Court Clerk

By: Eugenia Vega, Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE

Lincoln County Medical Center
COMMUNITY BOARD OF
TRUSTEES MEETING

Will Meet On Monday, March 27, 2000
At 6:00 p.m. in the Hospital Conference Room
The Agenda will be available
at the Administrator's Office
on Friday, March 24, 2000.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ruidoso News will host its annual Community Update town hall meeting on Friday, March 31, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. The mission of this meeting is to inform the public on the following issues: water, growth, affordable housing and economic development.

A copy of the agenda for the meeting will be available at the Ruidoso News at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Individuals with disability who need a reader, amplifier or a qualified sign language interpreter during the meeting should contact Brad L. Treptow, publisher of the Ruidoso News at 505-257-4001 as soon as possible prior to the meeting.

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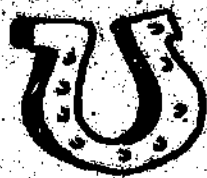
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT
PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY,
MARCH 28, 2000

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 28, 2000 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico for the purpose of Annexation.

CAROL SCHLARB,
CMC/AE
Town Clerk-
Treasurer

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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, April 5, 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. 99-09-037

One (1) 100-Watt VHF Station/Repeater

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, April 20, 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 bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interests of Lincoln County.

JANE WILLIAMS
Purchasing Agent

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Scoping Meetings Are Set For Proposed Camino Real Center

The public is invited to attend scoping meetings for the Environmental Assessment of the proposed Camino Real International Heritage Center to be located near Truth or Consequences. Meetings will be held at 6 p.m. April 5 at Holiday Inn Express Conference Center in Socorro, and at 6 p.m. April 6 in the Truth or Consequences Civic Center. The BLM and NM Office of Cultural Affairs proposed to develop and operate a new State Monument and BLM interpretive center to commemorate and interpret the historic Camino Real de Tierra Adentro. The trail

connected New Mexico frontier with Chihuahua and Mexico City for more than 400 years.

The proposed location for the center is 2.5 miles east of I-25 between Socorro and T or C. The proposed action involves amending the BLM Socorro Resource Management plan of 1989 to classify about 125 acres of BLM federal land as suitable to transfer to the state of New Mexico.

Comments will be accepted in writing through May 6 and should be addressed to Charles Carroll, BLM, 198 Neel Street, Socorro, NM 87801.

Church Directory



Mountain Ministry Parish, Sierra Blanca Presbytery

Nogal Presbyterian Church:
BILL SEBRING, pastor
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Anchor Community Presbyterian Church:
SCOTT KING, pastor / 648-2024
Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
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 354-2025
Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Sunday Evening..... 8:00 pm

First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM 648-2883 (church) or 648-2107
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Worship Service..... 10:55 am
Sun. Evening..... Training at 6:15 pm
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Carrizozo Community Church (A/C)

JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2188
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, 648-2652
SATURDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm
Czozo Santa Rita..... 8:30 pm
SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:30 am
Czozo Santa Rita..... 10:30 am
Corona St. Theresa..... 1:00 p.m.

Church of Christ

PERRY ZUMWALT, minister
Avg. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM.
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:00 am
Evening Worship..... 1:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

St. Matthew Episcopal Church

REV. GANON JOHN PENN, pastor
Corner of Ave. & Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
1-505-267-2556
Holy Eucharist..... 6:30 am Sunday

The Word of Life Church

REV. CHUCK FULTON, 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 School..... 10:00 am
Church Services..... 11:00 am

United Methodist Churches

TOM WOODARD, pastor
1000 D. Ave. 648-2893 / 648-2848
Carrizozo, NM 88301
Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:10 am
Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 8:30 pm
United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 pm

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..... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, minister
5th & Lincoln / 336-4827
Sunday Bible Study..... 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:30 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 8:00 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..... 8:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Corona

CAL WEST, pastor / 648-7875
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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Carrizozo Mayor

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eral report asked the trustees to table items concerning approval of an alternate judge and he would bring them back at a later time. Trustees approved tabling the items.

Trustees received their first monthly report on the Carrizozo Recreation Center by manager Peter Wolfe. Wolfe said that he has cleaned up the center, shampooed the carpets, painted, and replaced the broken windows. Wolfe said that the first months gross receipts were \$1,212.80 and the town's 15 percent was \$181.92. He asked the trustees to have long distance calling available at the recreation center and have a block on it so only Wolfe and those running the center can use it. Right now if there is a need to call long distance from the recreation center, Wolfe is called at his place of business; he makes the call, and then calls the center back. He said that there has been a pay phone installed and that does not allow long distance calling. Wolfe said that he has started promoting the recreation center in Capitán and that Alamogordo and Ruidoso will be next. He asked that the trustees come by the center and take a look at it every once in awhile. On April 1, there will be a pool tournament. Trustees approved Lindsay's motion to table approval of the Carrizozo Recreation Center operations agreement until the next meeting as everyone had just received copies of it. Lindsay said that by tabling the approval until the next meeting everyone would have a chance to review it.

During the letters to the mayor, Hernandez read a letter from the state department of finance (DFA) local government division, stating that the Town of Carrizozo and its grant administrator Carol Schlarb (town clerk/treasurer for the Town of Carrizozo) had been nominated to receive an award for excellence that proved, over the years, to be excellent CDBG administrators. Members of the audience clapped when Schlarb's name was mentioned. The letter also requested that Schlarb be present at the March workshop in Socorro to receive the award.

Items acted on by the trustees: approved the resolution setting forth notice provisions on public meetings by the Board of Trustees; adopted Ordinance deleting section 6-5-3 of the town municipal code book and enacting new sections 6-5-3 and 6-5-4 in regards to anti-smoking minors; approved the \$350 formal budget request for fiscal year 2000-2001 from Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD); approved Schlarb placing a public hearing notice in the paper for public comment on the draft annexation at the next trustees meeting; appointed trustee Tommy Guevara to the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) board; reappointed Pat Voss to a two year term on the Carrizozo Planning & Zoning Commission; and appointed Kathy Williams to a two year term on the Carrizozo Planning & Zoning Commission.

Santa Fe Opera Apprentice Tour Visits County

The Santa Fe Opera (SFO) Apprentice Tour will make two stops in Lincoln County in the next two weeks. Corona Schools will host SFO tour with a free performance at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 17, in the school auditorium. On March 26, the free performance will be held at 3 p.m. in the Hubbard Museum of the Western Horse in Ruidoso Downs. While the concerts are free, Corona is requesting reservations be made by calling 849-1911.

Call the Hubbard Museum at 378-4142 for more information about the concert there. This year SFO has combined the Apprentice Artist Tour with its Opera Mosaic programs to offer two different musical performances for students in school, and for families and adults.

The student program is a costumed and staged performance of the one-act opera "Bastien and Batlerne" written by Mozart when he was a child. Family concerts will include arias from Don Giovanni, The Marriage of Figaro, The Elvir of Love and The Pearl Fishers. Selections from the musicals Brigadoon and Rhapsody in Blue are also included.

Singers, members of the 1999 SFO apprentice program, are soprano Celena Shafer, tenor Michael Ryan and baritone Dean Southern. Pianist is Ron Grinage.

The 2000 tour is sponsored by Phelps Dodge Foundation, Eugene V. and Clair E. Thaw Charitable Trust and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Free Child Care Is Available in Ruidoso

An extended day/year child care program is underway in Ruidoso for parents of children three to four years old and who are eligible or receive cash benefits from TANF.

Lincoln County Head Start in the Nob Hill Early Childhood Center in Ruidoso has an extended day/year program to assist parents who participate or are eligible for TANF.

Program hours are from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 2 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Fridays and most holidays. Bus service is available. For information call 257-5025.

Tuesday Is Filing Day For County Offices

Tuesday, March 21 is the only day that candidates for county offices can file with the Lincoln County Clerk to be included in the June 8 primary election. Candidates must file between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the clerk's office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Candidates must have been registered in the party for which they are seeking a position in the primary election by January 31, the day the governor issued the primary election proclamation. County offices open this year are commission positions one and three, assessor, sheriff and probate judge.

Candidates for the Second Congressional Representative District (federal) and U.S. Senate position, state representative District 5f position and the District 8 state senator position must file their declarations of candidacy and petitions signed by qualified voters of their party with the secretary of state office in Santa Fe, also on March 21.

For more information about the filing dates or the primary election call the Lincoln County Clerk's Office at 648-2394.

Old Lincoln Town

by Rosalie Dunlap

The Spinning Group will meet Saturday, Mar. 18 at the La Placita in Lincoln. The group will be learning how to spin with cotton. Last month the group learned about silk. All those interested in spinning are welcome to join the group.

It is spring break time for the schools and universities. We see many groups of students in Lincoln throughout the month of March. The State Monuments plan on demonstrating the methods that adobe is applied to the Torreon. The children and adults love this. The children have plastic bags to cover their clothes and can throw the "mud" on the Torreon. A good hands on experience for the youngsters.

The Corriente CowBelles met in Capitán last week. Final plans were made for the workshop to be held March 20. To be held at the fair building in Capitán.

WANTED: Photos, scripts, programs of the "Billy the Kid" Pageant and/or a "Day in

Lincoln". from the 40s, 50s and early 60s. They will be copied and the original given back. These will be put in a publication next year.

There will be a reunion of the pageant participants August 3-4, 2000. Thank to those who have already furnished material - Kay Taylor Rucker, Peg Pflungsten, Frances and Joe Gallegos, Henry Calderon, and Louise Babers.

We are also working with Aiden Ritch who has a list compiled of available photos.

One of the participants believes that there is a costume worn at the first performance. Wouldn't it be nice if we could get a few of the costumes, through the years and have a display during the pageant this year. The Lincoln Pageant and Festivals group and also the Hubbard Museum of the American West are sponsoring this project.

Contact Ralph Dunlap, Box 156, Lincoln, NM 88316. Tele/fax 505-653-1047. e-mail rd@povnetworks.net. Don't send originals in the mail.

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County Commission

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Ralph Romero said he lives a subdivision that is accessed and split by a county road and was concerned how he would have to pay in a self-assessment district.

Nunley concluded the discussion by saying the county needs to continue the effort to educate the public on the options of self-assessment.

Commissioners also held a discussion on the proposed hospital mill levy resolution. The current hospital mill levy comes up for renewal at the November general election this year. County resident Duane Williams requested the county reduce the current mill levy. He said the recently established indigent health care fund, paid for by a gross receipt tax, should take some of the pressure off the mill levy which had been used to pay for indigent health care.

Gary Mitchell, chairman of the Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) hospital board, said Presbyterian Health Services, a nonprofit corporation, has managed LCMC for 20 years. Mitchell said having a for-profit company take over the LCMC management would not be a good step for the public. Mitchell said LCMC continues to be one of the best small hospitals in the nation, without increasing costs.

Mitchell said the county should look at the needs for Hondo, Carrizozo and Corona. He also suggested keeping more money in reserves.

Dr. Ray Seidel, Ruidoso area physician, said LCMC is not really one of the top 100 facilities because the care

level is not considered in the evaluation.

Citizen David Campbell said he got three stitches at LCMC and it cost him \$500.

Dr. Juergen Rebstock said the county should appoint the LCMC board, not Presbyterian.

Dr. Arlene Brown asked the commission not to reduce the four-mill levy (three mills go to LCMC and one to the clinics in Carrizozo, Hondo and Corona). Brown said there are two issues: do we want a public hospital or a for-profit facility. She said the county needs to continue the mill levy if it wants to continue to serve the public.

LCMC administrator Jim Gibson said he thought the current mill levy is appropriate. He also said the community wants a "not for profit" hospital. If the not-for-profit

status changes, prices will go up at the hospital, Gibson added.

Wanda de Figueroa, the maternal child health and county health and wellness board coordinator, said Hondo does need a clinic.

County commissioner Leo Martinez suggested a "blue ribbon committee" be appointed to research the needs of clinics in Hondo and Corona.

Stewart said he would reserve time on the March 16 meeting agenda for more discussion on the mill levy issue.

For a mill levy election to be included on the November general election ballot, commissioners must adopt a resolution calling for the hospital mill levy election at least 30 days prior to the election.

Canyon CowBelles February Meeting

Canyon CowBelles met February 3 at Wells Fargo Bank in Carrizozo for a potluck lunch. There were nine members present.

Canyon's membership in the Chamber of Commerce is due for renewal. Members agreed to pay the \$40.00 membership fee. There was a suggestion Canyon have a representative attend chamber meetings and report back points of interest.

First vice-president Lisa Dixon presented the 2000 update of the CowBelle handbooks.

The District V annual meeting will be hosted by the Corriente CowBelles and held at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds on Monday, March 20 at 9:00 am. There will be a fee of \$8.

Welda Grider and Knollene McDaniel reported on the Project Wet seminar that they attended in Ruidoso on Jan. 12. It was sponsored by the Soil Conservation Service. They reported that they had learned quite a bit and had an enjoyable time.

It was decided that AgDay should be April 13 and Ranch Day April 26.

Parent Airs Concern

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Tregembo asked if any of the issues have been addressed. Osborn said some have been addressed and on others compromise. Trost said on the safety issue there is no guarantee a kid won't get hurt. But Osborn said there needs to be more supervision, and he pointed out an example of a gifted trip to Albuquerque.

Osborn said many of the issues could have been addressed.

Trost then said he saw the communication task force committee become a "lynch mob". He asked parents to follow the chain of command for problems, then come to the board if not satisfied.

Hobbs then said everybody there wanted Capitan to be the best school possible. "But what we have here is not productive," he said of the task force list. "As Kimber (Ioviero) said, things get taken care of when parents are in class and work with teachers. I don't think a bunch of committees with people looking for work are what we need. What we need are parents in the classrooms who go to the teacher if they see problems."

Vonna Stevens, a parent on the communication task force and a member of the parent organization ACT, said the issues were valid. "We (the task force) followed the chain of command, then to be disbanded because the school board doesn't want us anymore," she said. "We didn't make up these (issues and concerns)."

Ric Berglund, teacher and representative of Capitan Association of Classroom

Teachers (CACT) thanked the parents for their support. He said the list of issues and concerns did cause a demoralization among the teach-

ers. "But now we're revitalized and we see no further reason to address the issues and concerns," Berglund said.

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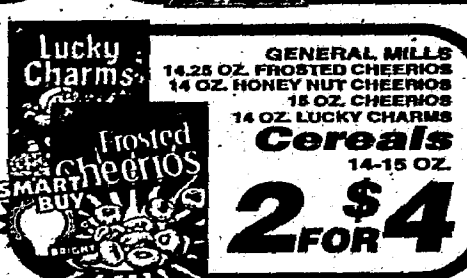
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