

New Jail Has Enough Gas, If Zia Turns Up The Pressure

by Doris Cherry

Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas has asked Zia Natural Gas Company to increase the pressure on its natural gas lines in order to properly serve its customers in the Town of Carrizozo and to the new Lincoln County Detention Center which is being built in the Carrizozo Industrial Park.

During the Lincoln County Commission meeting Thurs-

day, September 21, Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG) attorney Bob Beauvais said the CCNG board which met the night before had asked him to respond to allegations CCNG does not have enough gas pressure to supply the new detention center. Beauvais said CCNG has an obligation to provide gas to the new county detention center because it is located within Carrizozo. The Town of Carrizozo co-owns

CCNG with the Village of Capitan. "The gas company is a municipally owned utility," Beauvais said, "with an obligation to provide service."

"You need assurance there will be enough gas pressure to operate the jail," he added.

Unless CCNG's gas supplier, Zia Natural Gas Company, increases the pressure on the transmission line to CCNG system, "we will not

only lose gas to the jail, we'll lose gas to Carrizozo," Beauvais added.

"This is a serious problem," Beauvais continued. "Zia Natural Gas has created this problem that it can solve by turning up the pressure."

CCNG gas lines to Carrizozo were constructed in 1986. The lines have been treated with a cathodic protection system and are inspected annually by the state Department of Transportation.

CCNG's system is rated to stand pressures up to 900 pounds per square inch of gas (psig). On average CCNG ran its lines at 550 psig before it sold the transmission lines to Zia Natural Gas Company (ZNGC) in 1992. In 1994, Zia reduced the gas pressure on the four inch transmission lines. Pressures from Zia got so low that in October 1997 the CCNG board requested Zia

increase delivery pressure to 270 psig, because the pressure in the CCNG system had dropped to 16 psig.

Beauvais said according to an independent engineer's report, ZNGC will need to increase the pressure on the CCNG transmission line to 360 psig in order to properly serve its Carrizozo customers. The engineer recom-

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Residents Loudly Oppose Proposed Drug Ordinance

Town Attorney Has Solution: Don't Like It? Get Elected To Council and Change It!!



Grizzlies Celebrate Homecoming

CARRIZOZO HOMECOMING 2000 CANDIDATES for the king and queen contest are seniors (front from left) Mary Beth Bond, Ruby Matthews, Brooke Holland, Stella Brewer, Kayla Hammond and Madalyn Burr. From left on back are Lane Dixon, Robert Ortiz, Adam Means, Craig Korosell, Chris Margis and Andy Margis. Not pictured are candidates Veronica Pacheco and Carlos Garcia. Kindergarten escorts are (from left) Jade Roper, Graham Borden, Tiamara Burd and Cody King. The King and Queen will be crowned during half time at the football game on Saturday, Sept. 30. Kickoff is set for 2:00 p.m. against Pine Hill.

by Jeff Hammond

In a very vocal discussion about the possible adoption of a town ordinance concerning drug paraphernalia, the town attorney challenged one concerned citizen to "...run for the board if you want to make some changes."

During a discussion about the possible adoption of an ordinance covering Drug Paraphernalia at the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday, September 26 was attended by several people who voiced their concern as to the need and wording of the ordinance.

Joe Organist, owner of the newly opened Carrizozo Joe's, was the first to speak out in opposition to the ordinance. Organist stated that as a new resident in Carrizozo, as well as business owner that he was hesitant in "jumping forward" and addressing the board about the ordinance. Organist assured the board members and audience that he "is against drug use, and for the war on drugs", but questioned the need for a redundant law already covered by federal and state statutes. Organist went on to say he was concerned about his "Constitutional Right against illegal search and seizure."

Organist informed the board that he has blenders and mixers that he uses in his business, and that he was not afraid of the Federal

Government coming into his business and seizing his blenders, seizing his property and forcing him to have to hire an attorney to defend his right to possess the machines. He questioned the need for the ordinance, asking "What check and balance system is in place to assure this ordinance is not abused?"

Organist stated his fear that someone could anonymously call the police department and say "you know that Joe guy stays late at his business, and late at night I see him dragging bags of things out. I think he is doing some kind of drug business." Then the police show up, and say "Oh he's got blenders, I think there is a possibility he is doing some kind of drug business."

Organist went on to say, "Right there I am hurt because of being accused. Then I will have to go out and hire an attorney. I cannot afford to hire an attorney. I can't afford hiring an attorney. I can't afford the bad publicity just because someone has some vendetta against me or my business. I'm not saying I'm against drug laws, I just think we are going a little crazy here. We have state laws governing this, we have federal government laws, and I don't think we need a city ordinance covering this. I want to know why, for what reason do we need this law."

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AG Says "It Is So!"

C'zozo Council Gets Reprimand

Town Attorney Stevens Supplied w/Updated Manual

September 20, 2000

The New Mexico Attorney General has reviewed the complaints made against the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees concerning possible violations of the Open Meetings Act.

Even though the mayor said at the July 25 town council meeting that the whole problem started with the editorials in *THE NEWS*, the Attorney General issued the following opinion:

David M. Stevens
Attorney at Law, P.C.
106 Rio Street
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345

Re: Open Meetings Act Complaints --
Town of Carrizozo

Dear Mr. Stevens: The above-referenced matter has been referred to me for response. We have reviewed the complaints alleging violations of the Open Meetings Act (NMSA 1978, 10-15-1 to -4) by the Village Board of Trustees ("Board") and your responses to the complaints on behalf of the Board. As discussed in more detail

below, the information available to us indicates that the Board violated the Act as alleged in the complaints. Because the violations do not appear to have been a deliberate attempt to evade the Act's requirements, we will not take further action on the complaints at this time. Nevertheless, we believe that the Board needs to review and update its procedures pertaining to agendas and closed meetings in order to avoid violating the Act again. In addition, we will maintain the complaints in our files in the event future violations of the Open Meetings Act by the Board are alleged and proven, and suggest a pattern and practice of violating the Act.

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CARRIZOZO HOMECOMING COURT. The royal court for Carrizozo High School Homecoming 2000 are (from left) jrs. Andra Harkey and Bryan Bartz, sophs. Jesse Ortiz (escort Richard West not pictured) and frosh. Adrienne Zamora and Josh Calvert. The court and the queen and king candidates will be introduced during a community pep assembly at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 29 in the old gym. Also on Friday, the Homecoming parade begins at 1:30 p.m. with the route to go up E Ave. to 12th St. to Central Ave. past the courthouse to end back at the school. A fireworks display is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday, at the Carrizozo Golf Course lake. On Saturday, action begins at 11:00 a.m. when the Carrizozo Jr. High football team plays the Pine Hill jr. high team in Laabs Field. The Grizzly varsity FB team kicks off with the Pine Hill Warriors at 2:00 p.m. Saturday. At 5:00 p.m. the Carrizozo varsity volleyball team plays in the new gym against Vaughn.



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CCNG To Apply For N.M. Finance Authority Loan

by Doris Cherry

Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas board approved a resolution that authorizes the application of a \$400,000 New

Mexico Finance Authority loan.

During its meeting Wednesday, September 20, in Capitan, the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG) board members chairman Leroy Montes, John Whitaker and Norman Renfro all from the Village of Capitan and Town of

Carrizozo members the mayor, Wes Lindsay and Tommy Guevara. Montes said CCNG is a qualified entity under the NM Finance Authority (NMFA) Act. With that the CCNG will make an application for a \$400,000 NMFA loan for "land acquisition, construction and improvements to its natural gas sys-

tem."

CCNG attorney Bob Beauvais said CCNG will pledge its revenue from the sale of natural gas to its customers to paying off the low interest loan. "This is a low risk for the state," he added.

In response to a question from an audience member, Montes said the loan will be made by CCNG for CCNG and the Village of Capitan and Town of Carrizozo will not be obligated to pay off any of the loan. Beauvais said the joint powers agreement between Capitan and Carrizozo that establishes the CCNG it is stated the municipalities have no obligation to finance, tax or otherwise be financially responsible for CCNG. "No money comes from municipalities to CCNG," Beauvais added. "CCNG is 100 percent supported by user fees, no taxes are collected."

When asked if the improvements to be financed with the loan includes the extension of gas lines to the new county jail in Carrizozo, Montes said CCNG is building a new 3,200 foot gas line to the Lincoln County Detention Center now being constructed in the Carrizozo Industrial Park. The line will also service a new subdivision in the same area. "The new gas line will be done by the time the new jail goes into construction," Montes added indicating the new line is not part of the loan improvements.

Montes never got specific about what improvements would be paid for with the loan. Rather he explained the NMFA process, where once the NMFA approves the CCNG loan application, the \$400,000 requested loan is added to an overall loan request submitted to the state legislature for final approval. If the legislature approves the overall NMFA package, then the \$400,000 loan to CCNG will be approved sometime in 2001. Once this happens, CCNG will make a more detailed plan for use of the funds, Beauvais said.

During audience participation, a question was asked about the allegations that CCNG does not have sufficient gas pressure to supply the new jail once it opens. Beauvais said CCNG has a 20 year transport agreement with Zia Natural Gas Company, but the gas pressure on the transport lines from Zia have been substantially lower than the pressures on the line when CCNG sold the transmission lines to Zia. Later the board discussed its legal options for the reduced pressures during a closed session for discussion of pending and or threatened litigation. After the closed session the board instructed Beauvais to attend the Lincoln County Commission meeting on September 21 to present the information on the gas pressure issue. (See related article).

CCNG set 18 new gas meters in the month of August, reported field supervisor Neo Vallejos. A leak on the Fort Stanton line was found and repaired by Rusty Leslie and service calls are coming in as the weather turns cold.

CCNG now has about 1,000 customers with the newly installed meters.



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Carrizozo Student Art Was Exhibited At The State Fair

The art work of 41 Carrizozo students in 1st through 6th grades was on exhibit at the New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque. More than 4,000 art entries from elementary, middle and high school students from around the state were on exhibit at the State Fair. The New Mexico State Department of Education collaborates with the fair to host this school art exhibit.

The following students had their art on display at the New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque:

First Grade: Lane Carter, Jaime McCarthy, Corina Morales, Raquel Pino, Carmen Tate, Christopher Ventura, Shayna Zamora

Second Grade: Marshal Wilson, Lauren Smith, Joel Ferguson, Stephanie Zamora, Michelle Shivers, Kyla King, Jordan Hill, Chelsea LaMay, Kylie Gaines

Third Grade: Tessa Hendricks, Maria Tate, Matthew Dutchover, Adrienne Ramirez, Mathew Vega

Fourth Grade: Elizabeth Bingerman, Clinton Cogdill

Paicicio Jiron, Kathleen Schlarb, Jennifer Shafer, Sonny Vega, Rory Zamora
Fifth Grade: Casey Barela, Kevin Gore, Autumn Kratochvil, Robert Morales, Gabriel New, Jude Renney, Gregory Vigil, Kendal Wilson
Sixth Grade: Timothy Barela, Stephen Margis, Krista Padilla, Kaitlyn Vega, Jacob Verdugo

Alto Artist Featured In Ruidoso Library

As part of the Village of Ruidoso Private Art in Public Places, the works of Alto artist Larry Goodman will be on display through October 31 at Ruidoso Public Library.

During his career as graphic designer and art director for Rocketdyne Corporation Goodman studied painting and sculpture and exhibited his works. He recently exhibited at the Roswell Arts League, 17th Annual International Juried Show at the Roswell Museum and Art Center.

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TUESDAYS
 -Alcoholics Anonymous 7 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

WEDNESDAYS
 -Moims In Touch prayer group, 2 p.m. 707 F. Ave. In Carrizozo.

-Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

THURSDAYS
 -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.

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, SEPTEMBER 28
 -Absentee voting begins today. Call the Lincoln County Clerk's office at 648-2394 to request a ballot application or for more information.

-Lincoln County Commissioners special meeting at 4 p.m. in the Ruidoso Village Council Chambers in Ruidoso Village Hall.

-Friends of Smokey, Capitan 7 p.m. FOS Headquarters (old Rench house).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
 -12:30 p.m. early dismissal of Carrizozo School. Carrizozo Homecoming Parade at 1:30 p.m.

-Lincoln County FCE and Extension Office Santa's Workshop 2-4 p.m. Ruidoso Downs Zia Senior Citizens Center.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
 -4th Annual Run for the BEACH, fund raising event for breast cancer research. Ruidoso. 1-505-257-9251 for more information.

-Lincoln County Democrat barbecue, 12 noon Alfred McTeigue home in Hondo. Turn off Highway 70 on to the frontage road, marked by balloons, at mile marker 284 in the Hondo Valley. For information call Chay at 258-9090, Paula at 336-1145 or Jim 505-626-0658.

-Carrizozo High School homecoming game, 2 p.m. Laabs Field.

-Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse Dance at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan (advertised for today) has been canceled.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2
 -Capitan Chamber of Commerce 12:30 p.m. chamber building on Second Street.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3
 -American Legion Post #57, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5
 -Lincoln County Public Land Use Advisory Council (PLUAC) 9 a.m. Lincoln County Commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

-Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District regular meeting, 4 p.m. district office on Smokey Bear Blvd. in Capitan. Copies of the agenda are available by calling 354-2220.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7
 -Aspenfest in Ruidoso. Parade 10 a.m. Chili cook off, arts and crafts, car show. Call 1-800-253-2255 for information.

OCTOBER 10
 -Voter registration closes at 5 p.m. for the November 7 general election.

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THOUGHTS
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Any Other Name

By Ruth Hammond

Continuous change is the best way to describe life in Lincoln County. The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority wants to change its name and changed its meeting dates and times, the county commissioners meet today in special session to consider the emergency situation in the national forest, and the Attorney General's opinion that the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees did violate the state Open Meetings Act are just three of the more interesting things happening the past few days. Not all three things indicate change, but change is possible.

Open Meetings are supposed to be the norm here in New Mexico and the Attorney General apparently agrees that the Carrizozo Board of Trustees needs to be more careful about conducting town business properly. While there was no mention of the Attorney General's opinion during the town council meeting Tuesday, there were more than the normal roll call votes taken on several different votes. It is a shame that the people who spoke were not asked to make their presentations at the podium. There is a reason for having the podium and there is a reason for asking people to state their names for the record. Apparently the people were not asked to give their names until later.

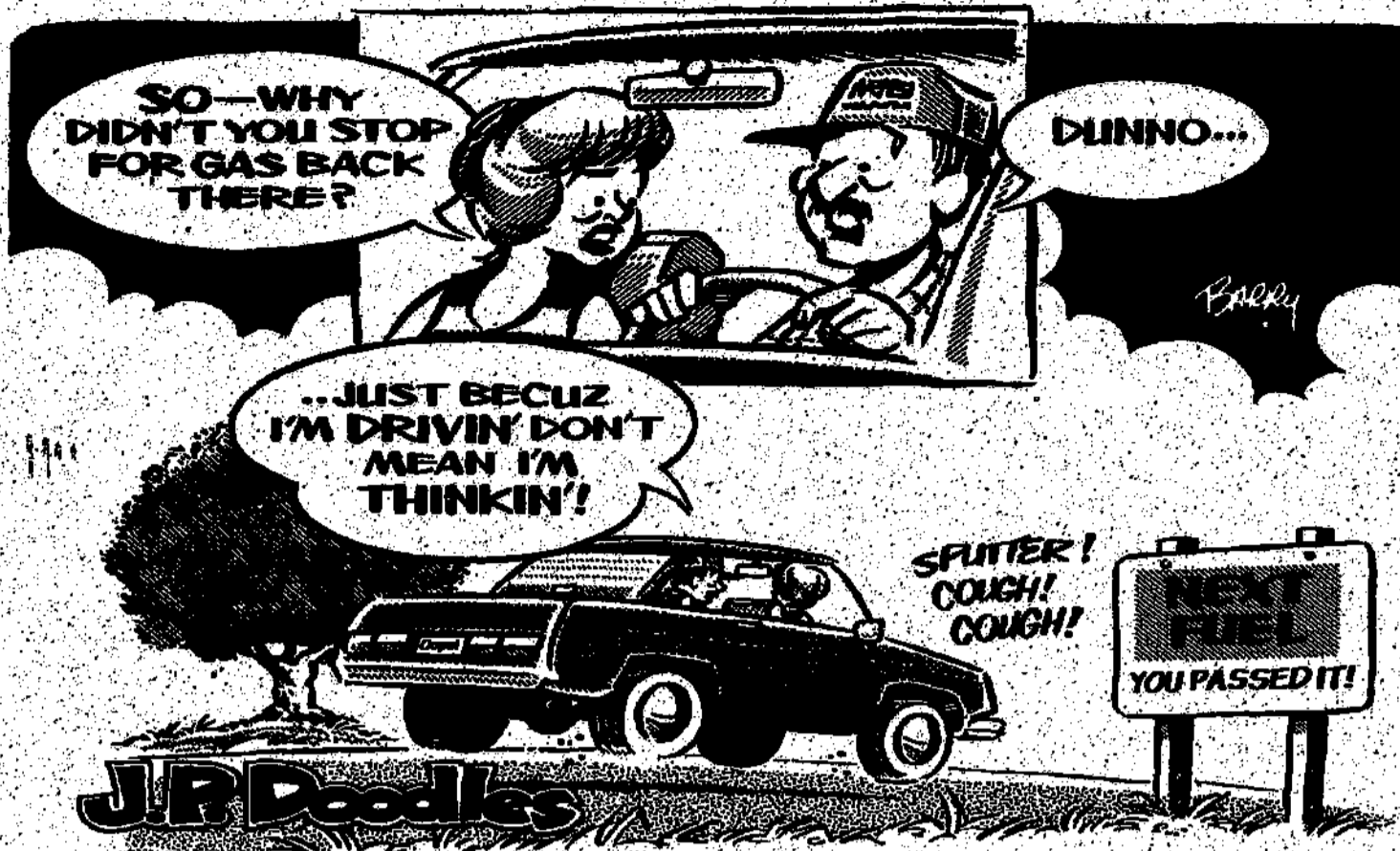
Usually most people know each other here in this small community but the tape recorder used by the town is not able to differentiate the different voices and it seems some of the statements made should be credited to the people making those statements. And we are glad that more people were willing to voice their concerns about the proposed drug paraphernalia ordinance. As we said before, if it is against the law to have blenders, mixers, bowls, and other kitchen utensils it will be most difficult to prepare, serve and eat the meals we need daily to live.

Now we will have to wait to find out if the elected officials care what the people said or if they will approve the ordinance and cause all of us to live in fear of being arrested for preparing a milk shake at home. Or we could be arrested for using our old Dormeyer mixer to beat a cake mix for a loved one's birthday. And what will happen to the food establishments here in town? Will they have to buy food prepared somewhere else and bring it here to sell? There are a lot of questions that need to be answered.

The answer as to why the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) wants to change its name is confusing. Even if it changes its name, and is no longer referred to as LCSWA, it will continue to be a trashy business. There isn't much you can say about picking up trash and hauling trash other than it is a trashy business. Even if they do change the name, people will probably call it LCSWA for quite a long time, as they have for more than 10 years.

Years and years of having things the same way can be a problem as people are finding out about the emergency situation in the forests. There are rules against clearing the underbrush but it is this underbrush that is causing most of the problems during forest fires. There are other concerns that the county commissioners will consider today when they meet to consider a resolution. As we said, life here in Lincoln County is a continuous change.

Changes might help, maybe not



INSIDE THE CAPITOL

SANTA FE - Gov. Gary Johnson is getting kicked out of the house the end of this month. First Lady Dee Johnson will be going with him. The occasion is a renovation and addition to the governor's living quarters. The first family will rent a home near the mansion until work is complete.

About 1,800 square feet will be added, including a guest suite, a full kitchen, an expanded living room, a private portal, an expanded finished basement, new outdoor lighting and separate water meters for the public and private sections of the house.

The additions will bring the house up to nearly 10,000 square feet. That's about big enough to begin calling it a mansion, although compared to many houses in the area, it still is cozy. The family area has been the most neglected over the years, partly because the public areas always have been a priority and partly because governors have chosen not to take the heat for improving their own space.

Toney Anaya, the only governor in nearly a half-century, who lived in Santa Fe when he was elected, never really got his family to move into the governor's residence, since their house was much nicer. His children were especially reluctant to make the move. Many governors have raised families in the somewhat cramped private area of the residence without complaining publicly about their situation.

But Gov. Anaya let his feelings be known that New Mexico deserved a better governor's residence. He proposed an ambitious expansion project, which became known as Toney's Taj Mahal. After that proposal failed miserably, future governors worked at improvements on a piecemeal basis.

Gov. Garrey Carruthers and wife Kathy did much for the public areas of the residence. The first lady started by requesting a thorough evaluation of the residence's structural soundness. The results were so discouraging that consideration was given to leveling the structure and starting over. Then Jackie Spencer, a Lincoln County philanthropist, offered to buy a true mansion just outside Santa Fe and donate it to the state.

When that plan turned out to have many legal, technical and political problems, Kathy Carruthers created the Governor's Mansion Foundation for the purpose of upgrading a rather drab interior design and a hodgepodge of furniture collected over the years. At the same time, Gov. Carruthers went to the Legislature with a pro-

posal for structural repairs required by building codes and new handicapped access laws.

The groundwork laid by the governor and his wife made it difficult for the Legislature to turn them down, especially since lawmakers were trying to sell a complete renovation of the Capitol Building that the governor would have to approve. By the time work started on the residence, Gov. Carruthers was almost out of office. Gov. Bruce King and wife Alice had to move into an apartment at the beginning of his term.

So how did Gov. Johnson, who doesn't get along with the Legislature, manage to get approval for a remodeling and expansion of the living quarters? He didn't. He executed one of his patented end runs by convincing the state Board of Finance, which he chairs, to take the money from the

capitol buildings repair fund, normally reserved for repairs and replacement of equipment for buildings in the capitol complex.

But the Legislature isn't likely to complain too loudly. It has just completed its second major renovation in less than a decade and there is strong evidence the governor's residence improvements are needed. The state General Services Department has been wanting to do the project ever since the Carruthers administration. In fact the department dusted off an old justification used for the improvement to the public areas by proclaiming, "This is done for the people of New Mexico."

Actually, it isn't. The family area of the residence is closed to the public. It is done for the comfort of New Mexico's first families and that is adequate justification.

Ruidoso Allsup's Store #339 Fined

The Allsup's Store located at the corner of Mechem and Sudderth Drives in Ruidoso will not be able to sell liquor on Saturday, September 30 as part of a compromise agreement reached with the New Mexico Alcohol and Gaming Division.

The store and two other establishments in the Ruidoso area, were cited for selling liquor to an underage person during a sting operation on July 15.

According to information from the New Mexico Alcohol and Gaming Division, on August 30, Allsup's Convenience Stores Inc. the liquor license holder for the store in Ruidoso, entered into a compromise agreement with the Alcohol and Gaming Division. In the agreement the parties agreed to the citation issued on July 15 alleging violation of the Liquor Control Act for sales to a minor, first offense. Based on the citation and report, the director of the Alcohol and Gaming Division found probable cause to issue a charge and impose fines according to state liquor regulations. The Licensee was assessed a nonrefundable administrative fine of \$1,000 and a one-business day suspension of alcohol sales. Payment of the fine was due September 15.

The Licensee agreed to suspend alcohol sales for one business day, beginning at 7 a.m. on September 30 and ending at 6:59 a.m. on October 1.

Old Time Fiddlers Contest In T or C

The New Mexico Old Time Fiddlers will have their annual state championship fiddle contest on October 20-22 in the Ralph Edwards Auditorium (former civic center) on 400 W. Fourth Street in Truth or Consequences.

The public is invited to the three day event. For more information call 505-394-2908 or write NM Old Time Fiddlers, PO Box 469, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901.

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All letters must be original, no copies or form letters will be used. Preference is given to typewritten letters. Handwritten letters must be legible.

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JUDITH L. CHRISTOPHER

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Week of Sep. 29- Oct. 5, 2K

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Scorpio: (Oct 23 - Nov 21) A trip would do you good. Prepare for it now - regardless how long it takes to save for it. Enjoy your life and Play Hard!

Sagittarius: (Nov 22 - Dec 21) Do Not Worry! You'll only compound bad feelings worse. Fight back by doing the right thing starting right now. Just do it!

Capricorn: (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Don't keep a closed mind. Get out by yourself and really think about what you want for yourself and your loved ones. Fear will only hold you back.

Aquarius: (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Prepare yourself for the winter. Don't assume anything. Try to keep a nest-egg just in case of unexpected money going out. Start saving NOW!

Pisces: (Feb 19 - March 20) Your feelings are touchy. Ask yourself why. Eating right and exercising will help your feelings feel 100% better. Drink water!

Aries: (Mar 21 - Apr 19) Stay on the right track by working hard. Think only about the future, not what you lost in the past. Love and money will come with positive thinking.

Taurus: (Apr 20 - May 20) Yesterday is gone - LET IT GO! Think, pray, and wish for your new beginnings. You've worked hard. It's time for a happy life.

Gemini: (May 21 - June 20) You may feel a little blue only because the summer is over. Look for the good in the beginning of fall. "Let the games begin!"

Cancer: (June 21 - July 22) Weird things could happen, out of the blue. Prepare yourself by thinking with positive thoughts and action and you'll be a winner.

Leo: (July 23 - Aug 22) A good week to see old friends or family. Enjoy loved ones. Keep an open mind and happy feelings will appear. Live a little!

Virgo: (Aug 23 - Sept 22) A clean start will always help you put your right foot forward. Give thanks for today and don't look backwards.

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Letters to the Editor

EDITOR: On September 17, 2000, my twelve year old son and I were invited to go with a friend and his clever year old nephew, on an antelope hunt. My friends nephew had drawn a tag in the Carrizozo area and was the only hunter.

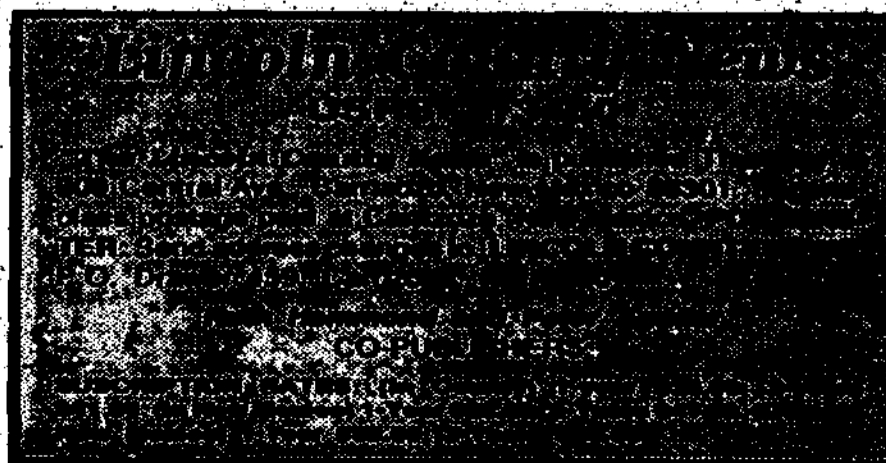
We arrived at the ranch the morning of the 17th and began to contact two of the area ranchers so we would be familiar with the boundaries to which we were restricted. During the day, we also made several calls to the Department of Game and Fish as well as the Game Warden stationed out of Carrizozo, to ask questions about hunting the neighboring ranch.

At about 4:45 in the afternoon, a local rancher stopped and said he had just seen some antelope and we should follow him. He wished us good luck and went on his way.

At this time we approached the antelope and they began to run. We stopped the truck and the hunter shot one time while leaning across the back of the truck. He missed so we went on our way. The uncle placed the rifle in the front seat of the truck and the two boys rode in the back of the truck. We proceeded to go back to the main road which was about two miles away. Approximately five or ten minutes later, my son from the back of the truck said, "Dad, someone behind you wants you to pull over." Through the dust in the back, I saw a game warden 40' behind me with his lights on, so I stopped.

Two game wardens jump out of the truck with one hand on their guns and the other hand pointing

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COUNTY FAIR 2000 RESULTS

OPEN ENTRIES

Strawberry Fig Preserves - Richard Manning, 2nd
Israeli Fig Preserves - Richard Manning, 1st
Black Mission Fig - Richard Manning, 1st
Apple Butter - Sharon Hefker, 1st
Banana Nut Butter - Irene Esson, 3rd
Apricot Jam - Lucia Vega, 2nd; Sharon Bundick, 2nd; Carolyn Miller, 1st; Jo Hoeckendorf, 1st
Peach Jam - Jeanette Jensen, 2nd; Krla Scarafioti, 1st; Irene Esson, 1st; Nora Sanchez, 1st
Plum Jam - Joyce Manning, 1st; Bobbie Kinsey, 1st
Strawberry Banana Jam - Irene Esson, 2nd
Strawberry Jam - Carolyn Miller, 2nd
Four Berry Jam - Irene Esson, 2nd
Orange Marmalade - Carolyn Miller, 1st
Peach Marmalade - Nora Sanchez, 1st
Apple Jam - Nora Sanchez, 1st
Fruits - Sharon Hefker, crab apple, 1st; Marilyn Burchett, golden apple, 1st; Lucia Vega, red delicious, 1st; Chuck Johnson, red delicious, 2nd; Marilyn Burchett, red delicious, 1st; Lucia Vega, grapes, 1st; Lucia Vega, peaches, 1st; Chuck Johnson, pears, 2nd; Lucia Vega, pears, 2nd; Marilyn Burchett, pears, 1st
Garden Produce - Jo Hoeckendorf, green beans, 2nd; Thelma Stephens, green beans, 2nd; Thelma Stephens, purple beans, 1st; Mark Hendricks, green beans, 2nd; Jo Hoeckendorf, green beans, 1st; Pat Garrett, green beans, 2nd; Gordon, Amanda Bordon, cucumbers, 1st; Joseph Montoya, cucumbers, 2nd; Chuck Johnson, slice cucumbers, 1st; Gerald Montoya, slice cucumbers, 3rd; Emellia Montoya, slice cucumbers, 3rd; Mark Hendricks, slice cucumbers, 1st; Pat Garrett, slice cucumbers, 3rd; Jo Hoeckendorf, ft long cucumbers, 2nd; Jo Hoeckendorf, egg plant, 1st; Robert Kinsey, okra, 2nd; Robert Kinsey, yellow onion, 2nd; Thelma Stephens, green onion, 1st; Reserve, Amanda Bordon, bell pepper, 1st; Gerald Montoya, chili pepper, 1st; Joseph Montoya, green chili, 1st; Chuck Johnson, green peppers, 1st; Pat Garret, small pungent, 2nd; Amanda Bordon, small pungent, 2nd;

Mark Hendricks, small pungent, 1st; Jo Heckendorf, yellow, 1st; Mark Hendricks, yellow, 1st; Grand; Robert Kinsey, potatoes, red, 1st; Jo Heckendorf, potatoes white, 1st; Thelma Stephens, rhubarb, 2nd; Chuck Johnson, rhubarb, 1st; Robert Kinsey, large zucchini, 3rd; Emilia Montoya, large zucchini, 1st; Gerald Montoya, large zucchini, 2nd
Zucchini - Pat Garrett, 2nd; Thelma Stephens, 1st; Amanda Bordon, 2nd; Brigitte McCullough, 3rd; Katari Hicks, 2nd; Chuck Johnson, 2nd; Joseph Montoya, 1st
Butternut Squash - Jo Hoeckendorf, 3rd
Yellow Squash - Robert Kinsey, 2nd; Gerald Montoya, 3rd; Emilia Montoya, 1st; Thelma Stephen, 1st; Emilia Montoya, 3rd; Amanda Bordon, 2nd; Gerald Montoya, 2nd; Thelma Stephen, 2nd; Jesse Scarafioti, 4th; Jo Hoeckendorf, 1st; Arin Ferguson, 2nd; Chuck Johnson, 2nd
White Squash - Xochi Jimenez, 1st; Emilia Montoya, 3rd; Thelma Stephens, 2nd; Thelma Stephens, 2nd; Joseph Montoya, 1st; Gerald Montoya, 2nd
Tomatoes - Chuck Johnson, 1st; Pat Garrett, 2nd; Matt Ferguson, 2nd; Mark Hendricks, 1st; Jo Hoeckendorf, 1st; Robert Kinsey, 2nd; Matt Ferguson, 1st
Cherry Tomatoes - Jo Hoeckendorf, 1st; Martha Bond, 2nd
Jo Hoeckendorf, pear tomatoes, 2nd
Amanda Borden, roma tomatoes, 1st
Pat Garrett, pear tomatoes, 1st
Mark Hendricks, pumpkin, 1st
Robert Kinsey, corn, 2nd
Herbs - Angie Provine, basil, 2nd; Angie Provine, marjoram, 1st; Angie Provine, mint, 2nd; Angie Provine, oregano, 1st; Carolyn Miller, fresh parsley, 1st; Angie Provine, sage, 2nd; Carolyn Miller, sage, 2nd; Carolyn Miller, tarragon, 2nd; Carolyn Miller, thyme, 1st; Angie Provine, rosemary, 2nd; Orion Jimenez, rosemary, 1st; Angie Provine, chives, 1st; Lucia Vega, common yarro, 1st
Flowers - Angie Provine, cosmos, 1st; Rose Montes, cosmos, 2nd; Susan Hightower, cosmos, 1st; Chuck Johnson, cosmos, 1st; Martha Bond, marigold, 1st; Rose Montes, marigold, 1st; Mar-

tha Bond, marigold, 2nd; Angie Provine, petunia, 2nd; Beverly Calaway, petunia, 1st; Angie Provine, poppy, 1st; Chuck Johnson, puppy, 2nd; Lucia Vega, zinnia, 1st; Thelma Stephens, zinnia, orange, 2nd; Thelma Stephens, zinnia, peach, 1st; Thelma Stephens, zinnia, red, 2nd; Thelma Stephens, zinnia, maroon, 2nd; Martha Bond, moss rose, 2nd; Chuck Johnson, cornflower, 1st; Angie Provine, gaillardia, 1st; Susan Hightower, snapdragon, 1st; Chuck Johnson, shasta daisy, 1st; Beverly Calaway, pink geranium, 1st; Reserve; Lucia Vega, geranium, 1st; Chuck Johnson, coreopsis, 1st; Beverly Calaway, tritoma, 1st; Thelma Stephens, holly hock, 2nd; Chuck Johnson, dianthus, 1st; Keith Sultemeier, dianthus, 1st

OBITUARY

RUTH LaMAY AGUAYO

Graveside services for Ruth LaMay Aguayo, 89, of Albuquerque were September 23, in the Angus Cemetery with Rev. Ray Wells officiating.
 Ruth died Monday, September 18 in Albuquerque. She was born June 16, 1911 in Lincoln County and lived here until moving to Belen 60 years ago. She was a nurse aid at the Los Lunas State Hospital and rancher and a member of the Baptist Church.
 She is survived by two brothers; Roy LaMay of Nogal and Tommy LaMay of San Antonio; a sister, Cora Dugon of Capitan; and two step grandchildren, Rick and Ron Weese. She was preceded in death by her husband Paul Aguayo and daughter, Peggy Weese.

Letters to

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at my truck. They are screaming at the top of their lungs to, "Get back in the truck, get out of the truck, for everybody to put their hands up, hands out, turn around, back up, step forward. None of us knew what to do. After we stood for a few minutes and backup arrived to guard us, my son says, "Dad, I'm scared!" I told him, "Don't move and listen to what they tell you." The younger officer began to write the ticket I watched as he shook; he could hardly hold the pen he was so wound up. The two boys are so frightened they are on the brink of tears. One officer accused me of trying to escape and avoid arrest. I pointed out that I had two young boys in the back of my truck and this was ludicrous. He said, "well it's your word against mine!"

I explained we had been in contact with him before the hunt to make sure we would be in compliance with the ranch. We also talked to him Saturday through the Game and Fish dispatcher and that day, three hours earlier, we tried his home phone number and received a voice mail. I pointed out I was a doctor, my friend was a teacher, and we would have everything to lose for something as simple as using the back of the truck for a gun rest.

The officer's reply was "It's your word against mine!" I asked why would you two scare these boys, screaming to get their hands up and don't move, making them think you might shoot their father or uncle. His reply was, "We treat everybody this way - don't know what we are dealing with."

Did these officers pull up behind me and see two young boys in the back of the truck and really believe a gun battle was about to take place? Or is the thought of having the opportunity to push someone around, or better yet shoot someone in the line of duty, more arousing than managing game animals? I wonder? I think they have watched too many cop shows and cannot wait to shoot someone. At the time they first stopped us and prepared to draw their weapons, while screaming, at the top of their lungs, had one of the young boys dropped their coke can I am sure we would have been shot. These two officers were so wound up they began to feed off the others anger and intensity. Had there been the slightest noise or movement the situation would have ended in a disaster.

The officer managed to turn two honor roll students into boys who question the integrity of the man behind the badge. These two officers are unable to process information and temper their judgment with the facts.
 I would like to point out, this was such an egregious act against humanity that the eleven year old boy was given a warning ticket. After all the terror and thought of danger or possible death these boys faced, just a warning ticket? The officer and his partner should be fired before they shoot someone accidentally. At the very least these two Barney Fifes should be issued one bullet and should keep it in the front pocket until it is absolutely necessary just like their TV counter part!

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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.

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PART 33

A MELTER AT LORDSBURG.

To Handle the Low Grade Ores of Shakespeare and Surrounding Camps

Mining companies and mine owners in the vicinity of Lordsburg, N.M. are rejoicing over the assurance of a big smelting plant to blow in

its first stack of 75 tons capacity by October 1, and its second stack of 150 tons capacity by January 1, to be followed by other stacks as rapidly as necessities demand.

This enterprise is for the handling of the low grade copper ores that can not now be shipped to El Paso, of which the surrounding districts can produce in great abundance.

The company is composed of enterprising and shrewd, far-seeing San Francisco capitalists chartered under the laws of California, with a capital of \$600,000, divided into shares of \$10 each, issued under a guarantee of 4 per cent annual interest, backed by San Francisco improved realty double the amount.

The name, address and personnel of the corporation is as follows:

The Pacific Union Mining and Smelting company, home office Room 45, 815 Market street, San Francisco, Cal; smelter location, Lordsburg, Grant county, New Mexico. S.M. Rohr, president; P.A. Meneray, vice president; W.W. Barham, secretary and treasurer; E.F. Heath and T.J. Davis, board of directors.

This company, after investigating the advantages of different localities in California, Arizona and New Mexico, finally decided upon Lordsburg as being the most desirable on account of the great abundance of smelting ores. A very desirable and satisfactory smelter site of 160 acres has been secured and surveyed, and the first furnace is now under construction by the Fulcrum Iron works of San Francisco.

Dr. S.M. Rohr, president of the above company, recently spent several days in El Paso securing bids and rates on supplies, coke, coal, lumber, etc., and meeting personally the leading stockholders of the Orion

and the Superior Mining companies, and while a very conservative man, he was very positive and emphatic in his favorable opinion of the Shakespeare camp, saying:

"The present development work is sufficient to guarantee a supply of ore for the next one hundred years. The veins are unquestionably true fissures, very large and uniformly well mineralized, showing good values from wall to wall, which must show increased values with depth where water is encountered when the ore will change to a sulphide and may open up larger bodies.

"I inspected the Dundee mine owned by the Orion Mining company of your city, and was pleased with their plan of development. They are sinking in a main shaft and blocking out by levels at 100 feet stations. At their first level, their vein shows from five to eight feet in width for over 200 feet. Four shafts and a tunnel on this property proves up and blocks out over 20,000 tons of ore that can be worked by us to a good profit to the owners as well as ourselves.

"The Superior and the Miser's Chest are also good properties, with abundance of ore, and these, with the Dundee, can supply sufficient ore to keep our furnace going continuously. The owners of these mines should not hesitate a moment in spending money in sinking to a depth of 1,000 feet, for improvements of this nature will prove them valuable mines, worth millions of dollars.

"We will handle a \$10 ore with a profit to the miners and a margin for ourselves.

"We hope to become well acquainted with El Pasoans, for this will be our base of supplies. We are not here to tear down, but to build up. We believe we see an opening and we are here to grow up with your wonderful, undeveloped resources, gradually establishing a big smelting enterprise, out of which we expect to make good profits on our investment, and we fully realize that to do so we must first make money for those who mine the ore.

"We start in under a guarantee of 600 tons per day and expect this to increase to 1,500 tons by 1903. There is ore sufficient in this great southwest to feed a dozen smelters of 1,000 to 2,000 tons daily capacity, and in time your section will have them, and El Paso will have millionaires made from ores taken from the ground."

The establishment of this smelting enterprise at Lordsburg is due mainly to the untiring and unremitting efforts of Mr. C.W. Maxson, who has devoted his time during the past eighteen months to bring the deal to a successful conclusion; and in appreciation of his work, the company has made him its official agent, one of his duties being the buying of ores. Mr. Maxson worked on the plan of showing the representatives of the company that Lordsburg was the logical point for the smelter, and

that its establishment in that locality would insure its success from the start. His figures and earnestness convinced them at last, and definite action was taken to build the smelter as soon as possible.

Mr. Maxson is also western manager of the Mineral Mountain Mining company, which owns a group of twelve claims at Stein's Pass. Recent development of these properties show immense quantities of carbonate ore. There are about 800 feet of development, the main incline being 250 feet. The company is now working a small force of men, but will increase to fifty as soon as they can be secured. A large concentrating plant has been ordered, which will be put up immediately on arrival, and the force increased. They have plenty water -- a four-inch stream -- in the mine, which is a very valuable acquisition in this case.

The company is capitalized at \$300,000 and every dollar of this amount is in sight and blocked out. Headquarters are at 84 Adams street, Chicago.

Mr. Maxson is in the city to have ores from these properties assayed, which give the following returns: 2 to 6 ounces silver, trace to .04 ounces gold, and 14 to 53 per cent lead, and carrying a little copper.

in five and three-quarter working days, and it became famous as Estey's six-day factory. He rebuilt a dam 280 feet long in the Shiawasse river that had been washed out by a flood, in four days; and the work was performed against the pressure of the flood and heavy ice floes. He bought timber lands and established saw mills to furnish lumber to his factories and for market. He served several terms as mayor of Owosso, and also many years at the head of two financial institutions.

Success in Mining

When circumstances turned his attention to mining, he achieved his proverbial success.

Relying on Mr. Estey's judgment, Detroit capitalists representing an aggregate of \$10,000,000 invited his opinion of property now owned by the Minnie Gulch Mining and Tunnel company in the Silverton, Colo., district above Durango. It was the intention to finance the proposition on a \$350,000 cash basis; but when Mr. Estey completed his examination he reported the conditions and possibilities so favorable for heavy development and reduction work that his friends raised \$700,000. The wisdom of the increased investment has since been justified by the great showing of the property, which is fast

Estey City A Marvel

Great Reduction Mill to Treat Low Grade Siliceous Copper Ores / Electric Lights and Tramways / A City of the Oscuro Mountains Built in Two Months.

Estey City is the newest town in New Mexico: it will soon be the most talked of place in this territory. It is so young that the world has heard little of it, and knows less of the objects of its creation. In a few more days, however, a new process for the extraction of copper from low grade siliceous ores will be in operation, and then the town will command the attention of the metallurgists and copper producers of the world. The government postal authorities realize the importance of the new town and have ordered the establishment of a post office there.

Estey City nestles in the eastern foothills of the Oscuro mountains, across the Tularosa valley from Oscuro; a station on the El Paso-Rock Island route, 127 miles north of El Paso.

The Builder of Estey City.

The owner of the enterprise is the Estey Mining and Milling company. The company's president and manager is D.M. Estey, of Owosso, Mich., a man who does things. The present undertaking might appear difficult almost to the point of impossibility were it in the hands of one less determined or less successful in previous efforts. Before he became interested in mining enterprises he established in Owosso furniture factories of enormous capacity. One of these, a structure of 266x84 feet and three stories high, he completed

becoming one of the richest in Colorado.

Being convinced of the vast field for a process that would successfully handle this character of rebellious and low-grade rock, Mr. Estey began an investigation. The process recently discovered by E.L. Sharpneck, a Chicago metallurgist, was adopted, and the Imperial Ore and Reduction company of Boston, controlled

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by wealthy Boston, Connecticut and New York men, bought the patents covering the process. Later, Mr. Estey learned that the conditions prevailing in the Oscuro mountains were favorable, and he decided to locate the first mill there. This, however, is not in any sense an experimental plant. The parent company built such an one in Boston and gave it searching tests, covering a period of many months, during which time G. Pray Smith, general manager and one of New England's best business men, and other members of the company, were convinced of the success of the process.

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New Jail Has Gas

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mended CCNG advise ZNGC it will need a minimum of 360 psig from October 31, 2000 through May, 2001; request ZNGC return the operating pressure to the historical levels of 500-600 psig as soon as possible; seek legal counsel as it may result in a dispute with Zia.

Calling the letter from ZNGC to the town and county expressing concerns about the CCNG's inadequate pressure, a "last ditch attempt" to move the new detention center out of the Town of Carrizozo to a location serv-

ed by ZNGC, Beauvais said that it is now a moot point because the jail is already under construction. "We have no problem if Zia doesn't balk at upping the pressure," he added.

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann asked if there is any recourse in the situation. Beauvais said ZNGC is regulated while CCNG is not because it is municipally owned. "Our recourse is through the Public Regulatory Commission or the courts," Beauvais said.

County commissioner Leo Martinez said the county's issue is not with ZNGC, rather with the Town of Carrizozo (over providing the gas utility to the jail.) Beauvais said the Town of Carrizozo is not the gas utility. Martinez said he thought the agreement was the Town of Carrizozo would provide the utilities to the jail. County attorney Alan Morel said the county negotiated with the Town of Carrizozo over providing the utilities, but he was unsure if it included CCNG since the town only owns 50 percent of CCNG. "But what I am hearing today," Morel added, "is we're not guaranteed gas if Zia doesn't increase the pressure."

Capitan Mayor Norman Renfro, a member of the CCNG board, said on behalf of the CCNG board that CCNG intends to honor the agreement to bring gas to the new jail. Beauvais said CCNG is prepared to file emergency petitions with the PRC if there is a threat to the health, welfare and safety of CCNG's Carrizozo customers because of the decreased pressures. "It's not the jail you should worry about," Beauvais said. "It's Carrizozo, because long before you get that new jail open we'll need to get more gas over the hill to take care of the citizens."

In discussing what utilities the Town of Carrizozo will provide to the county jail,

Beauvais said CCNG will have lines and a gas valve at the new jail before its is open.

County commissioner Ray Nunley commented that the new jail should use less fuel to heat than the current jail, since the new facility will be more insulated and energy efficient.

County commission chairman Rex Wilson said the problem is there is not enough pressure to Carrizozo "today."

Beauvais said there is not enough pressure in Carrizozo to meet the demands. "The gas board has asked Zia nicely," he added. "If nothing happens we'll see how quickly the PRC can respond, if we prove there is a health, safety and welfare issue."

County commissioners also discussed the contract with Correctional Systems Inc. (CSI) to operate the current jail and to make the transition to the new jail. At the request of Martinez, county manager Tom Stewart developed a cost estimate for the county to operate the new detention center. Under Stewart's estimates, the county could operate the detention center itself at a much lower per prisoner cost than it proposes to pay CSI. Stewart's estimated cost for

the county to operate the detention center was \$20.67 per prisoner per day. While he estimated actual costs to be \$29.67 per prisoner per day, Stewart estimated the cost to be reduced by the revenue from "renting" out 16 beds in a proposed new 30 bed dormitory annex.

CSI chief executive officer and president both supported the figures they submitted to the county as part of their contract. They said their costs are figured based on experience in the correctional field. And once they have a contract they will hold to the cost and not ask for more, even if their operational costs exceed the contract amount. "I believe our numbers are not so significantly different (than Stewart's)," said CSI president John Forren. "It will not cost you less to operate the detention center than with us."

County commissioner Rick Simpson asked for comments from Beauvais who at one time was the deputy secretary of the state corrections department. Beauvais

said the county needs to project for the worst case scenario of inmate numbers, because the courts will fill the larger detention center.

After more discussion, attorney Morel asked for more time to negotiate the contract with CSI. "We're still in the early negotiating stage," Morel added. "I would like

an opportunity to discuss this with CSI before we go any further."

Martinez said the county commission was also concerned with the price from CSI.

County commissioners took no action on the CSI contract or Stewart's proposal.

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Forecast through Sunday for Carrizozo, Corona, Hondo Valley, Lincoln County high plains:

Today, Thursday, September 28:

Partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. High temperature 81. Chance for precipitation less than 10 percent. Low 47.

Friday, September 29

through Sunday, October 1: Mostly clear with above normal daytime temperatures. Highs mid 70s to lower 80s. Lows mid 30s and 40s.

The forecast through Sunday for Ruidoso, Capitan and the northern Sacramento Mountains:

Today, Thursday, September 28:

Partly cloudy with slight chance of thunderstorms. High temperature in Ruidoso and Capitan 77. Chance for precipitation less than 10 percent. Low of 32.

Friday, September 22:

Mostly clear with above normal temperatures. Highs mid 70s to lower 80s. Lows mid 30s and 40s.

A Glimpse of

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Mr. Estey is also interested in the LaSalle mine, same district, whose first 100 tons of ore brought \$100 per ton, for which mine \$500,000 was offered. He controls other properties in Utah and elsewhere.

It is the intention of the Imperial Ore Reduction company to take low grade siliceous copper propositions whenever and wherever opportunity and conditions justify it, and by its process treat

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AG Says "It Is So!" C'zozo Council

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The complaints allege that during a meeting held on May 23, 2000, the Board did not follow the requisite procedures for closing a meeting. Specifically, according to the complaints, the motion to close referred only to "limited personnel matters" and Board did not take a roll call vote on the motion. The complaints also allege that the personnel matter discussed and acted on by the Board during the May 23 meeting was not properly listed on the agenda. Finally, the complaints allege that the agenda for the Board's June 13, 2000 meeting was not posted and made available to the public 24 hours in advance of the meeting as required by the Act. We will address each of these allegations in turn.

May 23, 2000 Meeting

The agenda for the May 23 meeting includes a closed session, which is listed as follows:

Closed session: (if necessary) pursuant to the following:

- Section 10-15-1.E.(2) Personnel Matters.
- Section 10-15-1.E.(4) Decisions concerning purchases in the amount exceeding \$2,500.00.
- Section 10-15-1.E.(5) Threat of litigations or pending litigations.
- Section 10-15-1.E.(6) Purchase or acquisition of real property or water rights.

Evidently, this item appears on the agenda for every regular Board meeting.

During the May 23 meeting, a motion was made and seconded "to go into Closed session at 8:17 pm pursuant to Section 10-15-1.E.(2) Limited Personnel Matters. All Ayes. Motion carried." Minutes (May 23, 2000), p. 3. When the Board reconvened in open session, a motion was made to relieve Mr. Ben Bradley from his duties as a member of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority Board. Id.

The agenda for the May 23 meeting raises a concern under Section 10-15-1(F) of the Open Meeting Act. That provision states, in pertinent part:

Meeting notices shall include an agenda containing a list of specific items of business to be discussed or transacted at the meeting or information on how the public may obtain a copy of such an agenda. (Emphasis added.)

The routine listing of items on the agenda for every meeting, regardless of whether the public body actually intends to discuss those items, violates the spirit, if not the letter, of the Act. The clear purpose of Section 10-15-1(F) is to inform the public of the specific areas of business a public body, such as the Board, genuinely intends to discuss or transact. To ensure that the public is adequately informed, the agenda must list "specific items" of business; the public body may not use vague, general or misleading captions. Similarly, the purpose of Section 10-15-1(F) is thwarted when a public body routinely lists certain topics it might not discuss because, as a practical matter, the public is not provided with effective notice of the specific matters the public body intends to address at the meeting.

In its agendas for meetings in the future, we would advise the Board to include only those items of business that are reasonably likely to be discussed or transacted. Of course, the Board may occasionally decide not to discuss an item appearing on the agenda. This is not a problem under the Act. The Act precludes only the routine inclusion of items on every meeting agenda without regard to whether they will be discussed at the meeting.

With respect to the Board's motion to go into closed session during the May 23 meeting, Section 10-15-1(I)(1) provides:

If any meeting is closed pursuant to the exclusions contained in Subsection H . . . the closure: . . . if made in an open meeting, shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the policymaking body; the authority for the closure AND the subject to be discussed shall be stated with reasonable specificity in the motion calling for the vote on a closed meeting; the vote shall be taken in an open meeting; and the vote of each individual member shall be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects announced or voted upon prior to closure by the policymaking body may be discussed in a closed meeting. (Emphasis added.)

The Board's motion to close did not comply with this provision in two respects. First, the motion stated only the legal authority for closure, i.e. "Section 10-15-1.E(2) Limited Personnel Matters." The motion did not state the subject to be discussed "with reasonable specificity" as the Act requires. To comply with the "reasonable specificity" requirement, the subject announced in the motion to close should provide sufficient information to give the public a general idea what will be discussed without compromising the confidentiality conferred by the exception. SEE Attorney General's Open Meetings Act Compliance Guide ("OMA Compliance Guide"), p. 26 (4th ed. Aug. 1999).

Because the limited personnel matters exception includes at least seven different personnel issues, Board's reference to the exception in the motion to close was not specific enough for purposes of Section 10-15-1(I)(1). In this case, while the Board was not required to identify the employee or provide the details of the particular personnel matter, the Board should at least have stated which of the personnel matters covered by the exception it intended to discuss, such as "disciplinary action" or "termination." SEE OMA Compliance Guide, p. 26(1). Generally, when the Board moves to close meetings in the future, it should provide some detail about the topic to be discussed in the motion to close, in addition to the applicable exception, unless the Board makes a good faith determination that additional detail will undermine the need for confidentiality.

(1) It is clear that the limited personnel matters exception does not permit closed discussions of a public body's own members or independent contractors. SEE OMA

Compliance Guide, p. 19, Examples 35-36. Neither the Attorney General's Office nor any reported New Mexico judicial opinion has addressed the applicability of the exception to closed discussions regarding individuals, like Mr. Bradley, who are appointed to positions by a public body, but who are not "employees" as that term is generally used. For purposes of this letter, however, we believe that your contention that such individuals are covered appears reasonable.

Second, the Board did not take a roll call vote on the motion to close. The need for a roll call vote stems from the Act's requirement that "the vote of each individual member (on a motion to close) shall be recorded in the minutes." Section 10-15-1(I)(1). As you point out, the same result essentially is achieved when, as here, the minutes show that all the members of a public body voted "aye" on a motion. Nevertheless, as drafted by the legislature, the Act deliberately requires that the vote of each individual member on a motion to close be recorded in the minutes. This effectively imposes a roll call vote requirement in this limited context, even if all the members of a public body are in favor of the motion to close. To be in compliance with the Act, therefore, the Board should take a roll call vote when it moves to close future meetings.

Availability of Agenda

The Open Meetings Act provides that, except for emergency matters, as defined in the Act, "the agenda shall be available to the public at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. 10-15-1(F). Consistent with this requirement, the notice of the Board's June 13, 2000 meeting states: "Agenda will be posted . . . Twenty-Four hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public." Despite the statement in the notice, the agenda for the June 13 meeting was not posted until 9:15 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

You acknowledge that the June 13 agenda was not made available twenty-four hours before the meeting. According to your response, the violation was a mistake and the Board generally is in compliance with the Act's provisions governing the availability of agendas. SEE letter to Lawrence Otero, Assistant Attorney General from David M. Stevens (July 20, 2000).

At this time, we have no reason to believe that the violation was anything other than an isolated incident. Even so, a meeting that fails to comply with Section 10-15-1, including the provisions governing the agenda's availability, casts doubt on the validity of actions taken by the public body. SEE NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-3 ("No . . . action of any board, commission, committee or other policymaking body shall be valid unless taken or made at a meeting held in accordance with the requirements of NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1"). For this reason, it is in the best interest of the Board, as well as the public, to cancel and reschedule any future Board meeting if, due to mistake, inadvertence or otherwise, the agenda for the meeting is not made available to the public at least 24 hours before a meeting, as required by Section 10-15-1(F).

Your response cites Attorney General Opinion No. 90-28 (1990) in support of the Board's position on the matters raised in the complaints. That opinion is somewhat outdated since it was issued before the agenda and "reasonable specificity" requirements were added to the Open Meetings Act in 1993. For your reference, I have enclosed a copy of the latest edition of the OMA Compliance Guide issued by the present administration of the Attorney General's Office. The Guide sets out the current text of the Act in full, along with related commentary and examples of the Act's application in various situations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions about the issues discussed in this letter or the Open Meetings Act in general, please let us know.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth A. Glenn
Assistant Attorney General

Enclos.
cc: Robert H. Johnson
Richard E. McDowell

FCE And CES Hosts Railroad Workers Santa's Workshop May Benefit From Federal Legislation

Lincoln County Family and Community Education Club members and the Lincoln County Cooperative Extension Service invite everyone to attend Santa's Workshop at 2-4 p.m. Friday, September 29, at the Zia Senior Citizens Center in Ruidoso Downs.

Club members will demonstrate several Christmas crafts, including fabric wall hangings, hand made gift soaps and bath salts, lace angels, fabric ornaments, art of quilting and corn husk wreaths. Holiday food selections will be included.

The workshop is free and open to the public. The senior center is handicapped accessible.

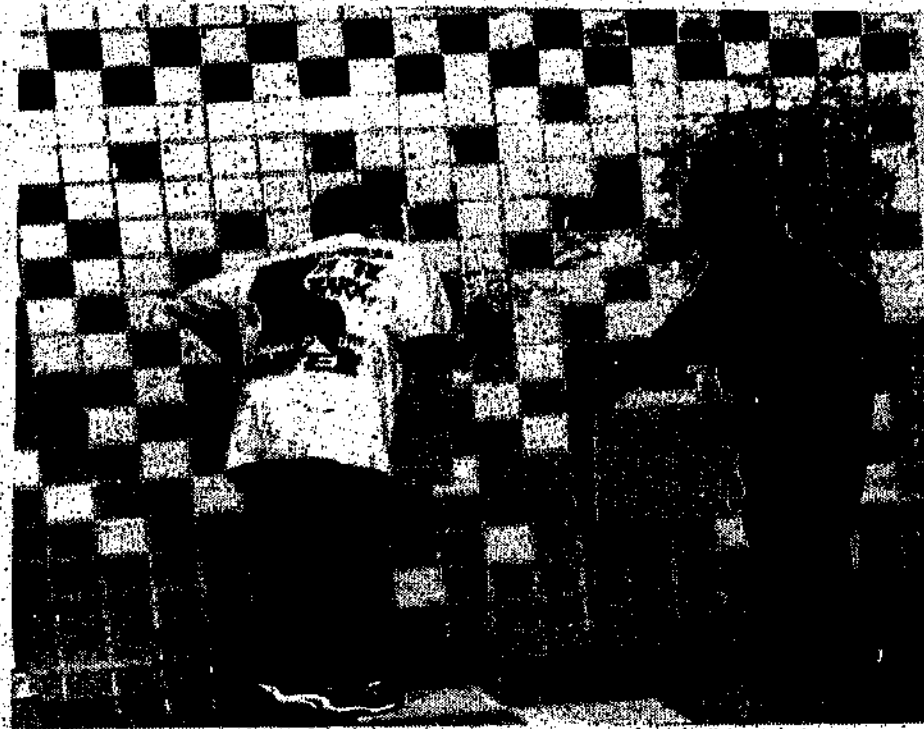
For more information call Betty McCreight at 649-2311.

The U.S. House recently passed legislation that will enhance retirement benefits for railroad employees and surviving spouses.

With the legislation, surviving spouses will receive full annuity. Now spouses receive only 50 percent of the deceased worker's benefit. The bill now goes to the Senate for approval.

According to 1999 figures from the Railroad Retirement Board, there are 2,681 railroad workers in the Second Congressional District which includes the southern half of New Mexico.

Rep. Joe Skeen was co-sponsor of the bill which now must be approved by the Senate before it is sent to the White House for final consideration.



COOL NEW DRINK. Carrizozo fifth graders Kyle LaBelle (left) and Kevin Gore get a drink of water from the new water coolers in the newly remodeled high-school lobby. The bright new lobby and hallways feature red, yellow and white floor tiles, new lighting, expanded space in the lobby with new trophy case, and a remodeled girls locker room in the old gym.

LEGAL NOTICE

COUNTY OF LINCOLN
RFP # 00-01-014

COUNTY OF LINCOLN

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The County of Lincoln has received approval from the State of New Mexico's Property Control Division (PCD) for the operation of a museum at Fort Stanton. The operation of the museum will be the responsibility of the county under a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of New Mexico's PCD. Accordingly, the county would like to provide an opportunity for any civic minded organization or firm to open and staff the old museum located in Building Number 52, also known as PCD Building # 850. The operating organization will be responsible for providing liability insurance; costs of utilities and minor building repairs; routine yard maintenance of the property in the immediate vicinity of the building; and cooperation with all current occupants of the fort, to include, but not limited to, Property Control Division personnel and AMITY, as well as the citizens of Lincoln County. The successful proposal will demonstrate an ability to involve local citizens in the preservation of the fort's artifacts and opportunities for the public to understand the evolutionary importance of the fort to the region. Proposals will be received by Lincoln County, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301 for RFP # 00-01-014 until Tuesday, October 17, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. local prevailing time.

Copies of the Request for Proposal can be obtained in person at the Office of the County Manager, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, NM 88301 or will be mailed upon written or telephonic request to Martha Guevara, at 505-648-2385.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive all formalities. The order to proceed will be based upon the obtaining of necessary funds.

The Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199, NMSA, 1978 imposes civil and criminal penalties for code violations. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony/penalties for illegal bribes, gratuities and kickbacks.

All costs incurred by the proposer in the preparation, transmittal or presentation, of any proposal or material submitted in response to this request for proposals will be borne solely by the proposer.

DATED this 21st Day of September 2000

COUNTY OF LINCOLN
BY: REX WILSON
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 5th, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. at the district office, 516 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, NM. Copies of the agenda may be obtained in advance by calling 354-2220 or stopping by the district office.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO SUBMIT BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed bids will be received by the Capitan Municipal Schools at the Administration Building (PO Box 278, Capitan, NM 88316), until 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, October 10, 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.

School Vehicle Sealed Bid

The District is requesting a bid on a 4WD, 9 passenger Suburban. Specifications are available at the Office of the Superintendent, Capitan Municipal Schools Administration Building or by calling 505-354-2239.

All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope. The sealed envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Vehicle Bid" on the outside.

The Capitan Board of Education will review the bids and make their final determination during the regular 6:00 P.M. Board meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2000 at the Capitan Municipal Schools, Administration Building.

The Capitan Municipal Schools reserve the right to accept or reject all or any part of the bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interests of the Capitan Municipal Schools.

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County To Act On Forest Emergency

By Doris Cherry

At a 4 p.m. special meeting today, Thursday, September 28 in the Ruidoso Village Council chambers in Ruidoso, Lincoln County Commissioners will join Otero County in declaring the Lincoln National Forest to be in a state of emergency, and threatening to take over management of the forests if the U.S. Forest Service or the state take no action to alleviate the hazardous forest conditions.

The declaration of state of emergency, enacted by resolution, calls for the governor to ratify and declare Lincoln County to be in a State of Emergency as defined in the state's Civil Emergency Preparedness Act. The declaration asks the governor to assign state agencies to determine the conditions and assess the level of treatment necessary and appropriate, then give these findings to the U.S. Forest Service regional forester. "If the regional forester takes no action within 60 days of receiving the notice, the governor is authorized to assign state agencies to take action. If no action is taken by the governor, the Commissioners hereby declare that on behalf of Lincoln County they may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate to eliminate the conditions in the Lincoln National Forest that have caused the state of emergency in order to protect the lives and property of its citizens."

County commissioners will also take action on another resolution that recognizes the existing state of forest degradation as endangering the lives and property of citizens of Lincoln County, demands immediate funding for the forest service to take necessary steps to alleviate the dangerous fire conditions and holds the U.S. Forest Service responsible for any loss of life, property or livelihood resulting from the catastrophic fires, watershed loss or forest mismanagement practices, effective immediately.

The proposed resolutions are the result of discussions sparked by an invitation from Otero County Commissioner Richard Zierlein to the Lincoln County Commission at its regular meeting held Thursday, September 21 in the commission chambers of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Zierlein asked Lincoln County to join in the movement to take control over the forests within their boundaries, if the federal government will not take action to alleviate the hazardous conditions. Zierlein said the Otero County Commission emergency declaration resolution was designed so it could be utilized by other counties. So far Catron County also adopted a similar resolution. The emphasis of the resolution is the emergency situation the forests are currently in. "Catastrophic fire on the Bonito watershed would affect us also," Zierlein said. (Bonito lake water goes to Alamogordo and Holloman Air Force Base.) "These resolutions identify the problems and move forward with a solution," he added.

Mike Nivison, Otero County Commission candidate unopposed, said the resolutions take care of the forest by coupling government programs with forest industry.

"This is a powerful political statement," Nivison said. "We have to get it to a certain level to get Congress to do something." He said that government studies done in 1988 and in 1996 recommended fuel breaks to the southwest of Cloudercroft, another community surrounded by forests like Ruidoso. "But it was not ad-

ressed," Nivison said. Nivison likened the county takeover of the forests to the civil rights movement exemplified by Rosa Parks, a black woman who refused to move to the back of the bus in a southern U.S. city. "We've been sitting in the back of the bus too long," Nivison said.

Lincoln County Public Land Use Advisory Council (PLUAC) chair Matt Ferguson said the council has been working hard on the issue and it was a hot topic at the last PLUAC meeting. Ferguson said he attended a meeting on the issue in Otero County where only one person of 150 spoke against the idea. Most loudly demanded something be done.

"We need to take a stand," said Lincoln County Commission Chairman Rex Wilson. "The fix is in Congress." Lincoln County Commissioner Ray Nunley said the fires in Los Alamos gave a lot of national recognition to the problems in New Mexico's forests. He asked that the Forest Service, which has a good relationship with Lincoln County, not be called "ugly names" in the resolution.

Nivison said the emergency declaration will "untie the hands of the forest service and couple with industry to pay for the costs to do the needed work in the forests." The amount spent on fire fighting could have treated all the forest, Nivison added.

Residents who commented at the September 21 Lincoln County Commission meeting favored the action. Lonnie Lippmann of Capitan favored forest health projects that are selective in their cutting. Jerry Carroll of Oscura supported the idea and said that anyone who lives in the forest in Lincoln County has a vested interest. Kathleen Phillips from Capitan said Lincoln County is rated in the top 10 most likely places for catastrophic wildfire.

Matt Reidy, forest specialist with the Lincoln National Forest, Smokey Bear Ranger Station in Ruidoso, said the forest service is doing something. He said their hands are not so tied as they lack enough funds. Currently the Lincoln National Forest has asked for \$2 million to be spent in the Smokey Bear district for fuel reduction. He also told of the 600 foot wide by 13 mile long fuel break completed around the south and west boundary between the Village of Ruidoso boundary and forest service lands. Wilson said in his opinion the fuel break around Ruidoso should be three miles wide.

Also the forest service is working with the Village of Ruidoso and the New Mexico State Forestry Division to treat 600 acres of village owned forest and there is a proposal to increase treatment in the forests around Ruidoso. "Every landscape is a little bit different," said Reidy. "The Sacramentos are different than the Mescalero, Mescalero is different than Ruidoso and Ruidoso is different than the Capitans. Each area has its own solution to its piece of the mountain range."

When Lincoln County Commissioner Leo Martinez suggested using county inmate labor to clear forests, sheriff candidate Tony Seno who first suggested the idea of inmate labor for forest work, said, "you stole my thunder."

County commissioners will act on the two resolutions for the forest issues after they approve the 2000 tax rates at their special meeting that starts at 4 p.m. today, Thursday, September 28 at the Ruidoso Village Hall.

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Children who are three or four years old before September 1, 2000, may be eligible.

Enrollment hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. each school day at the Head Start classroom in Carrizozo school, located at the south end of Clegg Hall. Cherri Goad is the Head Start teacher.

Interested parents or guardians need to bring their child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization card, Medicaid or insurance card, parents' 1999 income tax and check stubs from January through October of this year.

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1tp-Sept. 28

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Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
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- Corona Presbyterian Church:**
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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 648-2998 (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/G)**
- JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
Corner of C Ave. & Thirtieth, 648-2185
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..... 5:00 pm
O'zoza Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm
SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am
O'zoza Santa Rita..... 10:30 am
Corona St. Theresa..... 1:00 p.m.
- Church of Christ**
- Ave. 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. Matthias Episcopal Church**
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717 Ave., Carrizozo, NM
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Sunday..... 7:00 p.m.
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Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Church Services..... 11:00 am
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Carrizozo, NM 88301
Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:10 am
Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 6:30 pm
United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 pm
- Adult Sunday School - 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..... 10:15 am
Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 7:00 pm
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Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group)
1st and 3rd Tuesday..... 9:30 a.m.
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Preparation Prayer..... 10:00 a.m.
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- Capitan Church of Christ**
- LESLIE EARWOOD, minister
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Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 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.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
AWANA Wednesday..... 6:00 p.m.
- First Baptist Church of Corona**
- CAL 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

Sands RV Park & Motel

LaGrone Funeral Home

Jerry and Lanita Rasak

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Stearns Insurance Agency

Rainbow Inn

Residents Oppose

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and what benefit other than your suggestion that it curbs drug use. Could somebody please explain it to me? What check and balance is there to assure an innocent person isn't accused of something like this?"

Organist made reference to the Wen Ho Lee case, saying he feared spending eight months in solitary confinement for nothing.

Carrizozo town attorney David Stevens responded to Organist's questions, saying "Speaking as the town lawyer it's just paranoid to even think that would happen." Stevens went on to say "This ordinance was drafted to curb and discourage illegal drug use in this community, and if you don't support that, then that's fine. You have constitutional rights just like everyone else does in this matter. If you don't like the ordinance that's what this forum is about, for you to voice your concern. You are welcome to do that here. If you don't like the board's action on it then I suggest you run for the board if you want to make some changes."

Organist asked Stevens "Are you saying that if you aren't for this ordinance then you are against drug enforcement? What is wrong against getting a court order to search someone's premises?"

Carrizozo Police Chief Angelo Vega responded to Organist saying that the city has ordinances against speeding, running stop signs, not wearing seat belts, and code enforcements. "By adopting this ordinance we are able to deal with matters at a local level, by going in front of a municipal judge." Vega went on citing an ex-

ample saying the town has an ordinance about possession of marijuana less than an ounce, "then we, the police have the option to charge the offender under a municipal code, and this ordinance will cover the 'instruments used' to inhale, smoke, snort or inject narcotics." Vega once again made an example saying that an empty soda can could be used as a pipe to smoke marijuana, and that the ordinance is designed so that the matter could be handled at a local level, in municipal court, rather than in magistrate court.

Vega made reference to a recent case where during one traffic stop where violations were found, one case had to go to magistrate court, while one was handled in the municipal court. Vega emphasized he believed the need for the ordinance.

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Stevens followed by saying, "The other implications are that the magistrate dockets are extremely full, and the district court dockets are worse, and that's where you go in enforcing a state or federal ordinance or statute. When you enforce a municipal ordinance it is as the old saying goes, swift justice."

Culler's response was, "This isn't changing anything that Angelo would normally do, it is just changing where it goes once it is done?"

Stevens response was, "Right."

Vega said, "I know of where people go to Albuquerque, to a store there on Central and have a pipe or a roach clip or a bong because they think it is cute or pretty or whatever, there is nothing illegal about that, as long as it is not used for narcotics."

Stevens said, "Or intended to use."

The mayor said, "It has to have the resin on it."

A person from the audience asked, "Where does it say that (in the proposed ordinance)?"

To which Stevens replied, "I don't have the ordinance." One was quickly supplied to him.

Culler asked, "Does the state have to get a court order before they take this car and arrest a person for paraphernalia?"

Dennis Dunning from the audience stated, "I don't think that putting all the kids here in high school here in Carrizozo who have roach clips and bongs in prison is going to make me feel any safer."

Organist said, "The fact is my father, people in this room, my brother, they all

fought to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America. And darn it that Constitution says I am free from unreasonable search and seizure. And you know what? That's fine. If I am breaking the law then please arrest me and put me somewhere, but I want to know before you arrest me, wherever I am that before you take my car, and my house and everything else that I own, I want to know that every single effort or part of due process has been exhausted before that happens.

And leaving that to a small little piece of local officials

as good of guys as they may be. I am really uncomfortable with that. That's all I'm saying, I don't think we need an ordinance like that here. It's already in Washington, lets let duller minds than ours try to trample on it."

At about that time Chris Stromberg interrupted saying he thought we should "Cool this, and put it off as an agenda item for another evening, cause its really a hot potato."

The mayor then said, "There seems to be a lot of feeling about this subject, I suggest to the rest of the

board that we should table this until the regular meeting."

Barbara Culler informed the board that Judge

Rominger was the person who suggested the ordinance, and she requested that he be present at the next meeting to explain why he felt the need for a local ordinance about this matter.

The mayor then asked that the individuals who were involved in the discussion to state their name to identify themselves.

The board voted to table the matter until the next regular meeting.

Hondo Clinic Is Now Open

The Hondo Health Clinic is now open for business, and will soon be getting county mill levy support for its operation.

At the September 21 Lincoln County Commission meeting, county commissioners approved the joint powers agreement with the Hondo Valley School Board for the operation of the Hondo Clinic.

County attorney Alan Morel said the two prior issues had been resolved, but he still recommended the medical provider La Casa Buena de Salud provide indemnification for liability. "This agreement provides for the county to provide money to the school district as fiscal agent for health services at the clinic for all residents of Lincoln County," Morel said. As for the indemnification, Morel said that cannot be added to the joint powers agreement, rather it must be added to the language in the operational management agreement between the Hondo school board and La Casa de Buena Salud.

Under the joint powers agreement between the county and the schools, funds authorized by the county for the clinic may vary from year to year based on requests from the clinic and availability of funding or allocation of funding of the mill levy proceeds, "as determined by the County in its sole discretion."

Alerted to the wording that included a Hondo clinic in the resolution that authorized the election of the current hospital mill levy, Hondo School District pressured the county to provide its one-third share of funds for the Hondo Health Clinic. The hospital mill levy that includes the millage for the clinics comes up for renewal by voters at the November 7 general election.

County commissioner Leo Martinez asked that a county representative be on the Hondo Clinic advisory board.

County commissioner Rick Simpson volunteered to serve on the board after Hondo School superintendent Barbara Casey agreed it

would be appropriate.

Casey announced that the clinic had opened that Monday and was seeing patients. A grand opening is planned for October 20.

County commissioners also unanimously authorized county manager Tom Stewart to draft a request for proposals (rfp) to sub-lease the Glencoe Rural Events Center. Stewart discussed a letter from a mountain bike manufacturer who was interested in leasing the Glencoe Center exhibit hall. Casey said the district does not want the county to sell the Glencoe Center and would like to see the building sub-leased. The district wants to retain use of the arena for students and the school rodeo club.

Stewart said he wrote the U.S. Department of Agriculture which provided a \$130,000 loan/grant for construction of the arena and learned that the department only has interest in the arena.

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