

Candidates File For Primary Elections

by Doris Cherry

On Tuesday, March 21, candidates from the state's major parties filed as candidates for the June 6 primary election.

For Lincoln County Commission District 1, Republican incumbent Rex A. Wilson was the only person who filed.

For Lincoln County Commission District 3, Republican candidates are

Bob Sterchi, Leo Martinez, Jodie B. Ashby. Democrat candidates for the position are Ray F. Sharbutt and Romeo F. Klein.

For Lincoln County Assessor, Republican candidates are Rick Silva and Juanita "Janie" C. Brewer, Democrat candidate is Robert (Bobby) D. Vallejos.

For Lincoln County Sheriff, Republican candidates are Orlando Montes Jr. and

incumbent Tom Sullivan. There were no Democrat or Green candidates.

For Lincoln County Probate Judge, Republican candidate is incumbent Stirling T. Spencer, Democrat candidate is Michele Cervantes-Rebstock.

For the 12th Judicial District Division 2 Judge, Republican candidates are James Waylon Counts, David Ceballos and Wayne A. Jordan. The Democrat

candidate is Mariano (Mario) A. Torrez.

For the 12th Judicial District Attorney position, incumbent Republican Scot D. Key is the only candidate who filed.

For District 56 of the New Mexico House of Representatives, the Republican candidate is incumbent W. C. "Dub" Williams. Democrat candidates are Jeni (Bebe) Flores Alexander from

Tularosa and Reynaldo Valcarcel from Ruidoso.

For District 8 of the New Mexico Senate, Democrat incumbent Pete Campos was the only candidate who filed.

For District 8 of the New Mexico Board of Education, Republican candidates are Douglas O. Fuqua, John R. Lankford and incumbent Van W. Witt. No Democrat or Green candidates filed for the position.

For the Federal U.S.

Representative, Congressional District 2, the Republican candidate is incumbent Joe Skeen. Democrat candidates are Mike Runnels and Michael A. Montoya. Green party member Carlos A. Provencio filed as a write-in candidate.

For the Federal U.S. Senate, Democrat candidate is incumbent Jeff Bingaman. Republican candidates are

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CHOOSING POSITIONS. Seven year old Arron Vallejos, son of chief deputy clerk Loree Vallejos, pulls a number out of the box to determine what position Republican Bob Sterchi, candidate for county commission district 3, will have on the June 6 primary election ballot. Candidates who were present after 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, primary election candidate filing day, were able to pull a number from the box to determine their ballot position, if they had competition in the primary. Deputy clerk Robin Espinosa holds Arron up to the box, while Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor looks on.

Health Care Ordinance Adopted

by Doris Cherry

The final step for beginning the Indigent Health Care program in Lincoln County was finally taken.

Lincoln County Commissioners at their regular meeting March 16 held in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, adopted an ordinance that outlines eligibility and establishes procedures for administering the county's indigent health care fund. Wording for the ordinance was taken from state statutes that allow for counties to establish the indigent health care funds.

The fund is financed with a one-eighth percent gross receipt tax approved by commissioners last year and

which took effect January 1.

During the public hearing on the ordinance, county manager Tom Stewart said plans are to hire the indigent health care coordinator in May to be trained and ready to begin the program July 1. The coordinator's salary will be paid out of the one-eighth gross receipt tax revenues.

County commissioner Leo Martinez maintained his stance that the county should go out for a request for proposals (rfp) to contract the administration of the fund to a private entity familiar with medical care, such as Presbyterian Medical Services that provides home health care in the county. "So we don't put on

another employee," Martinez added.

Stewart said he thought he had the approval to hire an indigent health care coordinator from discussions and actions taken at previous meetings.

Jim Gibson, administrator of Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) which is leased by Presbyterian Health System (PHS) different than Presbyterian Medical Services, said the hospital does not intend to stop providing indigent medical services and will not access the indigent health care funds as long as the hospital mill levy is in place. Part of the mill levy funds go to the

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County Imposes Fire Restrictions

by Doris Cherry

The unincorporated areas of Lincoln County are now under fire restrictions.

Lincoln County Commissioners adopted a resolution at their meeting March 16 that established an immediate ban on all burning of open flames, fires, campfires except in designated areas, trash, rubbish, shrubbery or other material except by permit. It also bans the sale or use of display fireworks and the sale and use of missile type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners, stick-type rockets and ground audible devices within the affected unincorporated drought areas. All other fireworks not

listed in the resolution will be limited to areas that are paved or barren, or have a readily accessible source of water.

The resolution is effective for only 30 days, and must be renewed if needed.

Citizens can obtain a permit to burn from the county manager's office. The permit must be signed by the one of the following—county manager, county emergency services coordinator, the county sheriff, the local fire department chief or forest service representative. The permit must also be notarized, and includes information on where the burn is to take place, when

and verification the citizen will notify the sheriff's office when the fire is begun.

Permits for public fireworks displays done in an unincorporated area are also available from the county manager's office.

County commissioners considered two choices for the fire restriction—to enact the fire ban immediately or wait until the U.S. Forest Service declares a fire ban in the national forests. Jerry Hawkes, ranger of the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest, said the forest service is anticipating imposition of Level 1 fire restrictions in the forests on

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C'zozo Mayor Tables Appointing Treasurer

by Barbara Culler

A Special Meeting of the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees was held at city hall on Monday, March 20. Trustees present were: James Silva, Tommy Guevara, Wesley Lindsay, and Cynthia Morales. Town clerk/treasurer Carol Schlarb was in attendance and the meeting was presided over by mayor Manuel Hernandez.

Just before calling the meeting to order Hernandez addressed the audience, over 55 people were in attendance, with his opening remarks. He stated, "This council here will not be intimidated by rumors, threats, or petitions." Immediately after, Hernandez called the special meeting to order.

Carrizozo New Clerk On Duty

Carrizozo Town Hall has a new face.

On Wednesday, March 22, Leann Weihbrecht, former Ruidoso Downs Village Clerk, began work as interim clerk for the Town of Carrizozo.

Weihbrecht told THE NEWS that Carrizozo Mayor Manuel Hernandez contacted her this week and asked her to come to work as clerk.

Carrizozo was left without a clerk, when clerk Carol Schlarb was not reappointed Monday at a brief special town trustee meeting where the mayor announced he was not appointing a treasurer at that time. (See related story.)

Tuesday, deputy clerk Margaret LaBelle also resigned. Following LaBelle's resignation on Tuesday, Carrizozo town hall was closed briefly and the Motor Vehicles Department was closed all day.

On Wednesday, Weihbrecht came in as interim clerk and town hall was open with its regular hours again.

A Certified Municipal Clerk since 1995, Weihbrecht served as clerk for the Village of Ruidoso Downs for 12 years. She recently was not reappointed by the new

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After the roll call, pledge of allegiance, salute to the New Mexico state flag, and Hernandez's welcome to all the guests present, the agenda for the meeting was approved.

The one item on the agenda for trustee action was next. The appointment of town personnel (town clerk/treasurer, chief of police, maintenance director, and town attorney), was addressed by the trustees. Morales made the motion, seconded by Silva to appoint the following: Chief of Police - A. I. Vega; Maintenance Director - Jim Payne; and Town Attorney - David Stevens. The motion was approved by the trustees. Hernandez said that he was sorry that he did not have, at this time, a name to present to the trustees for treasurer.

Morales made a motion to adjourn. Hernandez said

there was a motion on the table to adjourn.

Schlarb rose and stated to the trustees, "I would like to make an announcement and I would like to thank the town of Carrizozo for allowing me to serve them for twenty-three years, and I look forward to the possibility of working with them under the new administration. Thank you very much." Schlarb went to Hernandez, Silva, Lindsay, and Morales and said, "It has been a pleasure working with you." Guevara is the newly elected trustee and this was his second board meeting and Schlarb has not worked with him in her role as town clerk/treasurer.

Hernandez reminded the trustees that there was a motion on the floor to adjourn and the motion had been seconded by Lindsay. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned.



GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK: Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor welcomes Lincoln County Commissioner Rick Simpson back after his absence due to a horse riding accident. Simpson attended the March 16 meeting held in the commissioners room in Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo without the help of crutches.

Candidate File For

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William F. Davis, Steve Pearce and Bill Redman.

Other statewide races include retention of the Justice of Supreme Court Democrat Patricio Serna and retention of the Judge of Court of Appeal Democrat Joseph Alarid.

For the Judge of the Court of Appeals Position 1, Democrat candidate is Manuel Tjerina, Republican candidate is Jonathan B. Sutin. For the Judge of the Court of Appeals Position 2, Democrat candidate is Cynthia A. Fry, Republican candidate is Roderick Thomas Kennedy. For Judge of the Court of Appeals Position 3, Democrat candidates are Joel Jacobsen and Ira Robinson. Republican candidate is T. Glenn Ellington. Green candidate is Marvin H. Gladstone.

Candidates who filed on March 21 have until April 14 to withdraw from their races.

Absentee voting for the primary election begins on

April 27 and ends June 3. According to a memo from the secretary of state to the county clerk's offices applications for an absentee ballot must be requested by the voter, or by someone living in the immediate household of the voter on behalf of the voter. This rule came about with passage and signing of a bill last year. Last election absentee ballot applications were mass mailed to voters, even though they did not request them.

Voter registration for the primary election ends May 9. Early, in person voting, begins May 17 and ends June 1.

At the June 6 primary, voters may only select candidates from the party to which the voters are registered. Persons who are registered in an independent or minor party or who decline to state a party affiliation cannot cast ballots in the primary election.

Candidates registered in an

independent and minor party or who decline to state party affiliation, can file to be a candidate in the November general election on July 11 only.

Write-in candidates for the general election must file on September 6, which is also the last day for candidates to withdraw from the general election.

Capitan Library Open House Apr. 1

Capitan Public Library is holding an Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1 to celebrate the acquisition of 68 new children's books received with a matching grant from the Libri Foundation of Eugene, Oregon.

The library's matching funds came from donations of a raffle on a quilt made by a local woman. The Libri Foundation double matched the local raised funds enabling the library to purchase \$1,068 worth of books.

Also on April, Capitan Public Library will begin a month-long amnesty period so patrons with overdue books can turn them in without a fine. Normally Capitan Public Library has fines of 10 cents a day, with a cap of \$5, which will be waived during the amnesty program.

April 1 coincides with the start of Governor Gary Johnson's "Month of the Library" program.

C'zozo New Clerk

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mayor and administration in that village. While she was Ruidoso Downs clerk, Weihbrecht completed two successful Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications, and is familiar with the process.

Weihbrecht said she is trying to learn all she can about town hall and the town and she plans to make no changes at this time. Town hall office hours will continue to be 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Also for now, Rosemary Gallegos will be acting as temporary office clerk and Motor Vehicles Department clerk.

Weihbrecht said she expects mayor Hernandez to appoint her as clerk/treasurer at the March 28 Carrizozo town trustees meeting. As an appointed position the clerk/treasurer is a non-classified employee which means the person works at will of the mayor with approval of the trustees.



THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP: Lincoln County Commissioners Bill Schweitmann and Leo Martinez wish retiring jail administrator Mike Borrego the best of luck during the Lincoln County Commission meeting of March 16. Borrego was employed by Corrections System, Inc., which contracts with the county to provide jail administration.

Drought Worsens In SE New Mexico

Despite brief rains and snowfall, Red Flag conditions continue throughout southeast New Mexico and west Texas.

A Red Flag warning is a term used by fire weather forecasters to alert of an ongoing or imminent critical fire weather pattern, usually involving high winds. Temperatures are predicted to rise into the high 80s to mid-70s and humidities are expected to drop into single digits.

Strong dry winds out of the southwest are increasing and moisture gained from recent rainfall quickly dried up.

Vegetation is so parched that one spark or a flying ember can start a major fire.

To avoid wildfire follow these safety tips: Avoid using equipment that produce sparks, such as metal cutting saws or welding equipment; outdoor equipment like off road vehicles and power tools should be equipped with properly working mufflers; avoid driving or parking in dry grass because exhaust systems can start fires; dispose of smoking materials properly—in a vehicle use an ashtray, crush smokes and matches dead on bare ground.

When burning debris use an approved burn receptacle covered with metal mesh. Stay with it until the fire is out.

When open burning is allowed, build wide control lines around brush piles and fields. Don't burn on windy days. Have water and equipment available for fire control.

For more information about fire restrictions call 257-4085.

Health Care

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state on behalf of LCMC as the county's "sole medical provider". However, sole medical provider funds cover only in hospital costs.

The 4.25 levy comes up for renewal by voters this November and has been the subject of some controversy.

"We don't turn away anyone," Gibson said of LCMC.

Martinez was concerned that the indigent funds, regardless if from mill levy or gross receipt taxes, would go to reimburse only doctors employed by PHS.

County commissioner Rick Simpson said the county was not going to provide health care, rather health care would be provided and the county will reimburse medical providers.

County commissioner Ray Nunley said he understood that a private practice would not be reimbursed unless it was with the county or state health departments.

Gibson also said he thought it a big mistake to give the administration of the indigent health care fund to any entity that could access or be a beneficiary of the indigent fund. "It has the appearance of the fox guarding the henhouse," Gibson said.

Paul Voderman of Ruidoso asked Gibson if doctors employed by PHS will get reimbursed and those who are not employed by PHS will get no money. Gibson said it could happen, but LCMC has pledged it would not access the indigent care funds as long as the mill levy is in effect.

Ordinance 2000-01 provides definitions, indigent health care fund eligibility provisions, application pro-

County Imposes

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April 1. With it no campfires, flames or outdoor smoking will be allowed in the national forest.

If the forests receive no moisture before the end of May, the forests could be placed under Level 2 restriction—closed to all visitation, Hawkes added.

Currently based on a measure of moisture in fuels in the forests, the index is at eight. "We hardly ever see it get to six (an extreme drought condition)," Hawkes said. He said he hoped the fire danger does not increase so they have to close down the forests. "Ruidoso has asked us if we impose a Level 2 to close the forest, to let everyone know Ruidoso isn't closed," Hawkes added.

County manager Tom Stewart said the fire chiefs of all the volunteer fire departments were recommending the fire restrictions.

County commissioners took no action to approve the proclamation against the sale of fireworks at this time, because it is not fireworks season.

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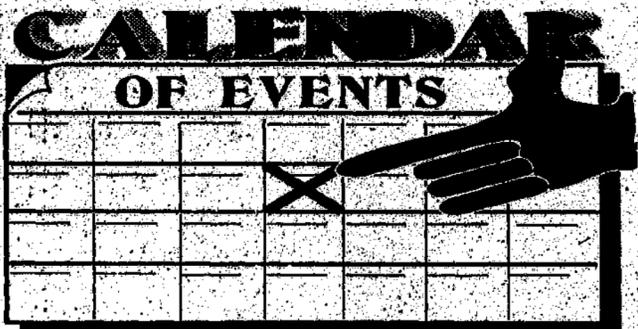
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Elias Speaks At C'zozo C of C

Wednesday, March 15 the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce met in its new home at the Uptown Cafe in the Carrizozo Recreation Center. Members ate luncheon on tables painted by local artists.

The meeting was devoted to a presentation by Tony Elias of the Southeast New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD). He spoke about basic economic development and gave suggestions for local action. He first described the SNMEDD, which is composed of five counties of 26,000 miles and 250,000 people. SNMEDD activities are funded by the five counties as well as the State of New Mexico and the federal government.

In talking about basic economic development for Carrizozo and surrounding areas, Elias pointed out that smaller,

rural communities do not have the capabilities to accomplish the things that a larger community can.

He stated that the hardest thing to do is to establish a beginning, a foundation, such as the chamber of commerce which is already in place. He suggested that the organization should then decide on goals which would create an atmosphere in the community to attract people and jobs. The chamber needs to evaluate its position. Does the area have property, money or assets that can be offered as incentives to bring new people/business to

by the Town of Carrizozo is a plus as that gives eligibility for public money.

The next step should be to create an economic development plan which would be necessary to obtain Carrizozo? The Carrizozo Industrial Park being owned

funding. Finally an Economic Development Coordinator should be hired, either full-time or part-time to facilitate and implement the plan. This person should have expertise in grant writing and be able to travel around the state as necessary. Paying the salary for such a person would require community cooperation, private and public donations. Elias indicated that it can be done. He described several

funding sources and made suggestions on training and resources. He ended his presentation with, "Build your foundation. Then get yourselves a person; someone to drive this vehicle to get you where you want to go." A good question and answer session followed. For a complete summary, minutes of the meeting can be found at the Caboose, Carrizozo Hardware and Roy's Gift Gallery.

by Suzanne Donazetti

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS
-Jalayne Spivey of the District II Office of the State Engineer is at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

TUESDAYS
-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 354-2635 or 258-3201 for information and location.
-Capitan Chamber of Commerce Bingo, 6:30-10 p.m. Chamber building on Second Street.
-Alcoholics Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

FRIDAYS
-Alcoholics Anonymous big book open discussion 7-8 p.m. Capitan Senior Center. Call 354-4032 for information.

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

TODAY, 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.
-Missions Live Team, Christian performance, 7 p.m. Carrizozo old gym. No admission.

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, all day.
-Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Regional Housing Authority of Region VI, New Mexico, Inc., 10 a.m. at the Authority office at 228 North Main St., Suite 301 in Roswell. A copy of the agenda is available by calling 622-0881.
-Progress reports sent out for Carrizozo school students.

MONDAY, MARCH 27
-Spring break begins for Carrizozo Schools and goes through Friday, March 31.
-Capitan Middle School Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting 6 p.m.
-Lincoln County Medical Center Community Board of Trustees meet 6 p.m. hospital conference room.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28
-South Central Mountain RC&D Council, Inc. meets at 9:30 a.m. at Carrizozo Woman's Club.
-Capitan High School National Honor Society & "C" Club Induction, 6 p.m. school cafeteria.
-Carrizozo Town Trustees 6 p.m. includes public hearing on annexation.
-Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m.
-Capitan Village Trustees 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29
-Capitan High School Parent Advisory Committee meeting 6 p.m. school library.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30
-Special information meetings on Capitan School Budget, 2-3 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. administration board room.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31
-Head Start registration at Hondo Valley Public Schools

9 a.m. to 12 noon.
-Lincoln County Family and Community Education clubs, annual Cultural Arts Show, Carrizozo Woman's Club building. Entries taken at 10 a.m. public viewing of entries at 1 p.m.
-Community Update 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ruidoso Convention Center.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1
-Trinity Site Tour.
-Capitan Public Library Open House 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
-Lincoln County Literacy Council tutor training. Call Betsy Hambrick at 630-8181 or 1-800-934-3668 to register.
-Zia Detachment #850, Marines Corps League, meeting at 10:30 a.m. at Capitan Senior Citizens Center. All active duty and honorably discharged Marines are welcome to attend. For more information call Bob Stephens at 354-2329 or June Cady at 434-4772.

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THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk

Yelling is impolite

By Ruth Hammond

Another standing room only crowd attended the special Carrizozo Town Council meeting Monday night. The mayor once again declined to appoint a town clerk/treasurer. Even though many of the people went outside at the end of the short meeting, a few remained in the meeting room and heard the mayor yelling, yes yelling, at The NEWS reporter. Those of us outside were unaware of what was happening inside. The NEWS reporter did tell us later that evening that the mayor was not happy but we did not know the mayor was yelling at the reporter until the next day.

Perhaps you agree that elected officials should have the right to verbally attack a person, but we disagree. Elected officials should act with dignity and treat everyone with respect at all times, especially when these elected officials are at their official meeting place. Yelling is not dignified and there was no reason for the mayor's actions.

One person said that the mayor's yelling was uncalled for and his conduct was unprofessional. That person left the meeting room as quickly as possible. Several people have expressed their outrage at the mayor's conduct. The entire episode happened quickly and The NEWS reporter also left the public meeting room as quickly as possible.

Launching a verbal assault on an innocent person is not the proper way for an elected official to act. Even though the mayor apparently did not appreciate the large crowd being at the meeting, there was no reason for him to yell at The NEWS reporter. Even though the mayor apparently did not appreciate the concern of the people in the crowd and he chose to ignore the signed petition they presented, there was no reason for him to yell at The NEWS reporter. Even though the mayor apparently wanted the special meeting to end and for everyone to leave immediately, there was no reason for him to yell at The NEWS reporter.

Obviously the mayor was unhappy about something. If the mayor had a grievance with The NEWS, the matter should have been discussed with the co-publishers. Any imagined complaint the mayor might have had should have been settled sensibly and calmly by talking with either of the co-publishers, not by yelling at someone else. Quite often a misunderstanding can be remedied easily, but not if the supposedly offended party refuses to talk.

Getting together and discussing differences of opinion would have been much better than what happened. The NEWS co-publishers would much rather have talked with the mayor than to have had The NEWS reporter subjected to a verbal assault. The problem is not in any alleged disagreement, the problem is in not working together for a solution that would be beneficial for everyone involved.

Yes, there are times when yelling is appropriate. If you hit your thumb with a hammer we can understand your need to yell. If you fall down and break a leg, it is O.K. to yell. If your house is on fire, please yell. If your child is lost, definitely yell for help. If you are an elected official and don't want to see a room full of people at a public meeting, consider your reason for holding public office. The mayor was impolite when he yelled at The NEWS reporter.

Please don't yell, act as an adult.



INSIDE THE CAPITOL

SANTA FE - Why do we have another special legislative session again this year and what does it mean?

First, it doesn't mean a lot of wasted money in the overall scheme of things. Alongside other numbers in the budget bill which doesn't even show the last three zeros in its appropriations - the cost of each day of a special session is mere pocket change. The only additional salaries paid are for a skeleton staff to assist the small permanent staff of the Legislature. Lawmakers don't receive a salary, only mileage and per diem at the IRS allowable rates.

Second, it won't drag out. Nearly all lawmakers are unhappy about donating extra time away from their families, businesses, jobs and reelection campaigns. They keep pressure on their leaders to move things along and reach agreement. The chairmen of the House and Senate finance committees have been meeting with Republican legislative leaders and representatives of the Governor's Office. All sides report movement and compromise.

Third, there will be a budget agreement. Every governor has his own style, and Gov. Gary Johnson's style seems to include a budget veto followed by months, or in this case maybe weeks, of negotiation accompanied by gubernatorial threats of as many more sessions as it takes to get what he wants. In the end he won't get everything he wants but that's all part of the process too.

A Santa Fe hotelier is so sure that lawmakers and the governor will agree on a budget that he won't charge legislators who stay at any of his seven hotels and inns if we have another budget deadlock. Around 25 lawmakers stayed with him during the regular session and he's likely to get a lot more this time. He says he expects mainly Democrats to take him up on his deal. It's a gamble, and he's providing an incentive to fail, but he thinks the will to get it over with will prevail.

Another positive sign is the additional money coming in from increased oil and gas production as a result of higher energy prices. With an extra \$38 million over what they had a month ago, the money is there to fund everything the governor wants for his pet agencies. Except Johnson says he wants to use \$15 million for a tax cut and legislative finance leaders want to hold back half since this will be a nonrecurring increase if gasoline prices go back down. Of course, surprises can always jump out. No one

has adequately explained yet the bizarre circumstances surrounding the last eight days of the recent 30-day session.

Lawmakers got their first budget to the governor earlier than they ever had, only to find a veto message back in their laps two hours later - and only about 45 minutes after the governor received it. Something peculiar was going on there.

After bills pass the Legislature, they must be enrolled and engrossed before they go to the governor. That involves a thorough proofreading of the bill, a process that can take days on a measure containing over 100 pages of numbers.

But the 75 minutes it took to get the budget bill enrolled and engrossed

looked like an eternity compared with the governor's 45 minutes to read the bill and write a veto message.

For awhile there, Gary Johnson was contenting himself with being the biggest vetoer in the West. Now he's added to that title "the Fastest Veto in the West."

Obviously the governor had advance knowledge about what would be in the big budget bill. And his quick-draw veto set the stage for the rest of that session and the special session. Evidently the Democrat legislative leadership figured the governor would sign the bill with a generous number of line-item vetoes, which there would be plenty of time to hassle over until the session ended on time and with a budget agreement.

County Areas Contribute The Most Property Taxes

by Doris Cherry

Property owners in the unincorporated areas of Lincoln County, those outside any village or town, contribute more of the total amount of property taxes paid to the county, than those with property in Ruidoso.

Lincoln County Treasurer Joan Park made a visual presentation on taxes to Lincoln County Commissioners at their March 16 meeting held in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. As county attorney Alan Morel at the request of county commissioner Leo Martinez, asked Park to produce charts showing the distribution of taxes. In a memo to county commissioners, Morel and county manager Tom Stewart, Park stated the monthly treasurer's report, reviewed and approved by commissioners, reflects only the solid waste environmental gross receipt tax collected by businesses in the unincorporated areas of the county. "Gross receipt taxes collected for municipalities are not

distributed through the county treasurer's office," Park wrote. "They go directly to the municipality (from the state Tax and Revenue Department.)"

As part of her presentation Park showed overhead slides of pie charts figured from information taken from the assessor's and treasurer's office on the amount of taxes billed in fiscal year 1999 (which ended June 30, 1999). Her information showed that \$1,680,590.26 or 47.8 percent of property taxes billed by the county treasurer in 1999 were on properties in the unincorporated areas of the county. Properties within the municipal limits of the Village of Ruidoso paid \$1,541,580.09 or 43.8 percent of the total amount billed.

Ruidoso Downs property owners paid \$168,364.04 or 4.8 percent of the total billed, Capitan property owners paid \$73,994.59 or 2.1 percent, Carrizozo properties paid \$44,693.47 or 1.3 percent and Corona properties paid \$9,938.16 or .3 percent.

Ruidoso does have the largest portion of gross receipt taxes in the county.

According to information from the state Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), total for the village of Ruidoso was \$18,369,814, or 56.9 percent of all gross receipts paid by businesses located somewhere in Lincoln County. Businesses located in the unincorporated areas of the county paid receipts of \$8,289,209 or 25.7 percent of the total collected in fiscal year 1999 (which ended July 1, 1999). Ruidoso Downs was next with \$2,900,185 or 9 percent of the total. Capitan had \$1,393,583 or 4.3 percent, Carrizozo had \$902,498 or 2.8 percent and Corona had \$439,039 or 1.4 percent.

Of those receipts, the different entities disbursed or spent funds. Ruidoso, Lincoln County and Capitan disbursed more than they received. In fiscal year 1999, Ruidoso disbursed \$18,755,075, or \$385,261 more than it received. Lincoln County disbursed \$8,402,743 or \$113,534 more than it received. Capitan disbursed \$1,407,136, or \$13,553 more than it received. Ruidoso Downs, Carrizozo and Corona spent less than they received. Ruidoso Downs disbursed \$2,321,099 leaving \$579,086 in a surplus. Carrizozo disbursed \$993,488 and had \$9,008 as surplus. Corona disbursed \$391,098 and had a surplus of \$47,941.

Park also showed a chart listing the percentage of single family dwellings. Ruidoso has the largest percentage of properties classified as single family dwellings. Ruidoso has 6,992 single family dwellings or 51.1 percent of the total single family dwellings in the county. The unincorporated areas of Lincoln County have 3,542 single family dwellings or 33.2 percent of the total. Ruidoso Downs is next with 885 dwellings or 6.5 percent. Capitan village has 658 single family dwellings or 4.8 percent, Carrizozo has 508 or 3.7 percent, Corona has 107 or .8 percent.

Of the property taxes coming from land in the unincorporated areas, 59 percent of the total billed in 1999 was on properties within the Capitan School District. The district includes Capitan village, surrounding subdivisions, Bonito, Alto North, Ranches of Sonterra, Alto Village, north beyond the Capitan Mountains. Properties in the county but in Ruidoso School District paid 16.3 percent of the total taxes billed to properties outside municipalities. County properties in the Carrizozo School District were billed for 7.8 percent. County properties in the Corona School District were billed for 9.4 percent of the total billings, properties in the Hondo School District billed at 7.5 percent. This shows tremendous growth in the

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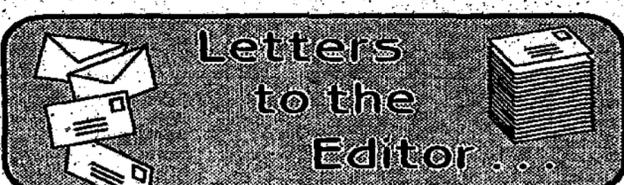
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"Recent Strange Happenings In Carrizozo!"

At the Special Meeting of the Carrizozo Board of Trustees on Monday evening, March 20, at 6:00 p.m., the Honorable Mayor, Mr. Hernandez, made an announcement to the overflowing attendance, prior to the official opening of the meeting.

He stated that, "This office or this council will not be intimidated by people or petitions!"

As a concerned registered voter attending this said meeting, I must honestly say that I saw or heard nothing that could be interpreted as intimidation. Could it have been his own conscience?

I fully believe I am expressing the feelings for most people in attendance when I say that the large turnout was there to pay their respects to Carol who has spent 23 years working for the Town of Carrizozo, the last 19 of those years as Town Clerk / Treasurer.

I'm certain I'm not alone in wondering what will be the cost to Carrizozo in trying to replace someone with her knowledge and skills. We will all surely miss her unbiased, honorable, conscientious, and professional performance of her duties.

Oh yes, Carol, we will definitely miss you!

BETTY STEWART
White Oaks, New Mexico

EDITOR: In an era where small towns must fight for every dollar just to stay afloat, it is incredible that Carrizozo's mayor and town council were not willing to set aside petty personality conflicts to do what is best for the community as a whole.

Instead, at a special meeting on Monday they chose not to rehire Carol Schlarb, who for the past 23 years has worked tirelessly for the Town of Carrizozo. She is respected and well liked by many in this community, some of whom attended the meeting on Monday to show their support in person, while others signed a petition asking the mayor and town council to rehire her.

As recently as last week Carol was recognized, by her peers, with an award for her professionalism, knowledge, organizational skills and excellence in administering CDBG and SAP Grants for the Town of Carrizozo. Her experience, knowledge and work on behalf of our town as well as her many

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Drug Forum Set For Mar. 23 in Ruidoso

The Libertarian Party of Lincoln County says it is time to "just say now" to a dialogue about drug policies. To hold to this goal, the party is hosting and moderating a free

community drug policy reform forum at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 23, in the North Forty room of Cree Meadows Country Club in Ruidoso. Keynote panelist will be

New Mexico Secretary of Public Safety Nicholas Bakas.

The forum will be held in two sessions. In the first session panelists will be Steve Bunch with the New Mexico Drug Policy Foundation, Bryan Krumm RN, and Dr. Ray Seidel who will speak on the medical views of marijuana.

Dusty Mathis will present information on industrial hemp, along with displays of hemp products. Participants can view the displays during the 20 minute break at the end of the first session.

In the second session, Angie Vachio and a representative from the Milagro Program in Albuquerque will show the effects of the drug war and the drug policies on women and children.

Debra Leid of the November Coalition will also present information on the drug war.

Sec. Bakas will be the final panelist.

Questions and answers will be allowed after each panelist.

For more information about the forum, call 258-4776.



NEW AMBULANCE FOR CAPITAN: Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Schwettmann joins Capitan village trustee Benny Coker, mayor Norm Renfro, trustees John Whitaker, Debra Ingle and Leroy Montes in standing with Capitan EMTs Eddy Tudor, Tammy Sultemeier and Brent Sultemeier in front of the new Capitan ambulance. Lincoln County Commissioners authorized purchase of the unit, which cost in excess of \$100,000, to replace the aging diesel-engine Capitan ambulance, EMTs and Lincoln County EMS director Jim Stover showed off the new unit before the Capitan Trustees meeting March 14.

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County Areas

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county areas of the Capitan School District.

In Ruidoso, of the property taxes billed 4.6 percent goes to the state, 22.2 percent to the county, 14.7 percent for municipal operations, 21.4 percent for municipal debt service, 1 percent for school operational, 16.4 percent for school debt service, 6.2 percent for school SB9, nothing for livestock or predatory control, 5.3 percent for the college, 8.1 percent for the hospital and nothing for soil and water or sanitation districts.

Martinez commented that the county's portion of taxes in the Ruidoso chart was a less percentage because Ruidoso's pie was cut into about 15 pieces. "Wouldn't it be natural the portion for county government to show as less."

Ruidoso resident Ben Hall was concerned about Ruidoso and the county spending more than they received. Stewart said they made up the shortfall from previous years reserves. Park said Lincoln County used to have considerably large reserves, but now has

very little.

Of the taxes billed by the county treasurer, the county receives the largest share at 29 percent. Municipalities receive 10.3 percent of the total for operation and 13 percent for their debt service on general obligation bonds. Debt service for all the school districts in the county is 17.1 percent. Capital improvement funds (SB9 two mill levies) for the school districts is 7.5 percent. The hospital mill levy represents 10.6 percent of all taxes collected. The state gets 5.8 percent of all taxes collected in the county. ENMU-Ruidoso one mill levy is 3.8 percent of all taxes, livestock predatory control is .6 percent of taxes, and the soil and water and sanitation districts get 1.1 percent.

Another chart Park showed was the 1999-2000 county expenditure budget. The road fund gets the most with \$1,402,905 or 24.2 percent of the county budget. Sheriff is next with \$1,076,948 or 18.6 percent. Transfers from the general fund for special projects and to subsidize various departments is \$717,937 or 12.4 percent of the budget. The county commission takes \$98,151 or 1.7 percent, general county government takes \$360,650 or 6.2 percent, manager \$444,461 or 7.7 percent, maintenance has \$223,668 or 3.9 percent, clerk's office has \$298,248 or 5.2 percent, assessor's office \$351,871 or 6.1 percent, treasurer's office \$217,001 or 3.7 percent, corrections gets \$595,846 or 10.3 percent. County government relies on property taxes for its revenues.



NOT NEEDED NOW says Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Schwettmann who looks into the patient area of the new Capitan ambulance. The ambulance was shown off to the Capitan Village trustees prior to their regular meeting Tuesday, March 14.

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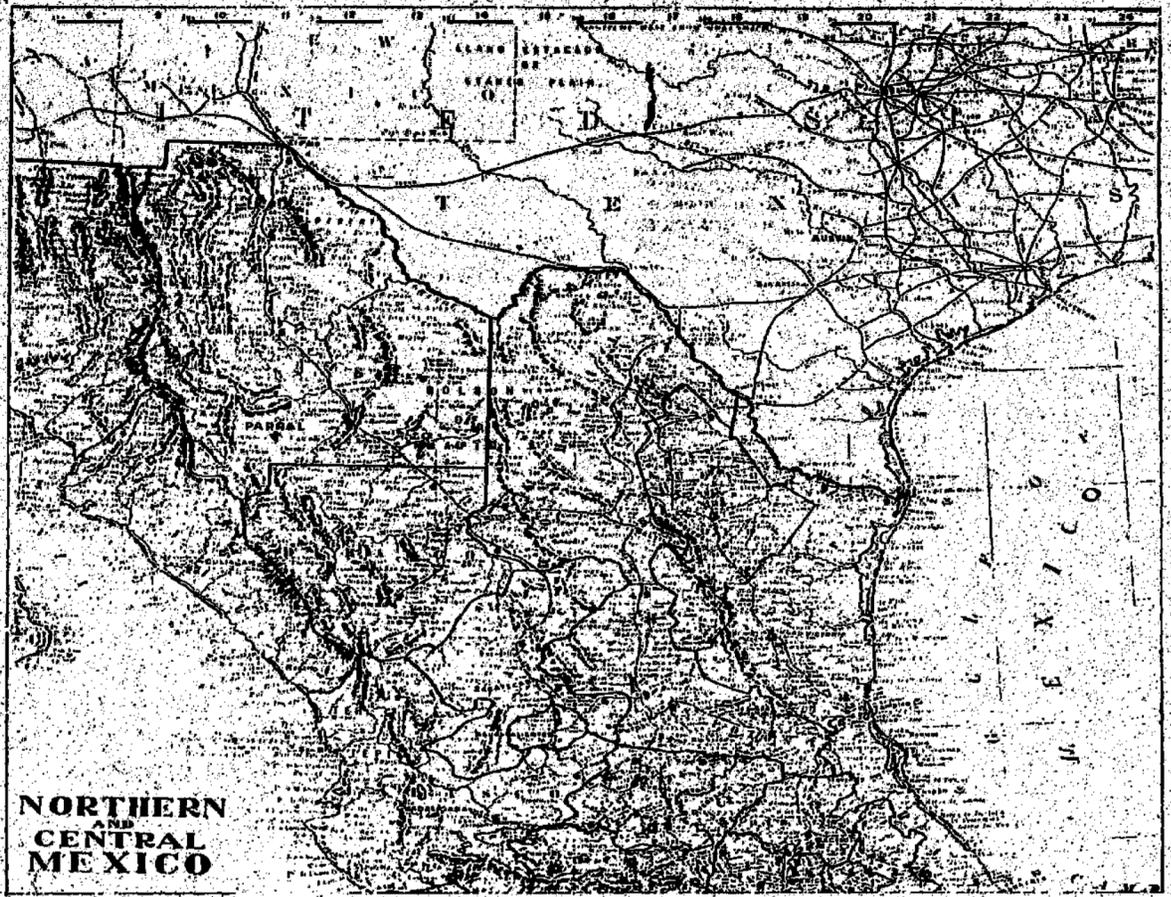
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PART 6



San Pedro
All the important mines here are owned by the Candelaria company, and the local office is at Candelaria, about four miles north of San Pedro station. The mines are operated by the company and by lessees under the company. There are two characters of ores in the camp — sulphides and carbonates. The deposits are two miles apart: the carbonates lying to the south, are worked by the company, and four miles. Leon, Congreso, San Celestino and San Fernando, produce 3,500 tons of ore per month, containing carbonate of lead, oxide of iron, silver and gold. The ore is a very desirable flux, 15 to 20 percent lead, 10 to 20 ounces silver, \$4 of gold and up to 30 percent iron per ton. The Leon was worked hundreds of years ago by the Spaniards, and large open pits give the visitor an idea of their method of mining as compared to that of today.

The Congreso is combined with the Leon by underground

workings, but has its own shaft, and is being worked independently of the old mine. This, like the San Celestino, is a newly opened mine, and the ore is somewhat richer in them, although of same character.

Of the sulphide group of mines the San Pedro and Candelaria are being worked by the company, and the following are either leased or are subject to lease: San Librado, Santo Nino, Dolores, San Lorenzo, San Albino, San Antonio, Canary, Eagle, Durita, San Nicolas, La Cobriza, Cortado, Las Nievas, San Martio, Santa Teresa, La Golandrina.

The following are under lease: San Librado, to D.C. Sutton for three years, who has just installed two new boilers of 80 horse power and two 6x8 duplex hoisting engines. Mr. Sutton has put his mine in excellent shape for future work. The developments are of the best, and there is every assurance of great profits to owners and lessee. Ore shipments from San Librado will be over 200

tons per month.

The Santo Nino and Dolores are leased to Mr. Maitzen, who takes out 50 tons per month. The Canary to Mr. Stephens, shipments 50 tons per month. The Eagle to Wm. Wallace, with a monthly shipment of 25 tons, Ed H. Wells has La Durita leased and ships over 200 tons per month. San Nicolas is leased by T.A. Kelly, who takes out about 230 tons per month, and La Cabriza has

lately been leased by S. Decory, who is taking out very rich ore. The other mines are subject to lease, and the Record does not hesitate to state that there is lots of money to be made by able and competent miners in taking leases from any one of these unleased mines. Very little money is needed to begin with, as the company is offering good machinery, assistance, and the conditions of the lease are very equitable and even liberal.

All ore mined by lessees is

sold to the company under a scale of royalty, graded according to amount of value of the ore and amount of production, but permanent during life of the lease. As no doubt a great number of readers of the Record will be interested in knowing the conditions of these leases we here give some of the terms. Most leases are for a term of one year. The company takes the ore, smelts, and deducts smelting and freight expenses and charges a royalty as follows:

- Five percent on ore under value of \$50 per ton.
- Ten percent on ore valued between \$50 and \$75 per ton.
- Fifteen percent on ore valued between \$75 and \$100 per ton.
- Twenty percent on ore valued between \$100 and \$125 per ton.
- And so on. But it also has the following scale rates based on amount of output:
- Five percent if less than 200 tons per month.
- Ten percent if between 200 and 250 tons per month.
- Fifteen percent if between 250 and 300 tons per month.
- Twenty percent if between 300 and 350 tons per month.
- And so on. For instance, if a lessee takes out 300 tons of ore per month at a value of \$75 per ton, the royalty would be 15 percent on the quantity of ore mined and 10 percent on the value.

There are also stipulated certain amount of feet of sinking and drifting to be done by the lessee, but these conditions vary according to circumstances. The monthly production at present of the Candelaria mine is 450 tons and of San Pedro mine 50 tons.

The Candelaria company sells all its output to the Juarez company, which in turn sells to the Guggenheim company at Juarez, which concern distributes the ore among the smelters at El Paso, Pueblo, Colorado, Monterey and Aguas Calientes. At Candelaria the company has stores, hotel and residences for its local officers and employees. Officers in charge at the Candelaria are D.B. Smith, superintendent; M.B. Parker, assistant superintendent; B. Whitehead, cashier.

Of newly discovered mines in the San Pedro district the Amelia mine deserves notice. This property has lately passed into possession of Monroe Harper and J.S. Blodgett. The mine is but a short distance from Leon station. Considerable ore has been mined and shipped

to El Paso Smelting works. The ore is galena and carries considerable value in silver. The owners are installing a new pumping plant, and will soon be ready for large developments and shipments.

In the same vicinity are several very promising prospects being opened, among which are the Paul Hammett, Loela and Knable, controlled by John Friend and others. The Record predicts that Leon is only the beginning of a large mining camp, at or near Leon station, as there is known to be plenty of water in the underground strata in this camp.

Cuatro Amigos mine is another shipper. This mine is owned and operated by Wm. Wallace of San Pedro, and is located 15 miles southeast of San Pedro station. The ore is an exceedingly rich sulphide of copper, high in silver and some gold. The ore has paid for all the development work and a car load is being shipped every two months. Frank Foster, who is interested in the old Juriquipa mine in Sonora, and in other properties near Nacosari, is in charge of the work carried on at the Cuatro Amigos, and he is highly elated over the future of the property.

As we proceed further on the railroad we reach the Escondida mountain range. In this locality, not far to the south of the railroad, the

Cinco de Mayo Mine
Owned by Col Hernandez and others, is located. Native silver in chunks as large as your fist have been found here, and close by is a gold placer ground being worked during the rainy season. Native silver has been found in many places as floats, but as yet the main body of origin is unknown.

A little further southwest we have reached the present terminal in that direction of the Sierra Madre railway, Nueva Casas Grandes, but we are just beginning to approach the backbone of Sierra Madre, with its great mineral resources, mostly lying dormant, awaiting the approach of the iron horse and its cargo of miners and prospectors. But in looking about the vicinity of Nueva Casas Grandes we find that in the San Joaquin mountain, 15 miles to the southeast, are located the American mine and an extension to same name La Fortuna. The former is owned by J.E. Palmer, W. Berg and Wm. Atwood. The ore is a sulphide, rich in silver. The developments consist of a shaft

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Trinity Site is located on the northern end of the 3,200 square mile White Sands Missile Range, west of Carrizozo. For the upcoming tour there will be two ways of entering the restricted missile range.

An unescorted tour begins at the Stallion Range Center, five miles south of Highway 380. The turn-off for the Stallion gate is 53 miles west of Carrizozo on Highway 380 and 12 miles east of San Antonio. The Stallion gate will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visitors arriving at the Stallion gate between those hours will receive handouts

and will be allowed to drive unescorted the 17 miles to Trinity Site. The road is paved and marked.

The second way of entering the missile range is with a caravan sponsored by the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce. The caravan forms at the Otero County Fairgrounds in Alamogordo and leaves at 8 a.m. Visitors entering this way will travel as an escorted group with military police to and from Trinity Site. The drive is 170 miles round trip and there are no service station facilities on the missile range. The caravan is scheduled to leave Trinity Site at 1 p.m. for the return to Alamogordo.

Cameras are allowed at Trinity Site, but their use is strictly prohibited anywhere else on White Sands Missile Range.

Trinity Site consists of ground zero where the

atomic bomb was placed on a 100-foot steel tower and exploded on July 16, 1945, and the McDonald Ranch house where the world's first plutonium core for a bomb was assembled. The house was restored in 1984. The crater resulting from the explosion has been filled in and a small monu-

ment now marks the spot. The missile range provides historical photos and a Fat Man bomb casing for display at ground zero.

There will be no ceremonies or speakers. For more information contact the White Sands Missile Public Affairs Office at (505) 687-1134/1700.

A Glimpse of

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275 feet deep. The vein is 12 feet wide, mostly concentrating ore with a pay streak of rich ore from which three car loads are shipped to El Paso every month.

La Fortuna has the same character of ore, has 140 feet of development in depth, and is owned by Jas. Pulliam, Thomas Bailey and Manuel Fernandez. To the northwest, five miles from Casas Grandes in Sierra del Pajarito, have lately been found promising lead, copper and silver prospects. Twenty five miles further north in Canada del Alamo mountain, fine prospects showing ore rich in copper, lead and gold are found, and good placer ground has lately been discovered here which ought to be inviting to the prospector, as the district can be reached in half a day from Nueva Casas Grandes. At this latter place the railway company have a comfortable hotel, and miners and prospectors can be fitted out at the store of the Sierra Madre Supply company.

Four miles from Nueva Casas Grandes the old town of Casas Grandes is located, in which place is the office of the mining agent of the Sabinial district. Mr. J. Aguilar, who speaks good English, and here all the denouncements made in the district of mineral land have to be filed.

MINAS DE DOS CABEZAS.

The Minas de Dos Cabezas comprises a group of 27 pertenencias, 9 long and 3 wide, therefore covering an area equivalent to a parcellogram 2,700 yards long by 300 wide. Within the past few months some 125 pertenencias have been denounced surrounding the original ground upon the east, west and south.

The discovery of this property was made some twelve years ago, although on the north extension an American had located ground some time previous to this. The ledge was located by following up rich float that had been carried for several miles down the canon that cuts the ledge.

The mines are situated in the extreme eastern portion of the district de Moctezuma in the state of Sonora, Mexico, and are only about five miles to the west of the Sonora-Chihuahua line. They are easily accessible by wagon from Casas Grandes in Chihuahua.

Like many other mines of Mexico, this one has been worked with a view to secure the rich ores found near the surface without regard to developing dept or blocking out ore bodies. Consequently numerous tunnels, at no great depth, have been driven, in numerous parts of the properties, and such ore pockets, chimneys or chimneys as were encountered containing values sufficient for export, have been stoped out, the ore being shipped to El Paso for treatment.

The character of the ore differs. Horn silver, (silver chloride), ruby silver, native silver, galena and other forms have been encountered, and values have ranged as high as \$10,000 per ton. The gold values run from a trace to 10 ounces per ton. Usually the higher the silver values the higher the gold. Lead and copper also exist, but the copper rarely exceeds 5 to 6 percent.

Since the mine is being operated by the present management some practical attempt is being made to secure depth

and ascertain if the ore values hold out with depth. In the new workings the ore has become entirely a sulphide, and the values are more uniform and range between 500 to 600 ounces in silver and 4 to 6 ounces in gold. A 3-compartment shaft is being sunk about 300 feet to the south of the ledge (the side of the dip), and it is contemplated to continue sinking until the vein is intersected. Levels will be established every 100 feet and drifts driven to cross cut the vein.

At present such ores as are of insufficient value for export, which with present facilities for transportation is expensive, are left upon the dumps or in place, and it is contemplated to erect suitable reduction works for their economic treatment.

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SABINIAL MINING DISTRICT

This camp is situated about 8 miles west of Sabinial station, on the R.G.S.M. & P. Railway, 102 miles southeast of El Paso.

At present the Ayanturera Mining company's properties are the only ones being extensively worked. These properties were located in 1884 by Mr. A. Munsenberger, and up to 1893, when the present owners purchased them, they had to be worked under great disadvantages for want of railroad transportation and facilities for treating the ores on the ground. But by selecting only the high grade ores and shipping by wagon to the Mexican central railroad, 90 miles, they produced up to that time probably 10,000 tons of ore.

In 1894 the Aventurerar Mining company was formed and began extensive improvements, such as building concentrator, houses, and doing considerable development of the mines.

During that time they worked about 30,000 tons of ore, up to the early part of 1898, when the railroad reached this section, and since that time they have been shipping about 12,000 tons yearly to the different smelters in El Paso and Aguascalientes.

The product from the mines are iron and lead carbonates, assaying on an average 10 ounces silver, 4-10 ounces of gold, and 10 percent lead, and about neutral in iron and silica.

The ore bodies are from 4 to 25 feet wide, and are developed now about 600 feet below the surface cropping.

The company has good houses and hoisting plant, and about 2 miles of work in the development of their mines.

Besides these carbonate mines there are a great many quartz and lime spar ledges from which there has been some very rich ores produced on and near the surface, of which the most prominent, viz: "Plancha de Planta," has produced about 90,000 ounces; the Florencia about 40,000 ounces; the Gran Central has produced about 130,000 ounces; the "El Valle" has produced about 35,000 ounces, and the "Standard" about 10,000 ounces. Work on all of these last named properties has been discontinued for about 10 years, and it would pay some thorough mining man to investigate, with view of doing some deep development work on these claims, as they are worthless in their present condition and the owners haven't money to do any extensive development work on them.

Letters to

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contacts throughout the state have benefited Carrizozo immeasurably.

As anyone who has ever worked with the public knows it is impossible to please everyone and there will always be some people who feel they have been treated unfairly. In this case, those few with complaints are being heard over the majority because they are voicing opinions that reflect those of the mayor and at least one trustee.

For the past two years it has been their personal agenda to replace Carol, only the lack of support from the other trustees delayed this result. The Town of Carrizozo must be run as a business not as a business belonging only to our elected officials, but as a business belonging to all the citizens of this town. Members of this community are entitled to a voice which is why town business is conducted in public. When the mayor denied the public the right to speak at the last regular meeting, the only other recourse was to circulate a petition which the mayor ignored as well.

Why was a special meeting called when the rehiring of employees was on the agenda last Tuesday? Could it be that it would have been embarrassing to the members of our town council to not rehire an employee about whom a letter was read at that very meeting commending her professionalism and work on behalf of our town? Or could it have been that the mayor was uncomfortable with the large number of citizens present?

By not rehiring Carol this administration has done this community a great disservice for they will not find anyone who will care more about this town and its citizens. The damage they have done to further their personal agendas will be felt throughout our community for sometime and has left many of us with the sense that we have no representation or voice.

After all was said and done Carol showed style and grace by thanking the community and each member of the council for the opportunity to serve our town. Our community owes Carol a debt of gratitude for all she has done over the past 23 years, she is a true professional and will be as asset wherever she chooses to work.

Let this experience serve as a reminder and a lesson for all of us that we must take more seriously who we choose to represent us.

BEN and JAN BRADLEY
Carrizozo, New Mexico

EDITOR: I am disappointed to know that the "Citizens of Carrizozo" have no voice in their local government. Whatever happened to government of the people, by the people and for the people as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America.

Adolph Hitler or Joseph Stalin could not be prouder on the dictatorship shown by the town council in not reappointing the City Clerk without a replacement mentioned or not giving the townsfolk a chance to voice their opinion. The past city clerk has shown excellence in her duties in the past (last week's paper showing her receiving an award in grant writing for example). Simply stated, the action that was taken destroyed my faith and respect for some of the members of the council. All employees are a reflection of the person they work for.

Egotism is not a trait that I find desirable in an elected official or in any person for that matter. It has been said that "those who live in glass houses should not throw stones". In my opinion, one current member is now and has been creating a conflict of interest because an elected official should not be an employee at the same time they are holding office.

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Scaled 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 Bidders' 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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(Seal)

By: Eugenio Vega, Deputy

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

CV99-003

LEHMAN BROTHERS,
Plaintiff,

vs.
**MARILYN SMALLEY, unmarried and
PHILLIP R. SMALLEY, singleman,**
as joint tenants,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known 215 Walton Circle, Ruidoso, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 9, OF PARADISE CANYON SUBDIVISION, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE 2nd SUPPLEMENT PLAT TO PARADISE CANYON, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON APRIL 26, 1956.

The sale is to begin at 1:45 p.m. on April 26, 2000, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment Lehman Brothers.

Lehman Brothers was awarded a Judgment on March 15, 2000, in the sum \$53,912.24, plus outstanding interest in the amount of \$4,353.42 and accruing thereafter at a rate of 14.25% per annum (\$21.34 per diem), plus late charges in the amount of \$130.00, plus inspection fees in the amount of \$6.00, plus appraisal fees in the amount of \$85.00, plus attorneys fees in the sum \$750.00 and costs through March 3, 2000, in the sum of \$770.23.

The sale is subject to a one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein and to the lien of the Plaintiff's first mortgage holder named above, which lien remains unsatisfied as of this date.

DIANE BOYLE
Special Master c/o
Leverick and Musselman
5120 San Francisco Rd., NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109
(505) 858-3303

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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

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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**LEGAL NOTICE
CAPITAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to 22-8-10 NMSA, 1978 that the Board of Education of Capitan School District #28, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico will on Thursday, April 6, 2000, 6:00 P.M. M.D.T., meet in the board room of the administration building, 150 Forest Street, to present and publicly review the budget for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

This is a public hearing and all school patrons are invited to attend.
Done at Capitan, New Mexico, this 21st day of March, 2000.

**CAPITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
TOM TROST, President**

**ATTEST:
JAMES HOBBS, Secretary.**

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold their Regular Scheduled Meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2000 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

AGENDA WILL BE POSTED in accordance with Resolution 1999-23, Twenty-Four hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public.
If you are an individual with a disability who is in

need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact Wesley B. Lindsay at (505) 648-2371, City Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.
WESLEY B. LINDSAY
Mayor Pro-Tem
Town of Carrizozo

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Notice of Price Change for Charter Communications

Effective with April 1, 2000 bills, Charter Communications will make the following price changes in the communities listed below. The service price adjustment(s) reflect updated inflation, applicable franchise related costs and programming fees, among other factors.

Communities Served: Carrizozo

Programming	Old Rate	New Rate	Change
Broadcast Basic	\$13.50	\$14.50	\$1.00
Expanded Basic	\$15.00	\$15.65	\$0.65
Premium Channels			
Showtime / The Movie Channel	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
Equipment			
Set Top Converter	No Additional Charge w/ Basic Service	No Additional Charge w/ Basic Service	
Set Top Remote	No Additional Charge w/ Basic Service	No Additional Charge w/ Basic Service	
Additional Converter	\$2.58	\$2.58	\$0.00
Remote Converter	\$3.44	\$3.44	\$0.00
Aerial Installation	\$35.95	\$35.95	\$0.00
Underground Installation	\$54.95	\$54.95	\$0.00
Reconnect (same service)	\$19.95	\$19.95	\$0.00
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Safeguard (wire maintenance)	\$0.99	\$0.99	\$0.00
Unwired Home Installation	Time & Material	Time & Material	\$0.00
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Aerial Pre-wired Connect	\$29.95	\$29.95	\$0.00
Underground Pre-wired Connect	\$29.95	\$29.95	\$0.00
Additional Outlet at Time of Initial Installation	\$17.95	\$17.95	\$0.00
Additional Outlet Requiring Separate Installation	\$24.95	\$24.95	\$0.00
Relocate Outlets	Time & Material	Time & Material	\$0.00
Upgrade for Optional Services	\$29.95	\$29.95	\$0.00
Late Fee	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$0.00
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*Rates do not include franchise fees and taxes

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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/K/a SHERI H. BECKER,
Plaintiff,
vs.

**GROUP I
CARI BECKER, D/K/a CARI LYNN
KOSCHMANN and CARI 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 FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:
**EACH OF THE DEFENDANTS IDENTIFIED IN
GROUPS II AND III ABOVE.**

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that **SHERI D. BARRETT, D/K/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 office 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, 88335.

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

JAN PERRY
Court Administrator/
District Court Clerk

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.
Ancora 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
214 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM
648-2888 (church) or 648-2107
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Worship Service..... 10:55 am
Sun. Evening..... Training at 8:15 pm
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)

JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2166
Children's Church..... 10:30 am
Worship Service..... 10:30 am
Wed. Bible Study..... 7:30 pm

Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. DAVE BERGOS, pastor
215 Birch Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853
SATURDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 8:00 pm
Czozo Santa Rita..... 8:30 pm
SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am
Czozo Santa Rita..... 10:30 am
Corona St. Theresa..... 1:00 p.m.

Church of Christ

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

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

REV. CANON JOHN PENN, rector
Corner of E Ave. & 5th, Carrizozo, NM
648-2827-2828
Holy Eucharist..... 9:30 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. 648-2853 / 648-2848
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
2nd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 pm
CAPITAN
Adult Sunday School..... 8:30 am
Worship Service..... 9:15 am
Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 am
Fellowship Time..... 10:15 am
Adult Sunday School..... 11:00 am
Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 7:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday
Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group)
1st and 3rd Tuesday..... 9:30 a.m.

Christ Community Fellowship

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

Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, minister
5th & Lincoln / 338-4827
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.
AWANA Wednesday..... 6:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Corona

CAL WEST, pastor / 649-7975
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner..... First Sunday of Month

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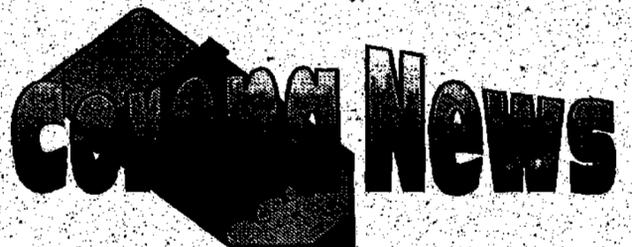
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF NEW MEXICO, WITHIN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN
No. PB-2000-5
Div. III

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CATHERINE CHISHOLM EAKER. Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed the Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or their claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at 1902 Scenic Dr., Alamogordo, New Mexico 88310, or to the undersigned's counsel, Robert M. Doughty II, 500 E. Tenth, Suite 305, Alamogordo, NM 88310 or filed with the Twelfth Judicial District Court, 1000 New York Ave., Alamogordo, NM.
Dated this 9th day of March, 2000.
Alma E. Brooks
Personal Representative

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3BD, 2BA, .88 acres, well, city water	\$69,550
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2tc/Mar. 23 & 30

RATTLESNAKE ROUNDUP & CRAFT FAIR
April 15 and 16
Otero County Fairgrounds in Alamogordo 9am to 5pm
437-7116
4tc/Mar. 23 & 30 & April 6 & 13

WANTED: someone that has access to a backhoe who lives around or near Carrizozo. I would like to have you do some light work either half day or one day in Carrizozo. 719-561-0237, leave message or ask for Richard. Call as soon as possible.
1tc/Mar. 23

Christian Performance
Tonight In Carrizozo
School Old Gym

First Baptist Church of Carrizozo invites everyone to a free performance of Missions Live team, at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday, March 23) in the Carrizozo Schools Old Gym.

Missions Live team consists of eight young people who perform in a Christian atmosphere. Donations will be taken during the performance.

ENCHILADA DINNER
Friday, March 24
4-7:30 p.m.

Carrizozo Zia Senior Citizen Center
\$5.00 plate
\$2.00 children under age 10

Proceeds to be used for annual Carrizozo Fireworks Display - sponsored by Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department.

Census Questionnaire Assistance is Available

Assistance in filling out the Census 2000 forms is available. Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QACs) have been established in various locations throughout Lincoln County to help people who have questions about completing their census questionnaire, who need special language assistance, who have questions about the census in general or who did not receive a questionnaire. In Carrizozo a QAC will be open at the Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. A QAC will be open at Carrizozo Recreation Center from 6 to 9 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. In Capitan, a QAC will be at Capitan Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays.

Prayer To The Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, You who make me see everything and who show me the way to reach my idea. You who give me the Divine Gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me, and you who are in all instances of my life, with me, I, in this short dialogue want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You, no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in Your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank You for Your love towards me and my loved ones. Pray this prayer 3 consecutive days without asking your wish, after the third day, your wish will be granted, no matter how difficult it may be. Then promise to publish this prayer as soon as your favor has been granted. Wish granted.

The Corona School Board held a special meeting on March 9 to accept bids for the gymnasium renovation. Ten bids were received and Cheyenne Building Contractors from Ruidoso was awarded the bid. A preconstruction meeting was held on March 15. Work will begin shortly and should be completed by August.

The Corona School Board held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 14. Present were board members Rick Gage, Jeanene Gibbs, Denise Byrd, Alvin James, school supt. Sid Miller, principal Travis Lightfoot and business manager Janetta Stewart.

Approved were the minutes of Feb. 7, 16, and 23, plus payroll/bills. The board made a motion not to accept the New Mexico Research and Study Council beverage contract. Approved was the Emergency Medical Transportation authorization form. A motion was made and approved to having the board policy rewritten. Also approved was the Instructional Material Bar. Supt. Sid Miller and principal Travis Lightfoot gave the board a review on the legislative. The board was also given information on salary schedule of certified and non-certified staff.

Principal Travis Lightfoot handed out samples of the Quality of Education survey. Questions 1 thru 10 are questions put out by the state questions 11-20 are questions that were added by the school staff. These surveys will be mailed out to parents in the near future. The school board went into executive session and only personnel and litigation were discussed. The board hired Travis Lightfoot as superintendent for the 2000-2001 school year. The business was then adjourned.

On Friday, March 17 the Santa Fe Opera 2000 Apprentice Artist Tour performed in Corona. The Tour is sponsored by Phelps Dodge Foundation, Eugene and Clare Thaw Charitable Trust, and the National Endowment for the Arts. The Santa Fe Apprentice program for singers was founded in 1957 and the Apprentice program for Theater Technicians was established in 1965. Ron Grinage was the accompanist, and played Rhapsody in Blue, Michael Renor, tenor, sang En Formant Les Yeux from Manon by Massenet, Celena Shafer, soprano, sang Chacun Le Sait from Daughter of the Regiment by Donizetti, Quando M'En Vo from La Bohème by Puccini, and Almost Like Being in Love from Brigadoon by Lerner and Loewe, Dean Southern, baritone, sang Vedro Mentr'io Sospiro from Le nozze di Figaro by Mozart and Danny Boy, Celena Shafer and Dean Southern sang La Ci Darem La Mano from Don Giovanni by Mozart. Lets Call The Whole Thing Off sung by Michael Ryan and Celena Shafer by George and Ira Gershwin, Michael Ryan and Dean Southern and Au Fond Du Temple Saint from Les Pêcheurs de Perles by Bizet, Heather on the Hill from Brigadoon by Lerner and Loewe was performed by Michael Ryan and Celena Shafer. The Trio sang Trio Act I from L'Elisir d'amore

by Donizetti, and From This Day on from brigadoon by Lerner and Loewe. Ellen Douglas Schlaefer was the stage director. The Santa Fe Opera is celebrating its 44th season in 2000. The performance was enjoyed by approximately 110 people from Corona and surrounding areas. A special thanks to Sandra Purrington for her help in getting the group to Corona.

The Corona FFA recently put up a Welcome Sign on Highway 247 west of Corona, and by the Agricultural building. They are currently staying busy with their judging.

Congratulations to Albert Sanchez for making All Tourney District team in basketball. Albert will be attending a basketball contest in Austin, TX this weekend with coach Bish Archer. Also attending will be Albert's father, Mike. Good luck Albert!

Lady Cardinals Sarah Stewart, Courtney Perez, and Della Gonzales made All Tourney Team in district basketball and Laura Gonzales receive honorable mention. The Lady Cardinals placed second in district but were defeated by Loving in regional action. The team will be losing seniors Sarah Stewart and Courtney Perez. They will be missed.

Supt. Sid Miller, principal Travis Lightfoot, business manager Janetta Stewart, secretary Kay Sultemeyer, and transportation assistant Edie Porter will be attending meeting in Albuquerque next week for the school budget and other school related matters.

Kylar Mack Bell is the newest addition to the Dan Bell family. Kylar was born on March 10 in Albuquerque weighing in at 8 lbs. 8 ozs. Prior to the birth of Kylar a baby shower was given to Chrystal by the Corona Public Schools staff. Kylar has a sister, Saige who is two.

Hazel Burton made a trip to Las Cruces on Friday to pick up Clay's children for the weekend.

The community of Cedarvale hosted their annual St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 16. Approximately 40 people enjoyed corn beef, cabbage, cake and homemade ice cream.

Bill and Johnnie Faye Harelson recently returned from a four day stay in Alamogordo where they visited friends, Frank and Nadine Munker.

Byron and Cathy Yancey along with Bernice McCord made a visit to Melrose this week to see relatives, and then on to Clovis to visit with Shawn and Laurie Perkins and family.

Sherry Lucas recently made a trip to visit her sister, Jeannie Tatum, and family from Nara Vista. Returning with her were Aminda and Alchahia who came to spend time with their grandmother. Johnnie Erramouse, while they are on spring break. While visiting their grandmother they made a trip to Albuquerque zoo along with Sherry and Rachael Lucas.

Theresa Barajas has just returned from a week's stay in Tbos with her son, Anthony Barajas and family. Theresa is reported doing fine after a week's stay in an Albuquerque hospital.

There will be a wedding shower in honor of Eunett Sultemeyer and Heather Gribling on April 8 at 6:00 pm in the Corona Zia Senior Center. A
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potluck supper (Mexican food) is planned.

Congratulations to Gilbert Stewart and Sandra Purrington on their recent election to the city council. The Corona Community Action Committee recently had a meeting and decided they would sponsor a raffle again this year for the festival. Plans on the 2000 reunion are still being made for the weekend of the Corona Summer Festival. Contact Patsy Mulkey

Ruth Davidson went to Belen to visit her sister and husband, Wanda and Bill Wood. Then they traveled to Lordsburg to visit Fred Lackey who is in a rest home there. They spent the night with Wilfred and Sue Lackey and then visited Fred again before returning home. Ruth reported that Fred is doing good, and misses everyone from home.

Ella Stewart left for Barstow, CA on Thursday, March 9 to visit her sister and brother-in-law, Max and Mary Chavez. Ella traveled with Jim Bob, Patricia, Tyler, Taylor and Stephanie Miles from Hagerman. Ella visited with her sister while the Miles went on to Las Vegas, NV and Disneyland. Ella returned home on Sunday, March 19.

On the trip to Clovis, Byron, Cathy, and Bernice stopped by and visited with Katie Merritt in the nursing home at Ft. Sumner. Katie is doing fine, but still wants to come back to Corona.

Bill and Elinor Smith are back from Scottsdale, AZ where

they have been spending the winter. Their daughter, Linda drove them home and then flew back on Sunday from Albuquerque.

Ruth Davidson also reported that she and her sister, Wanda went by and visited Joyce Winchester who resides in Belen and Joyce is doing fine.

Douglas and Barbara McPheters recently made a trip to Johnson City, TN to attend the wedding of Douglas's youngest son, William Joseph. The McPheters were gone for about a week, and Barbara reported that it was green there and they did get into some rain.



Janie Brewer Is Candidate For County Assessor

Juanita C. Brewer, also known as Janie, announces her candidacy as Lincoln County Assessor.

Brewer is a lifelong

resident of Lincoln County and has deep family roots. She has been married to Steven for the last 20 years. They have a son and two daughters. Her hobbies are sewing and reading.

A Christian by faith, Brewer strongly believes that you should do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

"I am currently employed in the Lincoln County Assessor's office and am close to completing my 20th year in the department," Brewer said. "I have also worked in other county offices, such as the clerk's, treasurer's and administration where I was administrative secretary."

While employed in the assessor's office, Brewer earned her Appraiser I certificate. "I am knowledgeable in various aspects of the assessor's duties such as the re-appraisal process, updating of current and accurate property records, communicating with the public in answering questions pertaining to property tax regulations and office procedures, and lastly, assisting title companies, real estate offices, surveying companies and government agencies in obtaining required information."

"I am not affiliated with any special interest groups and can assure you there will be few outside distractions. The county assessor's office currently has a very hardworking, dedicated and professional staff and I believe they should be appreciated and encouraged to advance."

"I propose to work for all of the citizens of Lincoln County," Brewer said. "My motto is—A team is only as good as it's leader and leadership is proven by it's team."

Old Lincoln Town

(Continued from Last Week)

Art Blazer has published a book on "Santana—War chief of the Apache". His grandfather, Almer Blazer, wrote it. It can be bought from Art in Capitan, NM.

The name of the book is SANTANA, war chief of the Mescalero Apache, written by Almer N. Blazer. Santana and the Mescalero found Blazer to be a striking contrast to other white men they had known. Blazer was to learn much from Santana, who had been a leader of considerable influence among the Mescalero since at least 1830.

Long at war with the Mexican, the Mescalero had watched in 1850 as a new invader penetrated the traditional homeland of the White Mountain Apache. After the death of chief Baranquinto in 1857 and Manuelito in 1862, Santana continued to rise in the Mescalero hierarchy. During the relentless and genocidal 1862-1863 campaign against the Mescalero by General James H. Carleton, Santana managed, probably by secluding himself and his followers in the rugged canyons of the Sacramento and Guadalupe Mtns., to avoid capture and the humiliation of confinement at the Bosque Redondo Reservation.

During the following decade, through clever negotiations and with the mediation of Joseph H. Blazer and other whites who supported the Mescalero, Santana was able to secure a reservation that preserved a substantial remnant of his people's homeland. In the great smallpox epidemic of 1876 that swept the area, Santana, an old man by this time, was seriously afflicted and

was taken in and nursed by Joseph H. Blazer (Art's great-grandfather) at The Mill. Shortly thereafter the chief returned to his lodge only to die of pneumonia.

Almer Blazer, son of the doctor, first came to the reservation as a boy of 12 in 1877—a year after Santana's death. He also became a trusted friend of the Mescalero as well as an authority on the White Mountain Apache. Educated at Las Cruces and Santa Fe, he was anxious that Mescalero history be preserved and wrote articles on the Apache and the history of the area. Over the years the Blazer family's knowledge and records have proven indispensable for any study of the Mescalero. Any serious scholarship on the subject necessitates the use of these records.

J. Evetts Haley, Eve Ball, William A. Kelcher, A.M. Gibson, C.L. Sonnichsen, and Robert M. Utley as well as other scholars, have all used the Blazer records and information obtained from the family. When A.N. Blazer died in 1949, he left behind a valuable and informative book-length manuscript entitled "Santana: War Chief of the Mescalero". In the manuscript, Blazer repeated much of what he had learned from his father as well as older Mescalero who had known Santana.

Through meticulous research of historical archives, Dr. A.R. Pruitt verified much of what was in the manuscript and uncovered a considerable amount of data pertinent to the was chief and Mescalero history, even for the years (1855-1872) when Santana was thought by white men to be dead.

Much of this information has not previously been seen by scholars. Because of Pruitt's interest in the preservation of Blazer's work, a wealth of Mescalero ethnology and history is now at our fingertips. At last, Santana, the great chief of the Mescalero, can take his rightful place in the literature and history of the American Southwest beside Nicolas, Espejo, Josecito, Manuelito, Cadette, Roman, Barranquito, and Gomez, as well as his more famous relatives, Mangas Colorado, Ponce, Delgadito, Cochise, Geronimo, Juh, Nana, Loca, Chato and Victorio.

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