

New Mayors Elected In Ruidoso And Carrizozo

by Doris Cherry

Two Lincoln County mayors are saying goodbye to their offices this week.

Ruidoso Mayor Jerry Shaw and Carrizozo Mayor Cecilia Kuhnelt lost their bids for reelection during the Municipal election on Tuesday. Shaw lost to Ruidoso councilor Robert Donaldson by a margin of 577 votes. Kuhnelt lost to

Hernandez by a margin of 170 votes.

There were some upsets in Carrizozo. Incumbent Captan LaMoyné Carpenter and Connie Hopper were ousted by former mayor Benny Hopper and business woman Debra Ingle.

In Ruidoso, Ovella Estes received the most votes for councilor with 846. Incumbent Bill Chance held on to his

position by getting the second most votes with 746. Incumbent Leon Eggleston also held on to his seat by getting the third most votes with 591. A

fourth council position comes open, because Donaldson's councilor position had two years left in its term. According to village manager Gary Jackson by state statute the mayor could appoint a new councilor with council en-

dorsement or they could hold a special election. Jackson said he doubted they would choose to hold a special election because of the \$5,000 cost.

Ruidoso voters gave unopposed municipal judge Mike Line a glowing endorsement. Nearly 87 percent of the people who voted Tuesday cast a ballot for Line.

Carrizozo had the highest

voter turn-out, with more than 75 percent of the registered voters casting their ballots. In Carrizozo and Carrizozo, nearly 50 percent of their voters turned out. Carrizozo clerk Deborah Cummins said they had a machine malfunction in the first 15 minutes of the election. But with help from the Bureau of Elections staff from the courthouse, poll workers

were able to successfully print out the 18 votes from the machine. They finished the day with one machine. Carrizozo clerk Kathy Muniz reported no problems with their machines or at the polls.

The lowest voter turn out was in Ruidoso Downs where 194 of about 900 registered

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Head-On Crash On Hwy. 380 Kills Two

Two passengers of two vehicles died in a head-on crash on Highway 380 west of Carrizozo at the bottom of what is known as "Red Hill" on Wednesday, February 25.

German Ibarra, 35, address unknown, and Rian Creighton, 19, Alamogordo both died when the vehicles they were riding in collided head-on.

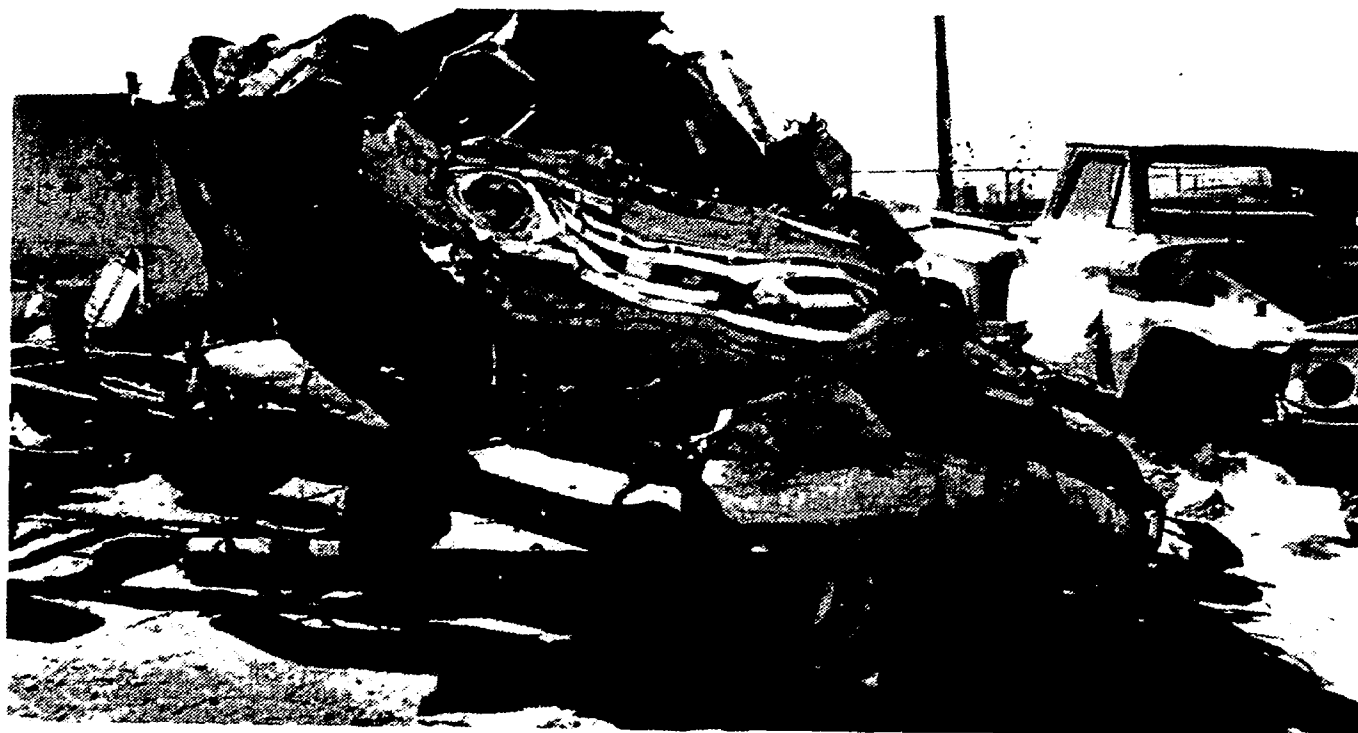
According to information from state police, Ibarra was a passenger in a 1986 Ford pickup driven by Margarito Rivera, 32, Las Cruces. Another passenger in the Ford pickup was Ricky Montoya, 31, Fairacres. Rivera and Montoya were both injured. Creighton was a passenger in a 1995 GMC pickup driven by David Munoz, 31, Las Cruces.

Police reports indicate the 1966 Ford was east bound on Highway 380 when Munoz's GMC pickup crossed over the center line. Rivera swerved to the right shoulder but was unable to avoid colliding with Munoz. Both vehicles came to rest south of the roadway. Seat belts were used in the GMC but none were in use in the Ford. Seat belts were not standard equipment in the 1966 Ford pickup.

No alcohol was involved in the accident, which police are still investigating.



TWISTED METAL IS ALL THAT REMAINS of a 1966 Ford pickup after a head-on wreck with a 1995 GMC pickup February 25. Two people were killed in the accident at the bottom of Red Hill about 12 miles west of Carrizozo on Highway 380. The body of the Ford pickup was torn loose from the engine and transmission. Workers loaded the pieces of the Ford pickup on a trailer to move it to Carrizozo.



Hernandez Found Guilty Of Voluntary Manslaughter

Steve Hernandez, 35, Roswell, was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter by a jury in Lincoln County District Court in Carrizozo last week.

Hernandez was accused of taking the life of Jim Hare on October 5, 1996 at Espuela Roping arena in Hondo. According to testimony given by eyewitnesses and by investigating state police and Lincoln County sheriff's officers, Hernandez started a fight with Hare over Hare's treatment of Hernandez's horse. Although the fight was broken up once, Hernandez went back to find Hare and approached him with a sledge hammer. Hare reportedly tried to defend himself with a 2x4 board, but fell. Hernandez hit Hare with the sledge hammer when Hare was down.

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Lincoln County Commissioners meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 10, in the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Items on the tentative agenda include:

-Discussion of proposal from Capitan Public Schools to acquire county property.

-Presentation by Gary Mitchell about Lincoln County Detention Center, including remodeling/new construction; location; interim management through construction period; design, financing and operation.

-Results of feasibility study of establishing an area vocational school presented by Dr. Jim Miller.

-Request for approval of replat of Tract 11, Block 6, Capitan North, Unit 2, from Mr. and Mrs. Luvin Chavez.

-Request for approval to open road in Alamo Canyon, from Jesus Montes.

-Request for funding for Ruidoso Public Library presented by Ruidoso village manager Gary Jackson.

-1 p.m. Public Hearings to consider Lincoln County Subdivision Ordinance and consider repealing ordinance known as the Lincoln County Interim Land Use Plan.

-Resolution adopting the Comprehensive Land Use Plan which replaces the Interim Land Use plan.

-Law Enforcement Protection Fund application report

by Sheriff Tom Sullivan.

-Approval of contracts with Lincoln County Voting Machine Technicians J.N. McDaniel, Paul Baca and Rick Emmons.

-Resolution setting liquor license fees presented by county clerk Martha Proctor.

-Appointments to the Lodgers Tax Committee (tourist related position open); five members to the Planning and Zoning Commission; member at large on Public Land Use Advisory Council (PLUAC); and one position to the Lincoln County Senior Citizens Olympic Committee.

-Annual certification of total mileage of public roads maintained by Lincoln County as required by the state highway department.

-Updates requested by commissioner Monroy Montes on the tractor for the Glencoe Rural Events Center, legislative activities, emergency plan for road department, privatizing some road operations and disaster relief report.

-Discussion of capital improvements at the Glencoe Rural Events Center by Montes.

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OPEN HOUSE
 Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce will host an Open House at Sierra Blanca Brewing Co. 503 12th Street. Fri., March 13th - 4 to 6:30 p.m. Public invited to attend.

County Cuts Facilities Fund To Balance Mid-Year Budget

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bit as good as preventive medicine," said Nunley, who is a pharmacist by trade.

Howell said only the county manager should be able to contact Morel for legal counsel. But Lincoln County Treasurer Joan Park said sometimes she needs a legal opinion quickly and needed direct access to the attorney. After some compromise on requests for additional funds, the county manager's office budget was balanced to zero requests for increases.

Sheriff Tom Sullivan's request for additional funding for his office was also pared back. Commissioners left the additional \$2,268 requested to purchase an additional uniform per sheriff's employee as required by the bargained labor contract with the sheriff's staff. But Sullivan agreed to cut back his request for more money for telephone

calls. County manager Frank Potter said the overall general fund increases were "almost minimal."

But those "almost minimal" increases so cut into the county's cash reserves that it was facing possible problems with the state Department of Finance and Administration, the famed DFA. Currently DFA requires counties the size of Lincoln to keep cash reserves equal to three-twelfths of the total general fund revenue. But with special permission the county could drop its reserves to 2/12ths. However, Schwetmann and Nunley were against such a move. "It's a bad situation," Schwetmann said. "We're not that broke," Nunley said. "We have the money to bring the

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New Mayors Elected

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voters, or 21 percent, came to much of the election. But she, like Cummins, knew there are many people on the voter registration list who no longer

live in the village, either because they have moved or died. Names of deceased people may only be removed by family members.

By state law all newly elected officials must be sworn in by 7 p.m. Monday.

Capitan will swear in at 6:45 p.m. Monday, followed by a public hearing on the CDBG feasibility study at 7 p.m. and the regular meeting which will include the organizational meeting for trustees (mayor pro tem) at 7:30.

Carrizozo's new mayor has yet to set an hour and date for swearing in, but town clerk Carol Schlarb expects it to be sometime Monday.

Corona will swear in on Friday, since their office is closed on Monday. No hour has been set yet.

Ruidoso will hold its swearing in at 5:30 p.m., with the organizational meeting to follow at 6 p.m. in village hall.

Ruidoso Downs also holds its swearing in at 6:45 p.m. Monday.

Election results for each municipality: The bold typed names are the winners of each race and (I) is incumbent candidates.

CAPITAN: where 372 of 877 registered voters cast ballots:

- For Mayor:
 (I) Norman Hendrix 293
 For Two Trustees:
 George Tippin 84
 Lamoyne Carpenter 147
 Gonnle Hopper 133
 Debra Ingie 166
 Benny Coker 160

- For Municipal Judge:
 (I) Jack Johnson 311
 Barbara Sanchez 149

CARRIZOZO: where 408 of 687 registered voters cast ballots:

- For Mayor:
 (I) Cecilia G. Kuhnel 115
 Manuel R. Hernandez 285
 Write-in Joe Thornton 6
 For Trustees (council):
 (I) Ruth Armstrong 139
 Christina M. Full 139
 Forest Hansell 67
 Cynthia Morales 160
 (I) James "Willie" Silva 230

CORONA: where 60 of 127 registered voters cast ballots:

- For Mayor:
 (I) Ernest Luercas 44
 For councilor, position 1:
 (I) Lee Mulkey 36
 Mitchell Adamson 24
 For Position 2:
 Gilbert Stewart 25
 Margaret Holleyman 8
 Bob Burroughs 27

RUIDOSO: where 1433 of 5064 registered voters turned out:

- For Mayor:
 (I) Jerry G. Shaw 147
 Robert P. Donaldson 724
 Bob Sterchi 551
 For three council positions:
 (I) E. Leon Eggleston 591
 Ross E. Dingman 567
 Bill G. Chance 748
 Ray F. Sharbutt 412
 M. Ovella Estes 848
 Carolyn S. Patton 365
 Alan G. Settles 357
 For Judge:
 (I) Mike Line 1242

RUIDOSO DOWNS: where 294 of about 927 cast ballots:

- For Two trustees:
 (I) Ray Hayhurst 100
 Christopher Furphy 24
 Rene Olive 14
 James Wilson 33
 Bonnie Richardson 72
 Bob Miller 43
 Rebecca Lundquist 11
 (I) Margie Morales 73

Commissioners Meet Tuesday

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Discussion of future commitments to Lincoln County Roads by commissioner Wilton Howell.

Year 2000 Compliance discussion by commissioner Bill Schwettmann.

Review of attorney expenses by department as requested by Schwettmann.

Executive session for personnel, threatened and/or pending litigation, acquisition and/or disposal of real property.

Hernandez Is Found Guilty

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Hernandez's attorney was Gary Mitchell who claimed that Hernandez acted in self defense. Mitchell called 19 witnesses and 26 supplemental witnesses, most of whom either sent letters or testified on behalf of Hernandez whom they characterized as a gentle person with no propensity for violence.

District Attorney Scot Key and assistant district attorney Roxanne Matic argued for the voluntary manslaughter charge which carries a basic sentence of three years imprisonment with not less than two years nor more than four years to be served in prison and not more than a \$5,000 fine.

No date has been set for Hernandez's sentencing.

Two questions on the Ruidoso ballot had mixed results. Although the two questions were interconnected, the first, asking for voters to extend a one percent municipal supplemental gross receipt tax beyond the year 2003 failed with 688 against and 661 for. The second, which passed 880 to 476, asked voters if bonds could be issued on the gross receipt tax. According to Jackson the current one percent supplemental tax was enacted in 1982 to be used for bonding. Until the bonds are paid off in year 2003, the one percent tax continues to be collected. The first question would have extended the one percent beyond 2003 to allow for additional bonding. "The failure of the first question does not repeal the existing one percent gross receipt tax," Jackson said.



FRONT END DAMAGE to the pickup and building was the result of an accident Sunday at noon when this pickup crashed into the Carrizozo Taxaco building. The right front tire and wheel was knocked off and the pickup landed on top of it. The brake line was intact when the wrecker moved the vehicle. There were no injuries. Carrizozo Police investigated the accident.

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

The rural bookmobile will be in the county next week. The following is a schedule of stops:

TUESDAY, MARCH 10	
Corona Post Office	12:30-2:30 p.m.
Carrizozo Otero Electric	4-6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11	
Carrizozo Otero Electric	7:30-8:30 a.m.
Nogal Store	9-10 a.m.
Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe	10:30-12:00 p.m.
Fort Stanton	12:10-1:10 p.m.
Lincoln Post Office	2:45-3:30 p.m.
Hondo Store	4-5:00 p.m.
Capitan Public Library	5:30-6:30 p.m.

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CUTTING THE WEDDING CAKE: Anna Bernhelsel and Barry Hertzog were married February 28 in Capitan with Magistrate Judge William Butts officiating. Maid of honor was Anna's daughter, Terra Isabel, and best man was Anna's son, Christopher Thomas. They helped cut the wedding cake. Anna is a Sgt. at Fort Stanton Women's Correctional Center. Her parents are John and Maria Hall of Zaragoza, Spain. Barry is compliance chief administrator at the Penitentiary of New Mexico in Santa Fe. His parents are Betty and Bob Hertzog of Allentown, PA.

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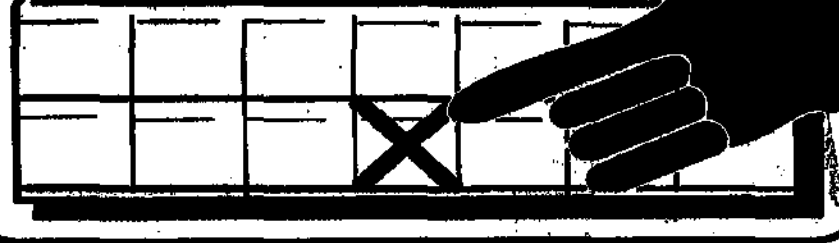
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- 10th - Clovis/Curry County Chamber of Commerce 7:00 p.m. That's Entertainment II
- 11th - Roosevelt County Chamber of Commerce 7:00 p.m. Harry Connick Jr.: Romance in Paris 8:10 p.m. Great Performances "Frank Sinatra: The Very Good Year"
- 13th - Tucumcari Chamber of Commerce 9:10 p.m. Bill Cosby: Mr. Sapolsky, with Love
- 17th - Melrose Chamber of Commerce 7:00 p.m. Riverdance 8:45 p.m. Andre Rieu: The Vienna I Love
- 19th - Roswell Chamber of Commerce 7:00 p.m. Mystery "Inspector Morse: Death is Now My Neighbor" 9:15 p.m. Frank Sinatra - Concert for the Americas
- 21st - Floyd Lion's Club 8:00 p.m. John Denver Remembered

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FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS

—Writers' Group 7 p.m. Carrizozo Rec Center.

TUESDAYS

—Lincoln County Adult Singles 6:30 p.m. K-Bob's Ruidoso.
—Alcoholic Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

THURSDAYS

—Carrizozo School Library preschool story time 9 to 9:45 a.m. Call Rosemary Shafer at 648-2346 for information.
—Alcoholic Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

—Carrizozo FFA Invitation Judging Contest.

MONDAY, MARCH 9

—Corona Action Team 10 a.m. Yancey residence.
—Swearing in of new Ruidoso officials 5:30 p.m. followed by organizational meeting.
—Swearing in of new Capitan officials 6:45 p.m., followed by public hearing on CDBG study at 7 p.m. and regular and organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. village hall.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

—Lincoln County Commission meeting 9 a.m. Ruidoso Convention Center.
—Ruidoso annex ad hoc committee 9 a.m. village hall.
—Ruidoso Utility Council 9:30 a.m. convention center.
—Capitan Board of Education work session 12 noon in school administration building.
—Carrizozo Town Council 6 p.m. town hall.
—Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m. village hall.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

—Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce noon rec center.
—Ruidoso Library Board 12 noon village hall.
—Scenic Byways Committee 2 p.m. Ruidoso village hall.
—Ruidoso Visioning Committee 6 p.m. convention center.
—Eagle Creek Water Board 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso village hall.
—Carrizozo Lodge #41 AF&AM 7:30 p.m.

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Senior Citizen Tax Assistance
AARP will be at the Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center Wednesday, March 11 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. To assist middle and low income taxpayers age 60 and older. AARP asks that people bring their income tax return from last year plus state and federal packets for 1997 they received in the mail.

Valentine Party At New Horizons
Ancho Presbyterian women hosted the annual Valentine party for clients and personnel at New Horizons Developmental Center February 18. Following bingo games, refreshments of cookies, heart shaped jello jigglers, valentine candy, mints and punch were served. Valentines were made by Ancho Church School classes as well as a gift for each client was presented.

Assisting were Casey Emmons, Knollene McDaniel, Lisa Shivers, Martha Bond, Mary Beth Bond, Beth Hightower, Mollie Hightower, Susan Hightower, Bryan Hightower, Patrick Hightower, Erin Hightower, Ruth Wilson, Carol Wilson, Justus Wilson, and Marshal Wilson.

Licensed Pharmacist

Ruben Gallegos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Gallegos, recently completed licensing requirements and is now a registered pharmacist in the state of New Mexico. He plans to continue working at Lovelace Medical Center Inpatient Pharmacy in Albuquerque. He is a 1990 graduate of Carrizozo High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy.

Open House At Brewery

An Open House will be held at Sierra Blanca Brewing Co., 503 12th Street in Carrizozo Friday, March 13 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. sponsored by the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce. Refreshments will be served and tours will be conducted. The public is invited to attend.

FFA Judging Contest

Carrizozo FFA members participated in the Los Lunas judging contest March 1. The horse team, consisting of Jordan Dixon, Lane Dixon, Pat Hightower and Branden Langley won first with Branden earning fifth individual. This is the second straight win for the horse team. The livestock team, composed of the same members as the horse team, placed fifth, with Lane placing fifth high, Jordan seventh high, and Bryan ninth high. The 20 Carrizozo FFA members

participating were Abel Avila, Eli Avila, Mary Beth Bond, Brent Dixon, Jordan Dixon, Lane Dixon, Adrian Goad, John Green, Jason Harkey, Bryan Hightower, Mollie Hightower, Pat Hightower, Robert James, Branden Langley, Norvin Luna, Andy Margis, Matt Offutt, Jimmy Samora, John Serna and Rob Shafer. Chaperoning was Carrizozo Ag Advisor Tony Hamby.

The next judging contest scheduled is this weekend, March 7. The Carrizozo FFA chapter is to put it on in their home town. Anyone wishing to help put on the annual Carrizozo Invitational, please call 648-2346.

Submitted by
Mollie Hightower,
Carrizozo FFA
Chapter Reporter

Celebrates Second Birthday

Juanita P. Gallegos, daughter of Berline Gallegos, celebrated her second birthday March 1. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Gallegos and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lueras.

The Lincoln County News invites people to submit items of interest for the Carrizozo Chit Chat column; including new residents, visitors, hospitalizations, vacations, birth an-

nouncements, news of former school students away at college, engagement announcements, wedding announcements, and general news. There is no charge. Please call Ruth at 648-2833 with your news items.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported me during the recent mayoral campaign and election. I will do my best to make Carrizozo a town of which all can be proud.

Manuel R. Hernandez

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Texas Tech Honors List

Two Lincoln County students qualified for academic honors at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX at the end of the fall semester. Julie Ann Barham, majoring in family studies, was named to the president's list. Keri Marie Shafer, majoring in animal science, was named to the dean's list.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

More or less money?

By Ruth Hammond

Apparently Lincoln County doesn't have quite as much money to fritter away as one commissioner has been saying. The \$1 to \$2 million surplus he said the county had a few months ago seems to have disappeared. Do you suppose maybe his comments about the "surplus" were attempts to try to hornswoggle the public? There had to have been some reason because several people cautioned the commission about spending money that had not been budgeted.

The state requires all counties to compile a budget prior to the fiscal year, submit the budget to the state for state approval, and once the budget is approved by the state the county is supposed to follow the budget. Giving hundreds of thousands of dollars away that had not been budgeted seems to be a violation of state rules. It seems the commission should have heard ALL requests for money but they should have waited for the next budget cycle before giving any money away. The majority of the money the commission has spent unbudgeted was not for necessities or for emergencies, and there was very little advance notice before the requests were made.

We get the impression that certain commissioners not only knew in advance of the requests, but possibly could have suggested the requests for county money. If this is another attempt to sway the voters for a potential candidate it may have worked but it caused several people to distrust government even more. The rumors may not be true but when requests are made suddenly and money is given quickly, it makes people wonder if the rumors are true.

Next week there may be even more surprises. The "tractor" at the Sales Barn is to be discussed during the county commission meeting. We don't know if there is a tractor at the Sales Barn or if one is going to be bought with more county surplus money. We don't know if there is even a need for a tractor at the Sales Barn because we have only heard there were dates reserved for events at the Sales Barn, but the list of these "supposed" events is being kept from The News. We wonder if there is a list and we wonder why The News is NOT allowed to see the list of "scheduled" events.

The only event we know about in advance is when the county surplus property sale is held at the Sales Barn. Don't confuse the surplus property sale with the \$1 to \$2 million surplus the county was supposed to have had a few months ago. Much of the surplus property that was sold at the sale had little value in contrast to the \$1 to \$2 million money surplus the county was supposed to have had is of value. That money surplus, if there ever was a surplus, should have been used in a way that would benefit everyone. Maybe the announcement about the \$1 to \$2 million surplus was to convince us that county money could be spent at the Sales Barn.

The main concern is that more and more county money is being spent on a facility that doesn't bring in enough money to pay for someone to manage it. We've been told the Sales Barn will be good for the county "one of these days" but not one person has told us how it will be good for the county. The county has been spending money at the Sales Barn with no explanation as to how many more years money will be spent on the Sales Barn before "one of these days" arrives. Lincoln County residents have a right to know.

There were several cuts made during the mid year budget review but next week we may find out if the commissioners will be able to find more money for this tractor and other expenses at the Sales Barn that were not budgeted. There could be another surplus we haven't been told about yet. Maybe more money than last time.

Wait for the next surplus!



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE: The 1998 Legislature was another do-as-I-say-not-as-I-do affair.

Despite a legislative requirement that all public and quasi-public bodies hold open meetings, the public still is barred from observing conference committees appointed by legislative leaders to iron out differences in bills passed by both houses. Legislative leaders say it intimidates some of their members. It's nice to know there's no danger of being intimidated down here at the local level. And besides, what's wrong with legislators feeling intimidated by public scrutiny?

Although the Legislature sometimes dallies with its work, some legislators don't dally on the way to work, especially those who commute from Albuquerque. This year it was Rep. Jerry Lee Alwin who was stopped for changing lanes at over 90 mph.

Alwin fell back on the constitutional provision that lawmakers are above the law during legislative sessions except for treason, felony or breach of the peace. At one time it wasn't unusual for legislators to be arrested and held by local authorities while on their way to Santa Fe if there was reason to believe they might vote wrong on a popular local issue.

Ah, but those were the good old days, which some would have us believe were morally and ethically pure. My guess is that reporting has gotten better and the laws we break have changed—including speeding.

Smoking is banned in state office buildings. The same is true for the Capitol—except in the legislative chambers and offices, entrances to buildings, and certain public gathering areas. To get inside the Capitol, one must suffer through a haze of smoke at either entrance and then sit in the House or Senate gallery with all manner of smoke billowing up from below.

Some worry this sets a bad example for the hundreds of school children who visit the Capitol daily. Others fear for their health and pray that no child gets cancer from watching democracy in action.

I am proud to report, however, that lawmakers are deeply concerned about the health of visitors to the Capitol. Ten years ago the Legislature spent over \$30 million of our money to remove asbestos from the Roundhouse because of reports that it might cause cancer. To further demonstrate that it was only us they were worried about, lawmakers appropriated nothing to

remove asbestos from other state buildings.

First Lady Dee Johnson lobbied hard this session to make the Capitol smoke free. The measure passed the House but ran out of time on the floor of the Senate where chain-smoking Senate leader Manny Aragon devoted two hours to the passage of memorials on the session's final night. Johnson assured lawmakers her husband would sign the bill if it reached his desk. Those assurances are needed since the governor vetoed a bill three years ago on which his wife had testified.

Despite the bill's loss again this year, Dee Johnson says she'll be back next year, even if her husband isn't governor. Gov. and Mrs. Johnson, by the way, are both careful not to assume that he will be re-elected.

The matter of legislators being a bad influence on school children visiting the Capitol brings up the issue of

the educational value of visits to the Capitol. When I taught 35 years ago, I visited the Capitol to see my legislators, but I never considered taking the kids. And I still wonder about it. I have a newspaper photo on the wall in front of me of five very well-behaved third graders sitting in the gallery of the Senate. The expression on each little face is different. Nowhere could one find five better examples of absolute boredom. The picture ought to be in a textbook on acting.

Maybe it's a good way to teach discipline. Some kids have to sit through a sermon in church every week, but at least there are no harsh words and no smoking.

The late broadcaster Bob Barth used to lament at the end of every legislative session about the Americanized pronunciation of adjourning "sine die." Maybe it is in tribute to Bob that both houses used the Latin pronunciation this year.

Senator Campos Brings Funds To Lincoln County

Through the efforts of Democrat New Mexico State Senator Pete Campos Lincoln County communities and senior centers may benefit from funding for various projects.

Hondo Health Clinic will come closer to reality if Governor Gary Johnson leaves the \$100,000 appropriation for the clinic operation in House Bill 2. Lincoln County has other projects listed among the House Bill 2 appropriations—\$50,000 for ditch improvements in Lincoln County; \$30,000 for Museum of The Horse promotions; \$18,181 each for Corona, Capitan, Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Lincoln County Zia Senior Centers.

The following Capital Outlay Projects, approved in a separate Capital Outlay bill, sponsored by Campos were approved by the legislature for funding: \$2 million for Highway 54 from Carrizozo to Santa Rosa to fund engineering, design and environmental assessments for economic development of the NAFTA route; \$25,000 for Hondo Valley Schools for improvements; \$50,000 for Ruidoso sewer improvements; \$60,000 for moving the Tom Jones Fire station in Ruidoso; \$17,500 for Corona Streets improvements; \$25,000 for Capitan water system im-

provements; \$50,000 for heavy equipment for Carrizozo; \$50,000 for the Lincoln County Fairgrounds improvements; \$25,000 for Glencoe Rural Events Center improvements.

Other capital projects funded include: \$15,000 for Corona Water improvements; \$10,000 for Hondo Valley Schools playground equipment; \$50,000 for Ruidoso water system; \$30,000 for Ruidoso Downs water system; \$45,000 to upgrade Gavilan Canyon Road; \$25,000 for lighting at the Ruidoso Sports complex; \$18,000 for technology building or equipment upgrade in Corona Public Schools; \$18,000 for technology at Capitan Schools; \$50,000 to upgrade library and multi-purpose room at Carrizozo Municipal Schools; \$15,000 for Corona streets upgrade.

Funding for all the capital projects Bill, and projects included in House Bill 2 are contingent to the governor's signature. The governor has the option of line item veto in House Bill 2, which he has exercised in his past three years.



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Center every Thursday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center every Friday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. during March and until April 10. Bring income tax return from last year and state and federal packets for 1997 that were received in the mail.

Capitan Chamber

One of the main topics discussed at Monday's meeting of the Capitan Chamber of Commerce was how to beautify the community. Many suggestions were offered including placing flower pots in front of businesses. There are many ways to do this.

The chamber still has Smokey Bear Medallions for sale at a reasonable price. There was talk about letting one business in town handle this sale.

The chamber would like to have a storage building constructed. Contact Jack Johnson or Frank Worth for information.

New members are being sought. Find out what the chamber can do for you or your business.

There will be an election of officers on April 6. Check out chamber bingo on Thursday nights at the chamber building, 103 Second Street.

by Bartley McDonough

School Board Institute

Several school board members from schools in Lincoln County attended the Board Institute sponsored by the New Mexico School Boards Association February 13 and 14. The purpose of the Institute was for school board members to receive training to improve their skills as board members and to receive an update on legislative issues.

Attending from the Capitan Board of Education were Beverly Payne-Calaway, James Hobbs and Freda McSwans.

Attending from the Hondo Valley School Board were Jimmy McTeigue and Brantley Alvarado. School superintendent Barbara Casey and parent Leslie Osborn and school board members discussed educational issues with legislators and appeared before the subcommittee on capital outlay.

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EDITOR: I have to laugh at the letters sent in recently. It seems both of these erudite scholars have missed the mark. One does not have to be a genius to realize that over the many years it has been both the Democrats and Republicans who are responsible for the condition of our present day government. Admittedly there are many serious problems these two political parties have brought upon the American people. It is also evident that both the major parties have forgotten that this great nation was founded as a Constitutional Republic, not a Democracy.

Voters are now beginning to see that the politicians in Washington and our state capitals have led us away from the principles of individual liberty and personal responsibility which are the only sound foundation for a just, humane, and abundant society. The grumbling we hear from these voters is that government at all levels is too expensive, too large, woefully inefficient, arrogant, intrusive and down right dangerous. Sadly, Democratic and Republican politicians have created the status quo and do not intend to change it. They may have to admit they were wrong. In my opinion neither the Democrats nor the Republicans have any credibility, and every time I hear them say "This program is sure to work!" I realize that it's just one more "ACME" scheme that is doomed to fail.

It's very easy at this point to home in on what Americans really want and deserve. A political system which respects them as unique individuals; as people who can make their own plans, who can take responsibility for themselves, who are compassionate, and who can and will solve their own problems if allowed to do so. This statement is evidenced by the growing number of American voters registering as Independent or third party.

We, as voters, know that we'll keep getting what we're

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CORONA NEWS

the services Monday morning. Mr. Bradley has been seriously ill since heart surgery in August.

Teresita Barajas, Johnnie Erramouape and Cathy Yancey served as the election board Tuesday.

Crown CowBelle president Lanita Kasak has called an executive meeting for Thursday, Mar. 5 to finalize plans for the District 5 meeting here March 18.

In early February Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Adamson flew to Houston to begin a seven day vacation with the Norwegian Cruise Lines. They toured the western Caribbean and enjoyed the land stopovers, the food, and the pampering.

A large truck carrying tomatoes was laid over on its side Sunday on our infamous curve at the edge of the village.

Sunday there was a fatal accident two miles east of Cedarvale when an El Paso woman rolled her van three times. Her four dogs in their cages were reportedly unhurt.

CORONA TOP GUN! Logan Marshall was named as Top Gun for the week of February 27 by the New Mexico Activities Association, making him eligible for the overall boy "Top Gun" award to be presented at the New Mexico State Boys Basketball Tournament in Albuquerque on March 14. Marshall, a 4.0 student, received the award for his outstanding achievements in academics, athletics and community service.

The Monday morning temperature was 11 degrees, and has been almost as low several days.

Roy Todd will speak at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning, March 8. He has been pastor of a small church in the Clovis area and has many friends here as the "Hi Pro Man".

Maryah Romans of Corona, and Amy Miller of Gallup, are having a great time in Washington, D.C. as representatives for New Mexico in "Who's Who among high school students".

Doug Dobbs accompanied his outfitter friend who had a hunter here from Houston on a lion hunt Saturday, Feb. 21. They followed it almost to the Surratt Ranch and back to Red Cloud Canyon where the hunter took his shot.

The James and Mulkey families were called to Alamo-gordo last weekend by the death of Dean Bradley. Olin James flew in from Japan for

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getting if we keep doing what we're doing. If we vote for and support the Republicans and Democrats, we can expect a larger and more costly government. History shows us this is a fact. So what can the American voter do to truly make a difference? First, we must believe that one person can make a difference and That person is you. Second, research an alternate choice in political platforms, there are several third party organizations to choose from. Third, choose wisely, our future is in your hands.

TONY SENO
County Chair Libertarian Party
Ruidoso, New Mexico

CALENDAR

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THURSDAY, MARCH 12

—Capitan schools parent teacher conferences begin at 3:30 p.m.

—Capitan School Board 6 p.m. administration building. Agenda includes elementary tutoring program, K-6 basketball program, strategic plan goals, curricular changes in middle and high schools, quality of education survey, budget input.

—Carrizozo Woman Club 7 p.m.

—Libertarian Party of Lincoln County 7 p.m. TNM Power Building Ruidoso.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

—No school for Capitan students to allow for parent teacher conferences.

—Open House Sierra Blanca Brewing Company 4-6:30 p.m. sponsored by Carrizozo chamber of commerce.

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CAPITAN NOTES



CAPITAN MID-SCHOOL SPELLING BEE winner Seth Adcock. Seth won the school bee by correctly spelling "turbulence." Seth competes at the Regional Spelling Bee in El Paso on March 31.

Greetings from my old house by the side of the road to your house!

Just returned from casting my vote for some of my favorite folks. It is always so refreshing to greet and be greeted by the very nice and friendly folks that assist at the polls. And our appreciation and thanks should be proffered to these folks that take their valuable time to assist at these elections. From experience back in Iowa City, Iowa, it takes a lot of "get up in the morning earlier than usual and dedication" so a round of applause for these good people.

Methinks I am going to forego any of the national news broadcasts. I get so involved in my personal thoughts and so concerned about this and that, that I think it is dangerous to my health. No kidding. Sometimes I find myself so involved with some of it I cannot focus on anything in my circle of things that need my attention. Wonder if I could sue the government for any kind of damages. But this again just points out how lucky we folks are in Capitan, New Mexico. Soooo, on with what bits and pieces I have of news in this Utopia, shall I say.

It was a special treat to have a few moments with my son, the Sheriff, even though he hardly has time to say, "Hello, how are you Mom?" This morning was a bit different. I had not secured the kitchen telephone in its hanging apparatus, so when he attempted to call me this morning all he got was the busy signal. His first greeting, "Who have you been talking to?" So what it all boils down to, I guess, is at my advanced age I can't win for losing.

And following is the newsletter from the Senior Citizens.

(66 Tax Time again Do you need help filling out your income tax forms? AARP volunteers will be at the Capitan Senior Center on Wednesday, March 18 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. to assist low income people with their tax

were Gerry Shelby and Beatrice from Mexico, son Richard and Ann Shelby from Lincoln, California, also their son Tom from Scottsdale, Arizona, daughter LaDonna Frost from Ohio. Son Harold and wife Maxine from Capitan surprised Dorothy by bringing Dorothy's sister, Juanita Magnone with them and all the way from Capitan to wish Dorothy a happy birthday. A delicious birthday breakfast was enjoyed by all of them, served at the home of Dorothy's step-son Clay Spies, which was cooked and served by Clay and his fiancée Vonya, in Gilbert, Arizona.

Harold and Maxine have the Lincoln County News mailed to Dorothy each week and she enjoys it so much and said she reads every word. Dorothy sends hellos to everyone in Capitan. And if any of you wish to send her a note, please address it to: Dorothy Spies, 420 S. Quinn, Apartment #7, Mesa, Arizona 85208.

And Dotty, let me add a Happy Birthday from me, me being the writer of this column and the one that can never, but never, find the time to write to anyone. Old age is no picnic, but it does have some advantages. People do not expect as much of me as they used to, or do they? Anyway, Happy Birthday Dottie and hope you have many more. God Bless You!

Also let me give all of you who might be interested Lorene Caywood Griego's present address. Lorene has just had two bypass surgeries plus surgery on a collapsed artery. She would very much appreciate hearing a word or two from her friends here in

Capitan. Her hospital address is: Lorene Caywood Alvarado Hospital, Room 537A, 6555 Alvarado Road, San Diego, CA 92120-5298. Or if you would rather, just send it to her daughter Nava Lorene Caywood, 1772 Greenfield Ct., El Cajon, CA 92021.

And thank you Mary Shanks for giving me this information.

And here is what's up at the library, news from the Capitan Public Library:

Barbara Stewart works as a cataloguer on Tuesdays. She has greatly helped the library by making more and more non-fiction books accessible by Dewey Decimal System to the staff and patrons alike. She and her husband came here from Florida and share their home with Barbara's mother. We are lucky to have Barbara and Tuesdays are especially pleasant and productive because of her.

This was submitted by Linda Fox, director, and her telephone number is 653-4619. Again, Linda, we thank you for this information and thank all of you wonderful folks that worked or toiled, I might say, to make this dream a reality, the dream of having a splendid library in Capitan. Gracias, gracias.

And so for another week, adios and sayonara and may the Good Lord keep all of you in His care.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATION OF THE GAS SUPPLY PROCUREMENT PRACTICES AND POLICIES OF ZIA NATURAL GAS COMPANY, A DIVISION OF NATURAL GAS PROCESSING CO.

ZIA NATURAL GAS COMPANY, a Division of Natural Gas Processing Co., Respondent.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that: The New Mexico Public Utility Commission ("Commission" or "NMPUC") has docketed an inquiry into the gas procurement practices and policies of Zia Natural Gas Company ("Zia") and has expanded the scope of this proceeding to encompass the requirements of a purchased gas adjustment clause ("PGAC") continuation filing pursuant to NMPUC Rule 640.5 and ordered Zia to make a PGAC continuation filing.

The Commission has appointed Peter E. Springer as Hearing Examiner in this case, who has held a pre-hearing conference and issued a Procedural Order on March 2, 1998.

The Commission's Rules and Practice and Procedure (NMPUC Rule 110) apply to this case except as modified by Order. A copy of such Rules may be obtained at the Commission's office.

The current procedural schedule for this case is as follows:

A. A public hearing will be held beginning at 10:00 a.m. on July 9, 1998, at the Commission's offices, Marian Hall, 224 East Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico, for the purpose of hearing and receiving evidence, arguments and any other appropriate matters in order to investigate Zia's gas procurement practices and policies and determine whether the Commission should authorize Zia to continue the use of its PGAC pursuant to NMPUC Rule 640.5.

B. Any person who desires to intervene to become a party to this case must file a Motion for Leave to Intervene, pursuant to NMPUC Rules 110.56 and 110.57, on or before March 30, 1998.

C. The Commission Staff and any intervenors will file any direct testimony on or before May 1, 1998.

D. Any rebuttal testimony will be filed on or before May 29, 1998. Interested persons should contact the Commission to confirm the date, time and place of hearing since hearings are occasionally rescheduled.

Any interested persons may appear at the time and place of hearing and give a written or oral comment, pursuant to NMPUC Rule 110.61, without becoming an intervenor. Such comments will not be considered as evidence.

Interested persons may examine Zia's filings at the Commission's offices, 224 East Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, telephone: (505) 827-6940 or at Zia's offices, 707 Short Drive, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico, telephone: (505) 378-4277. This case has been docketed as NMPUC Case No. 2785, and inquiries should refer to that number.

Anyone filing pleadings, documents or testimony in this case will serve copies on all parties of record and the Commission Advocacy Staff.

Any person whose testimony has been filed will attend the hearing and submit to examination under oath.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Zia or the Commission at the above addresses and telephone numbers.

Any person with a disability requiring special assistance in order to participate in this proceeding should contact the offices of the Commission at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the hearing.

ISSUED at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 2nd day of March, 1998.

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION PETER E. SPRINGER Hearing Examiner

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, March 5, 1998.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF GRANT FUNDS

NOTICE Date of Publication: March 5, 1998 Village of Corona P.O. Box 37, Corona, NM 88318 (505) 849-5511

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about March 20, 1998 the Village of Corona will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for the following project: PROJECT TITLE OR NAME: Water System Improvements.

PURPOSE OR NATURE OF PROJECT: Replacement of existing water line and rejuvenation of existing water tank.

LOCATION OF PROJECT: Village of Corona, Corona, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT: \$300,000.00.

PROJECT SUMMARY: Steel pipelines will be replaced with PVC pipe on the existing El Paso Natural Gas waterline. The Village has taken over the El Paso Natural Gas waterline and is in the process of joining the wells to the Village's existing waterline. The water tank in town will be sandblasted, repaired, if necessary, and repainted.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT: An environmental review of the project has been made by the Grantee and is available for public examination and copying at the office noted above. Based on this review, the Grantee has determined that a request for release of project funds will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and hence, an environmental impact statement will not be undertaken under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-910).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare an environmental impact statement are as follows: The project deals with the repair and replacement of existing facilities only, no new construction is anticipated.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON FINDING: All interested agencies, groups or persons disagreeing with these decisions are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Grantee by March 20, 1998. All comments must clearly specify which decision they object to. The finding of No Significant Impact or the Request for Release of Funds. All comments so received will be considered by the Grantee prior to its taking any administrative action or requesting release of funds on the date listed immediately above.

RELEASE OF GRANT FUNDS: The Grantee will undertake the project described above with Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The grantee is certifying to HUD that the Village of Corona and Mayor Ernest Lueras in his official capacity, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the Grantee may use the Block Grant funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities listed in 24 CFR Part 58. HUD will accept an objection to its certification only if it is on one of the following bases:

(a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer or other officer of the Grantee.

(b) that the environmental review record for the project indicated omission of a required decision finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process, or

(c) another federal agency has submitted written comments pursuant to Section 309 of the Clean Air Act or Section 102(e) of NEPA. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to HUD or LG/DWA, Room 201 Bataan Memorial Bldg., Santa Fe, NM 87503. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD or LG/DWA. No objection received after 15 days from the date of request for funds listed above will be considered by HUD or LG/DWA.

Cathy Muniz, Environmental Officer P.O. Box 37

Corona, NM 88318

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, March 5, 1998.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The State of New Mexico through its Oil Conservation Division hereby gives notice pursuant to law and the Rules and Regulations of said Division of the following public hearing to be held at 8:15 A.M. on March 5, 1998, in the Oil Conservation Division Hearing Room at 2040 South Paseo, Santa Fe, New Mexico, before an examiner duly appointed for said hearing. 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, please contact Florene Davidson at 505-827-7132 or through the New Mexico Relay Network, 1-800-859-1779 by February 23, 1998. Public documents, including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible forms. Please contact Florene Davidson if a summary or other type of accessible form is needed.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO: All named parties and persons having any right, title, interest or claim in the following cases and notice to the public.

(NOTE: All land descriptions herein refer to the New Mexico Principal Meridian whether or not so stated.)

CASE 11942: Application of Oil Conservation Division for an order requiring Rocky Mountain Resources, Inc. to properly plug a well, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Applicant seeks an order requiring Rocky Mountain Resources, Inc. to properly plug its Border Hills State Well No. 1 located in Unit O of Section 17, Township 11 South, Range 20 East, authorizing the Division to plug said well, and ordering a forfeiture of the plugging bond, if any. Said well is located approximately 6 miles east of Sunset, New Mexico.

Given under the Seal of the State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico on this 12th day of February, 1998.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION Lori Wronsenbery, Director

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, March 5, 1998.

LINCOLN HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

REGULAR MEETING March 17, 1998 7:00 P.M.

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 1998, at 7:00 p.m., at the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department Building, Lincoln, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the March 17, 1998, meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, March 5, 1998.

LINCOLN COUNTY LODGERS TAX COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING March 10, 1998 10:00 a.m.

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the March 10, 1998, meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO No. CV-98-04

NADIM WALDINE, a single man, Plaintiff,

vs. ROBERT G. DONATI, IF LIVING AND IF DECEASED, HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS, AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE SURFACE ESTATE OF LOT TEN (10) BLOCK THREE (3), CAMELOT SUBDIVISION, UNIT ONE (1) TO THE CITY OF RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ADVERSE TO THE ESTATES OF THE PLAINTIFF.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDING OF ACTIONS

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Nadim Waldine has filed a Complaint for Quiet Title against you and each of you which is now pending in the above-styled and numbered cause wherein Plaintiff seeks title to real estate.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that unless you appear and answer the Plaintiff's motions herein on or before the 1st day of April, 1998, that the Court may enter judgment in favor of the Plaintiff against you by default.

GLEN L. HOUSTON, whose professional address is 1304 W. Broadway Place, Hobbs, New Mexico 88240, is attorney of record for the Plaintiff.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, State of New Mexico this 17th day of February, 1998.

ALICE BACA BAKTER Clerk of the District Court

By: Elizabeth Lueras Clerk/Deputy Clerk

Published in the Lincoln County News on February 19 and 28 and March 5 and 12, 1998.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUDGET INCREASE

Notice is hereby given, that the Board of Education of Carrizozo School District #7, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, will on Tuesday, March 10, 1998, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration/Board Room, 800 D. Avenue, present and publicly review an increase to the 1997-1998 Fiscal School Budget.

This is a Public Hearing and all school patrons are invited to attend.

DONE at Carrizozo, New Mexico, this 24th day of February, 1998.

STEVE HARKEY President

ATTEST: PATRICIA VEGA Secretary

Published in the Lincoln County News on February 28 and March 5, 1998.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the County of Lincoln hereby requests bids for a 1500 sq. ft. metal building. The building must meet or exceed all requirements of the UBC as adopted by the State of New Mexico, including ADA and be designed in accordance with AISC "Specifications" for the Design Fabrication and Erection of Structural Steel for Buildings and AISI "Specifications" for the Design of Light Cold Formed Steel Structural Member as required.

The building system design and drawings must be certified and sealed by an Engineer registered in the State of New Mexico.

Contractor and subcontractor shall be licensed, bonded, and insured to perform the necessary work.

Bid Specifications are available at the Office of the County Manager, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, or by calling Martha Guevara at

505/848-2385. Interested firms should submit their bids to the Lincoln County Manager at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Avenue), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 1, 1998, at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Any bids received after the above date and time will be retained unopened.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make their final determination during their regular commission meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 14, 1998.

All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope as follows: BID NO. 97-98-013 Metal Building.

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

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, March 5, 1998.

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO No. CV-98-07

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, Plaintiff,

vs. Virginia J. Heath and the Unknown Spouse of Virginia J. Heath Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the following above-named Defendant(s): Virginia J. Heath and the Unknown Spouse of Virginia J. Heath.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above-named Plaintiff has commenced a proceeding against you in the above entitled Court and Cause, the object thereof being dissolution of marriage.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you serve and file a responsive pleading or motion in said Cause on or before the 20th day of April, 1998, at 1:00 p.m., judgment will be rendered against you in said Cause by default.

Petitioner's address is P.O. Box 1905, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, State of New Mexico, this 19th day of February 1998.

ALICE BACA BAKTER Clerk of the District Court

By: Elizabeth Lueras Deputy

Published in the Lincoln County News on February 26, and March 5, 12 and 19, 1998.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the County of Lincoln hereby requests bids for the replacement of approximately 4,500 sq. ft. of metal roofing at the Glencoe Rural Events Center which was damaged during the heavy snows in December.

Inspection of the site is recommended in order that all bids received include the necessary labor, insurance, bonds, taxes and materials to return the building to its pre-loss condition. Should the repairs fall within the Public Works Project definitions, the bidder must include the minimum wages determined by the Labor and Industrial Division of the State of New Mexico.

The following is an itemized list of replacement parts to perform the necessary repairs. Should the list be inconclusive the bidder shall include the additional items and include them in the bid.

- * 2 each - Main Trusses (50 ft. x 3 ft. steel).
* 25 each - C-rail (cross support truss).
* 4,500 sq. ft. - Metal Roof Covering.
* 4,000 sq. ft. - Roof Insulation with re-mesh support.
* 12 each - Electrical Outlets (in conduit).
* 60 l.f. - Roof Flashing to Main Building.
* 4 each - Support Uprights (4x4 steel).
* Match Existing Paint.

Interested firms should submit their bids to the Lincoln County Manager at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Avenue), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 1, 1998, at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

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

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make their final determination during their regular commission meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 14, 1998.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, March 5, 1998.

Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 a.m., April 7, 1998.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, March 5, 1998.

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO NO. DM-98-24

MAYRA COLLAZO Petitioner,

vs. JESSE NAJAR Respondent.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDING OF PROCEEDING

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above named Respondent:

GREETING: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above named Petitioner has commenced a proceeding against you in the above entitled Court and Cause, the object thereof being dissolution of marriage.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you serve and file a responsive pleading or motion in said Cause on or before the 20th day of April, 1998, at 1:00 p.m., judgment will be rendered against you in said Cause by default.

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MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, March 5, 1998.

All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope as follows: BID NO. 97-98-013 ROOF REPLACEMENT.

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

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

RFP No. 4401

Village of Captain Water System Improvements

Village of Captain P.O. Box 349

Captain, NM 88316 (505) 854-3247

March 2, 1998

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Qualifications-based competitive sealed proposals for design professional services will be received by the Contracting Agency, Village of Captain, P.O. Box 349, Captain, NM 88316 for RFP No. A-401.

The Contracting Agency is requesting proposals for professional engineering services for Water System Improvements - Water Well/Hydrants/Signage thru Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds Project No. 98-CR-11-G49.

Proposals will be received at Village of Captain, 114 Lincoln Ave., Captain, NM 88316 or mailed to P.O. Box 246, Captain, NM 88316 until March 23, 1998, 2:00 p.m.

Copies of the Request for Proposals can be obtained in person at the office of the Village Clerk-Treasurer at 114 Lincoln Ave., Captain, NM 88316 or will be mailed upon written or telephone request to Deborah Cummins, at (505) 854-2247.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on March 11, 1998 at Village Hall, 114 Lincoln Ave., 10:00 a.m.

A new well will be drilled at approximately 600-1000 feet, using 12 casing. Fifteen additional fire hydrants will be installed and connected to existing water lines. Water signage will be installed on all existing water lines, water valves.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

The Offeror shall perform the following professional services:

- 2.1 Preliminary Design Phase, Final Design Phase, Bidding and Negotiations Phase, Construction Phase, Operational Phase.
2.2 Periodic on-site observation during construction.

Date: March 2, 1998

PURCHASING AGENT: Deborah Cummins, Clerk-Treasurer, CMC

Published in the Lincoln County News on March 5 and 12, 1998.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF CARRIZOZO WILL HOLD THEIR REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1998 AT 8:00 P.M., CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM, CARRIZOZO, NEW MEXICO 88301.

AGENDA WILL BE POSTED IN accordance with Resolution 97-15, Twenty-Four hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact Carol Schlarb or Margaret LaBelle at 648-2377, City Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

CAROL SCHLARB, Town Clerk, Town of Carrizozo.

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FAST ACTION

Lincoln County News CLASSIFIED ADS

CALL: (505) 648-2333

BASIN PIPE & METAL

1000 & 1900 Gallon POTABLE WATER TANKS
400 UP TO 11' ALAMOGORDO DIA
137-6272

WANTED: Outpost Bar and Grill hiring bartender, and cleaning/prep person. Call 648-2194 or 648-9994. tfn/Jan. 29

FIREWOOD FOR SALE

Juniper, Cedar and Pinon Mix. 427 4th St., Capitan. 354-4236. \$100 a cord. Fernando Trujillo. 4tp/Feb. 12, 19 & 28 & Mar. 5

STEARNS INSURANCE AGENCY CARRIZOZO (505) 648-2911

FOR RENT: Apartments and Kitchenettes for rent by the week or month. Free utilities and maid service. Smokey Bear Motel - Capitan, 354-2253. tfn/Oct. 9

EMPLOYMENT

NMSU Cooperative Extension Service, Lincoln County Extension Family Educator I, Carrizozo, NM, 30 hours per week, \$9,489.96 annually. High school diploma or equivalent GED certificate. Two years of experience in formal or nonformal education (adult or youth), nutrition, foods, or clerical, or any equivalent combination of education and experience. TB test and valid NM Driver's license required. Prefer Bilingual (English/Spanish), position deals with Spanish-speaking persons. Must reside in county where employed. Experience with low-income audiences preferred. Personal auto required, reimbursed at 25 cents per mile. Position is contingent upon funding. Reply to: Betty McCreight, County Extension Home Economist, P.O. Box 217, Carrizozo, NM 88301, (505) 648-2311. Deadline for applications: March 20, 1998. NMSU is an EEO/AA employer. 2tp/Mar. 5

GRAND OPENING SPECIALS!! 4th STREET MINI STORAGE
312 4th Street
CAPITAN, NM 88316
(505) 258-5767
1st 30 Days Free!

EMPLOYMENT

Instructors, recreation counselors and graveyard shift personnel needed immediately to work with the kids at Camp Sierra Blanca. We offer competitive pay, good benefits and the chance to help some of New Mexico's troubled kids become productive citizens. Applications are available at the New Mexico Department of Labor in Ruidoso and at Camp Sierra Blanca. If you need directions to Camp Sierra Blanca, call 505-354-3219. 2tc/Mar. 5 & 12

WANTED: Experienced laborers needed immediately. Nogal area. \$7 to \$10 per hour, based on experience. 354-4246. 1tp/Mar. 5

NEEDED:

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS. Must have experience with LOADERS, EXCAVATORS, SCRAPERS, DOZERS, WATERWAGONS, BLADES, & BACKHOES. Salary DOE. Benefits: Medical Insurance and Profit Sharing Plan. Please call: Romero Excavating & Trucking, Inc. (505) 873-3300. 2tc/Mar. 5 & 12

NEEDED:

TRUCK DRIVERS, to work in the Alamogordo Area. Must have CDL & Experience. Salary DOE. Benefits: Medical Insurance & Profit Sharing Plan. Call Romero Excavating & Trucking, Inc. (505) 873-3300. 2tc/Mar. 5 & 12

FOR RENT: 1, 2 & 3 Bedroom Apartments in Capitan and Carrizozo. Rent based on income. For information call 1-888-424-0909. 8tc/Feb. 19-Apr. 9

FOR SALE: Milk cows for milking or raising calves. Jim Miller 648-2449. 2tp/Mar. 5 & 12

OBITUARIES

EWELL WINN SIDWELL

Ewell Winn Sidwell died February 23, 1998 in Carrizozo. Mr. Sidwell, a rancher, was born January 5, 1909. Survivors include one sister, Anne Lee Farris Ellison; sons, Jim McDonald and wife Carol of Carrizozo, Frank Sidwell and wife Jo of Capitan; grandchildren, Cameron Sidwell of Capitan, Katie Carter of Cantrell, ILL, Raina Walma of Peach City, AZ; and numerous nieces and nephews. *****

KENNETH W. KIRKLAND

Kenneth W. Kirkland, 79, died February 6 in Jonesboro, AR. Kirkland was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, and two sons. He is survived by his wife Louise; three sons, Kenneth, Robert and Richard; four daughters, Judy, Kay, Kathy, and Cheryl; 19 grandchildren and 79 great grandchildren. Mr. Kirkland served in the Navy during World War II. Burial service was at Foot of Mountain Cemetery February 5.



LEGALS

NOTICE

The regular meeting on March 12, 1998 of the Village of Coyona, Village Council has been postponed. It will be held on March 19, 1998. Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, March 5, 1998.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

RFP No. A-002
Village of Capitan CDBG Master Plan
Village of Capitan P.O. Box 246
Capitan, NM 88316
(505) 354-2247
March 2, 1998

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Qualifications-based competitive sealed proposals for design professional services will be received by the Contracting Agency, Village of Capitan, P.O. Box 246, Capitan, NM 88316 for RFP No. A-002.

The Contracting Agency is requesting proposals for professional engineering services for CDBG-Master Plan thru Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds Project No. 98-CR-1-6-047.

Proposals will be received at Village of Capitan, 114 Lincoln Ave., P.O. Box 246, Capitan, NM 88316 until March 23, 1998, 2:00 p.m.

Copies of the Request for Proposals can be obtained in person at the office of the Village of Capitan Clerk-Treasurer at 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM 88316 or will be mailed upon written or telephone request to Deborah Cummins at (505) 354-2247.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

To update the Village of Capitan Master Plan. The goals and objectives of the project are to be a decision making tool and guide for

future growth and development in the Village of Capitan. The project would incorporate into the plan flood plain areas, utility and infrastructure needs and future growth demands.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

The Offeror shall perform the following professional services:

2.1 Provide standard Basic Design Services, consisting of Strategic (i.e. issue specific) Plan.

Date: March 2, 1998

PURCHASING AGENT: Deborah Cummins, Clerk-Treasurer, CMC

Published in the Lincoln County News on March 5 and 12, 1998.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Carrizozo Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board will hold their regular scheduled meeting March 12, 1998, at 1:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico, 88301.

AGENDA WILL BE POSTED IN ACCORDANCE with Resolution 97-15, 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 hearings or meetings, please contact Carol Schlarb or Margaret LaBelle at City Hall, 648-2371, at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible. Please contact Carol Schlarb or Margaret LaBelle at City Hall if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.

PAT VOSS,

Secretary-Treasurer Carrizozo Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, March 5, 1998.

LEGAL NOTICE

Lincoln County Medical Center Community Board of Trustees will meet on Thursday, March 19, 1998, at 6:00 p.m., in the Hospital Conference Room. The Agenda will be available at the Administrator's Office, on Monday, March 16, 1998.

Published in the Lincoln County News on March 5 and 12, 1998.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

EAGLE CREEK INTER-COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY ASSOCIATION, INC.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ATTORNEY SERVICES

EAGLE CREEK INTER-COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY ASSOCIATION, INC. ("Eagle Creek") is requesting prop-

osals for legal services from licensed New Mexico attorneys to provide legal services beginning May 1, 1998. Proposals will be accepted until March 27, 1998 at 3:00 p.m. in the office of Robert O. Goddard, 1204 Cochran Dr., P.O. Box 243, Ruidoso, N.M. 88358. Proposals will be reviewed and ranked by the Eagle Creek Board of Directors for contract award.

Copies of the Request for Proposal may be obtained by writing to or visiting the office of Robert O. Goddard at the above address.

ROBERT O. GODDARD
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, March 5, 1998 and Thursday, March 12, 1998.

OBITUARY

H. ALLEN LEWIS

H. Allen Lewis, 76, a longtime resident of Carrizozo and Capitan died on February 13, in the Veterans of America Hospital, in Albuquerque. Allen fought a long and courageous battle with emphysema and cancer.

Allen was born on August 15, 1921 in Wheeler, TX. He married Winona K. Jones of Roswell on March 18, 1942. Allen was a career military man. He and his family traveled the world throughout his 22 years of service. Allen was preceded in death by his wife, Winona; his daughter Karen Lewis Richardson, and son-in-law Jim Richardson.

He is survived by his brother Stanley Lewis of El Centro, CA; daughter Carla J. Carpenter of Albuquerque; granddaughters Kimberli Carpenter of Anchorage, AK and Renee Keith of Ruidoso; grandson James Richardson; and numerous grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at South Park Cemetery in Roswell, where he was laid to rest next to his wife of 42 years. Services were officiated by Pastor David McLaughlan of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. A military ceremony was performed by local members of the Roswell VFW and Veterans Honor Guard.

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County Cuts Facilities

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reserve back to 3/12ths, if we're prudent and stop budget adjustments."

Last year when commissioners were considering the recreation fund and the \$200,000 transfer to Lincoln County Medical Center to add to the remodeling project Howell said it was asked if the appropriations would jeopardize the cash reserves. The answer was yes, Howell said. But Park refuted it. "I did not ever say yes to that question," Park said. "I said it could possibly."

Potter said the finance department was never asked if the \$150,000 recreation/vocational fund would hurt the budget. Potter reminded commissioners that when they dedicated \$2.5 million to the hospital with \$400,000 out of the general fund and \$400,000 out of facilities improvement fund they knew it would be a "tough deal."

"Unfortunately the public was informed of a \$10.5 million budget and a \$2.5 million surplus," Potter said.

"We never had that kind of

money, but that's what they were told," Nunley said. "We need to be more prudent in the next year."

About \$100,000 was left in the facilities improvement fund, which Nunley suggested be used to offset the shortfall in the general fund reserves. However, there was some question whether these funds, which came from mill levies, could be transferred to the general fund. When the vote was taken to transfer \$50,000 from facilities into the general fund, Howell and Montes voted no. They also voted no on the final budget resolution which approved transfers. The resolution is sent to DFA.

Some areas did experience decreased expenses, such as the workers compensation insurance fees for the Sheriff's office. Only one worker's comp claim was made in the last year in the entire county, resulting in the decreased insurance payment.

The other elected county officials—clerk, treasurer, assessor, probate judge—asked for no increases, instead adjusted their budgets within their departments.

The Road department will need \$182,561 to overcome its short fall. Of that \$123,000 was due to the Christmas storm. Road department assistant Kim Roper said she was meeting with FEMA people about the reimbursement. But no one was sure if the reimbursements would be sent before the end of the fiscal year.

With all adjustments commissioners on a vote of 3-2 approved the resolution that showed the General Fund ending cash balance at \$820,733, road fund cash balance at \$19,429 (which is

\$79,209 below the 2/12ths required by DFA for roads) and corrections ending balance at \$82,223, for a grand total ending cash balance of all funds of \$2,319,659.

Commissioners also briefly commented on Potter's evaluation on the day of his second anniversary as manager. Nunley rated him 3.6 on a scale of 0-5 for doing overall good work. Sullivan said it was a privilege working with Potter who was "most accessible." Clerk Martha Proctor said she was very pleased working with Potter who is open and willing to help. Treasurer Park has enjoyed working with Potter, who fosters a team spirit among courthouse officials and staff. Assessor Patsy Serna said Potter is good with all employees. Rex Wilson said he had a good working relationship with Potter.

Montes did not echo the "warm fuzzy feelings," because they were just that, he said. "From a managerial point of view he needs to be more aware of the budget, he needs a better handle."

Schwettmann said they should let the manager manage. "I support Potter now," he said.

Howell said Potter had two areas needing improvement—accuracy and completing assignments. He acknowledged maybe they had asked too much of Potter. "I commend him for the work on projects and for things I've asked him for," Howell said.

Citizen Jerry Carroll said Potter was the best county manager he has seen.

But when suggestions of a 10 percent pay increase for Potter arose, Potter declined. "I'm not kidding. You didn't

give anyone else raises I appreciate it, but I'm dead serious," Potter said.

Potter listed the accomplishments in his two years—a CDBG for the health clinic, a RBEG (rural economic development) grant for the rural events center, other grants, personnel ordinance with associated classification plan job descriptions, 911 application, insurance savings through membership in New Mexico association of counties, some facilities improvements, reduced lawsuits to just a few tort claim notices, computer conversion, improvements in bidding and procurement, training in all departments, good inter-government cooperation with other entities, new subdivision regulations, labor relations in Sheriff's office, budget compliance and upcoming census in 2000.

Potter said the most serious upcoming goal is to upgrade the jail.

Sheriff's Report

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without injuries at Y in Ruidoso. 7:33 p.m. 911 call for ambulance for 83 year old woman who fell. RALS transported to LCMC.

8:13 p.m. cattle on Highway 380 just east of Carrizozo. Possible owner contacted.

January 28:
1:59 a.m. possible domestic and request for peacekeeping. Woman and husband had fight, husband drinking and threatening and pushing her. Needed officer to get clothes for her and kids. Captain police responded.

6:58 a.m. possible bullet holes in window of business in Hondo. Criminal damage to property deputy advised.

7:30 a.m. horse gone. Caller's fence was down and bay gelding was gone. Livestock inspector notified.

8:18 a.m. burglary/larceny, windows broken with glass and money gone. Carrizozo police took report.

9:59 a.m. theft of handicap sign at church building where Head Start classes held. Captain police notified.
10:20 a.m. deputy requested reference items found at alternative school.

1:28 p.m. domestic order violation. Woman had gone to district court for domestic order and husband had called at the house three times. Deputy served domestic order on subject.

1:50 p.m. harassment by drunken subject. Carrizozo police responded.

5:22 p.m. violation of domestic order. Subject contacted woman's family three times through third party. Deputy spoke to caller.

6:58 p.m. agency assistance requested by Ruidoso Downs police on making report on 16 year old female runaway.

7:14 p.m. threats from exhusband in Corona.
7:34 p.m. threats on his life from ex-wife in Corona.

10:38 p.m. attempts to locate subject requested by Ruidoso police.
January 29:

12:16 a.m. 911 hang up from business. Carrizozo police

responded.

3:11 a.m. 911 call on grass fire at Roadrunner Ranch. Corona, Vaughn and Duran Fire Departments responded as did New Mexico State Forestry.

6:36 a.m. accident without injuries involving a deer on Highway 70.

10:38 a.m. VIN inspection requested for 5th wheel trailer.

10:02 a.m. deputy advised a subject evaded him while he was trying to serve warrants. Subject was arrested at 1:28 a.m.

1:10 p.m. agency assist requested by Children, Youth and Family Department (CYFD) worker at a home visit. Deputy responded.

1:31 p.m. deputy requested case number of aggravated burglary.

4:56 p.m. 911 call for peacekeeping on civil at location where man and woman were divorcing and man was not to take anything from the property, but the man was taking items.

5:06 p.m. possible drunken driver southbound on Highway 54 from Corona. Carrizozo police notified.

6:47 p.m. 911 call for ambulance for 86 year old woman. Carrizozo ambulance transported to LCMC.

6:55 p.m. family dispute, son would not go home with mother from location off Highway 37.

Deputy requested case number on arrest of subject.

8:47 p.m. suspicious vehicle in Fawn Ridge.

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