

County Violated Purchasing Rules

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County needs a full time purchasing officer to prevent the apparent violations that surfaced in an audit of purchases made from the county's facilities funds this year.

During the regular Lincoln County Commission meeting held at Ruidoso Village hall Tuesday, Lincoln County Commissioners got the bad news about the purchasing violations in the report from certified public accountant Ronnie Hemphill whom commissioners hired to conduct a special audit of the county's

facility fund. Hemphill's audit of 60 receipts and warrants issued for the facilities fund from July 1, 1997 to April 30, 1998 showed that 36 warrants totaling \$120,166 were in violation of the county's purchasing policy and/or not issued in accordance to the vendor's contract. He also could not find one warrant.

Hemphill said the 36 warrants violated the New Mexico State Procurement Code and could be subject to a civil penalty for each violation.

A major problem was a purchase of equipment costing

more than \$20,000 made from a company that only had a maintenance contract with the county. Hemphill said the purchase was beyond the scope of the maintenance contract.

"There was a question if the equipment existed," Hemphill continued. "It appears it does exist and is being stored in a warehouse in Capitan." The equipment, four repeaters and a large generator to power the repeater station on Capitan mountain, was purchased in October and November 1997. But the equipment didn't exist when it was bought. Hemphill

said there was no indication the equipment was special made to order. "I take exception to the warrant that should have showed that goods were not received," Hemphill said. "It should have been disclosed."

The radio equipment was paid for in October, then ordered by the vendor who got the goods in December, Hemphill continued. The repeaters were to have been installed on Buck Mountain and Capitan Mountain, Hemphill said the vendor told him, but there was too much snow to get to the repeater

sites so the vendor stored the equipment. "His intent is to deliver the generator to the road department," Hemphill continued.

Violations of the county's purchasing policy and vendor contractual terms included "emergency purchases" which lacked documentation showing approval of at least three county commissioners and in one instance, an emergency carpet cleaning in an area that flooded turned into cleaning 12,000 square feet of carpet. Other violations were services requested in excess of the contract's top amount.

invoices not approved by department heads and not marked paid, no purchase orders issued, no documentation of price quotes, another instance of a quote provided two months after the service was rendered, and one warrant and support documents could not be located.

Hemphill said according to the county's purchasing policy, unauthorized purchases become the responsibility of the person initiating or otherwise executing any unautho-

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Montes, Howell Ruffled Over Pics, Editorials

Two Lincoln County Commissioners took a photo on the front page of **THE LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS** personally.

During a lull in the Friday, May 8 special budget hearing, Lincoln County Commissioners Monroy Montes and Wilton Howell said the picture of three nooses underneath a sign with "county commissioners" had gone too far.

"This is where I draw the line," Howell said. "When it affects my family."

Howell and Montes were especially offended by the picture "fit to be hung..." Montes said that he had not seen anything so offensive and he likened the picture to a "burning cross left in the yard." Montes said he was upset that **THE NEWS** would publish such a picture. He also said that in Ruidoso a person was criminally prosecuted for committing the hate crime of spray painting offensive statements about the mayor on a dumpster.

Howell also said that editorials in **THE NEWS** criticizing the county commission of its actions were similar to hate crimes.

LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS reporter/photographer Doris Cherry said that the picture on the building was not graffiti, rather it was on private property, put there by a person who had freedom of speech.

The sign above the nooses used to state "lawyer, bad guy, lawyer", but was covered recently with a sign that now states "county commissioners". The sign does not specify which commissioners.

Cherry later commented that Howell and Montes were raising a lot of fuss for a photo published in a paper that "not many people read." In April, Howell commented about a photo in **THE NEWS** that showed a tractor sitting at his business in Ruidoso. The tractor met specifications of a tractor the county was seeking to buy for the Glencoe Rural Events Center. Howell said his business got some free publicity but it was too bad it was in a paper that "not many people read."



50 YEARS OF MASONRY. Ray Bell (center) receives his 50-year Masonic Lodge membership pin from Dan Irick Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico (left) during the grand master's visit at the Carrizozo Masonic Lodge on Wednesday. Carrizozo lodge master Mike Shivers is right. Bell first joined the Carrizozo Masonic Lodge in 1948, but later moved to Santa Fe. In 1950 Bell was responsible for getting the little orphan bear cub found in the Capitan Mountains designated as the "living symbol of Smokey Bear."

Capitan Accepts Option To Settle Eagle Creek Water Rights Dispute

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Village Trustees began the process of transferring 300 acre feet of water rights from Eagle Creek and accepted an option to settle the dispute over those rights with the Village of Ruidoso.

Until two years ago, Capitan and Ruidoso were equal share partners in the Eagle Creek Intercommunity Water Supply Association, Inc. Ruidoso gained most benefit from the arrangement because it had water lines running from Eagle Creek and from Alto reservoir which Eagle Creek also owned. At one time Capitan had a water line from Eagle Creek, but the line had fallen in disrepair and was abandoned after Capitan converted its system to the village well as a sole source of water.

Realizing the village's share of the Eagle Creek water rights would assure Capitan with enough water for the next 40 years, village officials began a long legal process to dissolve the Eagle Creek association and divide the water rights between the two villages.

Monday night, after a two hour closed to public session, Capitan trustees unanimously directed village attorney Bob

Beauvais to pursue moving 300 acre feet of Eagle Creek water rights. They also agreed to accept the second option of the tentative plan to dissolve Eagle Creek. Indications from

officials of both villages are an announcement will be made by May 26.

During the regular business portion of their meeting Monday, trustees doled out the

last of the county recreation money. At their April 27 special meeting trustees approved funding requests with

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MAY GOD BLESS YOU GWEN. Carrizozo Police Department, represented by officer Willy Kerin, and Lincoln County Sheriff's deputy Paul Wersich and sheriff's posse member John Tate present a plaque of appreciation to Scott Philhower in memory of his wife, Gwen. Gwen was known by law enforcement personnel as someone who gave of herself and went beyond the call of duty to provide food and drink to officers responding to emergency situations. Gwen owned the Texaco convenience store in Carrizozo until cancer claimed her life. "For all your acts of kindness and hospitality," the plaque read. "May God bless you Gwen, as He welcomes you home."

Barn Bathrooms Bid Awarded; FAIRGROUNDS RESTROOMS WAIT

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners awarded a bid to a Belen company to construct bathrooms at the Glencoe Rural Events Center.

At their meeting Tuesday, held in Ruidoso Village Hall, commissioners accepted the low bid of \$50,849 from T.L.C. Construction of Belen to construct the Glencoe center bathrooms. The bid was more than the \$50,000 appropriated for the project, so commissioners took the remaining \$849 from the insurance settlement from the collapsed Glencoe center roof.

Commissioners chose to repair the Glencoe center roof by hiring temporary employees in the road department. During the Tuesday meeting road superintendent Albert Hernandez reported it cost \$5,940.18 in labor and materials to repair the roof which

will be taken from the \$25,000 insurance settlement. Also in the same meeting Glencoe Center manager Linda Wallace said the Alpaca group holding its convention at the center in June had seen and approved of the repairs and were excited about the event.

Meanwhile back at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds, the toilets continue to overflow. But only one bid came in to repair the toilets to make them useable. Lincoln County Fair Association board member Craig Whipple said he hoped to get another bid by the following day and also he thought the county contracted plumber Lincoln Mechanical would reassess the cost of the repairs.

Commission chairman Ray Nunley suggested giving acting manager Martha Guevara authority to select the best bid and proceed with the work as an "emergency" situation. But county attorney Alan Morel said the commission must declare an emergency.

In response to a question from county commissioner Wilton Howell, Whipple said that the bids are to install a new water supply line to the restrooms and install five commercial commodes. The fair board plans to construct additional bathrooms when the county receives the appropriation from the state. Howell said in talking with the plumber the cost of the work could exceed \$10,000, which the board originally requested for the repairs.

When county commissioner Rex Wilson and Nunley again suggested giving the acting county manager authority to proceed on awarding a bid, Howell said he was "not interested in getting this manager in trouble."

But Nunley said in his opinion "flooding commodes are a health and safety issue."

Howell said he wanted to do the bid properly so he made a motion and commissioners approved of soliciting bids for review at the special May 19 meeting. Nunley said they want at least two more bids for the work needed.

The May 19 meeting is to adopt the preliminary budget for the 1998-99 fiscal year. That meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the commission chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

Commissioner Wants Road Tax To Help Pay For New Jail

by Doris Cherry

The need for additional revenue in all county departments will never go away.

But at least one county commissioner thinks that imposing what he calls a "user fee" on properties in subdivision is a way to tie a revenue source to the county road department.

"We have a choice," said county commissioner Wilton Howell during the public hearing on the proposed front footage road tax Tuesday. "We can charge those who are using the roads and getting the majority of benefits from them, or charge everyone as we do now."

"But the problem is we still have another need—at least \$375,000 for a new jail,"

Howell said.

Currently the county's general fund subsidizes the county road fund by about \$400,000. While Howell admitted state law prevents the county from using road funds in the general fund, additional money derived from front footage assessments on subdivision lands could be placed in the road fund, resulting in less money being transferred from the general fund to the road fund. "By invoking the users fee we could free up about \$375,000 to address the needs of the jail," Howell said.

Howell then referred to four different Alto area subdivisions which ranged from paved to poor gravel road surface. He used figures from the road department to determine a rough estimate cost per mile to upgrade and keep the roads in good condition. However, some subdivisions had so few developed lots that the property taxes coming from the properties were too low to cover the needed costs to maintain the roads.

Howell said state law that allows for the front footage tax also requires that the tax only be imposed on roads that require "extraordinary maintenance." Howell said he did not believe all subdivisions roads could be assessed since some did not receive "extraordinary maintenance."

But citizens wanted to know how the county planned to define "extraordinary maintenance."

Howell said it will be any road in a subdivision where the properties do not pay enough taxes to provide sufficient funds to the road department to provide extraordinary maintenance.

One citizen asked if extraordinary maintenance just meant mowing, snow removal and an occasional blading. The citizen said that road front tax was inequitable because some subdivisions butt against metes and bounds lands which do not pay front footage tax, or properties at dead ends that have no front footage tax yet whose owners use the entire length of the county road. Another citizen said many of the subdivision roads don't need as much maintenance. Another commented that chip seal and paved roads are extraordinary maintenance.

County citizen and subdivision property owner Bob Stephens said any frontage fee imposed on property in a subdivision should be kept in a fund to be used for maintenance just for that subdivision's roads. Stephens owns a large subdivision tract that has county road on three sides, about 5,000 feet of road front.

County attorney Alan Morel said it makes sense for the money to stay with the subdivision and the fee imposed per foot would be determined by the needs for road maintenance in each subdivision.

County commissioner Monroy Montes said the county can't impose the same frontage fee for all subdivisions. "When we impact the citizens we better be fair," Montes said.

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann said the commissioners "better take a hard look at each subdivision."

Nellie Sanchez, a resident in Palo Verde Slopes whose property is surrounded on three sides with county road, said it was unfair for her to be charged for all three roads when she only uses one to her house. She said she did not mind paying for the one road she uses.

Ruidoso resident Al Junge said he was prejudiced and did not like having to pay taxes for the upkeep of county roads he will never use. He was against the commissioners raising overall property taxes, or raising a mill, just to pay for the county roads. "Go in with a small front footage charge to take care of the roads in subdivisions individually," Junge said.

County commissioner Rex Wilson said he did not believe snow removal was extraordinary maintenance because it is cheaper to remove snow when it first falls, than to maintain roads after the snow was left to melt. Wilson said there is a place for the front footage assessment if there is extraordinary maintenance. Wilson was concerned about Howell's suggestion to impose front footage fees, which are meant to meet the needs of extraordinary maintenance, then taking money out of the road department to finance a detention center.

Montes agreed that some subdivisions "don't fit the definition of extraordinary maintenance" while some need more maintenance immediately.

County commission chairman Ray Nunley said that the county needs to find a way to assess people with subdivision roads on three sides of their property, perhaps charge just for the ingress and egress to their homes. Nunley said he preferred to charge fees on new subdivisions until they are built out enough to provide sufficient taxes to cover the costs for maintenance.

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann said that properties on paved roads are more valuable and in return pay more taxes. He did not

Final County Budget Hearing On May 19

by Doris Cherry

At 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, Lincoln County Commissioners will conduct their final public hearing on the preliminary 1998-99 fiscal year budget.

Commissioners called for the special meeting to continue to work on the preliminary budget which had finally reached required cash reserves, but which proposed to spend more than was expected in revenues.

County commissioners Monroy Montes and Wilton Howell advocated a gross receipt tax to help fund a new jail and for other county needs. However, a gross receipt tax must be approved by the voters.

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann said part of the "deficit" is the \$1.2 million dedicated to the remodeling of Lincoln County Medical Center. "That spending is an investment to our facility, to make it more valuable," Schwettmann said. "I'm not always so concerned with deficit spending when it is investing in the future."

Howell said that the deficit spending was about \$747,000 as he figured it. He said the county could recover about \$400,000 if the commissioners imposed a 30 cent a road front footage fee on subdivision roads. "Tie the expense to the people who benefit from it," he said.

He suggested a gross receipt tax for the jail and for the volunteer fire department fund instead of using a mill for the fire departments as is done now.

Montes wondered why residents don't become advocates of the gross receipt tax because it would reduce property taxes to finance county government.

During discussion about the budget, Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan asked for one four wheel drive vehicle and one full time officer. At a


special budget hearing May 6 Sullivan had agreed to two temporary officers for no more than nine months to fill in for two deputies who were injured off the job. During discussion with Sullivan Montes suggested Sullivan pursue a federal Fast Cops grant that provides 75 percent of the salary of an officer with the county to pay the remaining 25 percent. In the past Montes was against the county pursuing such a grant because he did not want to increase the number of county employees.

Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor asked if there was enough to provide some raise in pay for the county employees. Commission chairman Ray Nunley agreed with Proctor about the raises and said the commission would look at the revenues at mid-year. Wilson said that would be the number one priority as revenues come in and changes are made to the 1998-99 budget.

Howell ended the discussion by asking that a purchasing officer position be addressed in the manager's office fund.

Commissioners did not rededicate the mills for the next budget year because a resolution was not prepared. Commissioners had agreed May 8 to turn the capital outlay and facilities fund which are financed with mills back to the general fund instead of earmarking the money for the specific uses. Also a one-eighth mill earmarked to purchase insurance for the volunteer fire fighters was rescinded and turned back to the general fund with the money to pay the insurance to be taken from the general fund.

Commissioners will once again review the preliminary budget, and take action on a resolution dedicating mills at the special budget hearing at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse.

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- THURSDAY, MAY 14**
 —Lincoln County Senior Olympics Horseshoes competition 10 a.m. Carrizozo Country Club.
 —Special dedication and ribbon cutting of new Carrizozo Water Treatment Plant 4 p.m. at the plant.
 —Capitan Board of Education regular meeting and 1998-99 tentative budget approval 6 p.m. school administration building.
 —Libertarian Party of Lincoln County 7 p.m. Texas NM Power office in Ruidoso.
- FRIDAY, MAY 15**
 —Capitan Kindergarten graduation 9 a.m. Traylor Gym.
 —Capitan High School sports banquet 6 p.m. Traylor Gym.
- TUESDAY, MAY 19**
 —Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority Board 2 p.m. authority offices in Ruidoso Downs.
 —Special Lincoln County Commission preliminary budget hearing 6 p.m. Commissioners chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo.
 —Carrizozo Board of Education regular meeting and special budget hearing 6 p.m. school administration building.
 —Lincoln Historic Preservation Board 7 p.m. Watson House.
- THURSDAY, MAY 21**
 —Lincoln County Democrat Party 7 p.m. Cree Meadows Restaurant in Ruidoso.
 —Carrizozo High School sports banquet 6 p.m. school cafeteria.
- FRIDAY, MAY 22**
 —Last day of school for Capitan students.
 —Carrizozo Kindergarten graduation 6:30 p.m. old gym.
- SATURDAY, MAY 23**
 —Maritime and Veterans Memorial Ceremony at Fort Stanton Cemetery 10:30 a.m.
 —Capitan High School graduation 11 a.m. Tiger field.

Carrizozo Water Plant To Be Dedicated At 4:00 P.M. Today

by Barbara Culler
 The Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees met Tuesday, May 12. All the members of the board were present.

Skipper Victor Schaefer, United States Merchant Marine retired, thanked the trustees for their proclamation in support of Veterans Appreciation Week. He said there is a good team of veterans associated with the New Mexico Merchant Marine and Military Memorial Cemetery at Fort Stanton. The Memorial service to be held May 23 is being put on by the veterans and Fort Stanton Inc. and Schaefer said it should be an interesting and enjoyable family day for those who attend. Fort Stanton Inc. has plans for the future use of the Fort when it is no longer being used as a correction facility.

Schaefer said that the veterans have been trying for a number of years to get some type of official recognition of the cemetery. He said that the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) is becoming concerned that some of their national cemeteries, including the one in Santa Fe, are reaching capacity. The USDVA is making arrangements with various states whereby the state provides the property and the federal government will subsidize the operations of the cemetery. He said that Fort Stanton is one of only about three cemeteries under consideration and that he has recently received word that U.S. Senator Pete Domenici and Congressman Joe Skeen have approached the USDVA and proposed that the Fort Stanton Cemetery be considered and that it would be considered. Schaefer said that a few months ago governor Gary Johnson's support of the proposal was published in the local newspapers.

Schaefer gave mayor Manuel Hernandez a letter of appreciation for the trustees support of Veterans Appreciation Week, announcement about the cemetery, and copies of the program for May 23. Rene Burton reported to the trustees that the Carrizozo Action Team is going ahead on the street lighting for Central Ave. Hernandez said that he would like the Action Team to know that the mayor and the council are all very proud of the group and so should the citizens of Carrizozo be for the organization.

Eddie Livingston, of Livingston Associates from Alamogordo, gave the trustees an update on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) water filtration project. Livingston said the water filtration plant has been in full scale operation for more than a month and is producing very high quality water. The water more than exceeds the minimum level required by the environment department. Livingston said he wanted to thank Carrizozo for supporting the project and that the plant will last a long time and serve Carrizozo well. Livingston announced that the official dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony of the

water filtration plant will be Thursday, May 14, at 4:00 p.m. Many of the officials who have been involved with the project will be there and the public is invited also. There will be champagne glasses so that everyone will be able to get a drink of water directly from the plant to toast with. Trustee Eileen Lovelace said that the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce will probably also do something for the dedication.

Livingston also told the trustees that Livingston Associates have submitted to them a request for amendment to their design contract in November and he is requesting the council to act on that request. This amendment covers a dedicated line run to the water tank, which allows the plant to be controlled more precisely off the tank level and provides longer contact time for the chlorination. This addition required more design effort. Livingston Associates had a surveyor go out and survey the line which cost \$499.93. He is asking for \$2,000 to cover four plan and profile sheets they prepared and \$500 for 10 more sets of drawings and specifications reproduced for the extra con-

tractors who were interested when the project went out to bid (this is \$50 for each set). Livingston said the total, re- quest including the gross receipts tax is \$3,185.65. The (SEE PAGE 7)

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From The Editor's Desk

Ignoring the law?

By Ruth Hammond

Did you know that at least one county commissioner doesn't care what the law says? Did you know one county commissioner believes the Lincoln County Treasurer's business is "on the revenue side" and that the treasurer has no business in the finance office? If the treasurer has no business in the finance office then why do we need a county treasurer? When the matter was discussed at the county commission meeting Tuesday Lincoln County Treasurer Joan Park said by state law her office could have complete control over all finances, both revenue and expenditures. Her comments about, "The law says..." were cut off by county commissioner Monroy Montes when he said, "I don't care about that." Park said by state law the treasurer must keep account of all money in county government. That should be BOTH revenues AND expenditures.

Apparently some of the commissioners believe the different county departments should not be working together because "other departments aren't your business." Maybe some commissioners should make an effort to learn more about what county government is supposed to be and what county government is supposed to do.

One thing the county is supposed to do is maintain roads and through the years roads have been a priority until recently. Now the priority seems to be spending unbudgeted money during the year which has caused a problem with the budget for next fiscal year. It has taken several weeks of work for the budget to have the cash reserves which are required by the state but the budget proposed to spend more than was expected in revenues. Maybe commissioners should ask the treasurer about keeping account of money in county government. Then again other departments aren't their business.

Apparently some commissioners forget that every department in the Lincoln County Courthouse is OUR business and the best way for the elected officials in charge of the different departments to do their work efficiently is to work with the other departments. Maybe some commissioners forget that they were elected to work FOR Lincoln County, not against other elected officials. Apparently some commissioners forget that county business is public record and not a private business that can keep certain records secret.

As individuals, each of the commissioners has the right to keep his private business secret but as members of county government they have a responsibility to answer to the public. As individuals commissioners can spend their own money any way they choose but as members of county government they have a responsibility to budget county taxpayer money wisely and to follow that budget. As individuals commissioners can ignore any law but as members of county government they have a responsibility to obey all laws, especially laws pertaining to performing the duty of their office.

When elected officials try to keep public records secret, people question why. When elected officials foolishly spend taxpayer money, people question why. When elected officials ignore their oaths of office, people question why. When elected officials use their power for the benefit of a select few, people question why. When elected officials don't obey the laws, people question why.

Questions should be answered. Asking questions as to actions taken by the county commission is not criticism, it is a public right. Asking questions as to actions taken by the commissioners is not a hate crime, it is a public right. We don't wear long white hooded capes and as far as we know none of THE NEWS staff has left burning crosses in anyone's yard. Maybe we need Voodoo dolls.

County records are public



Lodgers Tax To Be On Special Meeting Agenda

by Doris Cherry

The lack of communication and the lack of a standardized form for the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax committee allowed several requests for promotional funding to fall through the cracks this spring.

Paul Crown, chairman of the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee, reported to the Lincoln County Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday in Ruidoso. He said one problem is the Lodgers Tax Committee meets the same day as commissioners, so any request approved by the lodgers tax has to wait a month before it goes to the commissioners. Another problem is the committee has no standard way to forward its recommendations about requests to the county commission. Crown said the committee is considering moving their meeting dates to be at least two weeks prior to the county commission meetings to make funding of requests more timely.

Prior to January, assistant county manager Martha Guevara would read the Lodgers Tax Committee minutes to determine what recommendations the committee made about funding requests. However, Guevara said she stopped doing that in January. The committee did not meet in February, but did meet in March and April. But Crown was concerned that commission approval of the lodgers tax committee recommendations to fund requests were not on the commissioners' agenda. Those requests were \$1,000 for the Fort Stanton Fete, \$1,500 for the New Mexico Reading Conference, \$300 to the White Oaks Mining Days, \$500 to the Lincoln County Arts Council and \$700 to Ruidoso Printing for the county brochures.

Crown also said the lodgers tax committee never gets a report on whether the commission had approved the recommendations, or how much of the request was used. Crown said he started making requests to be on the county commission agenda in January or March.

Lincoln County Treasurer, Joan Park said she became involved in March when she, former county manager Frank Potter, county finance officer, Punkin Schlarb, and assistant Anita Sambrano met with Crown on how to handle the funding requests. Of the April meeting, Park said she only got the minutes of that meeting about a week ago.

Park said her office has taken over collection of the lodgers taxes and was asked to prepare purchase orders based on the minutes of the lodgers tax committee meetings. But commissioner Rex Wilson thought it was cumbersome and he thought the disbursements should come through the manager's office.

But when Wilson tried to approve the requests, commissioner Wilton Howell said he supported the requests be on the agenda of the next special meeting for a vote. County attorney Alan Morel said the county's ordinance establishing the lodgers tax requires the lodgers tax committee to submit requests and recommendations to the county commission for final approval.

Commissioner Monroy Montes said the intent of the meeting with Crown was get an update on what the lodgers tax committee is doing as there was no communication between the manager and the county commission.

Inside The Capitol
by Jay Miller

SANTA FE: Even among bitter enemies, compromise was possible.

The Legislature's six-day special session lasted twice as long as Gov. Gary Johnson said was necessary and half as long as predicted by Senate Democrat leader Manny Aragon. As Johnson kept adding items to his special session agenda, he upped his estimate for a "businesslike" session from one, to two, to three days. Aragon said with that heavy an agenda, all kinds of bills would be "philandering around" and the session would go 10, maybe 15 days.

House Speaker Raymond Sanchez predicted five days and was on a timetable to adjourn Monday morning until it became obvious that House members weren't going to pass a drive-up liquor window closure bill that would be acceptable to the Senate and the governor. Yes, the Senate and governor were on the same side of the issue.

So Sanchez told House members they would stay another 25 days if that is what it took to get a workable bill. By late evening, they had done it.

Considering this session's degree of difficulty, six days was good. I figured two more days at a minimum. The liquor bill loomed as the back breaker. Although Gov. Johnson and senators has resigned themselves during the regular session to the inevitability of a simple closure of liquor windows, House members still looked for a way to compensate package store owners for their loss. They also listened to smaller communities that said drive-up windows weren't a problem in their area.

But polls showed the majority of New Mexicans think window closures will reduce drunken driving. By the final morning of the session, public reaction on Albuquerque talk radio had reached the hate state — and all legislators were being painted with the same brush. Emotions at the Capitol, already stretched to breaking, ratcheted up another notch. But lawmakers kept cool enough to pass a package of bill that included one that anti-DWI activist Nadine Milford appreciatively called an advocate's dream.

Other explosive issues included veto overrides, confirmation of gubernatorial appointees, budget transfer authority and decreased revenues from casinos. Lest you think the Senate has turned into a bunch of softies, it was that body that did the rabble-rousing on vetoes and confirmations.

Ultimately lawmakers overrode one veto, while two other attempts never got off the ground. Both houses scraped together enough Republican votes for the two-thirds majority required for an override. The subject was care for the developmentally disabled. Although it was a compassion issue, Democrats aren't likely to be able to use it against Republican candidates in the coming campaigns because it is difficult to explain and may be unconstitutional. Even though the subject was on the session's agenda, addressing it through a veto override may not pass a court test.

A cigarette tax to finance cancer research and children's health care was the other veto override discussed. It generated the most fireworks, but no vote. Sen. Billy McKibben, a Hobbs Republican, wasn't able to round up enough Republicans for the override. The third issue never was brought off the table. Gov. Johnson's three recent cabinet appointees were all approved. Corrections Secretary Rob Perry was grilled by the Senate for three days but passed muster by making some promises to Democrat leaders.

But the main reason for the relatively quick session had less to do with cooperation than with lawmakers' desire to quickly get back to their jobs, businesses and political campaigns. Aragon and Sanchez signaled that

one the day before the session began when they were chided by Republican leader, Sen. Ray Kysar, for not coming up with a list of requested special session topics for the governor.

Sanchez and Aragon both said they has asked their Democrat caucuses what they would like to see on the agenda and both caucuses said they didn't even want to have a session.

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LETTERS to the editor

EDITOR: Once again the forces of ignorance, superstition and religious fanaticism are on the march in New Mexico.

I am referring to the New Mexico Board of Education selecting 10 new members to its 20-member state textbook commission.

It would appear that the selection process was used to stack the commission with people who believe creationism should be taught in our public schools at the expense of the theory of evolution, the only widely accepted theory among scientists on the biological origins of species.

Creationism, as expounded in the Holy Bible, is one of many stone age creation myths, with modern embellishments, that attempt to explain the origins of the universe in general and man in particular.

As such it has nothing to do with science and everything to do with religious dogma, and as such it cannot be taught as science in our public schools. That is the law of the land.

We are fortunate to live in a country where you can belong to any religion, be it Islam, the world's largest, or Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Native-American, or the thousands of other religions, denominations, sects, cults that Americans subscribe to.

As Americans we are free to believe in any god, or gods or no god without being persecuted by the government or your fellow citizens. This is not the case in much of the world. You are also free to believe that the earth is flat, that the sun orbits the earth, or in elves, fairies, little green men, or things that go bump in the night.

You are free to teach your religion in your churches, temples, mosques, or in private schools, your homes, etc. But you do not have the right to force your religious beliefs on others as scientific fact.

Let's keep it that way.

DONALD QUEEN
Carrizozo, New Mexico

EDITOR: We have lived along a road for 18 years which was maintained by the County the first 12 years. Then, six years ago the maintenance stopped. The reason, we were told, was that it is a private road. (A sudden decision?). Many times this road is impassable. We have repeatedly asked for just a little maintenance, but the answer has always been "no maintenance—it is a priveroad". Last fall we were told that if we filed an application for a road review, a committee would come out and look at this road and form an opinion. This we did in September, 1997. Nothing happened.

On April 13, 1998, we were surprised to see a County

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road grader making improvements on the road (private road). Our daughter asked the road department if this meant it was no longer considered private. She was told they were grading it only "as a favor" for someone because the archeologists from El Paso, TX, wanted to allow school buses and the public to view the dig on Forest Service land over a period of weeks. Since we were still being told it is a private road, we informed the archeologists we had no choice but to deny access unless we received a different opinion from the County.

That got more attention from the "powers that be" than our six years of pleading. Within 24 hours one of the commissioners sent a deputy sheriff out to inform us that this is NOT a PRIVATE ROAD and we have no right to limit access. Finally, I thought, after we had been telling the County that for six years.

So I went to the County Manager's office and asked for a simple statement in writing saying this is not a private road. The acting County Manager told me that the attorney for the county had informed her she could not put it in writing. Could this mean that after the tours end, the archeologists leave, and the road is in need of repair, they want to be able to again say it is a private road? Does it change from private to non-private depending on who wants to use it?

When the road again becomes impassable, as it does when it rains or snows, will anyone be there to "do a favor" for some tax-paying permanent resident senior citizens? I doubt it!

Oh, well, maybe some geologists, scientists, or someone else from out-of-state will give the road department a call.

TERRY BRAZIE
Nogal, New Mexico

CARRIZOZO CHIT CHAT

Leadership Institute
Briton Goad was selected and attended the 10th annual High School Student Leadership Institute in Albuquerque on the University of New Mexico campus. The Institute was designed to provide students from New Mexico schools with information to supplement their existing knowledge of the important issues facing our country today. It was U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman's goal to encourage students' interest in how public policy decisions are made. Students could participate in three seminars led by members of Bingaman's legislative staff from Washington, D.C. The three seminars Briton participated in were national security, balanced budget, and juvenile justice.

Academic Achievement Award which was presented to those students whose records of superior achievement in high school merits recognition and sets them apart as one most likely to succeed in college and the years ahead. Students from the Carrizozo Municipal School receiving the Honor Scholar Academic Achievement Award were Melissa Nava, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Nava, and Briton Goad, son of Dr. and Mrs. Dale Goad.

News Around Lincoln County

Candidates Night
Candidates for the June primary election have been invited to attend candidate's night at San Patricio Senior Center May 28 at 6 p.m. The public is welcome to welcome.

Municipal Judge Report
Carrizozo Municipal Judge C.O. Rominger III reported the following court activity for April: two bench warrants, three days jail time used, two marriages performed and 56 cases docketed.

Financial summary for April: \$2,050 general fund fines levied and \$588 court costs levied. Collections: \$1,783 general fund collections and \$518 court costs collected; \$977 time payments owed. Disbursements: \$1,783 to general fund, \$370 to correction fee, \$111 to court automation, \$37 to judicial education fee.

Stock Car Winners
Josh Hammond placed third in the main event for the street stock classification Friday at Sertoma Speedway. Rick Emmons placed 14th in the IMCA modified main event. Sertoma Speedway is 40 miles south of Carrizozo on Highway 54.

Honors Program
Members of New Mexico State University Alumni Association hosted an Honors Program on the NMSU campus in Alamogordo recently. Students selected to participate received the Honor Scholar

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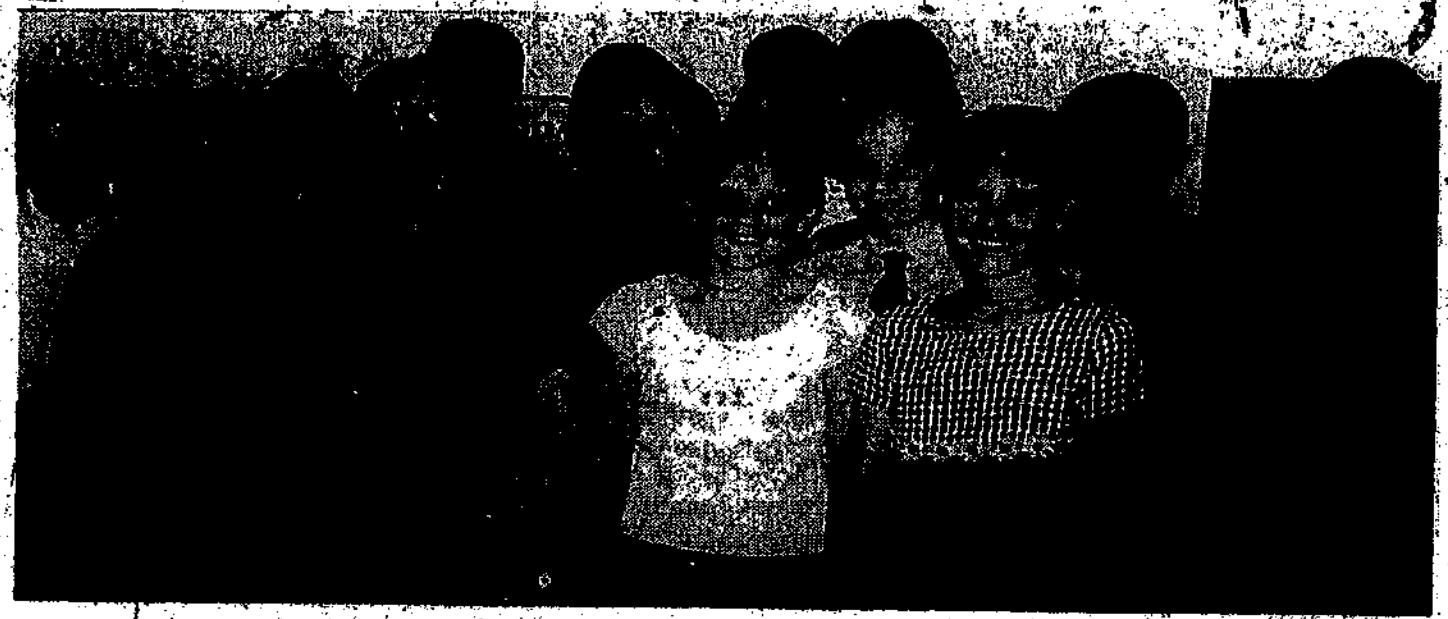
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\$1,095 to the youth baseball, \$500 to the Capitan Public Library, \$1,000 to the Lincoln County Fair, \$1,000 to the Junior Rodeo Club and designated \$300 as a set aside fund for later needs. That left \$3,213 of the total amount

from the county. Trustees turned down a \$720 request for the Fort Lone Tree Bible Camp youth council at the advice of the attorney who said the program was only for a select few and is not open for everyone. Trustees did fund an additional \$500 request from the Capitan Public Library board to buy books and an additional \$1,500 from the youth baseball. With the two requests there would be \$1,213 left in the recreation fund.

Village clerk Deborah Cummins said she is working with Capitan School Superintendent Diana Billingsley on a joint powers agreement for use of the school property as a baseball park. Cummins was to call the insurance company to check if the village can provide insurance to the ball park on school land.

A property considered an eyesore is destined to get cleaned. Trustees were somewhat dumbfounded when they opened the bid from Mike Long to clean the Grimaud property which is located just east of the Trinity Baptist Church. Because of complaints from neighbors that the property was abandoned and was a safety problem because of tall weeds and debris, the village went through a long process of notifying the property owners to clean it up, or the village will do it and charge them for the cost. With no response from the owners, trustees solicited someone to clean up the property. Long's bid-\$0.00, but he wanted to salvage the three old vehicles and the tractor trailer which sat on the property. Another bid, from Carrol Durbin was



CAPITAN MID-SCHOOL JR. HONOR SOCIETY inducted these new members at a ceremony on Monday, May 4. Students must have maintained a 3.5 grade point average, displayed leadership and outstanding character traits to be nominated to the society. Students are (from left on back) Kelly Blank, Jessica Tuiley Mitchell, Stephanie Kelsey, Ginger Cupt, Candie Turner, Lucera Montes and Kate Cherry. Middle row from left are Jerod Wilson, Seth Adcock, Kelly Owen and Josh Osborn, front row from left are Brady Powell, Alison Hendrix, Emily Hobbs and Alena Borowski.

for \$348 to clean and mow the property, but not to salvage the tractor trailer.

Because Long wanted to salvage the vehicles and semi trailer, that led to a discussion of whether this was what trustees intended as cleaning. Cummins said the legal notice published in local papers stated the village wanted bids for cleaning up the property. Trustee Leroy Montes urged caution in allowing Long to remove any property with value. Trustee Debra Ingle agreed. But Ingle said that the only thing to be left on the property was the mobile home.

Beauvais said state laws allow the village to pay the cost of cleaning the property by granting title to all salvageable materials. He also said if the structures on the property were a safety threat and were dilapidated they could also be removed.

Cummins said the building has been secured. And Durbin, village chief of police, said the semi trailer also is locked. Beauvais said if (the cleaning) is a health and safety issue then the intact and secured mobile home and trailer do not fit the definition of being unsafe, just because they are unattractive.

Trustees accepted Long's bid, but agreed the semi trailer and mobile home had to stay.

Jim Stover, director of Ruidoso EMS which now oversees the county EMS ambulance services, gave an update. With a goal of having two EMTs available for each ambulance 24 hours a day, Stover began EMS classes in Corona, Hondo and hopes to begin class in Capitan. All EMTs are now employees of Lincoln County Medical Center, which covers the liability for the EMTs. Stover credited Capitan for having a number of dedicated volunteers.

On equipment, a badly needed \$6,500 upgrade of the EMS radio repeaters was completed this spring. EMS is seeking to purchase a new four wheel drive ambulance for Capitan and would like to get heating and water into the ambulance bay in Capitan.

Most of all Stover encouraged everyone to support the volunteer EMTs. "Give them recognition for the work they are doing," Stover said. "No one makes a living as an EMT."

In other business, trustees: --Adopted an ordinance raising the Automated Court fee from \$3 to \$5, as directed by a new state law.

--Authorized staff to proceed on the process of renewing existing general obligation bonds. The voters must approve the renewal.

--Approved a budget increase resolution for the 1997-98 fiscal year budget to transfer \$15,000 from the General Fund to the Law Enforcement Protection Fund (LEPF) to allow immediate purchase of the law enforcement pick-up which was delivered sooner

than anticipated. The LEPP will reimburse the \$15,000 after July 1.

--Heard the mayor declare May 22-30 as Veterans Appreciation Week, and announced the Fort Stanton Maritime and Veteran's Memorial Service at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 23.

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Capitan Fire Chief David Cummins strongly discourages residents to burn now. Any resident who wishes to burn debris must first obtain a permit from Cummins. "I may even refuse the right to burn due to the high winds and brittle dry grass," Cummins said.

Village of Capitan also prohibits outdoor watering between the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Village water supervisor Terry Cox said the biggest problems are sprinklers turned on during mid-day when the wind is blowing. "Residents need to use more conservative methods of watering," Cox said. He said that watering by irrigation, soaker hose or drip irrigation during the day are not as much a problem as sprinkling, but he still recommended all watering be done during evening and early morning hours.

Capitan Cleanup May 28 And 29

The village of Capitan has designated May 28 and 29 as Spring Cleanup Days.

Two large roll-off containers will be placed next to Capitan Village Hall to take yard waste, old furniture or appliances and construction waste.

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Carrizozo Water Plant

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amount of \$3,185.55 was approved by the trustees. Carrizozo Chief of Police Angelo Vega presented the police department general report. The resignation of police officer Milton George Herrington was accepted by the trustees. Vega said that he has been getting a lot of inquiries from his advertisement for a new police officer. The deadline for applying for the position is May 19. Interviews will be held by Vega and the trustees on May 27. The trustees gave Vega approval to attend the police civil liability seminar on May 18, also approved his request for per diem for this seminar. Vega reported on what he is doing on code enforcement of the weed ordinance. He said he has written several letters and visited with several members of the community and told them that the mayor, the council, and he, as chief of police, would like to offer their assistance in cleaning up properties and picking up debris. Vega said he "would like this to be an effort from the Town of Carrizozo to the citizens, not an issue of fighting or complaining on each other." He has gotten some good responses. On code enforcement of livestock in the town limits there have been about four complaints involving cows, horses, and chickens, Vega said. He will be attending to this as soon as he can. During the discussion it was stated this was something that needed work on. In the animal control ordinance there is a \$10 fee to register the premises not the livestock, town clerk Carol Schlarb said. Vega said that he will bring information to the trustees at the next meeting on this subject. Vega asked for approval for

a police chaplain. The police department has had a lot of participation from Fr. Dave Bergs, the pastor at Santa Rita Catholic Church, and the local ministers and one has an interest in participating in being a police chaplain. Fr. Dave has offered to be police chaplain and he is willing to pay, on his own, to go to seminars that will help him in assisting the police. The police chaplain will help victims or people who get stranded get help if they need it. The police chaplain will be receiving participation from the other ministers in town. The trustees approved Fr. Dave as the Carrizozo Police Department Chaplain. Trustees approved a committee for the Carrizozo Police Department Scholarship Fund. The following people were recommended by Vega and approved by the trustees for this committee: Pastor Hayden Smith, Duane Vinson, Johnson Stearns, Carrizozo police officer Willy Kerin, and trustee Cynthia Morales. The work release program was discussed during Carrizozo Municipal Judge C. O. Rominger's presentation of the municipal judge general report. Rominger has not used the work release program yet, he said because he has had no one to put on it yet. Trustee Willie Silva asked if the town could use Lincoln County Detention Center prisoners. Rominger said it would have to be with the county's permission as they do not go through his court. Rominger told the trustees that he and Vega would talk to the county and report back to the trustees. A motion was made and approved by the trustees to pay the monthly bill of \$40.79 for a dedicated telephone line


for the grant center for six months starting July 1, 1998 once the permanent place, responsible party for the grant center, and its hours have been established. Christina Full, from the Carrizozo Recreation Center (which is one of the places under consideration for the grant center), said that the hours the center would be open, submitted on the proposal to the Foundation Center, are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. six days a week. The one day it would be closed would be a week day. Full said that the proposals will be reviewed by the Foundation Center this month and Carrizozo should know the results by the end of the month. The requests for proposals (rfp) audit contract service fiscal year 1997-1998 with consideration of a multi-term (3 years) contract was discussed and acted on by the trustees. The town received four proposals. The proposals were from De'Aun Willoughby, CPA from Melrose (currently doing the town's audits), Sandra Rush from Clovis, John Schonberger from Clovis, and Andrew Hoffman from Albuquerque. The trustees voted to award a multi-term (3 year) contract to Willoughby. The vote was 3-1 with Morales voting no. The trustees approved increasing the swimming pool lifeguards wages to \$5.75 per hour. The resolution increasing budget juvenile recreation fund from \$11,863 to \$12,729 was approved. This increase reflects the swimming pool employee wage increases. The resolution increasing general fund trust and agency fund was approved for the amount of \$1,100 for the police department scholarship money. Vega last week reported they had \$1,200; however, this week he said he was mistaken and the amount is \$1,100. Trustees approved a new smoking policy which designates non smoking areas and smoking areas in town buildings. The town will post the designated areas. Approval was given of a proclamation for Clean-Up Month which will be May 15 - June 15. Jerry Wright, general manager of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA), agreed to have an extra roll-off at the Santa Rita

Church parking lot on Saturday, June 6 and Saturday, June 13. Wright said that batteries, tires, and any liquids are not allowed to go into the roll-off. He said water heaters, appliances such as refrigerators and stoves should be stacked separately. A chipper for branches will also be in town those days; however, the place where it will be has not yet been decided. Hernandez said that the town vehicles and employees will be available to help any town person needing help in removing items and residents should contact city hall. At the May 26 meeting of the board of trustees there will be three public hearings: -Intent to increase rates for water, sewer, and garbage. According to Hernandez there has not been a rate increase in nine years. The increases being considered are: water - from the current \$10 for the first 3,000 gallons to \$10.25; from the now charge of \$2.00 to \$2.25 per thousand for above 3,000 gallons; sewer - from the current \$6 to \$6.25 for residential; and garbage - from the current \$9.25 to \$10. -Intent to increase business registration fees. Business registration is now \$25.00. The trustees want to raise that by \$10 and make the registration fee \$35.00. -Intent to enact a liquor license ordinance. Carrizozo previously had a liquor license ordinance but this was repealed within the last four or five years according to the trustees. By law, according to Schlarb, the town can collect up to \$250 fee per year per liquor establishment. Depending on the amount of the fee that could bring in \$1,200 per year to the town. Trustees were discussing a fee of between \$100 and \$250. Silva said he felt it was not right to single out one type of business for this fee to do business in Carrizozo. Silva said he will abstain from voting on this issue. Trustees approved the following fees for the Carrizozo Golf Course: \$7 for 9-holes, \$10 for 18-holes, monthly fee for golfers other than seniors has been discontinued, the seniors monthly fee will be \$25, and a junior fee of \$2.50. There is no trail fee. Public hearings were scheduled for the CDBG grants for 5:00 p.m. on May 26, June 9, June 23, July 14, and July 28, one hour before regular town council meetings. Trustees appropriated funds for the non-detailed budgetary projects for 1998-1999 projects. The projects are: swimming pool - \$50,000, building

of city hall - approximately \$118,000, and vacation/liability compensatory - approximately \$13,000. The letter of resignation by trustee Eileen Lovelace from the Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas board was accepted by the trustees. Carrizozo's member to the board has to be an elected official. Trustees elected Silva as Carrizozo's representative. The board approved the request by Santa Rita Catholic Church for the use of Fred Chavez Park and the closure of 3rd Street for the Santa Rita Fiesta, which will be on July 18 and 19. During the reports from the mayor and the trustees, Hernandez said he has been talking with Starwell Enterprises, from Alto, about their

leasing the Carrizozo Golf Course. The trustees are interested in possibly leasing the golf course out. Hernandez said he will check to see if they need to advertise for people interested in leasing the course. He said that someone will be at the May 26 town council meeting to make a presentation from Starwell. Trustee Wesley Lindsay said that something needs to be done about the condition around the roll-off at the dumping area. He says trash has been dumped below the roll-off area and it is blowing everywhere. After discussion, it was decided to have Morales take the trustees' concerns to the next LCSWA meeting. Morales is the representative from Carrizozo. (SEE PAGE 8)

Thank you to everyone who donated books to the Children's Library Book Drive. Thanks from the Carrizozo Woman's Club and Barbara Culler to the following for the time and effort they gave in redecorating the library, cataloging all the books, and making the drive a success: Sam Smith, Toni Newcomb, Tina Full, Tonjah Tivis, Gary Stout, Peggy Cook, Suzi Fern, Ginny Burd, Louise Brooks, Norwest Bank, High Hopes, the Carrizozo Post Office, Lincoln County News, and the people in the Carrizozo area.



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We the family of Natividad Tive Jiron would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, food, calls, prayers, and donations during the loss of our beloved mother.

Jiron family

Thank You Card

We sincerely hope the adage, better late than never, applies to our expression of heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of love and concern for our beloved sister and aunt, Margaret "Maggie" Lane.

To our many friends we can never adequately express our appreciation for the many cards, prayers, caring thoughts and visits during Maggie's hospital stay and following her subsequent passing to meet her Lord and Savior. God loves each of you and we love you too.

Alma Sherrill and family

Thank You Card

We would like to thank all of you who sent flowers, cards, food, during the time of our loss of our mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, Francisca R. Pacheco.

We would also like to thank Frontier Medical Home Health Care for the wonderful care they gave; thank you to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church choir for the beautiful music; thank you to Fr. Dave for the beautiful service. May God bless you all.

The family of Francisca R. Pacheco, David Pacheco & family, Tillie Noble & family, Josephina Silva & family, Juanita Gallegos & family, Cuca Chavez & family



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SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following information was taken from dispatch records in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in the courthouse in Carrizozo:

February 11:
 12:43 a.m. caller reported two vehicle accident on Gavilan Canyon Road. Ruidoso police, state police, Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) and Bonito Fire Department responded.
 2:29 a.m. 911 cell phone caller reported black cow at mile marker 243 on Highway 70, west of Mesalero. Otero County Sheriff's Office was notified.
 3:47 a.m. a 911 cell phone caller reported an accident with injuries on Highway 285 south of Vaughn. Torrance County sheriff's office was notified.

9:55 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for a 32 year old woman who was feeling dizzy. Carrizozo ambulance responded and transported the patient to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo.

3:08 p.m. a deputy advised he received a report at his residence from a parent whose child was beat up at the Alto bus stop while adults watched and did nothing. Another deputy responded.

4:46 p.m. a 911 caller reported a suspicious vehicle with temporary tags cruising a business parking lot. Ruidoso Downs police were notified.

5:09 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police requested to speak with a deputy about a juvenile missing from a

store. Two deputies responded.

11:38 p.m. a commercial bus driver reported a traffic problem on Highway 70. A vehicle in front was speeding up and slowing down, then slamming on brakes all the way to Ruidoso.

February 12:
 12:23 a.m. a caller requested an officer to deliver a message that he was stuck in Ruidoso because of the weather and for them to call him at a number. Capitán police responded.

4:08 a.m. a one vehicle roll over with no injuries was reported on Highway 54 between Vaughn and Corona. Torrance County Sheriff's office and state police were notified.

11:05 a.m. a caller requested to speak to a deputy about a theft of about a cord of firewood and strange messages on his answering machine. Two deputies responded.

11:38 a.m. a caller requested to speak to a deputy about a stolen bag from the bus between Amarillo and Ruidoso, needed for insurance.

12:52 p.m. a caller requested animal control for a dog chasing chickens. Carrizozo police were notified.

3:51 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at the ski area. RALS transported the patient to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

5:24 p.m. a caller requested animal control for neighbors dogs that keep going on to her property in Agua Fria. The animal control officer was notified.

6:22 p.m. a caller requested an officer for a vehicle lockout at a business. Capitán police were notified.

8:36 p.m. a RALS driver advised he was almost run off the road on

Gavilan Canyon Road, and requested a deputy to patrol the Alto area. A deputy patrolled the area but made no contact.

9:50 p.m. a caller reported his brother was possibly drunk and had a rifle hid in a truck on the back road from White Oaks. Two deputies responded.

February 13:
 8:58 a.m. a caller reported criminal damage and theft. A fence was cut and a four wheeler taken from a ranch south of Capitán.

9:22 a.m. an assault and battery of a juvenile was reported. Capitán police were notified.

10:09 a.m. an ambulance was requested at the health clinic. Carrizozo ambulance responded and transported the patient to LCMC.

10:35 a.m. a caller reported trespassers, maybe hunters. Game and Fish was contacted but no officers were available. The caller called again and advised he made contact with the subjects who left.

10:37 a.m. a 911 caller hung up. Dispatch called the number and talked with a principal at a school on Gavilan Canyon and he advised he would take care of it.

10:52 a.m. a caller requested an ambulance for a non-emergency transport from Capitán to Roswell. RALS responded.

10:54 a.m. a caller requested peacekeeping at a location in White Oaks. A deputy responded.

12:01 p.m. a 911 caller from Alto area requested an ambulance for 73 year old woman having breathing problems. RALS responded but the patient refused transport.

12:15 p.m. a 911 caller reported a breaking and entering/criminal damage to property. The caller went on a trail ride and upon return found a window broken. The caller did not enter the residence and didn't know if anything was missing.

4:53 p.m. a caller from the Hondo area reported a stolen vehicle, possibly taken by his daughter.

5:52 p.m. an RV park reported a 34 year old man riding a bike was bitten by a dog. Capitán police were notified.

5:53 p.m. a 911 caller reported her 81 year old mother had a nose bleed for about 10 minutes. Dispatch recommended they transport her to LCMC. They advised they would take her in their private vehicle.

6:12 p.m. a deputy received a report of a harassment at a location off Highway 70.

8:19 p.m. an ambulance was requested for a 17 year old girl at a theater in the Alto area. RALS transported the patient to LCMC.

8:31 p.m. a caller reported a suspicious vehicle at a location off Gavilan Canyon Road for four to five days.

9:05 p.m. an out of service vehicle was reported at mile marker 118 on Highway 54, and a kid in a vehicle was trying to flag someone down.

10:58 p.m. a business requested a deputy for a customer who broke a window. A woman with the man paid for the broken window.

February 14:
 1:19 a.m. state police issued a BOLO (be on the lookout) for a blue vehicle with no tail lights, wanted for questioning about a dead body left at LCMC.

1:21 a.m. a 911 caller hung up. Dispatch called back and was advised that the call was made on a dare. Carrizozo police were notified.

3:17 a.m. the district attorney's office requested the special crime unit go to the Emergency Room at LCMC to speak with the state police officer.

3:38 a.m. a business security system advised that a hold up alarm

was sounding. Carrizozo police were notified.

8:52 a.m. a caller reported an injured deer on Highway 48 in Alto. Game and Fish was called but were unavailable and asked if a deputy could put the animal down.

9:05 a.m. a caller called again about his daughter, a runaway reported the day before. A deputy and the stolen vehicle reported and the harassment. There was no runaway report or card located and the caller refused to give any information on any of the reports and hung up angry. A deputy responded.

10:30 a.m. Ruidoso police advised that three runaway girls were at their office and were requesting assistance from a deputy.

Carrizozo Water Plant

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Morales wanted the citizens of Carrizozo to know that the police department now has a suggestion box available. She also asked what could be done on noise control. If was suggested that the animal control ordinance on barking dogs be enforced. Vega said he will check state statues on control of loud music and noises.

The next regular meeting of the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees will be May 26.

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U.S. Senator Pete Domenici is accepting applications from New Mexico high school juniors interested in attending one of the United States military service academies in 1999. Applications for Domenici's nominations will be accepted through Oct. 1.

Legal requirements include U.S. citizenship, be between the ages of 17 and 22 by July 1, 1999, unmarried, childless, no legal requirement to provide support to a dependent, and be of good moral character. Students submitting applications to Domenici must also be residents of New Mexico.

The academies offer a four

year scholarship to all students accepted for admission. The academies include the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, CO, the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD, and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

For more information contact Domenici's offices in New Mexico at 625 Silver SW, Albuquerque, NM 87103, phone 505-766-3481 or 1065 South Main Street, Building D-13, Suite 1, Las Cruces, NM 88005, phone 505-526-5475. High school counselors should also have information about the service academy nomination process.

Commissioner Wants Road Tax To

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consider the paved roads in Alto to need extraordinary maintenance. "But it could be the courts will be the ones to define extraordinary maintenance," Schwettmann said.

Schwettmann also was concerned with Howell's suggestion that road footage fees could help offset the costs of a detention center. "This is nothing but a tax," Schwettmann said, "if they want it, fine. This is not a quick easy fix. We tried it and it was proved illegal."

Four years ago county commissioners rescinded the road footage fee after threat of lawsuit alleging the tax was illegally charged to all subdivisions regardless if the subdivision roads received extraordinary maintenance.

Citizen E. J. Fouratt who lives in a subdivision in the county, said a basic function of county government is roads. "\$400,000 for roads is not much," he said. "Look at that barn (Glencoe Rural Events Center) that will never make a profit. What about the road department work at the arena? Was the road department reimbursed for that work?" No one answered whether the

road department was reimbursed for that excavation work at the arena as well as moving stages, hauling and laying base course in parking lot, welding, planting, cutting weeds, mowing, etc.

Ruidoso resident Charles Rennick said he supported self assessments and impact user fees imposed on developers who use existing roadways to develop new properties, not imposed on the people who live in the subdivisions.

Jim Matsler, a resident of Eagle Creek Canyon, said his road is used by nonresidents on their way to a dirt motorcycle track and he didn't think it was fair for residents to pay for the road being used by others. He also said each subdivision should be considered for foot footage fee on its own merit.

Nunley closed the public hearing on the front footage tax and commissioners took no action other than to set another public hearing on the proposed tax at the July regular county commission meeting. Howell also requested the county attorney research the definition of extraordinary and have a report at the July meeting.

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CORONA NEWS

Teachers and students are counting down to the last day of school Thursday, May 21. The FFA installation and banquet is Friday, May 15. The Academic Athletic awards banquet has been postponed to Monday, May 18.

Graduation is May 23 with Rep. Doug Williams the speaker. Leslie Carnell will be here to present a scholarship. His classmates are planning to greet him.

Mrs. Erma Bryan has tendered her resignation after 24 years in the classroom. She has many plans for her retirement.

Mrs. Johnnie Erramouspe has returned from Logan where she spent the Mother's Day long weekend with the Todd Tatums.

Shelley and Chris Pettit arrived Thursday evening from Durango, CO to make their home here. When the decision to move was made, their son, Justin Oliver stayed here with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Owen to continue his first grade studies in the Corona School which he likes very much.

The Yanceys and Porters are working on the cemetery. Helpers are always welcome there.

Crown CowBelles met Thursday morning, May 7 in the school recreation room with eight members including two new ones, Leta Sharp and Sue Hughes.

President Lanita Rasak asked the by-laws committee to give a brief explanation of the proposed changes which are to be voted next meeting. Copies of the by-laws with changes were distributed. Members not present will receive a hand delivered copy or one through the mail.

Members are to be recognized with a brief biography and a favorite beef recipe in articles in the Lincoln County News. The first to be saluted will be Muriel Pounds who with a daughter gave the beef for the dinner theater recent production. Others involved in this were two granddaughters and one great granddaughter.

The president named Lee Sultemeier to serve on the scholarship committee with Trish Cox, chairman, and Sabra Davidson. Kay Sultemeier will serve as advisor

and will distribute application forms to the seniors Friday, applications to be returned to her in one week. The scholarship is \$100 to be presented after the student registers in a New Mexico school.

A book "Facts Not Fear" by the American Farm Bureau is available at \$6.00.

The video "Cycle of Life" will be ordered and available to all grades. It will be kept by the secretary.

Mrs. Rasak named Helen Porter to chair the Man of the Year Committee. She will choose the ones to help. Crown's Man of the Year will be recognized at a picnic in Red Cioad Canyon at 5:00 p.m., Saturday, June 6. Lee Sultemeier will bring a grill and the hamburger meat; Mrs. Rasak the bun. There will be a Bill McVeigh plaque and a Martha Garza cake for the lucky man. Duane Frost, Crown's 1997 Man of the Year will finally get his plaque.

Mrs. Cox was hostess for the brisket lunch.

June Tyree, 1st VP introduced the speaker for the afternoon, Hollis Fuchs, Range Land Management specialist. Tommy Tyree came in to hear this talk. Mr. Fuchs, a native of Lincoln County, is serious in the pursuit of his hobby. He would like to see the watershed restored to its original state of grass and less undergrowth. His hobby is an expensive and time consuming one.

He shows slides as evidence of conditions now and then. He finds old pictures of areas in the county, then hunts for the site, and when he finds it takes a picture from the same angle. Corona lies at the top of two watersheds, one into the Pecos Valley and one into the Tularosa Basin. Mr. Fuchs is a good speaker and Crown wishes more could have heard his presentation. The next meeting is the picnic June 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Isica Smith of Amarillo visited friends and had lunch at the senior center one day last week. Mrs. Smith, the former Thelma Gustin, was introducing her husband. They divide their time between Amarillo and T or C where three of her four sons reside.

Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Fouratt of Capitan, stopped by on their way to Taos for a short vacation with friends there.

Mrs. L.K. Merritt was taken to Carrizozo and then by ambulance to an Albuquerque hospital Friday evening. Neuman Merritt brought his mother home Monday afternoon after tests.

Fred Lackey called friends last week to say that he is feeling much better after his five day hospital stay and is busy with his garden. His voice was strong and happy.

Mrs. Betty Minton was in Fort Sumner Saturday to see a granddaughter, Melissa Minton graduate from high school. Melissa plans to enter UNM this fall to start her studies toward an MD in pediatrics.

Volunteers are working on the Corona Museum. Much needs to be done before the summer festival.

On May 1 the Corona Senior Citizens cleaned out the room at the Village of Corona, and now have their belongings in one building. Workers were Ruth Davidson, Theresa Barajas, Joyce Wincheater, Johnnie Faye Harleson, Marsha Adamson, Loretta Proctor, and site coordinator Denise Byrd.

On the 6th of May the

seniors and other volunteers picked up trash for one mile on Highway 54 toward Carrizozo. Three pickup loads were collected by Bill and Johnnie Faye Harleson, Theresa Barajas, Ruth Davidson, Byron and Cathy Yancey, Johnnie Erramouspe, Denise Byrd, Lee and Patsy Mulkey. The center plans on doing three more miles in the near future. There will be ole' time

music furnished by The Dials from Estancia on the 15th of May, at 1:00 p.m., everyone is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Byrd, Mr. and Mrs. Cody Lightfoot attended the graduation of Jason Byrd from Fort Sumner on May 10.

On May 11 Karen Hobbs and Knollene McDaniel presented a program on magnets to the seniors.

Babe and Elmo Tracey this date May 12, have just returned from a 12 day trip to Vancouver, Wash. and points in between. Babe's brother, Matt Boehm passed away April 29. Babe had just been home for four or five days after flying to Washington to visit her brother and other family members.

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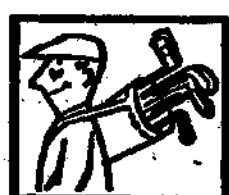
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Carrizozo Governing Body invites you to attend the 1st Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 26, 1998 at 5:00 p.m., at Town Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, N.M. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the Small Cities Community Development Grant (CDBG) Program to advise citizens of the program objectives, range of activities that can be applied for and provide other pertinent information; to obtain the views of citizens on community development and housing needs to include the needs of low and moderate income people. The CDBG program is designed to meet activities which will address one to three state and national objectives.

- 1.) Benefit principally low-moderate income families.
- 2.) Aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight.
- 3.) Meet other community development needs of recent origin which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community.

All counties and municipalities under 50,000 population are eligible to apply. Applicants may apply for funding assistance under categories including: COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING, PUBLIC SERVICE CAPITAL OUTLAY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EMERGENCY, PLANNING AND COLONIAS.

Complete information concerning this program can be obtained at the public hearing along with information on how to receive technical assistance on preparing a proposal for consideration. For further information, contact Carol Schlarb, Town Clerk at 648-2371, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301. The public is encouraged to attend.

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NOTICIA DE JUNTA ABIERTA AL PUBLICO May 26, 1998 PUEBLO DE CARRIZOZO

El Consejo de Comisarios del Pueblo de Carrizozo tendra una junta publica el martes 26, de Mayo, 1998 a las 5:00 p.m. en el Ayuntamiento (City Hall). El proposito del la junta publica sera para discutir el programa de Desarrollo en la Comunidad del Conjunto de Conjunto de Donacion en Nuevo Mexico (CDBG) y para avisar a los ciudadanos del las metas del programa, la escala de actividades elegibles y otra informacion pertinente. Tambien es para obtener las opiniones del los ciudadanos sobre el desarrollo de la comunidad y necesidades de habitacion, particularmente las necesidades de gente con ingresos bajos y moderados.

Los objetos estatales y nacionales del programa de CDBG requieren que las actividades del proyecto se cumplan con por los menos uno de los siguientes requerimientos: Beneficio para las familias de ingresos bajos y moderados: ayuda en la prevencion o eliminacion de barrios desafortunados e insalubres, y de cumplir con otras necesidades del desarrollo de la comunidad de origen reciente que poseen una amenaza inmediata a la salud y bienestar de la comunidad y cuando otros recursos no estan disponibles para cumplir con esas necesidades.

Las categorias de fondos publicos elegibles incluyen Infraestructura para la Comunidad; Rehabilitacion de Casa; Desembolso de Capital para Servicio Publico; Planificacion, Emergencia, y Colonias. Todos los grupos interesados estan invitados a asistir y entregar sus ideas para proyectos y proporcionar datos que apoya su testimonio.

Con un minimo de tres dias de notificacion en avanzado, ayuda auxiliar estara proporcionada y asi estar en cumplimiento con el Acto de Americanos Incapacitados. Tambien con suficiente notificacion, un traductor estara proporcionado para los residentes que no hablen ingles.

Los residentes que no pueden atender la junta podran enviar sus comentarios a la Escribana Municipal, Carol Schlarb, en 648-2371, Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico.

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Church Directories

<p>Tinnie Baptist Church BILL JONES, pastor Sunday School..... 10:00 am Church Services..... 11:00 am</p> <p>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</p> <p>First Baptist Church HAYDEN SMITH, pastor 314 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM 648-2868 (church) or 648-2107 Sunday School..... 9:45 am Worship Service..... 10:55 am Sun. Evening..... Training at 6:15 pm Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm</p> <p>Carrizozo Community Church (A/G) JOHNNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2188 Sunday School..... 10:00 am Worship Service..... 11:00 am Thursday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm</p> <p>Santa Rita Catholic Community FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor 213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853 SATURDAY: Capitan Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm C'ozo Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm SUNDAY: Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am C'ozo Santa Rita..... 11:00 am Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm</p> <p>Church of Christ PAUL WETZEL, minister Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2968 Sunday School..... 10:00 am Worship Service..... 11:00 am Evening Worship..... 6:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm</p> <p>St. Matthias Episcopal Church FR. A. TRIPP, priest Corner of E Ave. & Sixth, Carrizozo, NM 1-257-2356 Holy Eucharist..... 9:00 am Sunday</p>	<p>United Methodist Churches BOB BOYD, pastor / Trinity - Carrizozo 1000 D. Ave., 648-2893 / 648-2848 Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am Worship Service..... 11:10 am Choir Practice (Thursday)..... 6:30 pm United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of Mo. 12:30 pm</p> <p>—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.</p> <p>Mountain Ministry Parish, Sierra Blanca Presbytery DON & MARJORIE DANIELS, co-pastors / 648-2850 Nogal Presbyterian Church: Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m. Worship..... 11:00 a.m. Ancho Community Presbyterian Church: 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..... Wednesday 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Christ Community Fellowship ED VINSON, pastor (Inter-denominational) 514 Smokey Bear Blvd./Capitan Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Capitan Church of Christ LESLIE EARWOOD, minister 5th & Lincoln / 335-4827 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.</p> <p>Trinity Southern Baptist Church REX BERESFORD, pastor Capitan (South on Hwy 46) 354-2925 Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m. AWANA Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m.</p>
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TOWN OF CARRIZOZO PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrizozo will have Clean-Up Month starting May 15, 1998 through June 15, 1998, and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrizozo is working to better the community, by providing assistance from Town employees for property clean-up, and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrizozo is working to better their community by working with the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority by providing containers for the Clean-Up Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Manuel R. Hernandez, Mayor of the Town of Carrizozo, do hereby proclaim May 15 through June 15, 1998 as

CLEAN-UP MONTH

in our Town and urge our citizens to contribute to the improvement of our Community by taking part in cleaning up our community.

Proclaimed this 12th day of May, 1998 in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

By Manuel R. Hernandez, Mayor

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED.

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LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION P.O. Box 1004 Capitlan, NM 88318

Lincoln County Fair Facilities Regulations and Fees

These rules and regulations apply to any person or organization using the Lincoln County Fair Grounds area.

- 1.) Exhibit/Dance Room rental will be \$50.00 per day, plus a \$50.00 refundable cleaning deposit. 2.) Meeting Room rental will be \$25.00 per day, plus a \$25.00 refundable cleaning deposit. 3.) Full Facility usage (building & arena) rental will be \$100.00 per day, plus \$150.00 refundable cleaning deposit. 4.) Arena rental will be \$50.00 per day, per event, plus a \$100.00 refundable cleaning deposit. If lights are used, an additional \$50.00 per hour will be charged to cover the electric usage. 5.) Organizations using the arena for practices, will pay a yearly membership fee of \$35.00, or this will be waived for any kind of service to benefit the Fairground Arena, Building or premises. Waived fees are subject to the approval of the Lincoln County Fair Association. 6.) All arena users or participants, officials, will be required to sign a waiver of liability form prior to the scheduled activities. No one will be allowed to use, participate in any activity, officiate, ride or rope without a signed waiver of liability form being on file with the lease or the Lincoln County Fair Association. 7.) Any activity on the Lincoln County Fairgrounds which involves alcoholic beverages, where it is either given away or sold, that group, person, or organization will be required to purchase a liability insurance of a minimum of \$300,000.00 and file for the necessary county and state permits. Proof of insurance and permits must be given to the Lincoln County Fair Association prior to the activity. 8.) IT WILL BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD, THAT AT NO TIME WILL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BE ALLOWED ON PREMISES WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION AS STATED IN #6. AT NO TIME WILL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BE ALLOWED IN THE ARENA AREA! 9.) Refund of cleaning/damage deposits will be made upon inspection of facilities by a representative of the Lincoln County Fair Association. The Responsible Party agrees to have the rented facilities, including bathrooms and parking lot cleaned by not later than 24 hours after the function has taken place. 10.) It will be Responsible Parties responsibility to furnish sufficient security for any event and function, this includes notifying local police enforcement about the event, and to request checks of the area during the event.

It is distinctly understood and agreed, that in no case shall the Lincoln County Fair Association or the County of Lincoln, be held responsible for any loss, damage, theft, or injury of any kind to any person, animal, vehicle, or article, while the same is on the Lincoln County Fairgrounds or at any other time and place. Responsible Party is to assume all liability. Published in the Lincoln County News on April 30 and May 7, 14 and 21, 1998.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Schools of Instruction for the 1998 Primary Election for Precinct Board Members will be held on the following dates:

- MAY 21, 1998: Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am Place: Ruidoso Civic Events Center 211 Sierra Blanca Drive Ruidoso, New Mexico MAY 27, 1998: Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am Place: Ruidoso Civic Events Center 111 Sierra Blanca Drive Ruidoso, New Mexico MAY 28, 1998: Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am Place: Lincoln County Courthouse Commissioners Meeting Room 300 Central Avenue Carrizozo, New Mexico

All Precinct Board Members and the general public are encouraged to attend the schools.

Martha McKnight Proctor Lincoln County Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 21, 1998, Gary Joe and Kelly Lovelace, P.O. Box 152, Carrizozo, NM 88301, filed application numbered T-03271 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change location of shallow well within the Tularosa Underground

Water Basin in Lincoln County, by discontinuing the use of declared well T-03271 located in the SE 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 11, Township 8 South, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., and drilling a replacement well approximately 140 feet in depth for 2 1/2 inch casing in the SE 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of said

Section 11, for the total diversion of 40.8 acre-feet of ground water per stump claimed for agriculture, domestic, livestock use, and irrigation of 7.5 acres of land located in the SE 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of said Section 11.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the state of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The protest or objections shall be in writing and shall set forth specific reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turvey, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Valid objections or protests must be legible, signed and include a complete mailing address. If no valid objection of protest is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state, and conservation of water within the state prior to final disposition of the application.

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NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BID

NOTICE is hereby given that competitively sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Avenue), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 3:00 p.m., Monday, June 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.

BID NO. 97-99-018

TRACTOR, NEW OR USED The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make their final determination during their regular commission meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on Friday, June 5, 1998. Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Martha Guevara at 505/648-2385.

All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the bid number(s) shown above. 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 Acting County Manager

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN No. PB-98-23 Div. IV

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HELEN HUFMAN, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed 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 the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at P.O. Box 2488, Roswell, New Mexico, 88202-2488, or

filed with the Twelfth Judicial District Court within and for the County of Lincoln. DATED: April 7, 1998. NORWEST BANK NEW MEXICO, N.A. By: MARIAN M. THOMPSON Assistant Vice President P.O. Box 2488 Roswell, New Mexico 88202-2488 (505) 837-7299

ALAN F. MOREL ALAN F. MOREL, P.A. P.O. Box 1030 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88365-1030 (505) 257-2202 Attorney for Personal Representative

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IN THE PROBATE COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN No. PB-1759

In the Matter of the Estate of TRIGGER VANCE PHILLIPS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed decedent's foreign 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 the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at 3800 East 42nd Street, Odessa, Texas, 79762, or filed with the Probate Court within and for the County of Lincoln.

BANK ONE, TEXAS, N.A. Successor Independent Executor and Foreign Personal Representative of the Estate of Trigger Vance Phillips, Deceased. By: CAROLYN STOCKTON, Vice President

ALAN F. MOREL, P.A. P.O. Box 1030 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88365-1030 (505) 257-2202 Attorneys for Personal Representative

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LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING SPECIAL MEETING Tuesday, May 19, 1998 6:00 P.M.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold a Special board meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 1998, at 6:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers, at the Lincoln County Administration Building, in Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the final adoption of the Preliminary Budget, Fiscal Year 1998-1999, and any other proper business that comes before the Commission for consideration. Agenda will be available 24 hours prior to the meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 505/648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

MARTHA GUEVARA Acting County Manager

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Pursuant to the provisions of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, notice is hereby given that Pulitzer Broadcasting Company is required to file with the FCC, no later than June 1, 1998, an application for

renewal of TV Translator Station K43BT, Carrizozo, NM. Station K43BT operates with peak transmit power of 100 watts from a site on Base Peak, retransmitting station KQAT, channel 7, Albuquerque, NM on output channel 45.

Individuals who wish to advise the FCC of facts relating to station K43BT's renewal application and to whether this station has operated in the public interest should file comments and petitions with the FCC by September 1, 1998.

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NOTICE OF INTENT PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 26, 1998 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico to consider for enactment of An Ordinance providing for the imposition and collection of a municipal license tax for the sale, distribution, service and public consumption of alcoholic beverages, beer and wine, small brewer's; providing penalties for the violation of this ordinance, and repealing all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith.

Proposed Ordinance may be inspected at the office of the Town Clerk's during normal business hours, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

CAROL SCHLARB, Town Clerk-Treasurer Town of Carrizozo

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO No. CV-98-100 Div. IV

VALLEY BANK OF COMMERCE, a State Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

v.

LAWRENCE G. SULLIVAN, CHRIS SULLIVAN, JAMES B. QUALLEY, and LORECO, INC., a New Mexico Corporation, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on the 29th day of May, 1998, at 11:00 a.m., at the front entrance of the Ruidoso Administrative Building, located at 318 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, to wit:

TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH RANGE 15 EAST, N.M.P.M.

A tract of land in the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 and the NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 5, being more particularly described as follows:

- BEGINNING at a point on the Easterly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 70, from which point the locally accepted center of said Section 5, said point being a brass cap monument, bears South 84 degrees, 45 minutes, 39 seconds West, a distance of 603.00 feet; THENCE following said right-of-way along the arc of a curve to the left whose central angle is 08 degrees, 45 minutes, 00 seconds and whose radius is 1186.00 feet and whose chord bears North 15 degrees, 21 minutes, 10 seconds East, an arc distance of 151.12 feet; THENCE, North 10 degrees, 58 minutes, 40 seconds East along said right-of-way, a distance of 116.30 feet; THENCE continuing along said right-of-way along the arc of a curve to the right whose central angle is 13 degrees, 27 minutes, 19 seconds and whose radius is 914.93 feet, an arc distance of 214.88 feet; THENCE South 41 degrees, 28 minutes, 22 seconds East, a distance of 55.70 feet; THENCE North 48 degrees, 33 minutes, 38 seconds East, a distance of 26.95 feet; THENCE South 41 degrees, 26 minutes, 22 seconds East, a distance of 76.14 feet; THENCE South 04 degrees, 00 minutes, 25 seconds East, a distance of 335.88 feet; THENCE South 10 degrees, 02 minutes, 45 seconds West, a distance of 128.55 feet; THENCE North 78 degrees, 27 minutes, 45 seconds West, a distance of 248.78 feet to the said Place of Beginning.

Said Judgment directed foreclosure of the Mechanic's and Materialmen's Lien held by Defendant, LoreCo, Inc. as follows:

- A. Principal sum due for construction.....\$56,418.88 B. Interest at the rate of 1 1/2 % per month from 5/10/98 through 11/7/98.....\$18,177.13 C. Interest after 11/7/98 through 1/30/98.....\$10,210.89 D. Attorney fees and costs.....\$10,993.73

TOTAL.....\$95,800.63

In addition to the above, there will be accruing costs, together with the cost of publication of this Notice, Special Master's fee and attorney fees.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 23rd day of April, 1998.

MIKE LINE, SPECIAL MASTER

DON E. DUTTON THE DUTTON FIRM, LTD. 229 H St. Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 (505) 257-2323 (505) 257-9203 FAX Attorney for Defendant, LoreCo, Inc. Published in the Lincoln County News on May 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1998.

connection to \$8.25 per month per room, per occupancy and dry cleaning, laundry, storage, alarm, pest control and other services from \$8.00 per month to \$8.25 per month to \$8.25 per month. Proposed Amendments to Chapter 8, Section 8-4-1 may be inspected at the office of the Town Clerk during normal business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

CAROL SCHLARB, Town Clerk-Treasurer Town of Carrizozo

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FAST ACTION

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CALL: (505) 648-2333

NEED A COMPUTER and/or computer supplies? Shop at **Barry's Discount Computers** in Carrizozo for the best prices. 648-2155.
nc/Apr. 9

HAY FOR SALE: 1997 hay at \$2 per bale, no sorting. Also have 1998 hay. Three Rivers Cattle Co. 648-2448.
tfn/May 7

FOR SALE: Kenmore Heavy Duty Washer, excellent condition, \$150.00, apt. size Gas Range \$75.00, two 30-gallon Water Heaters, best offer, 354-2253.
tfn/Apr. 23

FOR SALE: Carrizozo 3 bedroom Mobile Home + land / under \$800 down / under \$275 month / no payment for 90 days / B100 / 1-505-323-8762.
tfn/Apr. 30

STARK'S INSURANCE AGENCY
CARRIZOZO
(505) 648-2911

HELP WANTED: Bartender at Outpost Bar and Grill. 648-9994.
tfn/Apr. 23

Craft and sewing supplies, material, gifts, 10,000+books. High Hopes, 101 Lava Loop, Carrizozo. 648-2873.
3 mo./Jan. 8

STEEL BUILDINGS: Must Sell 5 manufacturer display overruns. 25x34, 30x40, 50x80 - brand new, never delivered - no reasonable offer refused. 100% financing available. Limited Supply. 1-800-527-4044.
2tp/May 7 & 14

CAPITAN: Nice completely furnished 2 BR Apartment for rent. Smokey Bear Motel 354-2253.
tfn/Apr. 23

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

FOR RENT: Nice clean one bedroom apartment in Capitan. \$265 a month. 354-3178 or 354-2006.
tfn/Mar. 5

YARD SALE: Sat., May 16, Capitan, 1/2 mile north on Hwy. 246. Starts 8:30 a.m. 1tp/May 14

WANT TO RENT pasture for four horses. 354-3418. 4tc/May 14, 21 & 28, & June 4

THANK YOU ST. JUDE for favors granted. B.C. 1tp/May 14

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*** * Obituaries * ***

FERNANDO B. MEDINA, SR.

Prayer services for Fernando Medina, Sr. of Carrizozo will be at 7:30 p.m.

tonight, May 14, at Santa Rita Catholic Church where the funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 15. Officiating will be Rev. Roberts of Tularosa. Burial will follow at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Cemetery.

Fernando died May 11. He was born May 30, 1925 in Carrizozo. He served in WWII where he received two purple hearts.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, brother, and son, Fernando Medina, Jr.

He is survived by his wife Betty Medina; three children, Alfred, Patricia, and David Medina, and three grandchildren, all of Carrizozo. He is also survived by four sisters, two brothers and several nieces and nephews.

INA HOOTEN

Ina Hooten, 60, of Carrizozo, died Monday, May 11, at her home. Mrs. Hooten was born July 16, 1937 in Lamesa, TX. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo.

Survivors include her husband, Joe of the family home; two sons, Gary Hooten and his wife Sharon of Vilonia, Ark., and Robert Hooten and wife Kristal of Carrizozo; two daughters, Sandra Setzler and her husband Luke of Conway, Ark., and Patricia White and her husband Charles of Ft. Smith, Ark.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 12, at Trinity United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bobby G. Boyd officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery in Carrizozo.

Funeral services were under the direction of Hamilton-O'Dell Funeral Home in Alamogordo.

NATIVIDAD 'TIVE' JIRON

Natividad 'Tive' Jiron, 79, of Carrizozo, died May 3, at the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. She was born December 25, 1918, in Carrizozo.

Survivors include four daughters, Teodora T.J. Carey of Alamogordo, Louisa Rivera of Phoenix, AZ, Viola Voorbach and her husband Marty of Tularosa, and Esther McCool and her husband Joe of Phoenix; three sons, Eddie 'Pearls' Jiron, Patricio 'Pat' Jiron and his wife Sandra, and Juan Jiron Jr., all of Carrizozo; 15 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren; a brother, Jesus 'Chuy' Verdugo and his family; an uncle, Andres Herrera; and a special friend, Nena Ortiz.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Juan Jiron in 1979; by a son, Juan Floyd Jiron; and by a brother, Manuel Verdugo.

Rosary was recited on Tues., May 5 at Santa Rita Catholic Church by Fr. Bergs. The funeral Mass was on Wednesday with interment following in Our Lady of Guadalupe Cemetery in Carrizozo.

Pallbearers were Rodney Zamora, Joe Ortiz, Danny Leyva, George Verdugo, Dominic Vega, and Choncho Morales. Honorary bearers were Nena Ortiz, Jovita Torres, Virginia Jaurequi, Lucia Vega, Mary Chavez, Connie Morales, Carey Jiron, and Kathy Stumpton.

Services were under the direction of Hamilton-O'Dell

Funeral Home of Alamogordo.

DWAYNE LEE BAIRD

Visitation for Dwayne Lee Baird, 48, of Capitan will be today, May 14, from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m., at LaGrone Funeral Chapel where the prayer vigil will be at 5:00 p.m. The funeral Mass will be Friday, May 15, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church. Officiating will be Rev. Richard Catanach. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Dwayne died May 8 in Ruidoso. He was born September 7, 1949 at El Paso, TX.

Survivors include a daughter, Sherrill Rae Baird of Denver; two sons, Michael Baird of Herndonville, VA and Damian Baird; his mother, Pearl Baird of Ruidoso and his father Orville Baird of Capitan; two sisters, Elizabeth Morgan of Hobbs and Del Rey Baird of Alamogordo and fiancée Linda Padilla of Capitan.

He was preceded in death by his brother Dwight Lee Baird.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

KYLE KANNADY

Memorial service for Kyle Kannady, 34, of Ruidoso was May 13, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso. Officiating was Carl Parsons of Ruidoso.

Kyle died May 2 in Albuquerque. He was born October 3, 1963 in Ruidoso and had lived here all of his life.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Kannady of El Paso; his parents, Jack and Judy Kannady of Ruidoso; sister Kimberly; Atwood and her husband Mike of Ruidoso; his grandparents, H.F. "Jack" and Lola Kannady of Carlsbad and an uncle Jerry Kannady of Ruidoso.

Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

GEORGE P. PERRY

George P. Perry, 84, of Mayhill, died Monday, May 11, at Betty Dare Good Samaritan Nursing Center. Mr. Perry was born June 19, 1913 in Glencoe. He was a member of the B.P.O. Elks Lodge #1897, the NM Mounted Patrol, Tularosa Lions Club and was well known throughout the area. He was a longtime resident of Tularosa before moving to Mayhill in 1990.

He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife Hazel, son George Perry, Jr., and two brothers, Lloyd Perry and Jimmy Perry.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel (Ross) Perry, whom he married in 1990, of the family home; a son, Lewin Perry and his wife Kay of Truth or Consequences; seven stepchildren, and six grandchildren; brothers, Leroy Perry of Dell City, Don Perry of Irving, TX, Charlie Perry of Artesia, and Elzy Perry, Jr. of Tularosa; four sisters, Nina Taylor of Lincoln, Ruth Ross

of Andrews, TX, Jane Stout of Phoenix, and Gladys Nosker of Glencoe; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Services will be Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the Perry Ranch in Glencoe led by Leroy Perry under the cottonwoods. Burial will be in the Perry family cemetery, on the mesa at the ranch.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 26, 1998 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico to consider to amend Chapter 3, Section 3-3-23(C) of the Carrizozo Municipal Code, Titled **WATER RATES**. Proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 3-3-23(C) to increase Water Rates for minimum charge of \$10.00 to \$10.25 for and up to 3,000 gallons and thereafter \$2.00 to \$2.25 per thousand gallons.

Proposed Amendments to Chapter 3, Section 3-3-23(C) may be inspected at the office of the Town Clerk during normal business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

CAROL SCHLARB, CMCA/AE
Town Clerk-Treasurer
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County Violated Purchasing

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ized payment." He said it could be broadly defined to include not only the one who initiated the purchase, but all signers and handlers of the warrant.

Commissioner Monroy Montes, who was chairman at the time of the repeater purchase, said he thought it was unusual the checks went through and no one picked up on the problem. Montes said he saw the warrant. Hemphill said it was stamped approved for payment.

Montes said that during a time commissioners were getting no monthly budget reports as the county's computer program was down. "\$121,000 evaporated in an obsession to spend on facilities," Montes said.

Commissioner Wilton Howell said in December he asked for the facilities fund information, but (former county manager Frank Potter) refused to have county finance officer Punkin Schlarb produce the documents. Howell said during official meetings it was indicated to him if he wanted information he would have to go through the Freedom of Information Act. "What concerns me more is no one was responsible for the actions or lack of," he said.

Howell theorized the problems started in July 1997 which was the last time he signed warrants because he used to review each one and sometime rejected. "We should have been able to trust our people," Howell said. "I don't

see anyone taking responsibility (for the violations)."

Howell then called for one central purchasing officer who knows the rules and laws so this will not happen again.

"This report today is why I cast my vote to relieve Frank Potter as he was not following rules, regulations and procedures," Howell continued. "It's my job to ask about costs. And if Frank had produced the documentation this would not have happened."

Howell said he hoped he would not have to ask for an audit of other county departments.

Hemphill said in the 1996-97 fiscal year audit report purchasing problems were noted as an audit finding. "The situation deserves your attention," Hemphill said. "One individual, whether in the county manager's office or finance, is the best answer."

Commission chairman Ray Nunley asked the county attorney to review the contractual service agreements which may have been breached. But Howell said it wasn't the contractor's responsibility to seek bids for any purchase above \$5,000, "it should have been the manager."

But the audit did more than find violations of the state and county procurement rules, it opened a deeper rift between Lincoln County Treasurer Joan Park and county commissioner Monroy Montes. Park was upset because she was left out of the audit.

She said by state law the treasurer must keep account of all money in county government. "Without your cooperation I can't do that," Park said. "I have not had coopera-

tion in getting information, or keeping me in the loop."

As for the missing warrant, Park said it was in her office, but no one requested it. "I am a little upset," Park said. "If you are not willing to involve me in the loop, how can you include me in being responsible?"

After being pressed by Howell about who denied her access to records, Park said she was never denied information, but was concerned because she was left out of the audit loop. "I've been through three county managers," Park said. "The problem was not just under Frank Potter."

Park said the problem would continue as long as there is an attitude that "other departments aren't your business."

"I was the one who said the treasurer has no business in the finance office," Montes said. "Your business is on the revenue side."

But Park contended that by state law her office could have complete control over all finances, both revenue and expenditures.

"The law says..." Park responded and was quickly cut off by Montes who said, "I don't care about that."

After more discussion, Nunley said he never denied any documents to the treasurer. Then Nunley said, "I forbid Schlarb to deny anyone from the treasurer's office access to finance records."

Commissioner Bill Schwettmann said for five years he has suggested the county hire a full time purchasing agent who would pay his or her own way from the competitive purchasing and will provide the needed checks

and balances. "We are one of the few counties this size without a full time purchasing agent," Schwettmann said.

Howell then called for discussion about a purchasing agent to be placed on the agenda for the next county meeting.

At the end of discussion about the audit, citizen E. J. Fouratt said he hoped the county would turn over information about the repeaters purchase to the district attorney.

salute to departed Veterans. *Amazing Grace* by Sye Feldman, RAF, and *Taps* by Dick Mound, USARMY, will conclude the program at the Fort, Stanton Merchant Marine and Military Memorial Cemetery located on State Highway 220 just south of Fort Stanton.

The public is also invited to attend the 1998 Fort Stanton Celebration at the old golf course across Highway 220 from the Fort Stanton Cemetery. The free celebration will include fun for the entire family with games, prizes, live music, story telling, historic displays, and re-enactment by Buffalo Soldiers Society of New Mexico. The Fort Stanton Celebration will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Memorial Service May 23 At Fort Stanton Cemetery

The ninth annual War Veterans Memorial Service will be held at Fort Stanton Merchant Marine and Military Memorial Cemetery Saturday, May 23 at 10:30 a.m. The Memorial Service team invites all veterans and the public to attend.

The program will begin with the call to order and invocation by Cleston Pritchett, USAF followed by *Highland Cathedral* on Scottish bagpipes by Sye Feldman, RAF. Mike Louis, USNAF, will present a history of Memorial Day and Veteran's cemeteries. Appreciation and recognitions will be by Skipper Victor Schaefer, USMM.

The flower laying ceremony in memory of departed Veteran Mariners will be led by Bob Ashman, USMM. Sye Feldman, RAF, will present *When the Battle Is Over*. The homily and benediction will be by Col. Vern Edmondson, USAF. American Legion and VFW will present a 21 gun



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CORONA NEWS

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They drove up to the funeral services held on May 5, and saw many of Babe's relatives. Some they hadn't seen in quite a few years. Stopped on the way back in Medford, OR to visit daughter Cherry and husband Bill and all their families; visited son Dennis in Oakland and San Francisco area. Toured a lot of San Francisco on Saturday and drove down highway, the one along the ocean to Santa Cruz; then back to San Jose and Santa Clara and visited Babe's cousin Ted Hermes and wife Naomi, whom they had not seen in about 15 years.

The islands in the Atlantic Ocean where grandson Carl and wife Krystal have reported for Air Force duty are the Azores. They are there now and on duty for a two year stint.

Their fly boy Forrest Tracey will fly into Albuquerque this Friday night at midnight for a weekend visit. His flight here will finish out his instrument ratings training. He had been flying a lot at night before, but not across country. He will also fly back to Phoenix at night on Sunday. He will now begin twin engine training as part of his commercial license down the road a ways.

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