

County Terminates DWI Program

by Doris Cherry

Claiming the county's DWI coordinator program isn't working, three of Lincoln County's five commissioners during a special meeting Tuesday night voted to terminate the program as of 9 a.m. Wednesday, thus terminating the jobs of the DWI coordinator and his assistant.

At the same time county commissioners were voting to terminate the program, Ruidoso village mayor Robert Donaldson brought the subject

to his council for discussion. Donaldson told *THE NEWS* Wednesday that the DWI program was not a regular agenda item of their Tuesday night meeting. Donaldson said he brought up the DWI program during the "reports from municipal officers" because he had been made aware of problems with the county-administered program. Donaldson said councilors discussed the situation and agreed if the state approached the village to take over the DWI program they would look at it, after

they had all the information. "We didn't vote on it," Donaldson said, "and I let the three commissioners from this area know we did not make any commitment."

Donaldson said while they expect to be approached to take over the DWI program the village must know how it will benefit in administering the program. Also the village has got to have a defined purpose to know what the real job of the coordinator is.

During the special meeting in the courthouse in

Carrizozo, called primarily to deal with the 1998-99 budget which commissioners still did not approve, commissioners went through a lengthy discussion with Magistrate Judge William Butts who was extremely displeased about the DWI program. "Today," said commission chairman Ray Nunley, "the DWI program is not functioning very well. It is not fair to use taxpayers money if it is not used appropriately."

County commissioner Wilton Howell asked what was

not working. Nunley said he didn't think the DWI coordinator Rick Kloepfel and his assistant Johnny Montes were seeing any clients and none were being served. When Howell asked why, Nunley said no DWI cases were being referred to the program, "because of reasons we possibly don't want to get into here."

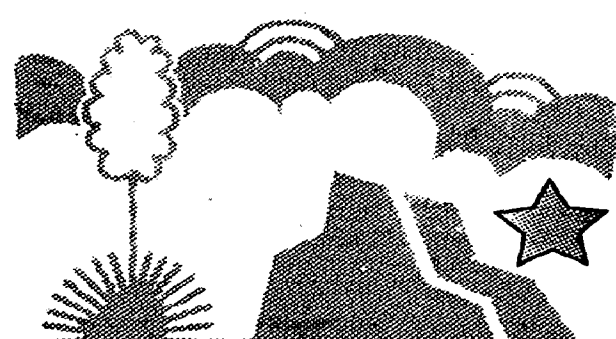
But they did get into it, heatedly.

Butts went to the podium to explain why, in his opinion, the program wasn't working in its present state. "DWI is

one of the most serious problems in New Mexico and it takes qualified, serious people to deal with DWI," Butts said. He spoke of the advertisement that ran in the newspapers seeking applicants for the DWI program that stated what qualifications were required for the DWI coordinator. "It said must have experience in grant writing, computer use and DWI laws and ability to work with district,

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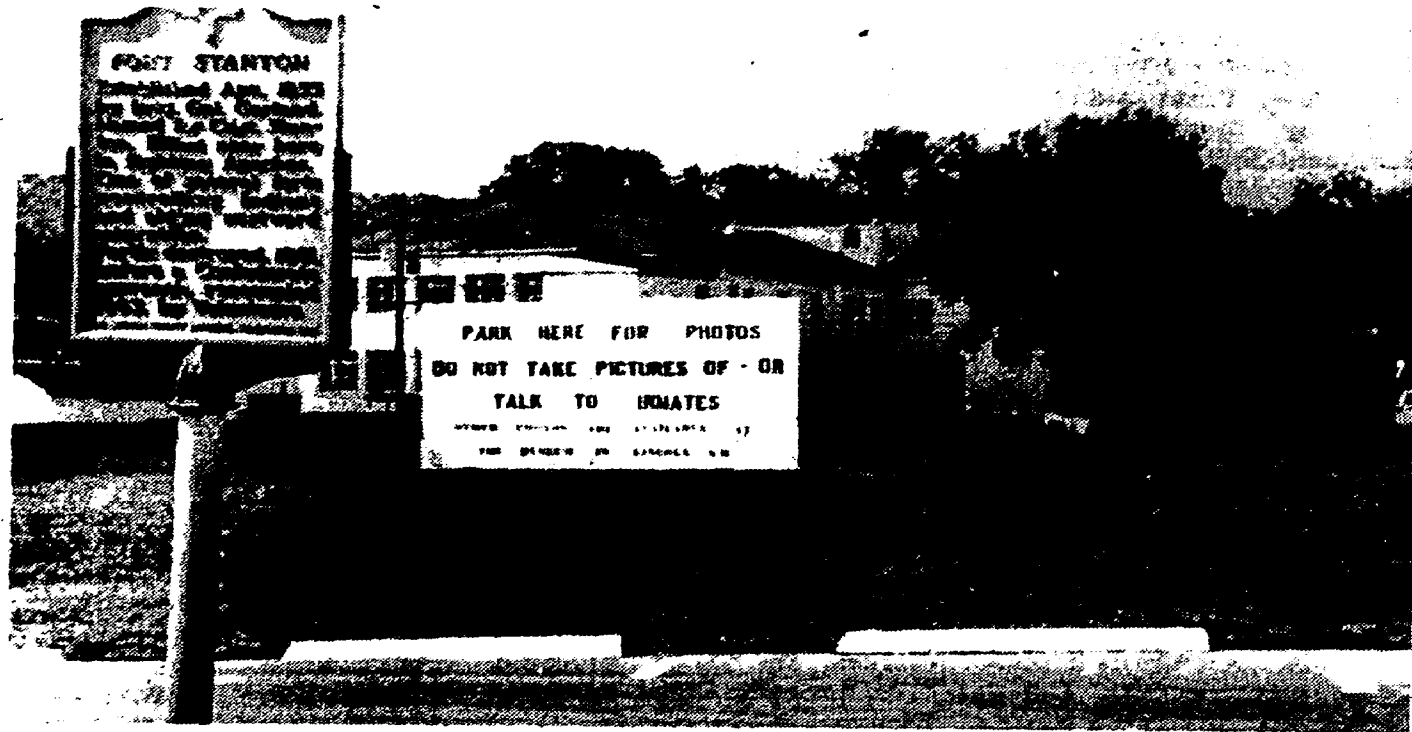
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OLD AND NEW are close by at Fort Stanton. While the historical marker gives the history of the old pre-Civil War fort, the newest sign at Fort Stanton, reeking of fresh paint on Friday, August 21, announces that individuals can "Park here for historical photos." The sign was put on August 20 in anticipation of the Correction Commission's visit on August 21. Prior to that day, signs along the east side of the parade ground stated "NO PARKING, NO PHOTOS."



SAVED BY A NEW ROOF. One of the oldest buildings at Fort Stanton recently received a roof of new cedar shake shingles, thus preserving the old structure for a few more years. However there is no access to the building, which is not being used at this time. The project was planned before the women corrections facility moved into Fort Stanton, said Warden Sandra McFadin.

Fort Stanton Is Needed At Least One More Year To Ease Overcrowding at Women's Prison

by Doris Cherry

Women inmates will be at Fort Stanton for at least another year, while the state corrections department has a detailed study conducted of where to house new Mexico's minimum security women prisoners. So said New Mexico Corrections Secretary Rob Perry to the New Mexico Corrections Commission which held its quarterly meeting at Fort Stanton on August 21.

Perry also said that the female inmate population at Fort Stanton will be increased in order to make it more "viable economically." He promised that no first or second degree murderers or individuals of that profile will be brought to Fort Stanton. However the minimum restrict inmates will be allowed to work outside the secure perimeter with "heightened supervision."

To provide the supervision needed for the 30-50 additional minimum restrict female inmates, Department of Corrections will hire or bring in additional guards, Perry assured.

Currently, New Mexico has about 5,000 inmates and only 3,100 beds. Several state inmates have been brought back from Arizona and Texas and crowded into instate facilities. Despite the construction and soon opening of the two new state private prisons (both for men) the state will still be lacking enough room

to accommodate the fastest growth inmate population--women.

The state women's prison in Grants, operated by Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), has 322 beds which were all filled by 1993. Corrections had no where to place the overflow of women inmates, so some women were shipped out to Florida and it became very urgent to find a facility for the women. Be-

cause of the department of health's closure of Fort Stanton as a state hospital, the corrections department was able to look at the facility as an option, said Perry.

"When the department of health closed the hospital we offered to take it," Perry said.

Perry explained that he had read press clippings about the concerns and issues of the

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Carrizozo Town Foreman Faustino Gallegos Resigns

by Ruth Hammond

Carrizozo Town Foreman Faustino Gallegos has resigned effective tomorrow, Friday, August 28. Gallegos said in his letter of resignation to the town council that he was leaving with some regret, but that he had been offered a position with the Village of Cuba, New Mexico. He said the position offered opportunity for personal growth and advancement. Gallegos has worked for the town of Carrizozo in various capacities for 26 or 27 years. He has been town foreman for more than 10 years.

The Carrizozo Town Council accepted Gallegos' letter of resignation at their meeting Tuesday.

The town council also discussed at length whether to sell two town-owned lots to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Griego. The Griegos own the adjoining two lots. Griego said the two town-owned lots are dormant with no taxes being paid on them. He said if the town would sell him the two lots it would benefit the tax rolls and the schools. He said the two town-owned lots are now being used for debris. The Griegos have been cleaning the lots.

The Griegos have a double wide that is to be placed on their two lots and if the town would sell them the adjoining two lots the double wide could

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County Commission Calls For Special Payroll Audit

Votes To Return \$41,000 To IRS

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County's finance department will undergo a special audit of all payroll and payroll deductions because of problems with how those deductions are being reported to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

Two years ago, the IRS sent notices to Lincoln County fining it more than \$20,000 because of discrepancies in

payroll deductions. That problem was finally clarified and the county was reimbursed for the fine it sent. Now the IRS has sent Lincoln County money--more than \$41,000 in refunds with very little explanation.

During a special Lincoln County Commission meeting Tuesday night in Carrizozo, commissioners considered the IRS situation as the final

agenda item. Lincoln County Treasurer Joan Park had sent a letter to commissioners, county attorney, and county manager Martha Guevara on August 17 about the county receiving two checks from the U.S. Treasury that were received in the Treasurer's office on August 14. "We received a copy of a letter dated August 3 with one check in the amount of \$1,495.36 as explanation of the refund," she wrote. "The other check in the amount of \$41,967.67 has

no justification."

Park also expressed other concerns in her letter of August 14--the letter attached to the smaller check showed the county was charged a penalty because the correct amounts were not deposited on time; and both checks were dated received in the manager's office on August 7, but they were not delivered to the treasurer's office until August 14. "This is a clear violation of state statute and county policy regarding the timely depos-

iting of money received."

Tuesday night Park reviewed the memo sent to the county manager, commissioners and the county attorney. In it she outlined her internal audit findings about the IRS overpayment. As a result of the overpayment checks received on August 14, Park and her assistant Glenna Robbins conducted an internal audit of the "941s" or payroll deduction statements, submitted for 1997 and 1998. They found the 941s are not being filled

out properly and do not match any report for 1997 or 1998. "Filling out the report correctly would have shown that the Advanced Earned Income Credit was not being handled right," she wrote. "This is possibly a combination of a programming error and an in-house error."

Her report showed filing errors in every quarter of 1997 and into the first two quarters of 1998. Park said

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magistrate and municipal courts," Butts continued. Butts went on to say that of the applicants four were selected to be interviewed one of which was Kloepfel and another was an unnamed man who had worked with the Alamogordo city police. "Contrary to the statements in the newspaper," Butts continued, "I was in contact with (acting county manager) Martha Guevara on more than one occasion." Butts then went on to talk about the man from

Alamogordo who was an ex-city police officer and who has worked with Otero County probation and corrections program. Butts said the man was highly referred, even from the district attorney's office. "I relayed this to Martha Guevara and I asked that if none of the applicants were qualified that the county not hire anyone and re-advertise the position," Butts said. "The next thing I knew, Kloepfel was hired without experience in DWI or the

courts. In fact, he asked Mary Satonica (a mental health counselor who contracts with the county) what an AA meeting is," Butts said. "Is he qualified as a DWI coordinator? Not hardly." Butts said he requested Kloepfel to go to Alamogordo and Curry County for DWI training, "but he didn't go." "The next thing I knew Kloepfel hired Montes. One of my clerk's said he was related to Monroy Montes, so I asked him if he is Monroy's brother and what made him qualified for the job. He said "nothing."

"Will the county commission hire a purchasing agent without experience, will the county commission hire a manager without experience? I don't think so," Butts said. The DWI program has been the center of controversy for several months after it was found that the county had overpaid the former DWI coordinator and his assistant and ran out of the grant money with two months left in the fiscal year. Concerned about that, commissioners called for advertising the program positions and told the former coordinator, Charlie White, that he could reapply for the job.

Butts said he did not think it was all Charlie White's fault that the DWI program ran out of money. All persons convicted of DWI must be evaluated and screened which Satonica is currently doing. Butts said 90 percent of the DWIs in the county come from his court. "Without me referring people to the DWI program, you don't have a DWI program," Butts said. "As long as the county keeps these two employed, they will not get referrals from me," Butts stated. "I told Mr. Kloepfel, 'If you interfere I will put you in jail for con-

tempt of court.'" Butts then went on to explain that the reason why most of the DWIs come from his court is because of the tourist population in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs race track. State police, sheriff's officers and city police all file DWIs in his magistrate court, he continued. Butts said that in some other counties, their DWI programs are administered by cities within the county, not the county. "This is a program for all judges in Lincoln County to use, regardless who administers the program," Butts said.

Ruidoso Municipal Judge Mike Line is currently not using the DWI program and Butts said Line had told him that if the program went to the village to administer he would use it. Howell then asked if Line said he would not use the DWI program if it stayed where it is? Butts said, "yes."

"All I ask for is qualified experienced people," Butts said. "Mr. Kloepfel is a jockey agent at the track, Mr. Montes is a landscaper. I don't think that qualifies for the DWI (program)."

Butts said since July he had sentenced 29 people for DWI and he had 48 DWI cases ready to go to trial. "All I ask for is for you commissioners to vote to give the DWI program to Ruidoso," Butts said.

Monroy Montes made a statement that he had spoken to the senior Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr. whom Montes said "hasn't the problems you have with the DWI coordinators." Butts said Dean did not know about Montes' brother "who's not qualified." Butts then said Dean now knew about that because he had spoken to Dean that day. Montes said that he did not want to get into an argument about qualifications.

Nunley tried to settle the tension in the discussion by saying that the program was not functioning because Butts was not participating and he had most of the DWI cases. "A significant number of people are affected by this program," Nunley said. "It is incumbent on us to see that the program works the best for the benefit of the public."

Capitan resident Lonnie Lippmann said he was interested in seeing absolute efficiency in the DWI program which he saw as "incredibly important." He said it made sense for Ruidoso to be the administrator since the county "has enough trouble administering what you've got."

Monroy Montes then said the DWI coordinator and his assistant are solely there to check for compliance. "The power lays in the judges, as it should be," Montes said. "The DWI staff are only there to serve hardly more than clerks. You don't have to have judicial or legal ability to follow a paper trail."

Butts then wanted to know who wrote the ad. Guevara said she did. "Why list the qualifications, did you mislead the public so you could hire his (Monroy's) brother?"

Howell then said that the issue has "bled over to several other issues, and unfortunately personalities and politics have gotten involved." Howell said the issue has been responsible for he and Nunley getting "crosswise." Then Howell said that he had worked hard to get the DWI program because of his father's alcohol problems and alcohol related early death, of his alcoholic brother and another brother who was killed by a drunk driver while changing a tire. Howell said a few years ago he had asked Butts why no one had put in a grant for the DWI program, and Butts had asked him to put a committee together. "The program needs to do more than just baby sit,"

Howell said. "I want to see it work. Mr. Kloepfel was the only one of the four finalists who thought there should be an education process and he wanted to go to the schools." Kloepfel was already working with the local MADD program to do something in the schools. "At least give him a chance," Howell said.

Nunley said despite Howell's reasons which were all worthwhile, the program is funded by the number of clients it sees. "If he uses his expertise in the schools that's okay," Nunley said. But Howell wanted assurance Ruidoso would pick up the program.

Butts said Howell's experience was all the reason to have someone who is qualified, "not a jockey agent and a landscaper."

Monroy Montes then said that he had no experience as a county commissioner when he ran. "I think I became a good county commissioner," Montes said.

Then Butts replied, "The voters didn't think so." Montes lost the primary election to Republican Rick Simpson and there is also opposition for the position from Democrat Jim McTeigue.

Finally Kloepfel came to the podium to respond to Butts' allegations. Kloepfel said he did not go to Alamogordo, but he went twice to Roswell and twice to Clovis. He said he has been working closely with other DWI programs in the state to make this the best DWI program possible. He said he had personally spoken to Dean and to Ruidoso Downs Judge Harold Mansell who said he would send his DWI cases to the program. "We were never given an opportunity," Kloepfel said. "We were submarined from the first at a time when teen fatalities are up 500 percent."

In response to Butts' questions about Kloepfel's qualifications, Kloepfel referred to Butts dismissing six counts of establishments selling liquor to minors. Nunley interrupted and asked Kloepfel to only discuss the DWI program. "The program need is here," Kloepfel said.

Butts responded to Kloepfel's comments and said the six were dismissed because their attorney did not want former assistant district attorney Viola Rhodes to prosecute the cases and the cases went beyond the six month. Then Howell said this was an example of personalities that hurt the program. "What if the judge loses the election and the new person doesn't like the new DWI coordinator?" Howell asked.

Howell then asked Guevara if she thought she did wrong in hiring Kloepfel. Guevara said no. County commissioner Bill Schwettmann then asked Guevara if she had a grade sheet to judge the applicants?

She said no. Schwettmann said it would have been a normal process to have a grade sheet to determine the most qualified.

Guevara said she knew Kloepfel had no DWI experience. But in talking to him she thought he could pick it up easily. She also thought Kloepfel's legislative and grant writing experience and his being bilingual would be good for the program.

Monroy Montes said the other person from Otero County had indicated he would not move from Otero County and would only do an 8-5 job in Lincoln County. Montes was concerned that Butts was claiming that he insisted Guevara hire his brother.

County commissioner Rex Wilson said the vacancy in the DWI program was created by mismanagement by the county. An audit found numerous mistakes, so they created the vacancy. "We didn't change management, philosophy or accounting to assure this would not happen again," Wilson said. "We are becoming a grant funded."

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TUESDAYS
 -Lincoln County Adult Singles 6:30 p.m. K-Bob's Ruidoso.
 -Alcoholic Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-1145 for information.
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FRIDAYS
 -Alcoholics Anonymous big book open discussion 7-8 p.m. Capitan. Senior Center 354-4032 for information.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28
 -Census workers test, 1:30 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Center. Applications at senior center and Carrizozo Town Hall.
 -Deadline to RSVP for Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District annual meeting. Call 354-2220.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
 -Lincoln County Historical Society program on The Goodnight-Loving Trail, 2 p.m. Trinity Baptist Church on south side of Capitan, no charge.
 -Johnson Stearns birthday party, 3 p.m. home of Bob and Sue Stearns in Nogal, if bad weather, 3 p.m. Carrizozo Country Club.
 -Back to School Dance, Carrizozo Rec Center 7-7 Grades 7-12.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
 -Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District annual meeting and supervisor election, chuck wagon meal, 6 p.m. Lincoln County Fair building in Capitan.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, LABOR DAY
 -3rd Annual Carrizozo Labor Day Street Fair. Booth set up 9 a.m., parade 10 a.m., car and motorcycle show, speeches and booths in MacDonald Park after parade. Sierra Blanca Brewery tours on the hour from 12-4 p.m. Parade entries and booth spaces still available.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
 -Carrizozo Town Council 6 p.m.
 -Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
 -Eagle Creek Water Board 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso village hall.
 -Carrizozo Lodge #41 AF&AM 7:30 p.m.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
 -Capitan School Board 6 p.m.
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C'zozo Town Foreman

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be placed differently on the property. The town-owned property is lots 12 & 13, Block 35, OP Addition.

Mayor Manuel Hernandez said the lots were not any good to the town and he said he strongly suggested the town sell the property to Griegos. He said the lots in that area are going for \$350 to \$500 each lot.

When asked what would need to be done, town attorney David Stevens said he would need to look at the state statutes because the town has an obligation to the public. He said the council also needed to discuss valuation.

Stevens referred to the state statutes and said, "It appears if the property is valued at less than \$25,000 it can sold by private or public sale. If the property was valued at more than \$25,000 there would have to be a referendum, which he explained as voter input.

Trustee Willie Silva made the motion to sell the two lots to Griegos at a cost of \$350 for each lot. The motion was amended at the suggestion of town clerk Carol Schlarb to include wording that the Griegos would pay the fees for filing and recording. The motion was approved unanimously. The transaction was to be completed early Wednesday morning.

In other business the town

council gave the Carrizozo Booster Club permission for the school to paint Grizzly paws on 10th Street from E Ave to B Ave and around the corner on B Ave to the school gym. Donna Harkay, representing the Booster Club, said the state Highway Dept. will give the sprinkles to put in the paint to make it show up. The paws will be painted white on the street.

The council approved the contract for transfer of franchise of American Entertainment Cable d.b.a Scott Cable to Inter Link Communications Partners, LLLP.

The Land Group presented an update on the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) project and said costs need to be included in the engineer's estimate for traffic control during the street improvement project.

Police chief Angelo Vega reported that new police officer Steck had taken his physical and the town had paid for it. Vega requested approval for Steck to receive the state mandated psychological test that will cost \$250. The council approved paying the \$250.

The resolution for the town's Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) was approved. Priorities are city hall, swimming pool and street improvements.

John Tate gave a 30 minute presentation on the proposed fire safety program for the town. He said he could

look at the government buildings for the town. He said inspecting commercial property would be voluntary until the town adopts the program as code.

The town council agreed to hold two public hearings for public input concerning the proposed program. The public hearings will be held one hour before the next two regular meetings, at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8 and at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22. The public is encouraged to attend. Town attorney David Stevens will participate in the public hearings to learn more about the proposed program.

The council approved a list of surplus property, some was sold at the auction August 15.

The town agreed to purchase a mower with blade. The three bids received had different prices and the council agreed to purchase both the mower and blade from the bidder giving the best price

for both items. Hernandez said Mrs. Spencer said she would pay to have a light installed to shine on the flag that flies in Chavez Park. The flag is not being flown at night at this time because there is no light.

Trustee Wes Lindsey asked if the radio frequency for the town water department could be put on the police frequencies to make it easier to keep in touch. He said it would cost about \$15 per radio with the cost for the nine radios being about \$130. Hernandez said ok.

Lindsay also reported it would take about \$500 to get the tractor "up and running" because it needed head gaskets and freeze plugs. He said they let the tractor sit there and freeze.

No action was taken after a closed session for threatening and or pending litigation and limited personnel matters.

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Payroll Audit

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that the county contracted auditor Terry Jones said 941s should be correct when they are filed and if they are off more than a few cents need to be checked for accuracy before being mailed.

Her report also showed that the finance office received a letter from the IRS on April 23, 1998 stating the notice required a response. "It appears a response was submitted regarding the credit received on October 31, 1997 for \$379.92. However, no mention was made regarding the \$40,981.51 overpayment," she wrote. "I spoke to the IRS regarding this letter and they informed me that by default a check is issued when there was no response."

Problems continued to occur, a corrected 941 was filed on July 16 and included the proper amounts of deposit listed on Schedule B. However the credit of \$379.92 was listed as a positive and should have been listed as a negative. The figures for the report come from the county's data processing contractor Triadic, faxed to the county on January 30, 1998. Park said county finance officer Punkin Schlarb told her the fax has been lost on Schlarb's desk. "After such a long time since the report was faxed, the figures should have been verified before another report was submitted," Park added.

So Park contacted Triadic to verify if the figures on the fax were correct. They weren't.

Park concluded her audit report by stating that Triadic is looking into problems with reports filed for the first and second quarters of 1998. Park said she was informed that Triadic had requested the county data files so they can run tests to determine what the problem is.

Park said she thought there were not enough "checks and balances" in the manager's finance office to catch mistakes before they are mailed. She also said she thought problems could have been avoided if the notices from the IRS were responded to.

Triadic prints the county's W-2 forms. In its response to

a letter from Park, dated August 21, Triadic's representative stated that on January 30, 1997 (she meant 1998) she faxed over a copy of the 941 with figures that needed to be submitted to the IRS for the 4th quarter. She admitted that she found a mistake of \$1,365 on the total federal tax making the information she faxed to the county short \$1,365.

Based on the forms faxed to me and conversations with both Joan and Punkin, it seems that multiple 4th quarter 941s were submitted. The IRS requests that any corrections to the 941 be sent in on 941-C forms," Triadic wrote. This was not done so the Triadic consulted its CPA who advised the county to return the \$40,981.51 plus \$986.16 in interest as soon as possible with a letter of explanation. The CPA also recommended the county and Triadic wait

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From the Editor's Desk

What county budget?

By Ruth Hammond

The news around Lincoln County this week is interesting. The Lincoln County Commissioners once again failed to approve the final version of the 1998-99 budget which actually began July 1. It is especially interesting because there weren't all these problems with finalizing the budget when Frank Potter was county manager.

Once again the Glencoe Rural Events Center was discussed. It appears the former Glencoe manager listed the revenue for this year at \$40,000 but last year the revenue was only \$15,000. Where was the extra \$25,000 supposed to come from this year? We have heard for the past few years how the Glencoe Center would make lots of money for the county but the actual revenue for last year was extremely lower than the amount that had been projected.

The county commissioners may approve the final budget by the deadline date of September 7, or the county may have to submit another request for another extension from the state Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) to try once again to get the final budget approved. The commissioners may get the budget approved before the end of the fiscal year which will be June 30, 1999.

Another explosive issue at the special commissioner meeting Tuesday was the rhuarb about the DWI program. Three of the commissioners voted to terminate the DWI program yesterday morning at 9 a.m. The sad thing about the heated discussion was that one commissioner wanted two other grant funded programs on the next county commission meeting agenda. It is unfortunate that the worthwhile county senior programs were mentioned as one of the items to be put on the next county commission meeting agenda.

Lincoln County Commissioners will meet Friday, September 11 because the second Tuesday is the day after Labor Day. The agenda could be interesting but we certainly hope the senior programs will not be damaged. The senior programs are necessary and provide not only nutritious meals but activities that are very important to the people involved. The transportation for medical services is one program that must be continued for those needing the assistance.

Continuing needed services was discussed at Fort Stanton on Friday when state corrections secretary Rob Perry explained that Fort Stanton is needed at least one more year because of crowding in women's prison. It is interesting that he mentioned that Fort Stanton is an open healthy environment with tremendously positive sociological benefits. It had the same benefits as a geriatric facility before the state decided to get out of the long term care business.

Healthy environments are important. Perry said the mountains and surrounding atmospheric haze, a "therapeutic value" and we agree. It had the same value for the elderly and the people with developmental disabilities when they lived at Fort Stanton before the state dumped them out of their home. We are glad the inmates at Fort Stanton are having the opportunity to improve their lives and attitudes by being at Fort Stanton and we wish them the best.

All the things that have happened this past week have not been for the best. The news that Smokey Bear Park in Capitan may be closed has caused concern for everyone. The latest news was that there was tremendous response in support of keeping the park open.

One other thing of interest is the fact that the consultant has not released the report about the location for the new jail. They had said it might be ready by the August 11 meeting and now they say it may be completed by the Sept. 11 county commission meeting.

Sometimes the news in Lincoln County can be interesting.

Lots of interesting news



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

Seems Imus Just Contacted Wrong Agency.

SANTA FE: Politics has its little ironies.

Take the favor done for the Imus Ranch by the Johnson administration, for instance. State laws were broken when the Transportation Department tore down dilapidated buildings on state land. Public money can't be used to benefit a private individual. The Land Office must approve any changes made on state land and then the individual must make the changes. And first, the Historic Preservation Office must assess the archaeological and cultural value of the property.

This wasn't the first time taxpayer money was diverted to benefit a governor's buddies. It's just that it's supposed to be Democrats who do such things. Republicans are in charge of wringing their hands and lamenting how government gets more corrupt every day.

Under the Bruce King administration, we called it cronyism. During his second term, King put a lot of old time politicians into high places who then embarrassed him by helping out their friends. When King took over for his third term, he'd learned his lesson and appointed a lot of newer faces.

Johnson's trouble has been that many of his fresh faces are totally new to the business of state government.

When former Albuquerque TV anchor Jane Metzler, now a top hand on Don Imus' syndicated radio program, called her old friend, Public Safety Secretary Darren White, to see about removing what Imus saw as a

safety hazard on state property. White called Transportation Secretary Pete Rahn about getting some highway equipment to do the job.

It is a good cause. Imus is spending several million dollars to construct facilities on the ranch's private land to give children touched by serious illnesses a memorable experience as a real live ranch hand. Gov. Johnson had already written Imus offering to be of help. Hauling off the pile of junk seemed like the thing to do.

Gary Johnson promised to run government like a business and voters took him up on the offer, figuring the state could be more streamlined and efficient. But government has all kinds of safeguards built in to prevent public money from being used for private gain. In a bureaucracy it takes a lot more than just White's and Rahn's departments to make a decision. At this point the Land Office, the Historic Preservation Office, the Governor's Office and the Attorney General's Office are also in on the act.

At this point everyone agrees that what's done is done and that everyone had the right reason for doing the wrong thing. They now are deciding what to do next. All parties seem to agree also that Imus did nothing wrong other than contacting the wrong agency. Imus says it seemed logical to go to the

Public Safety Department to remove a safety hazard from state land. He didn't know that in bureaucratese, public safety is the polite way to say police. But then Imus doesn't think much of political correctness.

He also doesn't think much of people who are raising a stink. Hispanic activists charge he is trying to steal their culture. Imus blames it on election-year politics. The biggest problem is that neither he nor the governor knows how to deal with a bureaucracy. Imus vows to punish those who are picking on him. Although he supports charities with a passion, he is decidedly uncharitable to those who criticize.

Imus is represented in New Mexico by respected attorney John Silver, who has attended meetings of all the above-mentioned agencies to decide on the best resolution. Imus has agreed to pay the state's inflated cost for the demolition and cleanup. He also has agreed to conduct an archaeological review and inventory of the entire 3,000-acre ranch and to put it on the tax rolls as a business rather than a grazing lease.

Gov. King in his third term corrected his cronyism mistakes. If Gov. Johnson is given another chance by voters, let's hope he can get it through his head that sometimes government can't run like a business.

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professional services to pay for it. Nunley seconded the motion, Nunley, Wilson and commissioner Bill Schwettmann voted yes, Howell and commissioner Monday Montes voted no. Wilson was concerned

whether the county is liable for any mistakes. Park said if the withholdings are incorrect the county is liable. "If it's in the way the computer is moving figures, we need to know," Park said. Howell who had recom-

mended the county consider privatizing the payroll department, said that was one reason why he wanted a private firm to do payroll, "then they have the liability."

County resident Jerry Carroll then asked how much it will cost if DFA (Department of Finance and Administration) has to come in. Nunley said, "a lot, it could happen."

Commissioners also considered the final 1998-99 budget and took no action to approve it again. The county has a deadline of September 7 to approve the budget or it must submit another request for extension from DFA.

Commissioners had numerous questions about the final version of the 1998-99 budget. Wilson questioned figures in the road department which he found to be at least \$2,000 different than in the preliminary budget. He was concerned that the actual insurance figures sent from the insurance company were not added to the budget. Then he wanted to know how finance had arrived at the salary figures for the county manager and new purchasing agent position. Wilson said he was confused about figures in the sheriff's office budget and why so much money was in the facilities/capital outlay fund. "How many times have we spent this money?" Wilson asked. He wanted to know about the insurance refund that was applied toward the Glencoe Rural Events Center bathrooms because he was not comfortable with the figure listed.

Howell wanted to know what was done with the three new detention officers the state fire marshal was requiring. But Nunley said the state fire marshal had issued no written order yet. Then Howell joked they could use some of the IRS money.

Wilson again discussed the new trucks for the road department, including one that was to be partially financed with the insurance recovery from the truck that was stolen.

Montes then said, "There are enough questions and no answers that I feel we should not approve this budget."

Commissioners continued to discuss where the figures came from in the prior year's expenses fund, about several mathematical errors, whether the detention center contract would be reduced if the number of prisoners is reduced on the fire marshal's orders, and about figures from the drug task force. Schlarb admitted to some of the mathematical errors and tried to explain the capital outlay fund and the drug task force figures. She said with the drug task force she got no information on the amount of carry over in the force's cash balance. "I did the best I could with what I had," she said.

Wilson then wanted to know why she didn't change the insurance figures since she had them since July. Schlarb said the figures were for only six months and she wouldn't know the cost of the other six months that may change because the county will add the new vehicles and the voting machine building.

Park then tried to answer questions about the budget, which she had not been involved with since the preliminary budget. She requested commissioners decrease the revenue for the Glencoe Rural Events Center which former center manager Linda Wallace has listed as \$40,000 for the year. She said last year the revenue was only \$15,000 and the additional \$30,000 estimated would "be enough of a hit of the ending balance that it needs to be addressed."

Schwettmann then said that no one knew what was happening and asked Park to help them. But Park said she had only been very involved through the preliminary budget approval and she had no input on the changes made.

LETTERS

to the editor

EDITOR: A majority of American biologists are warning that we are experiencing a mass extinction of living things unparalleled in the 4.5 billion year history of earth. (Source: Louis Harris and Associates Survey, February 1998).

According to respected scientists such as E.O. Wilson, we have very little time left to stop the destruction of habitat and wildlife species and to repair the damage done to our environment. If we don't do something now Wilson says we face "ecological catastrophe." Irreplaceable wildlife and habitat will disappear, forever ruining the (dynamic) balance of nature. The environment won't recover from future natural and human-caused disasters. Natural systems that purify our air and water will be destroyed. Flooding, drought and other disasters will increase.

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DONALD QUEEN
Carrizozo, New Mexico

More Payroll Audit

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until they receive another notice from the IRS and then respond with a 941-C to correct the report based on the figures the IRS uses. "If we attempt the 941-C now without knowing which set of figures they use, it may complicate the matter even more."

"If the IRS responds with a notice including penalty and interest, we can at that time also request an abatement of the penalty and interest," Triadic wrote.

Park gave copies of the Triadic letter and her letter dated August 25 to the IRS advising of the incorrect figures and the use of incorrect forms. She states in the letter to the IRS that because of

state law, all money coming into the county must be deposited within 24 hours so the county deposited the money until it had time to justify whether it was an overpayment or not. Park goes on in the letter to show what figures should have been reflected on the 941 for the fourth quarter of 1997. She also advises the IRS that the check for \$41,967.67 was included.

Park said the county has to quit filing inaccurate reports. She also said that had there been a policy on what should be done with checks that are received in this mail at the manager's office this problem with the late deposit would not have happened. Schlarb

said she would like all checks to immediately go to the treasurer. But when county commissioner Rex Wilson tried to make a motion for the manager to draw up such a policy, commissioner Wilton Howell said that was not on the agenda. Then commission chairman L. Ray Nunley said anything that happens in the manager's office happens at their direction and he instructed that all money coming in the mail be immediately directed to the treasurer's office for deposit.

Wilson then made the motion to have the county's contracted auditor Terry Jones to conduct a special payroll audit and budget \$4,000 out of

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Capitan Residents Respond With Support For Smokey Bear Park

by Doris Cherry

Citizens have responded to the call for support of Smokey Bear Historical Park in Capitan.

Monday, during a special meeting of the Capitan Village Trustees, trustees adopted a resolution in support of the keeping the park open, and the New Mexico State Forestry efforts to obtain additional legislative funding.

The meeting started off with a report from regional Forester Barbara Luna who told about last week's announcement that state forester Toby Martinez was considering closing Smokey Bear Park unless the department could obtain money from the state legislature to do needed display upgrades and facilities maintenance. And she spoke about the outpouring of support from the community for the park since the announcement. "I truly believe it is no longer an option to close the park," Luna said.

At last Thursday's Friends of Smokey-Capitan, Inc. (FOS) it was announced that Martinez would recommend the park closed because he did not believe there was any local support. The closure was taken up by FOS member Kathleen Phillips who issued a "Fire Storm Alert" to state-wide media. In it she appealed for letters of support to be sent to the local state forestry office, state forester, and to the Energy Minerals and Natural Resources (EMNR) cabinet secretary Jennifer Salisbury. (State forestry is a division of EMNR.)

Monday night, village hall was packed with concerned citizens, including Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Schwettmann and county commission candidate Robert Goddard to hear Luna's report. She said that Martinez's intent was not new information, it was the same statement made at Smokey Bear's birthday on May 9 and earlier in the year. At those times, local state forestry officials were seeking local support.

It took Phillips' alert to rally a rash of support that included letters and posters from the elementary school and letters from Senator Jeff Bingaman, state representative Dub Williams and state senator Pete Campos.

"Martinez's office has been flooded with letters of support to not close the park," Luna said. She said that Martinez had wanted to be at the special meeting but was unable to attend. She said that Martinez's announcement about closing the park was one extreme end of the spectrum of options for Smokey Bear Park, the other extreme being putting lots of money into the facility to make it a community and state showcase.

"In the last three or four days, the community has become really aware," Luna said. "And picked up the ball. The letters of support have been incredible. I believe closing the park is not an option, as they have an awareness in Santa Fe."

Luna said the next step is for the park to seek a federal partnership and or grants through Congressman Joe Skeen's office and pursue state money for an overall master plan for the future of the park.

The park currently has educational programs for school children. And last year more than 22,000 paying customers went through the turnstile at the park, after depositing their 25 cent entry fee. Park officials estimate more than 22,000 people went through the park because they

do not charge children under six years old, or the school groups that come every Wednesday.

Luna said the governor has also heard about the community support which really made a difference.

Capitan Mayor Norm Renfro said Martinez needs to know that just because people do not attend the partnership (with RC&D) meetings does not mean the citizens don't care. Renfro was also concerned about the future of the village's log cabin Smokey Bear Museum which sits on state land. "It will be devastating to Capitan if the state closes the park," Renfro said.

Luna said Rep. Williams has been at a few of the partnership meetings and he was in support of carrying a bill on behalf of state forestry for the park. Luna asked county commissioner Schwettmann if the county commission would also pass a resolution in support of the park.

Citizen Lonnie Lippmann asked if the support needed was "moral or financial?" Luna responded that now the support needed from the public is moral. And so far the support sent to the state has been overwhelming.

Resident Pete Renich, who had sent a proposal to operate the village's log cabin museum, said he was still willing to negotiate with the village to operate the museum. He said he has an art background and experience working in museums. He was concerned that because he has worked in museums elsewhere and had experience.

Village clerk Deborah Cummins asked if there was any guarantee the same issue won't come up again in the future. Luna said personally she did not think it would, but she said the village should request written response about this from Martinez and Salisbury. She also said Martinez is planning to visit Capitan in the near future and hold a public meeting about the division's plans.

Renfro said he heard the division is seeking \$250,000 from the state that will include \$75,000 for a master plan and the rest will go to display upgrades and facility improvements. Luna said the intent of the Master Plan is to plan for making the park a show case and a destination location.

Because the village museum sits on state land, Renfro said the village cannot obtain any federal or state grants to upgrade it. Luna said there might be a way by doing some joint powers agreements between the village and state. "The village will take over the park before we let it go," Renfro said. "It is out of the question to let the park close!"

Luna said there is too much support and investment in the park to allow it to close. She told of how the state is seeking support from such groups as the National Association of State Foresters.

Phillips, who started the "Fire storm" of support, said she thought the village needed to request in writing a written response from the secretary and state forester, so "this won't happen again." She spoke of how trustee Debra Ingle (who was absent from the meeting) was working with Skeen's office, and Bill Terry, the US Forest Service Smokey Bear Program director, in getting \$1.5 million for the park. "If money is the issue, then why is the revenue generated at the park sent back to the (state) general fund, instead of going back into the park?" Phillips asked. Luna said now they have to make an educated guess at

how much revenue the park will generate in entrance fees and use that as a budget. If the budgeted amount is achieved then the park will receive it from the state forestry division, if not then the

division must make up the shortfall.

Luna said Martinez's "overwhelming preference" is to enhance the park. "To do this requires additional money from the state legislature," she said.

At the first part of October, Luna and staff Eddie Tudor and Larry Bandy will go before the state Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) to make a request for funding for the next fiscal

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More DWI Program

government that requires this time." Wilson also said expertise in grant management, and we don't have it at that after the audit there have been more problems in

the last quarter where grant forms were not filed on time. Guevara said she had requested an extension.

Nunley then moved the discussion back to the program not working. "We need one that works," Nunley said. "Unfortunately Mr. Kloepfel and Mr. Montes came here to be beat up."

Then Monroy Montes wanted to know why the DWI program was on the agenda of the Ruidoso council meeting that night. Nunley said he only knew about it because the Ruidoso fire chief had told him about it. Nunley said he talked with Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson that day.

Howell said to him it seemed it was a done deal. Then Monroy Montes said "maybe the judge runs the county." But Nunley stopped the discussion by saying enough damage had been done.

County resident E. J. Fouratt said the DWI grant is one of the biggest in the county and is not managed or supervised. He said if Ruidoso didn't take over the program, then the county should get someone in there who would make the program work.

Howell asked what would happen to the employees if they voted to drop the program and Ruidoso votes to pick it up. Nunley said it would be like what happened to White who was told he could re-apply. "The rules of the grant are when the grant disappears, then the employees are terminated," Nunley said.

But Howell was concerned what will happen to the program if Ruidoso didn't pick it up. Nunley said Mansell didn't care who ran the program. Monroy Montes said the state had no problem with the hiring procedure. "The only one with a problem is Nunley," Montes said. Butts then said that the state had nothing to do with the ad.

Howell then made a motion to continue the grant as it was that day for another 30 days to allow a cooling off time. Montes seconded it. Howell asked Butts if there was any room with the current program. Butts said no. Then Howell asked why Butts had so much problem with Kloepfel as DWI coordinator in his court. Butts said the coordinator is responsible for hiring qualified probation officers. Also when the DWI coordinator is given a case, he is responsible for sending the person with the DWI conviction to screening, making payments and then the DWI coordinator reports back to him. Howell then said it is much like a clerk who makes sure all is coordinated and kept in line, and the judge sentences. "Yes," Butts said. "Then he makes sure the DWI complies."

But when the vote came on Howell's motion, only Howell and Montes voted for the motion.

Then Schwettmann made the motion to terminate the DWI program at 9 a.m. Wednesday, August 26, because the program was going to "stay in the ditch as there is too much personal animosity." Wilson seconded. Montes asked for a roll call vote and explanation of their votes. Wilson, Schwettmann and

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Nunley voted yes, Montes and Howell no. Wilson said he didn't think the program was being managed appropriately and he believed that it will lighten staff load by not having the program administered by the county.

Montes then said he wanted to put the grant funded drug task force on the next meeting agenda because he did not think that program was being managed well and also he wanted to put the grant funded senior programs on the next meeting agenda.

Schwettmann said Montes' statement was not called for and he was ashamed.

Schwettmann said he didn't care who was hired, but he was concerned because he did not have the privilege of knowing who applied for the job or who was selected. Howell said he voted as he did because all commissioners were allowed to participate in the hiring process. Howell explained that after the ad ran for the DWI coordinator, the DWI council of Fouratt, Officer Gore, Butts, Charlie White and himself met and later Nunley came in. At the meeting Howell said Fouratt said he wanted Butts on the recommendation committee,

Nunley agreed. But Butts was silent and said he would rather not be on the recommendation committee. So Howell and Nunley and Guevara became the recommendation committee and they narrowed the applicants from nine to three, one of whom was Kloepfel. Howell said Nunley was unable to be on the committee and had asked Montes to take his place that night. Howell said Butts had called Guevara to recommend the individual from Alamogordo. "But he wasn't responsible enough to be on the committee."

"We hire Mr. Kloepfel and soon as it happens it hit the fan," Howell said.

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Fort Stanton Needed

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local community and "more-over the local media." He said he wanted to address some of the issues.

"When we took over the facility, the facility was in disrepair, the grounds had not been taken care of, the buildings were in disrepair," Perry said. "We put a great deal of resources toward the facility."

Currently it costs \$85,000 to \$100,000 a year for all maintenance at Fort Stanton, that includes the roads, grounds and all facilities. He said also there are capital improvements to the facility, namely a new roof on one of the old buildings. "I believe people object to the new roof because it detracts from the

historical value," Perry said. Annual payroll at Fort Stanton is about \$1.1 million annually, or \$93,000 a month, Perry continued. "That translates to a lot of money put into the local economy."

"We believe we are good clients and good tenants of the area," he continued. He told of how the department has received several letters from individuals complimenting the inmates work at the cemetery and the Fort. "We think it has been a positive experience," Perry said. He spoke about the concerns of the local media which he found by reading press clippings, several editorials, and comments, the night before the meeting. "They were replete with political jargon and things of that nature," Perry continued. "But when you take that out of it and really look at the concerns, I think there are some legitimate concerns. And that is access of the public to the historical value of the facility. That is a difficult situation because as a prison facility security needs to be maintained. As a historical site accessibility to the public is intricate to that objective."

"We will be happy to work with the community to make it more accessible for historic visits and make logistics easier through Warden (Sandra) McFadin and any of the historical societies that might be interested. We think we can work those issues out as best we can striking a balance between security and history."

The other concern the project for about 30 to 50 more inmates at Fort Stanton as the women's inmate population increases. Perry explained that New Mexico is one of the few states that have a minimum restrict

classification for women inmates. He also explained the difference between minimum and minimum restrict inmate is about a year of incarceration.

But the main issue of the women at Fort Stanton deals with economy. Perry said initially the facility was economically viable to the state because it could provide inmate incarceration at a reasonable cost—if the numbers are up. If the numbers are down the cost per inmate per day goes through the roof and doesn't become economically viable. "So what we are trying to do is place enough inmates to make it a viable economic option. What we are attempting to do is bring small population of minimum restrict," Perry explained that due to security regulations for minimum restrict they are required to fence the Sierra Cottage, E building that can hold up to 80 women. The unit will be fenced, but the complex will not be fenced, which is not uncommon to other minimum restrict facility.

Perry said the minimum restrict inmates will be allowed to go out and work on the facility grounds outside the secure perimeter, but will require a heightened degree of supervision. "We think we can have a reasonable degree of security, integrate a small minimum restrict population in here and increase the economic viability of the facility," Perry said.

Another point raised by the articles, Perry continued, was when corrections came "we said we would be in and out and it was advised to local community that this would be a very very short term solution."

"Quite honestly, if the economic viability, doesn't improve, it probably will be a short term solution because we're not going to spend good money after bad. We have the (Corrections) Commission taking some of the Crime Bill money to make a study to review the overall plans for female inmate populations and what we should be about it as far as the long term solution."

The plan is expected to be completed within six months and within a year corrections will look at what it will do on a permanent basis for long term female population issues. "It could be middle Rio Grande corridor, expansion of Grants and a host of options available." He said the study will look at such options of where programs, health services and jobs are available for community based release. "A lot of issues that need to be looked at and analyzed to make a sound rational reason that will provide us with this solution that is workable into the future," Perry said.

"Does Fort Stanton fit into those plans? I think it's premature to say that we're going to be here on a long term basis," he said. "It is safe to say we are going to be here at least another year."

"When we do leave, we intend to leave it a lot better than when we found it." He said the fencing, which came from the closed main prison in Santa Fe, will be removed and "you'll never know it was there. It will be in better shape, as well as good historical shape than when we found it."

Commissioner Tim Kline of Albuquerque then asked what economic impact there will be to the local community, if "Fort Stanton goes away." Perry said all employees are from the local community, and the inmates spend money in the local community. He said that his "historical experience" in other communities was that when corrections talked of closing a facility the communities leaders have "really, really discouraged us

from moving out and encouraged us to stay in large part because of the economic impact."

"This is been an anomaly in that regard," he continued. "Quite frankly I feel like certain forces that wish we weren't here. That typically isn't true in most communities in New Mexico these days." He then referred to the situation in Hobbs and Santa Rosa that very much wanted the new private men's prisons for the jobs and economic development the prisons will have on the communities.

Perry then said that economies of Ruidoso and Lincoln County are very viable and they don't necessarily need the prison facility, although it helps economically. Perry said he was actually looking to purchase land in Lincoln County and he likes it quite a bit "down here in Lincoln County."

"It is pretty viable and maybe that has something to do about it, I don't know," Perry said.

Commission chairman Ken Batson of Hobbs asked if there is one particular group that is opposed to the women's facility at Fort Stanton. Perry said he had heard a variety of reasons why there is opposition. "I heard there was opposition perhaps with special interest groups concerned with land development and water rights in the area," he continued. "By us vacating the facility, there was a movement before that the state would turn it over to someone in the historical society and that could perhaps could assist those to water rights infrastructure and land development. "I don't know if that's true," he continued. "I'm not familiar enough with the situation issue...there are various forces and various

interests that are trying to affect the dynamics of the situation."

Commissioner William McKay was concerned about losing Fort Stanton as a women's facility because it is an open, healthy environment with "tremendously positive sociological benefits." "It's one of the things we don't have anywhere else for prisoners," McKay said.

McKay said that Fort Stanton is the kind of facility where prisoners "have the potential to improve their lives and their attitudes. He said many of the women need this type of program because many are battered and depressed. "Some of the most pitiful cases you can see," he said.

McKay said he would "really hate to see it disappear."

Perry said it is a very neat facility where inmates are taken from the "hard concrete and razor ribbon facility at Grants" and brought to Fort Stanton. He said he believed the women's outlook and optimism for a better tomorrow is increased and the mountains and surrounding atmosphere have a "therapeutic value."

Again in response to a comment by the chairman about the classification of "minimum restrict" Perry said the only distinction between minimum restrict and minimum custody is "virtually the time left on the sentence—nowhere near medium custody."

During the day the minimum restrict inmates will go to the dining hall and to vocational programs under a heightened security, Perry said.

In response to a question about staffing, Perry said there will be an increase of security staff, which will be

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El Condado de Lincoln tendra una junta publica el viernes, 11 de Septiembre, 1998 a las 3:00 de la tarde en el edificio de los Comisionados, situado en Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico. El proposito de la junta publica sera para discutir el programa de Desarrollo en la Comunidad del Conjunto de Donacion de Nuevo Mexico (CDBG) y para avisar a los ciudadanos de las metas del programa, la escala de actividades elegibles, el uso de fondos y otra informacion pertinente. Tambien es para obtener las opiniones de la ciudadanía sobre el desarrollo de la comunidad y necesidades de habitacion, particularmente las necesidades de la gente de ingresos bajos y moderados.

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Capitan Responds

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year (which begins July 1, 1999). DFA takes requests from state agencies and departments, then incorporates the requests into an overall request to the state legislature which must hold hearings then approve all the state agencies budgets depending on the state's revenues.

Phillips said she has not been satisfied with the responses from Salisbury's and Martinez's offices about the future commitments to the park. She said she would contact Salisbury to ask for written commitment. Phillips said the problem lies in Santa Fe, not with the local state forestry office.

Luna said she wants to host a public meeting with Martinez to present the requests, plans, and letters of support they will take to the DFA hearing in October.

Smokey Bear Park is the only park under the State Forestry Division. The park was put under the division several years ago with the reasoning that state forestry was the best department to further Smokey Bear's fire prevention message.

As for the park's revenue, Luna said they are considering increasing the entrance fee. Currently they only budget revenue of \$5,000 based on the entrance fee, which does not even cover the utilities for the facility.

Luna again spoke about the support from the community including a letter from Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce, and the "precious letters from the kids. Some of the letters were very touching," she added.

Capitan School Superintendent Diana Billingsley suggested all the children's letters, posters and pictures be laminated and displayed in the Capitol building rotunda during the legislature to show support for the park. She also said that people need to attend the legislative committee hearings when the funding request is considered. Schwettmann offered to go "to the top man" in Santa Fe and during the legislative session.

Luna said in the last three or four days, the support sent to Santa Fe has made an impression. The momentum of the support needs to continue, she added, so the state can make the park a show case. "It can be done," she said.

Phillips asked if citizens could attend the DFA meeting

in October to lend support of the issue. Luna, who said she had never been to a DFA hearing before, was unsure if that is allowed but she would check. "Once the funding request becomes a bill, we need an entourage of people," Luna added.

Trustee Benny Coker suggested any proposed bill to request additional funding for the park be in place very, very soon. "Ones that get in later take what's left," Coker, who has been before legislative committee many times, said. Coker said he thought it

was terrible a crises had to be created in order to get attendance and support at village meetings. But he appreciated the public's input and support. "Your concerns are only as good as you present them to us," he said.

Then Coker made the motion for the resolution of support. All trustees and the mayor voted yes.

Anyone wishing to send a letter of support about the park should contact the state forestry office in Capitan at 354-2311 for addresses and FAX numbers.

More Fort Stanton

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programmed into the Corrections budget next year.

After Perry was commended by a commissioner for his good work in Corrections, Warden McFadin spoke about the programs now underway at Fort Stanton, including a new initiative—inmate to work program. She told of how she has all eligible inmates out on work release programs where they earn enough money to buy clothes, such items as microwaves and televisions for their living areas and for snacks at the snack shop operated entirely by inmates. She said all items are bought locally, including the food for the snack shop.

McFadin said she allows privileges but is strict about inmate behavior and dress. "You will not see inappropriate clothing," she said. "If I do see it I will confiscate the clothes."

McFadin said the women work very hard to earn the privileges.

As for the condition of the facility, when the women came, the boiler was down, weeds were high and the buildings were in bad shape. The women working on a short deadline got to work, and met the deadline for opening. "Without the inmates this would not have happened."

After presentations from Bob Montoya, corrections facility manager who is responsible for all physical plants for all of New Mexico corrections, commissioners

conducted their mock interviews with the women inmates. Later in the day they were taken on tours of the facility.

A small group of Fort Stanton, Inc. arrived late to the meeting, after Perry and McFadin had made their presentations. While they wanted to know what will become of the Fort Stanton post office, Perry did not return to the meeting, and their questions went unanswered by Mike Toms, corrections public information officer, because he was unaware of that proposed closure.

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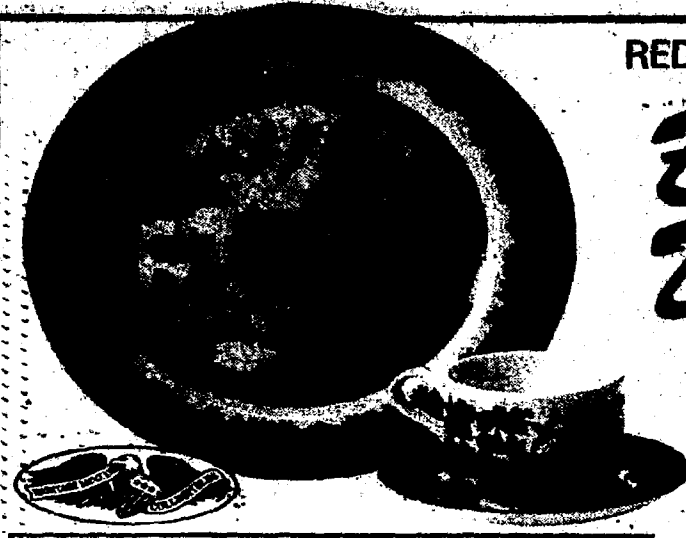
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- PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS Beef Arm Roast LB. \$1.49
- FRESH Ground Chuck LB. \$1.49
- PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BEEF Chuck Steak LB. \$1.59
- PRICES 13 OZ. LIGHT OR 14 OZ. REG. PIMIENTO Cheese Spread EA. \$1.99



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Golden Ripe Bananas
 4 LBS. \$1.69

RED OR WHITE Seedless Grapes LB. 69¢

FRESH HOT PEPPERS Jalapeños LB. 59¢	DOLE AMERICAN BLEND Salad Mix 10 OZ. BAG \$1.59	GARDEN FRESH Broccoli LB. 69¢
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Macaroni & Cheese 7.2 TO 7.25 OZ. 3.2 FOR

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Van Camp's PORK BEANS Part & Beans 15 OZ. CAN 3 FOR \$1

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Worton's Cottage Cheese 24 OZ. CTN. 3 FOR \$1

- DINTY MOORE Beef Stew 24 OZ. CAN \$1.99
- QUAKER ASSORTED INSTANT Oatmeal 2 11.4 TO 16.2 OZ. \$5.00
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