

# C'zozo School Bond Election Set for \$1 Million

by Doris Cherry

With more than \$1 million in needed capital projects, Carrizozo Board of Education approved a \$1 million bond issue election to be held on April 9.

At a special school board meeting January 23, Carrizozo school board members approved a resolution calling for the \$1 million bond issue election

to be held Tuesday, April 9. Polling place will be at Carrizozo School with hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Carrizozo Board of Education proposes to utilize the \$1 million in bond issue funds to remodel and upgrade the track to state competitive standards; construct a new, or remodel and expand the existing, Ag/wood shop; remodel and expand the gym

concession area; remodel gym locker rooms and showers and public toilets to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

When discussing how much the bond issue should be, school board member Lisa Shivers recommended the \$450,000 because it might be more appealing to the voters.

But school board member Eldon Offutt said he

did not want to do any more "patchwork". "If we do any remodeling we should do it to standards," Offutt added.

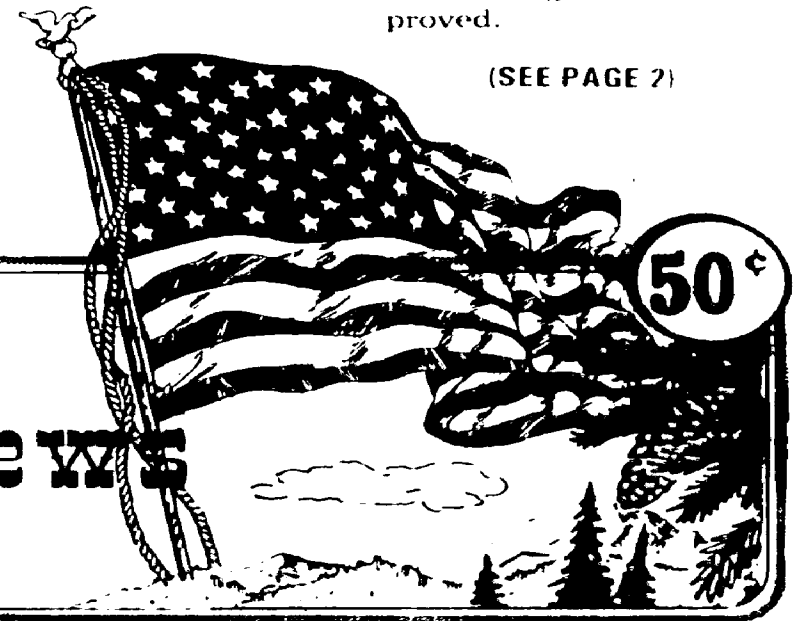
School board member James Grider asked if the school district had to bring the locker rooms to ADA standards. "How many basketball players do we have in a wheelchair?" Grider asked.

School board member

LeeRoy Zamora said in some instances ADA standards cannot be met, such as at the courthouse where there is no room to expand restrooms.

Grider also said he thought the school district should go for the \$1 million bond issue election as a back up if the capital outlay request for the ADA remodeling is not approved.

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**TROUBLED TRACK** Carrizozo School Board approved a \$1 million bond issue election to provide funds to upgrade the "non legal" track and other projects at Carrizozo School District.



**STAKE A DETOURS.** Carrizozo students have to make a detour around the construction site at Carrizozo elementary and middle schools. The project will not be completed before the end of this school year.

## Lincoln County Split Into Three State Rep Districts

by Doris Cherry

With the court settled redistricting plan, Lincoln County is split three ways for state representative districts. According to Lincoln County Bureau of Elections clerk Sam Chavez, with the new redistricting Lincoln County is split between State Representative Districts 56, 57 and 59. The Lincoln County Clerk's office received the redistricting information from the state on Wednesday, Chavez told *THE NEWS*.

According to the court

settled redistricting information, State Representative District 56, which had included all of Lincoln County and tiny parts of Otero and Chaves Counties, will now only include part of Lincoln County. Those parts are Precinct 5 (Alto Village), Precinct 8 (north Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso), Precinct 9 (south Cree Meadows Drive, east Gavilan Canyon Road, east Mechem Drive and parts of Hollywood and the area south of Highway 70 near the "Y"), Precinct 10 (areas north of Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs) and Precinct 11 (area south of Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs).

State Representative District 56 also includes all of the Mescalero Apache Reservation, and parts of Tularosa area, both in Otero County.

State Representative District 56 is now held by Dub Williams, a Republican from the Ruidoso area.

The rest of Lincoln County will be represented by State Representative Districts 57 and 59.

State Representative District 57, now held by Dan Foley, Republican from Roswell, will include Lincoln County Precinct 1 (Corona and the entire north ranching area), Precinct 2 (Carrizozo and Nogal), Precinct 3 (Capitan), Precinct 4 (north Airport Road, Ranches of Sonterra, Enchanted Forest, Angus, Sun Valley), Precinct 6 (north Cree Meadows Drive, north Gavilan Canyon Road, east Mechem Drive, south Eagle Creek and Gavilan Canyon), Precinct 7 (west Mechem Drive, south Ski Run Road, east county line, north Main Road, Upper Canyon).

State Representative District 57 also includes precincts in northern Chaves County, including the Berrendo area of northern Roswell.

The other state representative district in Lincoln County will be State Representative District 59. Currently held by Avon Wilson, Republican from Roswell, State Representative District 59 will include

only Lincoln County Precinct 12 (Hondo valley). The remainder of the State Representative District 59 will be in Chaves County.

Any voter registered with the Democratic or Republican party and who lives within the described precincts within the State Representative District is eligible to run for the June primary election for State Representative.

According to Sam Chavez, the number of nominating petition signatures required for a Republican candidate for District 56 is 38 and the number for a Democratic candidate is 35.

The number of signatures required on a nominating petition for District 57 is 51 for Republican candidates and 43 for Democratic candidates.

The number of signatures required on a nominating petition for District 59 is 41 for Democratic candidates and 42 for Republican candidates.

Candidates for multi-county State Representative Districts must file their affidavit of candidacy and their nominating petitions filled with the proper number of signatures between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday, February 12, with the New Mexico Secretary

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### RC&D And Tularosa Water Committee Joint Meeting Feb. 7

South Central Mountain RC&D Council will hold a joint meeting with the Tularosa Basin Water Planning Committee at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, February 7 at the Alamogordo Federal Savings and Loan building community room on second floor at 500 10th Street in Alamogordo.

Agenda items include presentation by Stan Bulsterbaum, Interstream Commission Regional Water Planning Chairman, presentation by Tom Springer on the Ecological Dynamics Simulation Watershed Model and an update on the status of the R.C.S. project.

The public is invited to attend.



**SLOWLY COMING ALONG.** Crews with Reblon Construction company continue to work at Carrizozo Elementary and Middle Schools where the remodeling that was to have been completed by Christmas continues.

## Slight Pay Increases For County Employees

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County employees got a raise.

Lincoln County Commissioners at their meeting January 17 in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo,

### Leslie's Celebrate 70th Anniversary

The local Leslie clan enjoyed a steak fry and get-together at the Carrizozo Country Club on January 18. About 30 family members and friends attended.

The occasion was to celebrate the 70th wedding anniversary of Dorothy and Robert Leslie, and to celebrate Robert's 90th birthday. They were surprised. (The couple was wed on January 2, Robert's birthday is February 9.)

Elmo and Ardythe Ward, visiting from California, hosted the celebration. Kenneth and Sharon Leslie provided the steaks and cakes for the two-fold celebration. All other guests brought side dishes to round out the meal.

approved a mid-year budget adjustment that will provide for a 1.96 percent negotiated cost of living increase for sheriff's deputies and a slight cost of living increase for all other county employees.

Because of an increase of the federal Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding, at the budget mid-year (December 31, 2001) Lincoln County had \$182,744 in excess of the state required reserves, said county manager Tom Stewart. Although the PILT was \$286,636 more than was budgeted, declining interest rates required a downward adjustment of revenues by \$34,400. Also data processing revenues did not meet the budgeted amount and were decreased by \$300.

County commissioners had discussed the mid-year budget adjustments at their December 2001 meeting.

"We are in good shape," Stewart said of the \$182,744 in extra reserves.

Stewart also reported on the negotiations with the

Deputy Sheriff's Bargaining Unit. Stewart said the 1.96 percent increase was budgeted for the sheriff's deputies. "This figure was used in good faith negotiations with the bargaining unit on January 8," Stewart said. "The (1.96 percent) increase was accepted by the bargaining unit."

Also, the bargaining unit requested, and management agreed to, a reduction in hours to be paid overtime from 160 hours to 80 hours worked under the provisions for emergency personnel. "What this means is our payment of overtime to deputies will be simplified," Stewart said. He also said that the cost of this overtime change will be less than \$1,000 a year.

In addition to the pay increase for deputies, county commissioners approved a revised step increase and pay chart for all classified county employees other than sheriff's deputies. At the December county commission meeting, county commissioners approved a step increase to

bring the current consumer price index increase from 2.0 to 2.1 annual percent. This .1 percent increase will cost the county about \$48,526 from January 19 to June 30.

Five employees also got pay grade increases, recommended by Stewart. "I recommended the pay grade increases because the level of responsibility for these positions have increased over time," Stewart said. The total cost for the remainder of the fiscal year is \$3,429. Employees who got the increases are the Indigent Health Care Coordinator who was raised two steps from 22C to 24C (\$26,430 to \$28,040); data processor in the finance office who was raised from 22H to 24H (\$29,182 to \$30,958); treasurer's financial clerk from 22C to 24C (\$26,430 to \$28,040); Sheriff's record coordinator from 12E to 14E (\$20,463 to \$21,708) and road department secretary from 15F to 16F (\$22,805 to \$23,491).

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# C'zozo School Bond Election

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But the school board will have to justify to the voters the need for the \$1 million bond issue, advised Charles Casey, financial consultant who presented the information about the bond issue.

Grider said it may be easier to justify the large amount by emphasizing the need for a new Ag/wood shop, better than for ADA toilets.

Offutt responded he thought they had a good chance in getting money for the ADA restroom remodel. "We should do the track only with bond money," Offutt said. He also said the school district has had good luck in getting capital outlay money for classrooms.

Currently the track on the football field does not

meet state track meet standards, which prevents the school district from holding qualifying track meets on campus. So the school district uses the Capitan Schools track for meets.

In discussing the track upgrade, school superintendent Rick Cogdill said when the school district looked into remodeling the track two years ago, the cost estimate was about \$180,000 to \$250,000. And for that amount, the track could only be upgraded to have 38 inch wide lanes. The state requirement for lane size is 42 inches. Cogdill said the school district could construct a new track at a different site for about the same money. However the school district would have to purchase property for a track site,

and it would not build new bleachers or toilets accessible to the track.

Zamora suggested the existing track be expanded to reach the required 42 inch lanes, even if the retaining walls have to be moved.

Offutt agreed the district should make the track "legal".

Another potential project is closing off the street that goes between the school buildings. Shivers said it is a safety issue when the small children cross over from building to building.

Casey suggested the school district look into a different source of funding for the street safety project.

School board president Steve Harkey said the school district in 2003 may also consider going to the state legislature for more funds beyond the Public School Capital Outlay program. Harkey acknowledged the Public School Capital Outlay program has been good to Carrizozo School District. "We've got ten lots of capital outlay money," Harkey said.

One condition for a school district to receive the Public School Capital Outlay funds is to be at least 65 percent "bonded" to capacity. In the last five years, the Carrizozo School District has received more than \$2 million in state Public School Critical Capital Outlay funds. This year the school district has applied for \$822,000 of Public School Critical Capital Outlay funds to remodel the gym toilets and locker rooms to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) code.

However, this will be the last year the school district is eligible to apply for capital outlay funds due to the bonding capacity requirement.

Casey told the school board that school district voters would have to approve at least a \$450,000 bond issue for the school district to stay above 65 percent "bonded".

If the \$1 million bond issue is approved, the school district will be at 65 percent or more bonded through year 2007. If approved, the \$1 million in bonds will be sold over a five year period, with money available to the school district yearly.

Shivers said this means the school district will be able to do only one project at a time.

If approved, the bond issue will raise taxes by \$2.38 per one thousand dollars worth of taxable value of properties within Carrizozo School District. Currently the tax rate is \$5.62. As an example, Casey showed how taxes for a \$75,000 full valued home in the Carrizozo School District would increase by \$34.60 a year.

However, Zamora said most homes in Carrizozo are not valued at \$75,000.

If a house is full valued at \$36,000 and has a taxable value of \$12,000 (which is one-third the full value), then the school tax would increase by \$28.56 a year over the current amount. (The amount of tax paid to the school district is indicated on the annual property tax bill.)

The school board spent some time discussing whether to go with a \$1

million bond issue amount, or go with a \$450,000 bond issue. The \$450,000 bond issue will increase taxes in the same amount as a \$1 million bond issue, with the only difference being the time it takes to pay off each.

Casey said property tax rates in the Carrizozo School District, even if this new proposed bond is approved, will go down after 2009 because old bonds are retiring.

"I hate to sound greedy," Offutt said. "But I hate to nickel and dime our projects, so why not \$800,000?"

But Grider said why not \$1 million so the school district will stay above 65 percent bonded through 2007. "And we won't have to do another bond issue so soon. The reasoning for the \$1 million is there," Grider added.

## State Water Projects Could Cost Billions

The complex water challenge facing New Mexico requires a complex solution.

So reported New Mexico State Engineer Tom Turney to the New Mexico Senate Conservation Committee at the state capitol building on January 24. Turney, chairman of the New Mexico Water Trust Board, and Tom Pollard, vice chair of the New Mexico Water Trust Board (and director of New Mexico Finance Authority), presented a report on protecting New Mexico's waters.

Turney said the New Mexico Water Trust Board was established by the New Mexico Legislature in 2001 with the duty to make recommendations to the Legislature and Governor for the financing of projects to help New Mexico meet its water needs.

The board includes the state engineer as chairman; president of the Navajo Nation; directors of the New Mexico Finance Authority; representatives from the New Mexico Municipal League, New Mexico Association of Counties; secretaries of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Department of Agriculture, Department of Game and Fish, Department of Environment, and representatives of the Acequia Water Users, Irrigation or Conservancy Districts (surface water), Soil & Water Conservation Districts, Irrigation or Conservancy Districts (ground water), the Environmental Community and an appointee of the New Mexico Commission on Indian Affairs.

"The complexity of New Mexico's water problem and solution is reflected in the types of projects the Board is to consider," Turney said. Those projects involve storage, conveyance and delivery of water, implementation of the Endangered Species Act Collaborative Programs, restoration and management of watersheds and flood prevention. On flood control, Turney said many of the state's flood control dams are 50 years old or older and need maintenance. Turney said the state needs to utilize federal

Zamora agreed. "I wish I knew the magic number the community will accept," Shivers said.

Finally the school board unanimously approved a motion made by Grider and seconded by Shivers to adopt the Election Proclamation Resolution for a Special Bond Election to be held April 9, 2002 in the amount of \$1 million. The school board also approved a motion to adopt the election procedures for the special bond election.

By early March information brochures about the bond issue will be available to voters. Voter registration for the special bond issue election will close on March 12. In-person absentee voting begins on March 15 and continues through April 5. Election day will be Tuesday April 9 with polls at Carrizozo Schools open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information about voting at the special bond issue election contact Carrizozo School District Administration Office at 648-2348.



A winter storm warning continues through today, Thursday, January 31, with up to one inch of slushy rain and snow in the lowlands and up to eight inches of snow in the high mountains. Winds will be brisk.

This storm follows another a week ago that only produced half as much snow as predicted. Mild temperatures are expected to return by weekend.

The following weather forecast is based on information from the National Weather Service web site.

Forecast for Carrizozo, Lincoln, Hondo Valley and lower elevations of Lincoln County:

Today, Thursday, January 31:  
Slight chance of snow showers early, then partly cloudy and cold. High of 42 in Carrizozo. Chance for precipitation 10 percent. Tonight, partly cloudy with low of 18.

Friday, February 1:  
Mostly clear with warmer daytime temperatures. Highs to 42, lows to 10.

Saturday to Tuesday, February 2-5:  
Clear to partly cloudy and milder with highs 45 to 58. Breezy to windy. Lows from 10 to 25.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan, Corona and the higher elevations of Lincoln County:

Today, Thursday, January 31:  
Slight chance of snow showers early, then turning partly cloudy and cold. High of 33 in Ruidoso. Chance of precipitation 10 percent. Tonight, partly cloudy with low of 16.

Friday, February 1:  
Mostly clear and not as cold during the day with highs from 34 to 42. Night time lows from zero to 10.

Saturday to Tuesday, February 2-5:  
Clear to partly cloudy and milder with highs from 45 to mid 50s. Breezy to windy. Lows from 10.

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# Lincoln County Split

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of State Bureau of Elections office in State Capitol Annex on Don Gaspar Dr. in Santa Fe.

Nominating petition forms are available from the office of the Lincoln County Clerk in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

County candidates do not need nominating petitions and the county candidates will file with the Lincoln County Clerk between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12.

Governor Gary Johnson on January 28 issued the 2002 Primary Election Proclamation that sets the June 4 date of the primary elections to nominate candidates for the Democratic and Republican Parties.

The following offices are now open under the proclamation:

- Federal Offices:**
  - One six year termed U.S. Senator
  - Three U.S. Representatives with two year terms each.
- State and District Offices:**
  - Governor for four year term
  - Lt. Governor for four year term
  - Secretary of State for

- four year term
  - State Auditor for four year term
  - State Treasurer for four year term
  - Attorney General for four year term
  - Commissioner of Public Lands for four year term
  - Judge of Court of Appeals for eight year term
  - 70 members of the State House of Representatives
  - Three members of the Public Regulation Commission. (Lincoln County is split between two districts.)
  - Four District Judges (none for 12th Judicial District).
  - Five members of the State Board of Education with four year terms (none of which include the district for Lincoln County.)
- County Offices**  
Lincoln County, each for a four year term:
- Three County Commissioners, Districts 2, 4 and 5.
  - County Clerk
  - County Treasurer
  - Two Magistrate Judges, Division 1 and Division 2
- The proclamation also outlines all offices open for election in all counties within New Mexico. For more information

about the primary election voter registration, call the proclamation, and offices Lincoln County Clerk's office for election, or about office at 505-648-2394.

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## State Water Projects

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representatives in Congress now. Edwards said the state should utilize this strong congressional delegation to fund projects to reduce evaporation by rehabilitating degraded grasslands and over-dense forests. "If we could capture only one percent of the evaporation it would provide 100,000 acre feet of additional water," Edwards said.

A question was asked of Turney whether the state is considering a pipeline to transport water from a wetter state. He said this was considered about 30 years ago, but was rejected because of the immense cost. Others asked about the depletion of the Ogallala Aquifer in eastern New Mexico and a proposed water sales by a private individual in Texas. Texas does not have water rights laws.

In discussing a proposal by a Texas business man to sell water from Texas to communities along the eastern side of New Mexico, Turney said he did not encourage New Mexico cities to buy or use this water. He said that currently Oklahoma is suing Texas for wells drilled by the Canadian River.

Concluding the report, Pollard said the Water Trust Board is important as a way to look to the future for solutions beyond the problems. "The question for New Mexico is how can we maintain our water supplies," Turney said. "Without water we could

lose our agriculture economy and have another dust bowl."

"More water and a steady water supply will lead to economic development," Turney concluded.

## Murtaugh Nominated To US Naval Academy

U.S. Senator Pete Domenici announced Wednesday, January 30, that he has nominated Capitan High School student Andrew F. Murtaugh of Noyal for potential admission to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

According to a press release from Sen. Domenici's office, Domenici selected Murtaugh and 39 other New Mexico nominees based on recommendations from the Academy Review Board. Nominees were selected for their academic, athletic, extra-curricular and leadership abilities of the students throughout their academic careers.

"Competition for admission to the academies is fierce," Domenici said. "But New Mexico youth have always measured up. These are outstanding young people who represent some of the best our state has to offer. The number of applicants increased this year, which I believe is a result of the September 11 attacks and a renewed interest in serving the nation."

"The students nominated have qualifications, potential and desire to excel at the academies," Domenici said. "This nomination process puts them a step closer to achieving that goal." Murtaugh is a senior at Capitan High School.

**FIRST MONDAYS**  
--Republican Party of Lincoln County. Call 354-4230 for time and locations.

**SECOND MONDAYS**  
--Kairos Outside and Emmams Community meeting, 6:30 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Parsonage on E. Ave. Carrizozo.

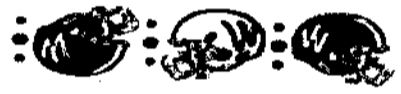
**FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS**  
--Jalayne Spivey of the District II Office of the State Engineer is at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

**WEDNESDAYS**  
--AWANA club meeting 6-8 p.m. First Baptist Church of Carrizozo for children three years old through sixth grade.  
--AWANA club meeting 6-8 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo for children in grades 7 and 8.  
--Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

**THURSDAYS**  
--Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2635 or 258-3201 for information and location.  
--Pre-school reading hour, 1 p.m. at Capitan Public Library.

**SECOND SATURDAYS**  
--Democratic Party of Lincoln County, 11 a.m. Cree Meadows Restaurant in Ruidoso through April. Call 354-2873.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1**  
--Capitan Elementary School In-service day, no class for elementary students.  
--Enchilada dinner, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Carrizozo School cafeteria, proceeds to send students to summer volleyball camp.  
--Capitan Public Library free lecture series 7 p.m., speaker historian Bill Thorp on Feather Cave. Refreshments follow.



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4**  
--Capitan Chamber of Commerce, 12:30 p.m. chamber building on Second Street.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5**  
--Lincoln County Health and Wellness Council meets at 8 a.m. in the board meeting room of Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. Public invited to attend. Agenda available from Terrie Elliott at 117 El Paso Road in Ruidoso.  
--American Legion James Hipp Post #57, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Center. All honorably discharged veterans invited to attend.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5**  
--Start of free Parenting Classes at 6:30 p.m. at Ruidoso High School. Call 257-5038 to preregister.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7**  
--South Central Mountain RC&D joint meeting with Tularosa Basin Water Planning Committee, 9:30 a.m. Federal Savings and Loan Building community room on second floor at 300 Tenth Street in Alamogordo.

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**THOUGHTS**

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

**A Super Souper Bowl**

By Ruth Hammond

Sunday is the day football fans have been waiting for all year. Super Bowl Sunday, according to all the hype, will be a show to remember. No doubt many football fans will sit in front of the TV until their eyes are blurry, watching more gobbledy goop than football. When it started umpteen years ago it was a football game to end the season. And the first two games were won by the Green Bay Packers, of the National Football League of course. The third year the Baltimore Colts, of the NFL, lost to the New York Jets, the first AFL team to win the Super Bowl. Then there were changes. There was only the NFL with two conferences, an American conference and a National conference. Easy enough to understand until some teams began to move from city to city, with at least one team bouncing back and forth between cities. The Super Bowl on Sunday will be the New England Patriots vs the St. Louis Rams, oops, almost put in the St. Louis Cardinals which are now in Arizona.

Our question is, "Why are these teams moving from one city to another?" Especially when some of the cities they had been in now have pro football teams with different names. Other teams making the move were the Houston Oilers which are now the Tennessee Titans, and next year Houston will be the Houston Texans, the Cleveland Browns changing to the Baltimore Ravens and the last two years Cleveland has had a new Browns team, and the Raiders moving from Oakland to Los Angeles and back to Oakland. Seems it would have been easier for the teams to stay where they were and start new teams in other places.

Uniforms having to be changed was minor compared to how confusing it is for the fans. Oldtimers insist the Rams should be in Los Angeles and the Cardinals should be in St. Louis. If the Packers ever moved from Green Bay there would probably be an uprising, and the Cowboys will always be the Dallas Cowboys regardless of where they go. The same idea goes for the Denver Broncos, Detroit Lions, Pittsburgh Steelers, and other NFL teams we have watched through the years. This changing of locations for the teams makes us wonder if this is a Super Soup Bowl.

Perhaps you prefer the changing, and we agree that some changes are for the better, but the teams are still playing football, not changing to play soccer or volleyball or something else. Can you feature husky football players out on the ice trying to do the precise movements and jumps to win the Olympic Gold Medal in men's ice skating? Some of the football players would probably need to wear their pads and other protective gear before ice skating competition.

Evidently certain athletes stay in the sport they excel in, even if they have to move to another city. We wish both teams the best in Sunday's Super Bowl, regardless of where they are from now or where they were from before.

Remaining in the same place or changing may be better for some people than others. It is your decision as to whether you want things to remain the same or make changes. You have five and a half weeks before the municipal elections to decide if you want change or not.

*Things could get soupy*



**SANTA FE**  
**INSIDE THE CAPITOL**  
by JAY MILLER

**SANTA FE** - As predicted, more controversy than usual is swirling 'round the Capitol. Besides the usual tiffs between Gov. Gary Johnson and Democrat lawmakers, there are spats among Democrats and problems between the governor and Republican lawmakers.

As expected, Johnson and Democrats are fighting over the meager revenues flowing into state coffers and the ample surpluses left over from the good ol' days that ended earlier this year. The governor wants a \$25 million income tax cut, which he calls modest in relation to the \$72 million he requested last year.

Democrats note that \$8 million in projected new revenue won't cover that, which evidently is why Johnson didn't include it in his own budget proposal. There is a solution. Give taxpayers a one-time rebate out of the big surplus. But Democrats tried that last year and Johnson vetoed it.

Also in contention are Medicaid, prison construction, economic development and public works projects throughout the state. Most of those issues have caused perennial dog fights but the economic development problem is new.

A legislative subcommittee has cut all the marketing funds out of the Economic Development Department budget. Secretary John Garcia angrily reacted that New Mexico will be sending a powerful message by being the only state that does not advertise itself. We're saying that jobs aren't important to us, claims Garcia.

Why would lawmakers cut something with the potential to bring us out of last place in so many categories? Garcia alluded to personal animosities to-

ward himself and the governor. Lawmakers talked about lack of performance-based budgeting and accountability. But the real reasons didn't seem to emerge.

Could it relate to Johnson not budgeting any money for in-plant training, something that is dear to the heart of most lawmakers, be they Democrat or Republican? Johnson says it is a boondoggle for the state to give money to companies for training their employees. Capitol observers have long scratched their heads over that one. Does it relate in some way to Johnson's former business of supplying construction workers for building projects?

Another problem Johnson has created for himself involves his frequent mention recently that he will not leave the next governor in a poor fiscal condition the way his predecessor did to him. Former Gov. Bruce King has many friends still in the Legislature, plus his son Gary and niece Rhonda, who don't remember it that way.

Johnson even mentioned inheriting a poor fiscal condition in his opening day speech to the Legislature with Bruce King in the audience. There likely will be consequences when the governor and lawmakers begin haggling over the size of state reserve funds for next year.

Gov. Johnson also has run afoul of Republican legislators, especially with his drug proposals. Rep. Rob Burpo, a GOP gubernatorial candidate, promises to "do whatever I need to in the Legislature to quickly halt the effort to legalize drugs in New Mexico." That comment in a letter Burpo mailed to 5,000 Republicans lost him the privilege of carrying

the governor's tax cut package again this year.

Sen. Ramsay Gorham, along with Sen. Manny Aragon, is carrying the governor's bill to abolish the gross receipts tax on food despite her efforts to defeat his drug package. Gorham's husband, Frank, and former Johnson Public Safety Secretary Darren White have formed Protect New Mexico, to lobby against liberalization of drug laws.

The governor has asked Gorham not to do anything to obstruct his drug package but she says, "I regard it as my duty to fight this under available Senate rules." That looks like the makings of an intra-party squabble. Aragon supports Johnson's drug ideas, which doesn't impress many Republicans who wonder if there might be a tradeoff somewhere.

Republican death penalty advocates are uneasy because they smell another possible gubernatorial tradeoff with opponents for their support of this drug package.

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**PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM**



JUDITH L. CHRISTOPHER

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**Aquarius:** (Jan 20 - Feb 18) You're not getting the whole story! Find out from the horse's mouth! Don't rely on one person to tell you something without listening to the other side!

**Pisces:** (Feb 19 - March 20) It's time to take care of yourself first! It's good to be good to others, yet at the same time you can't unless you're good to yourself first, they'll understand!

**Aries:** (Mar 21 - April 19) What you want most, and what you don't want most, is getting all messed up! Stop the madness and fix one thing at a time! What you Don't want first!

**Taurus:** (Apr 20 - May 20) Don't cry over a crack' egg... it means new life begins! Cook up your life anyway you see fit, you're the only one who has to eat it, so enjoy it.

**Gemini:** (May 21 - June 20) Love is in the air! But Where? In your heart, in your soul! Release it, give it away, call someone you love and let them know you really care!

**Cancer:** (June 21 - July 22) Take your good idea to a person who knows what to do! First, keep the reason you want to do this, to yourself! Watch what you say, be careful.

**Leo:** (July 23 - Aug 22) Your words can cut like a knife, so watch that you don't cut your own throat! Your future is in your own hands, or rather mouth! Say kind words!

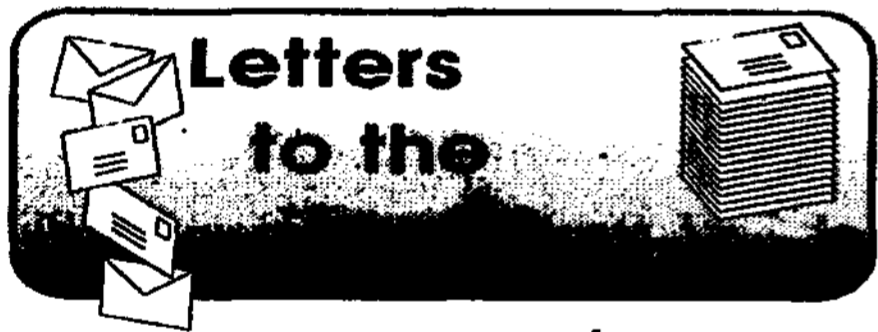
**Virgo:** (Aug 23 - Sept 22) You may find yourself out in the cold, thought-wise. What you don't say is just as important as what you say with words! Your eyes also talk!

**Libra:** (Sept 22 - Oct 22) Don't throw the baby out with the bath water! Take your time to know what to get rid of, and when to get rid of it! You are in charge of your life!

**Scorpio:** (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Your word is the only thing others can really count on! Be sure not to lie to the wrong person, it may come back on you! Think first before talking.

**Sagittarius:** (Nov 22- Dec 21) You can always pull a rabbit out of the hat in the last minute! Make sure you have the right hat, or you may be pulling out the wrong thing!

**Capricorn:** (Dec 22 - Jan 19) You're doing just fine! Don't take life so serious. You always know what to do, and when to do it, this is no different! Take time to enjoy it!



**EDITOR:** I am in the fifth grade at Hart-Ransom School in Modesto, California. I have adopted your state as a class project. I will be doing a report and making a display about New Mexico.

In May, my class will be having a "state fair". I will be displaying everything I have learned about your state to all of the visitors from our school and community.

It would be helpful to me if you would print my letter, asking your readers to help me by sending postcards of your state's attractions, maps, brochures, information about wildlife, industry, neat places to visit, statistics, sports teams and any other information and items your readers feel would be helpful.

I hope that your readers can help me with my project. I promise to send thank you's to everyone who sends packages. I am excited about learning about your state and hearing from the people who live there!

**SARA McLEOD**  
Mrs. Unruh's Class  
Hart-Ransom School  
3930 Shoemaker Ave.  
Modesto, CA 95358

**EDITOR:** I am writing to you today to ask for your help. I am a teacher at Hart-Ransom School, in Modesto, California. Our fifth grade classes have presented a State Fair for our community and students for the past six years and this is a major project for our students. The project is used as a teaching tool for language arts, history, geography, and art. It has brought excitement for the kids and their families, as mail comes in from all over the United States.

In September the kids chose the state that they wanted to do their project on and began to write the letters to the editors. On September 11th, when tragedy struck and the following anthrax terrorism began, we had to rethink the use of this project for the safety of our children. I was overwhelmed by the sadness our children exhibited, as they have visited the State Fair every year since they were in kindergarten, and looked forward to the day that they would be taking part in the project.

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# Grizzly WEEKLY

By Carrizozo High School Journalism Class  
Sarah Ball, Instructor

## Grizzly Hoopsters Have Busy Week

The junior high Grizzlies faced off against the Capitan Tigers on the 24th. The Lady Grizzlies faced the Lady Tigers first and played tough defense the first quarter not allowing them to score. The Lady Grizzlies won by the final score of 21-17.

The boys were next and had a tough game ahead of them. They tried and played some defense but couldn't get anything going in the fourth quarter. The final score was 21-36, with the Tigers on top.

In Mesalero, the Lady Grizzlies varsity faced off against the Lady Chiefs on Thursday, the 24th. Carrizozo played a good game defensively but let their mental errors keep the Chiefs in the game. However, the Grizzlies left the gym with a win under their belt, 53-50.

Right after the girls game it was the varsity boys turn to take over. The Grizzlies played a team with little experience and the Grizzly bench finished up the game. The Grizzlies came out with a much needed win to boost their confidence, 57-38.

The JV Grizzly boys faced off against the Magdalena Steers at the Grizzly Den on the 26th. They played their hearts off trying to get a win, but failed and lost 15-65.

Next was the varsity boys against the Steers. The Grizzlies were close to winning this one but couldn't get out of the third quarter because of foul trouble. Younger players on the team tried to step up, but the task was too big. The final score was 40-51 with the Steers winning.

The next game will be against the Mountain Mustangs on Friday, February 1. The JV girls, varsity girls and varsity boys will be hosting the Mustangs with the first game set to begin at 4:00 p.m.

JOHN SERNA

## New Teacher At Carrizozo Schools

Carrizozo Municipal Schools would like to introduce the new middle school science teacher, the school's special education coordinator, and the school's title 1 coordinator, Mrs. Laura Hemphill.

Mrs. Hemphill grew up in Bellevue, Nebraska, and graduated from Bellevue West High School. She attended the University of Nebraska-Omaha, receiving a Bachelors of Science Education (BSE). She then attended New Mexico Tech to obtain her Masters in Science/Technology (MST). She majored in education.

Mrs. Hemphill teaches seventh and eighth grade science, where her students do labs and group activities, take notes, listen to lectures, and receive plenty of book work. In addition to her classroom responsibilities, she is the school's coordinator of Title 1, a federal program helping students in need of math and reading help. She is also the school's special education coordinator, which is a program used to help those with learning disabilities or are considered gifted.

Mrs. Hemphill is a great asset to our school system and other programs within our school.

Kayla Martin-Burd

## CHARACTER COUNTS DECEMBER, 2001 Carrizozo Grade School

**Kindergarten:** Calie Armandariz, Devon Artoche, Jonathan Brazie, Nicholas Chavez, Erick Culley, Sarah Ferguson, Shayna Gallacher, Jace Hill, Bailey Holden, Mason Huston, MacKenzie Moore, Jeremiah Sedillo, Johnathan Smith, Isaac Vega, Erica Vega, Shaye Ventura, Rylah Zamora, Zachary Zamora.

**1st Grade:** Sierra Anaya, Rebecca Green, Arturo Najera, Jade Roper, Joshua Vallejos, Casey Vega, Andrea Vigil, Shiyana Zamora.

**2nd Grade:** Gaby Barela, Lane Carter, Justin Greer, Jaime McCarthy, Sara Ann McNatt, Carmen Tate, Catalena Vega, Marriah Ventura.

**3rd Grade:** Destiny Dutchover, Joel Ferguson, Jordan Hill, Fernando Najera, Cheyanne Riggs, Jenna Scharz, Michelle Shivers, Lauren Smith, Marshal Wilson, Stephanie Zamora.

**4th Grade:** Alexandra Borowski, Tessa Hendricks, Adrianne Ramirez, Maria Tate, Mariah Vallejos.

**5th Grade:** Elizabeth Bingerman, Clinton Cogdill, Alyshia Culley, Patricio Jiron, Mark LaBlanc, Kathleen Schlarb, Heili Jo Paul, Jennifer Shafer, Bailey Shivers, Amber Vigil.



## PERFECT ATTENDANCE -- FIRST SEMESTER Carrizozo Grade School

Top: Adrienne Ortiz, Andrea Beltran, Anallcia Beltran, Casey Vega, Catalena Vega, Bottom: Travis Calvert, Nicholas Chavez, Shayna Gallacher, Sarah Ferguson, Jade Roper, Rebecca Green. Not pictured: Tavi Nash.

## Yearbooks For Sale

The yearbook staff at Carrizozo would like to announce that, starting February 1, yearbooks for the 2001-2002 school year will be available to purchase. Early (anytime before May 1) purchases will only be \$10 per book. After May 1 the yearbooks will cost \$15.

Students interested in buying a book should see Mrs. Ball in her classroom anytime before school, during lunch, or after school.

Yearbooks will be distributed in August in order that we may include pictures of prom, graduation, and track.



MRS. LAURA HEMPHILL

## Bingham Youth To Participate In Youth Forum

Trevor Douglas of Bingham has been selected to participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy from February 19-24 in Washington, D.C.

Douglas will join 350 high school students from across the United States in the forum designed to provide students a first-hand look at careers in national security. Students will take part in an array of seminars with current leaders key to U.S. international relations, and will participate in a national security simulation exercise to test problem solving skills.

Students may visit the U.S. Department of State, US Marine Corps Combat Development Command at Quantico, the Defense Intelligence Agency, US Naval Academy and other locations.

For information on the National Youth Leadership Forum programs visit their internet site at [www.nylf.org](http://www.nylf.org).

## Church Directory



### MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY

**Nogal Presbyterian Church:**  
BILL SEBRING, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

**Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:**  
SCOTT KING, Pastor / 848-2024  
Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.

**Corona Presbyterian Church:**  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor  
314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM  
848-2868 (Church) or 648-2107  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 10:55 a.m.  
Sun. Evening ..... Training at 8:15 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:15 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

**Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)**  
JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, Pastor  
Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth, 648-2186  
Children's Church ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:30 p.m.

**Santa Rita Catholic Community**  
FR. DAVE BERGS, Pastor  
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853  
SATURDAY:  
Capitan Sacred Heart ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Carrizozo Santa Rita ..... 7:00 p.m.  
SUNDAY:  
Capitan Sacred Heart ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Carrizozo Santa Rita ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Corona St. Theresa ..... 4:00 p.m.

**Church of Christ**  
TOM POINDEXTER, Minister 354-3135  
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 1:15 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

**St. Matthias Episcopal Church**  
REV. CANON JOHN PENN, Rector  
Corner of E Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM  
1-505-257-2366  
Holy Eucharist ..... Sunday 9:30 a.m.

**Claunch Community Church**  
TONY SCACCIA, Minister  
849-1402  
Second Sunday of Each Month ..... 9:00 a.m.

**United Methodist Churches**  
JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor  
1000 D. Ave, 848-2893 / 648-2846  
Carrizozo, NM 89301  
Sunday School (All Ages) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Choir Practice (Tuesday) ..... 6:30 p.m.  
United Methodist Women  
Every 3rd Wednesday ..... 2:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Dinner on  
4th Sunday of Month ..... 12:30 p.m.

**CAPTAN:**  
Adult Sunday School ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Time ..... 10:15 a.m.  
Adult Sunday School ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Choir Practice (Tuesday) ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Dinner ..... Every Third Sunday  
Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group)  
1st and 3rd Tuesday ..... 9:30 a.m.

**Christ Community Fellowship**  
ED VINSON, Pastor (Inter-denominational)  
514 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, NM  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

**Capitan Church of Christ**  
LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister  
5th & Lincoln / 336-4627  
Sunday Bible Study ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

**Trinity Southern Baptist Church**  
Phone 354-2044  
Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
AWANA Sunday ..... 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**First Baptist Church of Corona**  
CAL WEST, Pastor / 849-7975  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Dinner ..... 1st Sunday of Month

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# Corona News

Curtis and Wanda Duke drove to Bryan, Texas last week to help Sam B. Pate celebrate his 100th birthday. They attended a reception held at the Hilton Hotel in Bryan. Sam is a second cousin of Wanda Duke.

Mr. Pate stood and greeted guest for two hours. The Dukes were able to meet and visit with many relatives.

Mr. Pate, who is an avid bowler and angler, turned 100 years old Friday January 18, 2002. As a young man he went to Sam Houston State Teachers College and that is where he met his first wife Virginia, who preceded him in death. He taught school for eight years, and then raised turkeys for a while before starting his 33

year stint with the US Postal Service. He worked there until he was 70 years old and forced into retirement.

Pate fished his entire life. He caught a 16 and 1/2 pound catfish December 2001.

He didn't pick up a bowling ball until he turned the ripe old age of 80. Sam said he watched his son Sam Pate Jr. bowl one night and his son asked him what he thought of it. Sam told him it was just fine for you young people. He started bowling the next day and has been bowling ever since. He has a career high score of 225 and reached 215 several times, yet the average has fallen off in recent years. "When I reached 95, things began to change a lot. I couldn't get

around as good, and for some reason my scores seem to come down," Pate said with a smile. He has captured gold medals from bowling tournaments in Houston Tx, Orlando Florida, and Baton Rouge LA, as well as a silver medal from Tucson, Az.

The Bryan kegler who bowls three times a week continues to stay busy at home as well. He still does his own cooking and laundry. He is vigorous and healthy and still drives his SUV.

Family members from Arizona, Nevada, Minnesota and New Mexico as well as Texas gathered to honor him on this occasion.

Mr. Pate is the proud father of three girls and two boys. He has 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Sam Pate has no plans of pausing or even slowing down. "I am just going to keep bowling, fishing and loving the children," he says.

He had three parties throughout the week held in his honor. They were hosted by his bowling league, the Masonic Temple, and his children.

Curtis and Wanda Duke continued on to Splendora, Texas where they visited Mr. Duke's two sisters and one brother in law.

Shad and Trisha Cox's son, Cabel Lyston Cox, was christened Sunday, January 20 at the Corona Presbyterian Church. Out of town guests were Shad Cox's parents, Bob and Vicky Cox, and his grandmother Virginia Cole, and Trisha's parents Bill and Sandy Fleming.

Denise Byrd's daughter Candice Roberts was chosen for Who's Who among American Teachers. Candice teaches high school English at Melrose. She was also chosen as Who's Who when she was in high school and college.

Ellen Farrell, former State Regent of the New Mexico Society Daughters of the American Revolution, was hospitalized in Los Alamos after suffering a stroke on Dec. 30. Mrs. Farrell has stabilized and is going to start rehabilitation to work on the damage done by the stroke.

We have had several snow flurries but no moisture - cold nights and days, and wind.

Start thinking about this year as the Corona Centennial.

Walter and Shirley Flint left January 25, for their home in Fairbanks, Alaska, after visiting Pete and Helen Porter for several weeks. Shirley will visit an orthopedic surgeon in Seattle en route.

Mr. and Mrs. Justen Washburn, Terran, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clark were in Bull Head City, AZ last week to attend the PRCA Turquoise Circuit Finals. Justen came home with buckles for Champion Saddle Bronc average for the year and Champion Saddle Bronc for the Finals. In addition to the buckles, he brought home the saddle. Justen and Steve Dollarhide will represent the Turquoise Circuit (New Mexico and Arizona) in the Dodge National Circuit Finals at Pocatello in March.

John and Pam Climer celebrated Christmas in Kansas City, Mo with their grandson Samuel, aged 2 1/2, along with his parents Neal and Amy Climer.

John and Janis Bond visited Amy and Rusty Reid in Tom's River, NJ over the Christmas holidays. They were joined there by Lindsey and Wesley Stawarczik from Altoona, PA. Rusty baby sat with the three boys, Layton, 3, Braiden, 2, and the newest addition to the family, Tate Dale. The rest of the family celebrated Janis's birthday in Atlantic City.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hodge were Radna Proctor and her two sons, Creighton Eddington, who teaches science in Tatum, and Lyndell Bond, who teaches history in Carrizozo. A third son Charley is studying engineering in Prescott, AZ. Radna and her sister, Loretta Jones, are both school bus drivers in Tatum.

Genell Robinson, Las Cruces, and Mrs. Rusty Berend, Deming, spent Thursday and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Rand Perkins. Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Rand Perkins were in Goodwell, OK, where they had been invited by the president of the Kansas Rodeo Association to discuss the streamlined procedures used by the NM Rodeo Association with the Kansas and Texas rodeo secretaries. About 12 people attended the seminar.

Cotton Yancey was taken to a Farmington hospital Sunday with very high blood pressure. Doctors there found a blockage near the heart. Tuesday, he was air lifted to Albuquerque's Heart Hospital where doctors decided a stint may alleviate the problem.

And to add to the grandparents visiting, Mary Otero Smith visited her grandson, Grant, and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith during the Christmas break in Boulder, Colorado.

## Skeen Will Not Endorse Anyone In June Primary

U.S. Representative Joe Skeen said in a recent press release that he does not intend to endorse anyone in the Republican primary election in June.

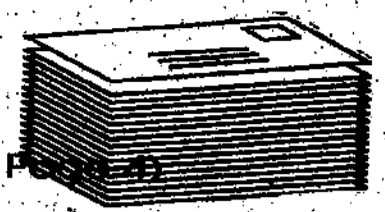
"There are a number of good, solid candidates who have already announced," Skeen, a Republican from Lincoln County, said. "It would be wrong for me to try to influence the party one way or another. Choosing a candidate should be up to Republican voters, and not up to me."

Skeen announced early in January that he will retire in December, 2002, at the end of his 11th term, and will not seek re-election to his 12th term. Skeen says he is looking forward to the work of the second session of the 107th Congress.

"We still have a lot to do this year," Skeen said. "We must pass a meaningful economic stimulus package, farm bill, additional funds to help recover from September 11, a workable campaign reform bill and so forth."

In announcing his plan to retire, Skeen said it is just time for him to return to the ranch and his family.

# Letters



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We decided to wait until now to mail out the letters to the editors, in hopes that things would be more settled and safer for our kids, and the teachers who screen all of the mail before the students are given the packages. Now is when we need your help. Because of the lateness in mailing the letters, we need to be sure that their letters are published right away. We have been overwhelmed by the responses from the people in our adopted states in the past, and hope that they will help us again. We do mail a thank you to everyone who sends us packages, and do sincerely appreciate their help.

Thank you in advance for your help. Our kids are looking forward to getting mail.

MRS. SUSAN UNRUH  
Hart-Ransom School  
3930 Shoemaker Ave.  
Modesto, CA 95358

**EDITOR:** As Program Director of the Lincoln County Zia Senior Citizens Centers I would like to clarify the statements made by "Norm" in his classified advertisement in the Lincoln County News on January 24, 2002. Specifically, his statement about "a high speed Internet computer located in the Senior Citizen's Center in Carrizozo with no restrictions on use"

I was approached by Mr. VanGorder regarding the possibility of placing an Internet line and computer in the senior center for use by the seniors. I did say that I would welcome such a generous donation to the center. However, we never discussed the "unrestricted" use of this equipment.

Since we have various activities on a daily basis at the center, should a computer be available for the use of the participants we would have to schedule its use as with any other activity. To ensure that every senior wishing to use the computer is awarded equal access, we more than likely would have to put a usage time limit per person and of course the service would only be permitted during center hours. I hope this clarifies any misunderstanding.

ADA HENDRYX  
Carrizozo, New Mexico

## Dub Williams Says Water Is A Big Issue

Water is the biggest issue facing the state, said District 58 State Rep. Dub Williams about the legislative session underway at the state capitol in Santa Fe now.

Williams serves on the Ag and Water Affairs Committee, which meets each Tuesday and Thursday in the capitol building.

"Water is a problem for the whole state of New Mexico," Williams told THE NEWS in a telephone interview on Wednesday. "Not just for the Pecos or Rio Grande valleys."

Williams said he is unsure how the state will resolve the water issues, but he hopes the state can make residents aware of the problems.

"There is a consensus the state will not have to go to a priority call of water (to meet the Texas water debt)," Williams added. "We hope to have a permanent solution to the Texas water debt within a year. Of course the real solution to the water problems is to get some good wet weather."

"In Lincoln County, economic development hinges on water," Williams continued. "We don't want to make decisions to stop economic development because of water issues."

As for the many capital outlay requests submitted by the municipalities, schools, and the county, Williams said it appears there may be more money for the needed community projects. "There has been no decision on the amount available for these projects," Williams said. "But there are some saying the amount available may be as much as \$80 million."

Often the capital outlay projects are termed "pork" because of the money

brought back to the communities by their elected legislators. But Williams said it would "be nice to get away from calling it pork."

"The capital outlay projects are so important to the small communities," Williams said.

Williams is also a member of the House Transportation Committee. This week the transportation committee has been receiving budget requests from the state highway department. Williams said improvements to U.S. Highway 54 between Tularosa and Carrizozo is high on the priority list for the transportation committee.

Having sponsored several pieces of controversial legislation during the seven years he has served in the House of Representatives, Williams said he does not plan to sponsor any special bills this short 30 day session.

Williams can be reached at his office in Room 203 in the state capitol building by calling 505-986-4454, or by writing Rep. Dub Williams, State Capitol, Attn. Mail Room Dept. Santa Fe, NM 87503.

This legislative session continues through noon February 14.

### Local Students Earn Degrees At NMSU

The following students were awarded degrees after the fall session of 2001 at New Mexico State University.

Students are Monica T. Alirez of Corona with an associate degree in Criminal Justice; Cheyenne Dixon of Nogal with BS in Animal Science; Lynette M. Hernandez of Carrizozo with BS in secondary education; and Jonathan J. Vallejos of Carrizozo with Bach. of Criminal Justice.

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**Card of Thanks**  
**IN MEMORY OF JUSTIN ORTEGA**  
from San Patricio & Santa Fe  
To all of our family, friends, and even those of you that we do not know.  
It has been two weeks since Justin was killed from injuries caused by the car accident. We have been doing our best to deal with each passing day.  
We have avoided the issue of sending out Thank You cards. It is the final acceptance of what our hearts did not want to accept.  
We would like to take this moment to say **THANK YOU WITH ALL OF OUR HEARTS** for the outpour of love, prayers, support, help in getting done what was necessary, the flowers, the food, the phone calls, the books to help us cope with death, the people who served food at the reception after the funeral, the staff at St. Vincent Hospital, the Santa Fe Police Dept., the people at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, the Louie Pacheco Choir and pianist, the Police Chaplin Jose and choir who sang like angels, Fr. Shea, Fr. Jakobiak, Deacon Anthony Trujillo, Berardinellis' Funeral Home, Trinity Baptist Church, the Santa Fe EMS personnel, the donations, the Lincoln County Commission, the Santa Maria de La Paz Life Teen Group, the man who tried to pull Justin from the car at the scene of the accident, the list is endless.  
Thanks to Felicia Lujan, for all the love and talent that she put into the collage that she made of Justin and to the kids who wrote poems, and songs for the collage they made.  
A heartfelt THANKS to all of you who traveled many miles to show your love and support.  
We also would like to Thank the pallbearers, Jason Larranaga, Elias Griego, Arthur Benavidez, Thomas Lujan, Jeremy Munoz and Diego Ortega. Honorary pallbearers, Mark Garcia, Roman Chayez, Antonio Sanchez, Velarde Gonzales, and Andrew Arragon. Also we thank all the young people who were there to show how many lives Justin had touched.  
And please if there is anyone we have forgotten or left out, forgive us.  
Sincerely, Justin's family  
Parents: Rick and April Simpson,  
Gilbert and Gloria Ortega  
Siblings: Diego Ortega, Clifford Simpson, Felicia, Mike, Laura and Thomas Lujan.  
Grandparents: Charlie and Celine Ortega,  
Robert and Barbara Shoppach,  
Tom and Roxye Sheets,  
Dee and Clara Ellen Simpson,  
Aunts and Uncles: Charlene, Bill, Margaret, Shaun, Chris, Mark, Jim, Randy, Tom, Gayle, Mark, Sandra, Gene, Chris, Dennise, Diana, Debbie and all of Justin's cousins

# Sheriff's Report

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

old female diabetic. Med 2 transported to LCMC.

8:23 a.m. request for deputy for peace keeping at location in Palo Verde Slopes so an individual could pick up belongings.

10:14 a.m. request for ambulance at ski run for 17 year old male with back and head injuries. Med 1 responded.

3 p.m. accident with injuries on Mesa Ranch Road. Capitan ambulance responded but was refused.

4:15 p.m. cell phone report of injured deer on Highway 70.

4:21 p.m. request for ambulance at ski run for 20 year old with heart problems. Med 1 transported to LCMC.

5:54 p.m. fire south of Corona.

9:01 p.m. noisy dogs barking on Mesa Loop in Ruidoso Downs.

9:17 p.m. barking dogs on Cedar Creek Road.

January 27:  
11:07 a.m. vandalism at location on Tomhawk.

12:52 p.m. Ruidoso Police requested assistance at Cedar and Vail to advise a grandmother that her 3 year old grandson was taken into custody for Children, Youth and Families

January 24:  
8:42 a.m. request for ambulance at senior center for elderly male with chest pains. Capitan ambulance responded then requested Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) that responded.

2:32 p.m. request for ambulance at location in Alto for 14 year old with dislocated knee. Med 1 transported to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

January 25:  
3:45 p.m. Narcotics Enforcement Unit (NEU) advised of a warrant arrest.

4:40 p.m. fallen male at business. Med 1 transported to LCMC.

10:13 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of loud party and poaching on Borg Drive. Two deputies notified.

January 26:  
12:55 a.m. request for ambulance at location on Birch Drive. Capitan ambulance responded.

1:55 a.m. request for ambulance at residence in Hondo Valley for 33 year old male with chest pains. Hondo ambulance transported to LCMC.

8:07 a.m. request for ambulance at location on Wildwood Circle for 33 year

Department (CYFD).  
1:22 p.m. dumpster fire at Cedar Creek Road. Bonito Fire Department notified.

8:02 p.m. report of missing items out of residence on Deer Creek Road.

January 28:  
8:12 a.m. request for ambulance for elderly man having trouble breathing. Capitan ambulance responded and requested RALS that transported to LCMC.

9:23 a.m. dumping at the end of Sunrise Road in Alto.

11:11 a.m. smoke in Ranches of Sonterra area. Bonito Fire Department responded.

11:47 a.m. request for ambulance to make transfer from Capitan residence to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo. Med 2 responded.

1:58 p.m. request for ambulance for patient who fell at location on Taos Drive. Med 3 transported to LCMC at Code 1.

3:32 p.m. possible nonviolent mental patient at location on Highway 70 east of Ruidoso Downs.

6:18 p.m. request for deputy at business in Alto.

After many years of asking, Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor finally got approval for a historical clerk. County commissioners approved Stewart's recommendation to fund \$17,500 for a historical clerk. Proctor told *THE NEWS* the position will be a contract arrangement.

County commissioners also approved a request from the county assessor to hire a clerk instead of filling the vacant appraisers position.

With funds left after providing salary increases and new employees, county commissioners approved \$6,000 for shelving in Judge Karen Parson's library; \$9,363 increase to the CAP state highway department program to upgrade Gavilan Canyon

Road; \$3,000 for a weed/plant project proposed by Sally Canning to be done on Highway 380 at the Salazar Canyon turn off; addition of the \$250,000 from the community development block grant (CDBG) for the county health office in the substation in Ruidoso; \$30,000 increase for the detention center fencing project.

County commissioners did not act on a request from Capitan Library for \$2,500 for the rest of this fiscal year, because they could not reach consensus.

County commissioners also approved, on a 3-1 vote with county commissioner Leo Martinez voting no, the year 2002-03 "Sole Community Provider" Payment of \$300,461 on behalf of the county-owned Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso. The money will come from the hospital mill levy funds. The Sole Community Provider funds are matched three to one with federal funds. Last year LCMC received \$1,046,797 to help cover hospital costs incurred by people who cannot afford to pay. "This is an integral part of the hospital finances," said LCMC administrator Jim Gibson during the budget discussion.

County commissioner also approved placing most of \$175,000 required reserves in a county facilities fund, as recommended by Stewart.

With the last recommendation, county commissioners unanimously adopted a resolution to accept the mid-year budget adjustments.

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# Sen. Pete Campos Reports From Santa Fe

SANTA FE: Senator Pete Campos, D-Las Vegas, Monday urged a four-pronged approach to improving health care in New Mexico.

"This is not a problem that can be solved easily. It is not a problem that can be solved with just one or two steps," Campos said. "Rather, a comprehensive approach is necessary."

Campos made his comments as the third week of the 2002 legislative session began. The session, which is primarily concerned with budget and revenue issues, will adjourn in mid-February.

The four points Campos outlined for improving health care in New Mexico are:

- \* better care for children, low-income New Mexicans and the elderly;
- \* strengthening rural health care and hospitals;
- \* supporting the provision of emergency medical services along major roads and highways like Interstates 40 and 25 and US 54 and 84; and
- \* enhancing community counseling services to curtail domestic violence and other problems.

On the first point, we rely heavily on the Medicaid program to provide health care for children, low-income New Mexicans and the elderly. This is a program funded jointly by the state and the federal government, with the federal government putting in about three dollars for every dollar the state contributes," Campos said.

"Through managed care, the state has been able to control the costs of this program somewhat, but it is still a very expensive program to operate."

Campos said he supports including an additional \$35 million to \$50 million in the Medicaid budget to allow the program to maintain the same level and scope of service.

"This increase in spending will have to be balanced against the financial needs of our education, public safety, water and economic development programs, but we cannot afford to ignore this pressing health care need," Campos said.

In a state with as much poverty as New Mexico, the Medicaid program is the only method for many residents to receive health care, Campos said.

"Staying healthy is obviously the most effective, least expensive health care insurance anyone can have," Campos said.

"On the second point of our approach, we must work to support and strengthen our rural health care clinics and hospitals," Campos said. "Not everyone can make use of the hospitals in Albuquerque, Las Cruces and Santa Fe. We must consider financial and other incentives to attract and maintain physicians and nurses in rural New Mexico and assist hospitals that operate in the areas outside the Rio Grande corridor."

Campos noted that hospitals and clinics throughout rural New Mexico are at the front line of the health care fight.

The third point of

Campos' approach to health care is to support local governmental efforts along highways to provide emergency medical services. (SEE PAGE 9)

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**  
**COUNTY OF LINCOLN**  
**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
**CV-01-245**

**WELLS FARGO BANK MINNESOTA NA,**  
As Trustee  
**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**  
**ERIC CULVER AND BILLIE CULVER,**  
Husband and Wife, **BANK ONE, NA,** and  
**RUIDOSO VALLEY BUILDERS, LLC.,**  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above entitled Court, having appointed me as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known 5 Doe Holiday Ct., Alto, New Mexico 88312, and more particularly described as follows:

**LOT 5, BLOCK 22, RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, NOVEMBER 30, 1982, IN CABINET D, SLIDE NOS. 99 TO 103, BOTH INCLUSIVE.**

The sale is to begin at 10:00 a.m. on February 26, 2002, on the front steps of the Lincoln County Court House, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale and to satisfy the Judgment of Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee.

Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee was awarded a Judgment on January 7, 2002 in the principal sum \$157,636.14, plus outstanding interest through December 31, 2001 in the amount of \$13,283.66 and accruing daily thereafter at the rate of \$41.94 per day, plus selected fees and expenses of \$349.70, plus late charges of \$653.96, plus an escrow balance of \$1,258.62, plus attorneys fees through December 31, 2001, in the sum of \$750.00 and costs through December 31, 2001, in the sum of \$1,078.03, with interest on the late charges, attorney's fees and costs from date of Judgment until paid at the rate of 9.600% per annum.

The sale is subject to a one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

**NICK VEGA**  
Special Master  
P.O. Box 383  
Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301  
(505) 648-2217

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
**COUNTY OF LINCOLN**  
**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**  
**CV 01-258-DIV III**

**THE PROVIDENT BANK,**  
Plaintiff,

**vs.**  
**JEREMY CLARK and REBECCA CLARK,**  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known 126 Mac Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

**LOT 9 AND 10, BLOCK 11, WHITE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SEPTEMBER 1, 1941, AP # 122325.**

The sale is to begin at 10:00 a.m. on February 21, 2002, outside the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment in The Provident Bank.

The Provident Bank was awarded a Judgment on January 7, 2002, in the sum \$115,162.16 plus outstanding interest due on the Note through December 15, 2001, in the amount of \$8,150.94, and accruing thereafter at the rate of .11.375% per annum (\$36.39 per diem), plus late charges in the sum of \$338.94, plus an escrow deficit in the sum of \$100.00 plus attorneys fees in the sum \$750.00 and costs through December 15, 2001, in the sum of \$579.47.

The sale is subject to a one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

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## Judge Karen L. Parsons District Court Calendar

**Monday, January 28:**

8 a.m. Jury trial, *SNM v. Chez Douglas*; CR-2001-03 (Matise/Rafkin)

**Tuesday, January 29:**

8:30 a.m. Teleconference, *Kemp v. Senna*; CV-00-35 Sierra County case

**Wednesday, January 30:**

8:30 a.m. *Eugenia Masquez*; JR-00-42 (judicial inquiry)

9 a.m. Jury Trial, *SNM v. Roger Lawson*; CR-2001-96 (Wilson/Mitchell)

**Judge Darrell Brantley:**

10 a.m.  
*Amber Canning v. Dale Dixon*; DV-2002-09

*Helen Fiengo v. Levy Brewer*; DV-2002-08

10:30 a.m. *Selina Vazquez v. Johnny Vazquez*; DV-2002-10

11 a.m. *Cynthia Morales v. Leroy Lopez*; DV-2001-89 (motions)

**Thursday, January 31:**

8:30 a.m. Teleconference: *Payne v. McDougal*; CV-99-208 (Beauvais/R. Hawthorne) (motions)

9 a.m. *SNM v. Doran*; CR-2001-136 & 170 (Thompson/Rafkin) (motions)

**1:30 p.m.**

*James Morgan*; CR-2001-90 (Thompson/Holmes) (sentencing)

*Steven Archuleta*; CR-99-52 (Wilson/Holmes) (FA-PTR)

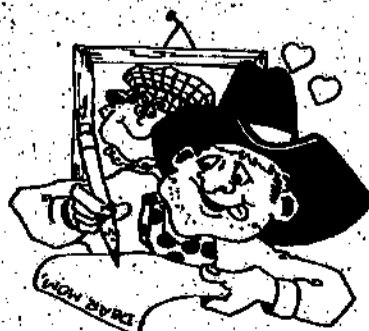
**Friday, February 1:**

8:30 a.m. Teleconference *Duff v. Poindexter*; CV-2001-189 (Bassett)(Default judgement)

9 a.m. Hall v. Tapia; CV-00-148 (Beauvais/Parden) (Motions)

1:30 p.m. *SNM v. Bishop*; CR-99-17 (Dobbs/Holmes/ProSe) (remand hearing)

2:30 p.m. *Ruben Jaramillo*; CR-2001-55 (Wilson/Atkins) (Competency hearing)



**LEGAL**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 16, 2002, Walter Lintacher, HC 66, Box 10, Hondo, NM 88336, filed application No. 0755, H-129 & H-129-S with the STATE ENGINEER, for permit to drill a supplemental well 12 inches in diameter and approximately 200 feet in depth, at a point in the SW1/4SW1/4SE1/4 of Section 31, Township 10 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M., for the purpose of supplementing surface waters of the Rio Ruidoso, via the F. Hilbert Ditch, which has a point of diversion located in the SE1/4NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 36, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., and shallow well H-129, located in the SW1/4SW1/4SE1/4 of Section 31, Township 10 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M., for the continued diversion of up to 157.44 acre-feet per annum of surface waters and shallow groundwater for the irrigation of 49.2 acres of land described as follows:

SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	ACRES
Pt. S1/2S1/2	31	10S	17E	28.8
Pt. S1/2SW1/4	32	10S	17E	13.4
Pt. N1/2NW1/4	5	11S	17E	7.0

The points of diversion are located approximately one mile southeast of San Patricio, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

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 of 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 objections or protests 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. Turney, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If a valid objection or 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.

cc: Santa Fe

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR QUALIFICATIONS-BASED SURVEYING SERVICES**

The Village of Corona is soliciting qualifications-based sealed proposals for surveying services. Surveying services will be ongoing for Village projects, beginning with a partial survey of selected right-of-way(s) within the municipal boundaries. Proposals will be received by the Village until 4:00 p.m., Thursday, March 14, 2002 at Corona Village Hall, P.O. Box 37, Hwy. 54/Main Street. Copies of the requests for proposals can be obtained in person at the office of the Village clerk or will be mailed upon written or telephone request at (505) 849-5511.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**DP-1368, CORONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS,** Travis Lightfoot, Superintendent, proposes to discharge up to 3,250 gallons per day of domestic waste from the Corona Public Schools. The facility is located in the Town of Corona in Section 5, T1S, R13E, Lincoln County. Wastewater will be discharged to four septic tank/leachfield systems. Ground water below the site is at a depth of approximately 300 feet and has a total dissolved solids concentration of approximately 1140-4900 milligrams per liter.

**DP-1369, EAGLE CREEK, Jim Rekart,** Site Development Manager, proposes to discharge up to 2,500 gallons per day of domestic wastewater. The facility is located in Alto in Section 33, T10S, R13E, Lincoln County. Wastewater from a convenience store will be discharged to a grease interceptor, followed by three aerobic treatment units in parallel. Final disposal will be to either a subsurface irrigation area or to toilets for flushing following filtration and ultra-violet disinfection. A single bay on-site car wash will be equipped with a 100% wash-water recycle system. Ground water below the site is at a depth of approximately 65 feet and has a total dissolved solids concentration of approximately 1062 milligrams per liter.

Any interested person may obtain further information from the Ground Water Pollution Prevention Section of the NM Environment Department, telephone (505) 827-2900, and may submit written comments to the Ground Water Pollution Prevention Section, NM Environment Department, P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, NM 87502. Prior to ruling on any proposed discharge plan or its modification, the NM Environment Department will allow thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice to receive written comments and during which a public hearing may be requested by any interested person. Requests for public hearing shall set forth the reasons why the hearing should be held. A hearing will be held if the NM Environment Department determines that there is significant interest.

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**LEGAL NOTICE IN THE PROBATE COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN**

No. 1900  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNA V. WICKWARE, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed 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 the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, located at the following address: Post Office Box 338, Carrizozo, New Mexico, 88301-0338.

DATED: January 15, 2002.

**KYLE WICKWARE**  
101 Tomahawk Place  
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345  
(505) 258-3317

**Alan P. Morel**  
**ALAN P. MOREL, P.A.**  
Post Office Box 1030  
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355-1030  
(505) 258-2202  
Attorney for Personal Representative

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

No. DM-00-134  
Div. III

**ROSALIA FLORES,**  
Petitioner,  
vs.  
**DANIEL DELEON,**  
Respondent.

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

**THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED RESPONDENT:**

**DANIEL DELEON**

**GREETINGS:** You are hereby notified that Rosalia Flores, Petitioner, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. DM-00-134 wherein you are named as the Respondent and wherein said Petitioner seeks to obtain constructive service upon you.

The general objects of said action are to obtain a dissolution of marriage.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before March 12, 2002, judgment will be rendered against you by default, and the relief prayed for in the Petition will be granted.

The address of the Court is P.O. Box 725, Carrizozo, New Mexico, and the Petitioner's address is P.O. Box 733, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this 8th day of January, 2002.

(Seal)

**JAN PERRY**  
Clerk of the District Court  
By: Clydene Hull, Deputy

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**LEGAL NOTICE CFC ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

The local Federal Coordinating Committee is now accepting applications for the Principal Combined Fund Organization (PCFO) for the 2001-2002 Southeast New Mexico Combined Federal Campaign. This campaign covers a five county area: Otero County (PCFO) P.O. Box 14, Alamogordo, NM 88311. Applications will be accepted February 9 - February 22, 2002. Federations, charitable organizations or combinations thereof, meeting CFR regulations may serve as the PCFO. For further information, please contact Cindy Clarke at 505-437-8400.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF EARLY VOTING VILLAGE OF CAPITAN REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION MARCH 5, 2002**

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Municipal Election will be held on March 5, 2002, for the purpose of electing:

- One Mayor for a four-year term.
- One Judge for a four-year term.
- One Trustee for a four-year term.
- One Trustee for a four-year term.

Early Voting will begin on Wednesday, February 13, 2002 and will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2002. Early voting will be conducted in the office of the Municipal Clerk during the regular hours and days of business, between Monday and Friday. Individuals wishing to vote early must make application in person in the office of the Municipal Clerk at 114 South Lincoln. The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors who are voting early shall be recorded on voting machines.

For further information please call Kathryn Griffin at (505) 354-2247.

**Kathryn Griffin, Village Clerk**  
January 15, 2002

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTIFICACION DE VOTACION POR ANTICIPADO ALDEA DE CAPITAN ELECCION MUNICIPAL REGULAR EL 5 DE MARZO DE 2002**

Por medio de la presente se hace saber que se llevara a cabo una Eleccion Municipal Regular el 5 de marzo de 2002, con el fin de elegir:

- Un Alcalde por un termino de cuatro años.
- Un Fiduciario por un termino de cuatro años.
- Un Fiduciario por un termino de cuatro años.
- Un Juez Municipal por un termino de cuatro años.

La votacion por anticipado empezara el miercoles, 13 de febrero de 2002 y terminara a las 5:00 p.m. el viernes, 1 de marzo de 2002. La votacion por anticipado se llevara a cabo en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad durante las horas y los dias habiles de lunes a viernes. Aquellas personas que deseen votar por anticipado tienen que hacer su solicitud en persona en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad en el 114 South Lincoln. Se hara un record de los votos emitidos por los votantes calificados de la municipalidad que votan por anticipado en maquinas para votar. Para mas informacion, favor de llamar 354-2247.

**Kathryn Griffin, Escribana**  
**De la Municipalidad**  
Fecha: January 15, 2002

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF EARLY VOTING VILLAGE OF CORONA REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION MARCH 5, 2002**

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Municipal Election will be held on March 5, 2002, for the purpose of electing:

- 1. Mayor Four year term.
- 2. Councilmember Four year term.
- 3. Councilmember Four year term.
- 4. Councilmember Two year term.

Early voting will begin on Wednesday, February 13, 2002 and will close at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2002. Early voting will be conducted in the office of the Municipal Clerk during the regular hours and days of business, between Monday and Thursday. Individuals wishing to vote early must make application in person in the office of the Municipal Clerk at Hwy. 54/Main Street. The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors who are voting early shall be recorded on paper ballots.

For further information, please call: Cathy Perez, Village Clerk (505) 849-5511.

**Catherine J. Perez**  
Municipal Clerk

Date: January 16, 2002

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

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Por medio de la presente se hace saber que se llevara a cabo una Eleccion Municipal Regular el 5 de marzo de 2002, con el fin de elegir:

- 1. Un Mayor por un termino de cuatro años.
- 2. Un Regido por un termino de cuatro años.
- 3. Un Regido por un termino de cuatro años.
- 4. Un Regido por un termino de dos años.

La votacion por anticipado empezara el miercoles, 13 de febrero de 2002 y terminara a las 5:00 p.m. el jueves, 28 de febrero de 2002. La votacion por anticipado se llevara a cabo en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad durante las horas y los dias habiles de lunes a jueves. Aquellas personas que deseen votar por anticipado tienen que hacer su solicitud en persona en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad en el Hwy. 54/Main Street. Se hara un record de los votos emitidos por los votantes calificados de la municipalidad que votan por anticipado en balotas de papel. Para mas informacion, favor de llamar de: Cathy Perez, (505) 849-5511.

**Catherine J. Perez,**  
**Escribana de la Municipalidad**  
Fecha: 16 de enero, 2002

Published in the Lincoln County News on January 24 and 31, 2002.

**State Forestry Division Offers Tree Seedlings**

New Mexico State Forestry Division Conservation Seedling Program has added new tree species to the stock currently available for purchase by qualified New Mexico landowners.

The new species are recommended for erosion control and riparian plantings. Arizona ash, also called "velvet ash" is the new bare-root species available this year. This native tree is widely distributed throughout canyon bottoms in southwestern New Mexico and is well adapted to desert areas. Birds also like the tree.

New containerized trees available this year are the Arizona rosewood and buffalobery. The rosewood is native to southwest New Mexico and has an upright, rigid shape. It produces clusters of white flowers in June. It is recommended for wind-breaks, erosion control and wildlife. The buffalobery is a shrub that is very wind and cold weather tolerant. It is recommended for wildlife, slope stabilization and erosion control.

Also available is the Mexican buckeye, a native shrub found at elevations ranging from 4,000-6,000 feet. It has red flowers and is recommended for erosion control. Water birch, another new species offered this year, is a small tree found in clumps along streams in northern New Mexico.

Two species of willows, the Black willow and the Peachtree willow are also available this year.

To see color photographs of many of the seedlings offered by the program, access the Division's website at <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/forestry/seedling%20folder/conservation%20seedling%20program.htm>.

People who wish to purchase trees through the program must own at least one acre of land in New Mexico and plant the trees for conservation purposes.

Order forms can be downloaded from the Division website, or order forms are available from the New Mexico Forestry Division office in Capitan, at 354-2231.

**Free Parenting Course Offered**

The Counseling Center in conjunction with Region IX is offering a free six-session parenting course beginning February 5.

Classes will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each consecutive Tuesday at Ruidoso High School.

The parenting course will focus on elementary age children with topics to include children's role in the family, self-reliance and commitment, tools and capabilities needed for living, getting involved versus being a couch potato; motivation and achievement; factors for risk-taking behaviors.

There is no charge for the course, but pre-registration is required. For more information, or to register, call Genevieve Phelan or Misti Rei at the Counseling Center, 505-257-5036.



# State Water Projects

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itself." The report recommends new water sources be found for dry rural areas to support a way of life that has existed for hundreds if not thousands of years. "People in these rural dry areas cannot be told to move to the rivers," Pollard said. "Cities and towns along the Rio Grande, Pecos, San Juan, Gila and other rivers would not be able to sustain such growth. And the quality of the rivers would be greatly threatened. A prosperous and healthy rural New Mexico is the key to the state's future."

The report shows that New Mexico sources of water come from precipitation, rivers and aquifers. Uses of water in New Mexico are for agriculture, municipal, domestic use, wild plants and animals, other state claims to river water, evaporation, industrial use.

The Water Trust Board report includes Regional Water Supply System Needs, Watershed and Flood Control Project Needs, Arsenic Treatment Project Needs, Endangered Species Collaborative Project Needs.

Regional Water Supply System Needs proposed in the report include the Eastern New Mexico Pipeline Project and the Lea County Water Plan to address needs posed by the depletion of the Ogallala aquifer and the need to utilize New Mexico's water rights on the Canadian River; the Nambé-Pojoaque-Tesuque Basin, Espanola, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County and Albuquerque projects are designed to lessen reliance on aquifer water and utilize water rights from the San Juan/Chama diversion project.

System needs also include the Gila/Silver City project to protect water rights on the Gila and lessen reliance on aquifer; Navajo-Gallup Pipeline, Animas-La Plata, Farmington-Shiprock and La Plata Pipeline projects to enhance surface water by municipalities in northwestern New Mexico and make water available to the eastern portion of the Navajo Nation and other under served areas. Estimated total cost for all these regional water supply system needs is \$1.6 billion.

Watershed and flood control project needs include regional watershed restoration projects to maximize water absorption and retention. The Santa Fe watershed and Sacramento Mountains watershed proposed projects are examples. (Three proposed projects included in the report are located within Lincoln County. Those are the Rio Hondo Watershed Treatment, Upper Tularosa Basin Watershed Treatment, Macho-Gallo Watershed Treatment).

Also included in the watershed/flood control projects are non-native species removal on the Pecos River, Rio Grande, Galisteo River and San Juan River. Rainfall enhancement projects are proposed for the Llano Estacado (eastern New Mexico), Union and Mora. As for flood control dams, 38 dams are in need of rehabilitation by 2010. The NRCS will fund 100 percent of the cost to rehabilitate the flood control dams that have an estimated cost of \$20.6 million. However, the state must

provide matching funds for four of these 38 dams.

Arsenic Treatment projects are estimated to cost \$375 million. New federal EPA standards, which go into effect 2006, lower the allowable amount of arsenic levels in drinking water. Arsenic occurs naturally in drinking water in volcanic areas of New Mexico. An estimated 114 community water systems in the state would have to upgrade their water treatment facilities to meet the new standards. Pollard said the result of this could be large increases of monthly water rates to pay for the required improvements. "This becomes a water quantity, as well as water quality, issue," Pollard said. "This is due to the moving of water consumers from centralized water systems to domestic water wells."

According to the water study, there are no water systems in Lincoln County that have levels of arsenic that will exceed the new federal standards.

On the Endangered Species Collaborative Project Needs, an estimated \$100 million will be needed to develop and maintain collaborative programs to meet the Endangered Species Act requirements, while providing an adequate water supply for all other uses, and maintaining the state's control of its water resources. Currently there designated critical habitat for seven species in the San Juan, Gila and San Francisco Rivers; one ESA species, without critical habitat designation on the Pecos River; proposed critical habitat for the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow in the Rio Grande River; and imminent proposed listings for five aquatic species along the Pecos.

Total estimated cost of water related projects in New Mexico either in progress or projected is \$2.3 billion.

"The examination of New Mexico's long term water project needs reveal three important facts," the report concludes. Projects are crucial to growth and in some instances survival, carry tremendous costs, and show the need for the state to plan carefully and seek all sources of funding available.

"New Mexico needs to begin to set aside very substantial sums to deal with these problems," the study concludes. "Almost as important as the amount of funding is the predictability. There must be a predictable revenue stream so the project planning and search for other matching funds can proceed."

"The problems will intensify in coming years," Turney said. Those problems include studies of weather patterns that show the state may be going into a dryer period and legal challenges to New Mexico water rights by Texas and other states are intensifying.

In a graph of precipitation, average rainfall in New Mexico in the last 50 years has greatly exceeded the average for the last 2000 years, indicating a possibility the state will return to the drier times.

Consultant Edwards said the state needs to take advantage of the leverage power it has with its repre-

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## Senator Pete Campos

"The traveling public, whether they be New Mexicans commuting to and from work or tourists visiting New Mexico, rely on EMS and rescue squads to provide lifesaving medical care at traffic accidents," Campos said. "All too often, however, these services are provided by understaffed and overworked volunteers." Campos said that financial assistance to municipalities and counties, both for operational and capital needs for emergency medical services, is a necessary state expenditure.

Finally, Campos noted that support for counseling services to curb domestic violence and the problems associated with gambling, alcohol and drug abuse, financial

hardships, homelessness, job loss and other unfortunate circumstances is critical to New Mexicans' long term health. "Prevention and treatment of some of the underlying causes of ill health must be considered a key ingredient of our health care plan," Campos said. "Support for these programs comes with a financial price, but it is one we must be willing to pay if we are to have any real success in improving the health and well-being of New Mexicans."

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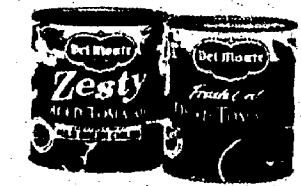
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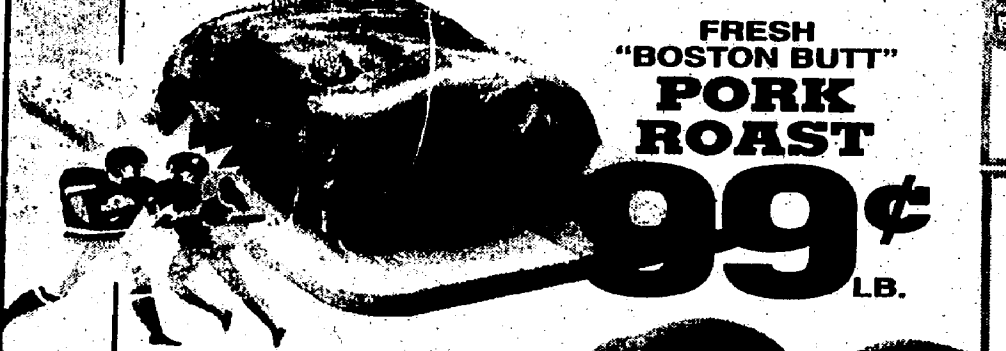
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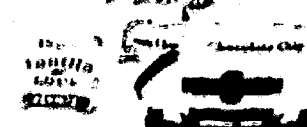
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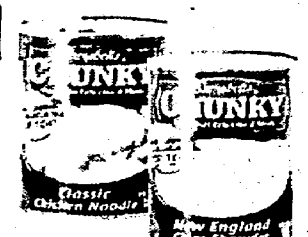
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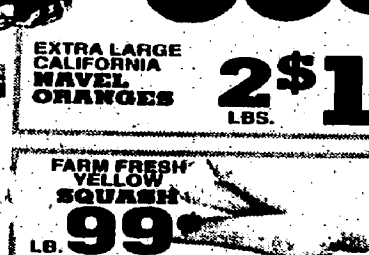
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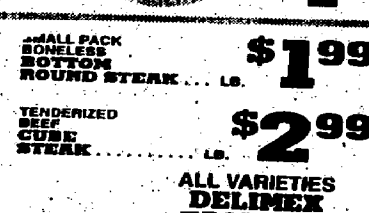
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