

C'zozo Has Record Absentee Ballots for School Election

by Doris Cherry

Carrizozo School District voters took the prize for turning out in the greatest numbers, especially for absentee early voting, in the February 4 school board elections.

More than 40 percent (505) of the 1,240 registered voters in Carrizozo School District cast their ballots. Of those 505, there were 188 absentee votes

with most being early in person absentee voting in the courthouse.

Ruidoso School District voters had the poorest turn out with only 5.9 percent (427) of 7,217 going to the polls.

As results were tallied on Tuesday night, it was clear the Carrizozo school board president Steve Harkey held onto Position 1 seat for another four years. Harkey received 272 votes to edge out op-

Harkey Holds on to Board Seat

ponent Angelo Vega who received 221.

Lisa Crenshaw was the overwhelming favorite for Position 2, which was previously held by Lisa Shivers. Crenshaw received 336 votes to opponent John Hemphill's 162.

Incumbent Position 5 board member LeeRoy Zamora received 387 votes

and was unopposed for another four year term.

Carrizozo voters also continued the two mill levy tax with 288 votes for and 105 against.

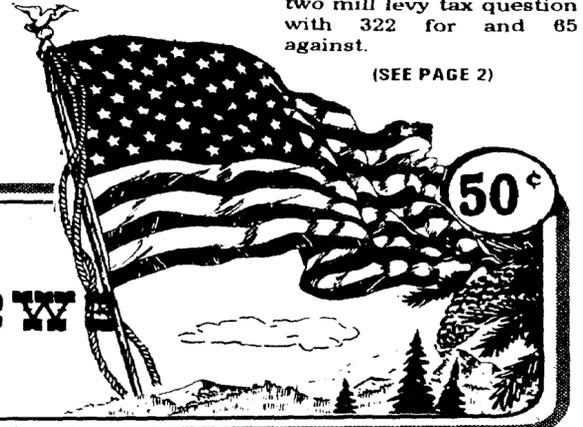
Ruidoso voters turned out in the lowest numbers with only 427 of the 7,217 registered voters going to the polls. The only competition was for Position 3,

with Strand McDougal winning that with 145 votes. Also for Position 3, Thomas Vigil received 121 votes, Jacquelyn Branum received 84 votes and Bill Chance received 68.

Unopposed for Position 1 was Susan Lutterman who received 313 votes. Also unopposed for Position 2 was Frank Sayner who received 319 votes.

Ruidoso voters overwhelmingly approved the two mill levy tax question with 322 for and 65 against.

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Top Photo: Capitan Elementary students show off the 350 Valentines they made for the crew of the USS Higgins.

Bottom Photo: 1st Class Petty Officer Marcey L. Britt and the USS Higgins, prior to shipping out of San Diego for the Persian Gulf.



Capitan Students Send Their Love to Shipmates on the USS Higgins

by Doris Cherry

A box of priceless treasures is on its way to 350 shipmates aboard the USS Higgins, a DDG class battleship afloat in the Persian Gulf with the USS Constellation battle group.

Inside the box are 350 Valentines, hand made by students at Capitan Elementary School, and valued as "priceless" on the mailing label as sent by naval mother Laura Schryer of Eagle Creek.

Schryer's daughter First Class Petty Officer Marcey L. Britt is aboard the USS Higgins. Through the Navy ombudsman who keeps in touch with naval families, Schryer found out that the San Diego elementary school that had previously sent Valentines to the USS Higgins had decided not to do that this year. So Schryer asked if the school had to be in California. When she found out that any school could adopt a crew, Schryer went to Capitan Elementary principal Dick Clevenger. With his help, the 167 students in Capitan Elementary took it to task to make the 350 Valentines for the sailors aboard the USS Higgins.

Last Friday, Schryer picked up the Valentines, which brought a tear to her eye and tugged at her heart. Making Valentines of all sorts, from hearts and hugs to cut outs of ships, Capitan students sent their love and their thanks to the sailors for "difinding" our country. Representatives from each class, plus Britt's two nephews and niece who attend Capitan Elementary, helped Schryer put the Valentines in the goodie box that was addressed to the shipmates aboard the USS Higgins.

Clevenger said the Valentine project was very good for the Capitan students because it gives them a direct connection to the events happening in the Persian Gulf. It also helps them to empathize with their classmates, the children of reservist Linda Affuso who has been called to active duty.

Britt is a 1992 graduate of Capitan High School and the daughter of Laura and George Schryer of Eagle Creek (Alto) and the late Ray Britt of Lamesa, TX. Britt enlisted in the Navy on January 18, 1994.

This is her third trip to the Persian Gulf. She has also been stationed one year in Adak, Alaska, three years on the USS Comstock, three years in San Diego and now aboard the USS Higgins, a DDG class battleship.

Highway 70 Activities Busy This February

Shoulder and lane closures will continue this month along the Highway 70 construction project corridor.

Major excavation, culvert, bridge and wall construction work is underway in Section A from Ruidoso Downs to mile markers 267; Section D from mile markers 285 to 289; Section E from mile markers 289 to 293 and Section F from mile markers 293 to 302.

Highway closures will continue intermittently at 1 p.m. on Monday through Friday between mile markers 285 to 290 near Hondo and Tinnie, and at mile markers 289 to 301 near Riverside. The closure of both lanes of Highway 70 for blasting will last about one hour.

C'zozo Coach Pat Ventura Resigns

by Doris Cherry

Carrizozo school football and track coach Pat Ventura has resigned.

According to Carrizozo School Superintendent Sergio Castanon, Ventura submitted his letter of resignation after the last Carrizozo School Board meeting held January 21.

Castanon said Ventura submitted the resignation letter to principal Steve Barron to be given to the board. The board will formally act to accept the resignation at its February 18 meeting, which is set to begin at 6 p.m. in the board conference room of the school administration building.

Also at the February 18 meeting, the school board will hold the second reading of a proposed policy to allow drug testing of student athletes. The school board held the first reading of the proposed "Drug Testing Policy" at the January 21 regular school board meeting. Castanon told THE NEWS that the proposed policy is similar to the one being used at Ruidoso Schools.

There were several comments and questions from parents in attendance at the January 21 board meeting. Castanon said. Some commented that the school does not need such a policy, while others questioned why just the athletes and why not test all students. Castanon said the proposed

policy would be used as a deterrent and would provide clear steps on how staff would deal with students. "While athletes are usually overall better students," Castanon said. "They also make mistakes."

"The policy was sent to the board as an option," Castanon said. "So the coaches won't have to in-

vestigate the issues."

School administrators plan to meet with parents about the proposed policy, so parents can gather information to bring back to the board.

The proposed policy would give Carrizozo schools the right to drug test students participating

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LCSWA Changes Meeting Dates

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority board accomplished quite a bit of business at its January 28 meeting.

Board members approved a resolution to reset LCSWA regular meeting dates to the fourth Tuesday of each month. This is because the county commission changed its meeting day to the third Tuesday of each month, the same day as LCSWA had traditionally met. THE NEWS asked the board to consider meeting on Thursday, since almost all governing boards and councils meet on Tuesday. When Capitan resident Lonnie Lippmann said he liked Tuesday because of his deadline date for writing articles, and with Coleman's nod, the board approved the Tuesday meeting date. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 25.

The board also approved purchase of grappling equipment from MCT Industries for \$47,327 for a hydraulic system to be fitted on a truck currently owned by LCSWA. The company estimates it will take 30 to 45 days to install the equipment on the truck. The grappling truck will enable LCSWA to begin picking up yard and forest wastes. The purchase was budgeted and funds will come from the yard waste charge now being paid by residents in Ruidoso Downs, Alto and other forested areas that have requested the special service. Sederwall said some of his residents have expressed interest in the service that will cost an additional \$1.50 a month.

LCSWA board also unanimously approved purchasing a heavy duty 3/4 ton 4WD pick up truck from Sierra Blanca Motors

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WILD WINDY WEATHER on Sunday, Feb. 2 uprooted this 30 foot fir tree in the yard of Raynene Greer in Capitan. Winds in excess of 60 miles per hour throughout the county also blew off part of the roof of the Ruidoso Village Administration Center, uprooted and broke trees, scattered trash and poly carts and caused electrical surges and outages. There were no reports of human injuries due to the high winds that churned white sand and basin dirt into dirty brown skies. Colder more wintery weather is predicted for today (Thursday) through Friday.

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in extra-curricular activities. "A 20 percent testing of the participants will be done at random unannounced monthly/bi-monthly," the proposed policy states.

If the drug test is positive, the parent or legal guardian will be notified to offer an explanation for the positive result. Proposed sanctions for students found to be violat-

ing the proposed policy will be for first offense suspension from extracurricular activities for five days and student will have to run five miles per day. Second offense sanction is the student will be suspended from the extracurricular activity for one year (365 days) from the date of the offense.

"Carrizozo school will also have the right to request a drug test on any extra-curricular participant at anytime," the proposed policy states.

If a student refuses to give a sample or the sample is altered or falsified the student will be suspended from extracurricular programs for one year.

If a student tests positive, a retest may be requested by the student. If the retest is negative there will be no further action.

If a student whose first test is positive and who declines the retest and chooses to quit the team, an intervention plan will be developed and followed for the remainder of the school year. This will include regular testing as appropriate.

Students who test positive while on an intervention plan will be suspended from all athletics for one year from the date of the test. The student athlete will also be required to continue the intervention plan.

The athletic director/school representative counselor will be part of the core team to develop intervention plans for student athletes.

"If a student is charged by police/law enforcement authorities with use and/or possession of drugs, including alcohol, or if a student (and/or parents) self-reports, an intervention plan shall be developed and implemented for the duration of the school year," the proposed policy states. "The intervention plan will include consequences as per extra-curricular activities handbook, with regular drug testing as appropriate for the remainder of the school year."

"The district has the right to request a drug test on any student at any given time," the proposed policy states. "Refusal to participate will lead to suspension from all extra-curricular activities for one year (365 days)."

"If it has been determined that a student has used and/or has had pos-

session of any drugs, including alcohol, while on a school sponsored event, the student shall be turned over to the parents/guardians as soon as possible, may be referred to local authorities, and will be suspended from all extra-curricular activities for one year from the date of the offense," the proposed policy states.

Castanon said there is money from the drug education funding to pay for any drug testing. He also said if the policy is adopted, it will not go into effect until the 2003-2004 school year.

Copies of the proposed policy are available from the office of the school superintendent.

Castanon invites parents and interested public to attend the February 18 board meeting to make comments about the proposed policy. Comments and information from the parent meeting will also be presented.

For more information about the parents meeting contact principal Steve Barron.

Also at the end of the January school board meeting after closed session for superintendent evaluation, the board extended Castanon's contract as superintendent for another year.

Principal Barron reported that the sports program is going well with the high school girls basketball team undefeated in district play, and the junior high girls basketball team undefeated in regular season.

Some 72 percent of Carrizozo students received the Character Counts award for December. The Junior High Knowledge Bowl team took second place at the January 15 competition in Capitan.

Carrizozo School Library will be open for general public use from 5 to 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday.

Carrizozo schools have participated in the Ski Apache School Ski Program with the last day to be Tuesday, February 11.

Elementary school will not be in session Wednesday, February 5 to February 7 to allow elementary teachers to travel to Nashville, TN to be honored at the National Renaissance Reading Convention.

Castanon told THE NEWS that State Department of Education has notified the district that it will receive \$8,500 for having improved student overall scores on the standardized Terra Nova test from the previous school year.

Memorial For Columbia Astronauts In Place At Museum

People wishing to honor the seven astronauts who died in the Columbia disaster may do so at the New Mexico Museum of Space History in Alamogordo.

Flowers, wreaths or other memorial items may be placed at the obelisk in Challenger Memorial Park adjacent to the International Space Hall of Fame building on the museum campus.

The grounds will be open to the public from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily. For more information regarding the memorial phone (505) 437-2840 or toll free (877) 333-6589.

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Just two voters from Ruidoso chose to vote paper ballot absentee.

Turn out was also low in Capitan, where only 8 percent of the registered voters cast their ballots. Only 14 votes were done by absentee. The 287 voters who cast ballots elected Kent McInnes to Position 3 with 236 votes. Opponent Doug Fuqua received 49 votes.

Danny Haynes, who was appointed to Position 4, retained that position by receiving 172 votes. His opponent Julian Romero received 110 votes.

Robin Parks won Position 5 with 217 votes. Opponent Laura Morgan received 63 votes.

In Hondo, voter turned out was almost 17 percent with 98 of the 572 registered casting ballots. There were only two votes by absentee. Voters there elected Rita Dickinson to Position 3 with 61 votes.

Opponent Braulio Alvarado Sr. received 33. Unopposed Luis Jimenez received 41 votes for Position 2, unopposed Corrine Prudencio received 68 votes for Position 4 and unopposed Godfrey Gomez received 71 votes for Position 5.

Corona voters had a 15 percent turn out for an unopposed slate of candidates. The 41 voters of the 270 registered gave Shad Cox 34 votes for Position 1, Richard Gage received 34 votes for Position 2, John Hartung received 36 for Position 3 and Mark Ernest Sultemeier received 35 votes for Position 5. There were no absentee votes. Corona voters cast paper ballots for their election.

While Carrizozo voters have historically turned out well for school board, this is the first time so

many voted by absentee, said county elections bureau clerk Rhonda Burrows. Most of the absentee votes for the Carrizozo election were done in person on paper ballot in the Lincoln County Clerk's Office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Newly elected board members will assume their positions at their March monthly board meetings. Some members may choose to be sworn into their positions at the state school board conference held in Santa Fe in early March.

BLM Begins Controlled Burns

US Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Roswell office will be conducting controlled burns of debris piles near Fort Stanton.

According to a release, crews began burning debris the last week of January. Debris includes branches and brush from fuels thinning projects last year. Smoke from the debris fires may be visible from Capitan, Fort Stanton, along Highways 380, 48 and 220.

During pile burning, BLM plans to create a fire-safe perimeter "black line" for two controlled burns along the eastern and western borders of Fort Stanton. Dates for these two controlled burns will be announced later.

"We want area residents to be aware of what we're doing and not be alarmed," said BLM Roswell field office manager Ed Roberson.

Information about the pile burnings is available at the BLM office or by calling 627-0301.

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I would like to commend the voters of Carrizozo for the wonderful turnout in Tuesday's School Board Election. It shows just how much the community as a whole cares for our school and our children.
A special thanks to my family, friends, and all who supported me in my re-election. I will continue to do my best to provide the best for all of our students and Carrizozo schools.
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Highway closures for rock blasting will continue intermittently through the month of February on weekdays (Monday-Friday), near Hondo and Timme (MP 285 to 290) and near Riverside (MP 298 to 301). All blasts will begin at approximately 1:00 pm, and last up to one hour. US 70 will be closed in both directions at locations of blasts.
Up to date blasting closure and travel information is available at the US 70 Information Center, and via the hotline, website, and roadside electronic message signs. You can also tune in to the following radio stations for travel information:

- Ruidoso KIBUY-AM (1360), KRUI-AM (1490), KWES-FM (93.5), KWMW-FM (105.1), KIDX-FM (101.5)
- Roswell KBCQ-FM (97.1), KBIM-FM (94.9), KBIM-AM (910), KEND-FM (106.5), KINF-AM (1020), KMOU-FM (104.7), KSFX-FM (100.5), KPSA-AM (1230)

February Calendar of Events

- US 70 Task Force Meeting - Feb. 20, 2003
- Place Hondo Valley School - Time: 10:00 pm
- Billy the Kid State Museum - March 1, 2003
- Place Hubbard Museum - Ruidoso Downs
- Time: 12:00 pm

For information call *Mary Ann Wootton*, SBC Community Relations Liaison at 1-866-653-4069.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

--Fibromyalgia Syndrome Support Group, every other Tuesday, 6 p.m. K-Bob's in Ruidoso;
--Alcoholics Anonymous, 6-7 p.m. Carrizozo Zia Senior Citizens Center.

WEDNESDAYS

--Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

THURSDAYS

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

TODAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

--Ruidoso Retired Seniors and Volunteer Program (RSVP), noon, Ruidoso village hall.
--Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District board meeting 4 p.m. Upper Hondo office on Highway 380 in Capitan.
--Democratic Party of Lincoln County business meeting at 5:30 p.m. at El Camino Nuevo Restaurant at 1025 Mechem Drive in Ruidoso. Call 354-2673 for information.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

--No class for Carrizozo Elementary students. High school competency exam to be given.
--Capitan Public Library first Friday Adult Lecture Series, 7-8 p.m. Capitan public library, featuring Barbara Mader creator of High Mesa Healing Center on how to deal with stress. Refreshments, no admission.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

--Lincoln County REDTT council meets at 10 a.m. at Pizzazzo, 205 Central Ave. in Carrizozo. Call Sue Harkness at 630-0044 or the restaurant at 648-2025 for lunch reservations.
--Keep Ruidoso Beautiful committee 5 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.
--Lincoln County-Ruidoso Extraterritorial Zoning Authority, 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

--Ruidoso Utility Council 9:30 a.m. village hall.
--Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce 12 noon Four Winds Restaurant.
--Carrizozo Town Trustees meet at 6 p.m. in town offices in the rec center.
--Ruidoso Village Council meets at 6:30 p.m. at village hall.
--Capitan Village Trustees meet at 7 p.m. at village hall.
--Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District board meets at 7 p.m. at the NRCS office on Central Ave. in Carrizozo.
--Corona Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the school.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

--Carrizozo School to participate in Jump Rope For Heart at 1-2:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

--Ruidoso Arts Commission, 4 p.m. village hall.
--Carrizozo Women's Club meeting at 6 p.m. at the club building. Public invited to hear program on recycling.
--Capitan Board of Education 6 p.m. school administration building.
--Corona Village Council meets at 7 p.m. at village hall.

Card of Thanks

The Vega and Vigil Families would like to thank Santa Rita Church, Carrizozo Assembly of God Church, family and all our friends for the love, gifts, and prayers, during the recovery of Andrea Vigil. God bless you.

The Vega and Vigil families

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New LCSWA Trash Truck Charred

by Doris Cherry

The newest of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority trucks got its first brush with a hot problem.

During the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) meeting Tuesday, January 28, LCSWA operational supervisor Debra Ingle told how the new trash collection truck had collected trash from a dumpster at the Alto maintenance yard

that contained hot barbecue ashes. Ingle said the truck driver was going down old Fort Stanton road before he noticed smoke coming from the back of the truck. The driver immediately went

to the Ranches of Sonterra substation for Bonito Fire Department, called 911, then dumped the load of smoldering trash onto the pavement at the station, Ingle said. Within minutes the Bonito Fire Depart-

ment was at the scene helping to extinguish the smoldering fire.

Ingle said the driver was not injured and the only damage to the truck was the paint. She also said the collection truck drivers are now paying closer

attention to what is in the dumpsters before they are emptied.

Also she reminded those present that it is against county ordinance to put hot ashes into the LCSWA dumpsters.

Debra Ingle to Visit DC

Debra Ingle, a member of the New Mexico Rural Water Association executive committee, will be visiting with New Mexico congress people next week.

Ingle and four other members of the association's executive committee will join water association representatives from other states to participate in a national rural water association "Fly In" on February 12 and 13 in Washington D.C.

While in Washington D.C. Ingle and the other members of the New Mexico group will give a presentation to Congressman Steve Pearce to acquaint him with rural water prob-

lems. They also are scheduled to meet with the Sen. Pete Domenici, Sen. Jeff Bingaman and Rep. Tom Udall and U.S. Representative Heather Wilson.

"Last year we got all the money we asked for," said Ingle who is a past president of the New Mexico Rural Water Association. Last year the water association lobbied for and received \$9 million in federal funds for rural water systems projects state-wide.

This is Ingle's ninth year to participate in the annual water association Washington D.C. Fly-in.

Ingle, who is the operational supervisor for Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, said she will also lobby for LCSWA projects while visiting with the state's congressional delegation.

Obituary

ROBERT LESLIE

Graveside services for Robert Leslie, 90, of Carrizozo were held Feb. 3 at the Cedarvale Cemetery in White Oaks. Rev. Johnnie Johnson officiated.

Mr. Leslie died Jan. 29 at his home. He was born Feb. 9, 1912 at White Oaks. He was an Alaska Yukon Pioneer, Operating engineer #302, and curator of White Oaks Historical Association and retired heavy equipment operator.

He moved back to Lincoln County in 1978 from Alaska. He married Dorothy Pratt on Feb. 2, 1932 in Albuquerque.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy of Carrizozo; two sons, Don Leslie and Kenneth Leslie of Fairbanks, Alaska; four sisters, Myrtle Osborn of Pagosa Spring, Colo., Betty Huffman of Terrell, Tex., Jessie Torrance of Wichita Falls, Tex., and Lily Garand of Jordan Valley, Oregon; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

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

Low Income Heating Assistance Receives Additional Funding

U.S. Senator Pete Domenici, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, recently praised President Bush's directive to release emergency funding that will help families pay heating bills this winter, including \$630,990 additional dollars for New Mexico.

The President has directed the Department of Health and Human Services to provide an additional \$200 million in emergency funding to states for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). New Mexico will receive \$630,990 of this funding.

"It has been unseasonably warm in much of New Mexico during the past few weeks, but this warm weather will not last and will not measurably lower overall heating costs for families this winter. I applaud President Bush's decision to release this emergency money," Domenici said.

Domenici voted for an amendment on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 omnibus appropriations bill that would direct the President to release the \$300 million in a LIHEAP contingency fund.

The funds released come from a FY2001 LIHEAP contingency fund established by Congress. After the release, the fund will have \$100 million in contingency resources that could be used for future energy emergencies.

Overall, the omnibus bill passed recently by the Senate provides \$1.7 billion for LIHEAP in FY2003, the same as FY2002 funding. The funding is however, in the Senate bill, subject to an across-the-board cut of 2.861 percent.

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B a a a d Language

By Ruth Hammond

Sometimes children and adults hear bad words, really b-a-a-a-d words, and it should never happen. Most of the four letter words that are becoming more commonplace should never, ever be used. Four letter words that are acceptable in everyday language include duty, work, play, read, earn, good, know, love, true, and fine. If these four letter words were used more often, especially with children, there might be a drastic change in the way people think and do things. Positive language reinforces reality. Positive words are necessary for proper development of children's minds and to reinforce the fact that life is good, not only for children, but for everyone. There is no need for bad words.

When a person, such as an official at a public meeting, uses bad words, The News usually will "bleep" that word in an attempt to not offend readers. One "bleep" used several years ago was to report that an official used the term SOB, instead of spelling it out. Everyone knew what it meant, and the offensive language was not printed. Recently at a public meeting terrible language was used, even though it was not necessary. Other words could have been used to place emphasis, if needed. Instead of decorum and being polite while stressing an issue, the board member resorted to swearing and using foul language. The News believed the public had a right to know exactly the language used by that board member. Yes, it may have offended readers, but if this loathsome language had not been reported exactly as stated, people might never know what was said.

Evidently some people were shocked that The News had reported exactly the words used at the public board meeting. Reporting a direct quote may help eliminate the chance of someone believing that an official would be more in control and act appropriately. Acting appropriately would have been to use courtesy and good manners, not to spout off with language that should never, ever be used. Acting appropriately would have been to discuss issues and disagreements in a civil manner instead of allowing the meeting to escalate into a quarrelsome, loud argument.

Apparently one or more members of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) board is more concerned with getting their own way than to work together with the other board members to help improve LCSWA services. The most important issue for the LCSWA board should be to provide better trash and recycling service for residents of Lincoln County, not furnish fodder for more discord. If some LCSWA board members resent the success LCSWA has had recently with a female in charge, there must be a reason. Is it because a female is successful, or could it be that one or more of the board members want that job? Or do a group of people want to start their own trash service?

Rampant rumors regularly circulate about which people want to hire a male instead of a female and which people are making plans to go into competition with LCSWA. If this happens, please remember that you read it in The News first. The News doesn't make the news but does try to report the news accurately. The News also believes that swearing should only be used when taking official oaths.

Do you Solemnly Swear?

Campos Legislation Seeks to Aid Rural Infrastructure

New Mexico Senator Pete Campos, (D-Las Vegas), has introduced two pieces of legislation to fund hundreds of millions of dollars worth of water, wastewater and other infrastructure projects throughout the state.

"These projects are critical to the economic viability and the livability of rural New Mexico. As a desert state in the midst of a drought, we must do everything we can to properly fund water projects that will help us better use, conserve and protect this precious resource," said Campos.

The legislation introduced by Campos will be considered by the current session of the legislature, scheduled to adjourn March 22.

Senate Bill 292, endorsed by the New Mexico Finance Authority Oversight Committee that Campos chairs, authorizes the New Mexico Finance Authority to make loans from the public project revolving fund for more than 200 projects in communities throughout New Mexico. The projects total more than \$300 million.

Senate Bill 204 authorizes the New Mexico Finance Authority to make grants from the water and wastewater project grant funds for more than 100 water and wastewater projects. The bill appropriates \$150 million for the grants, according to Campos.

"Community leaders are working hard to try to comply with drinking water standards and to repair

and properly maintain existing systems. Many times, however, smaller communities lack the financial resources to fully finance the necessary projects," Campos explained. "The loans and grants that this legislation could make available will make these projects possible."

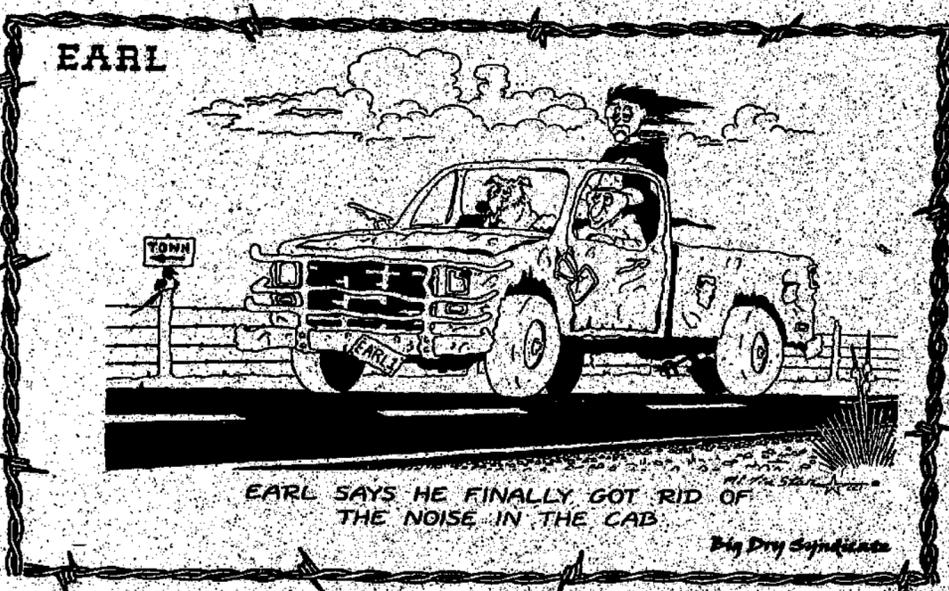
Both pieces of legislation have been referred to the Senate Conservation Committee and to the Senate Finance Committee. Campos is a member of the finance committee.

Domenici Seeks Summer Internship Applications

U.S. Senator Pete Domenici recently invited New Mexico college students to apply for a summer internship in his Washington D.C. office. March 1 is the deadline to apply.

The summer internship program will consist of two sessions, mid-May through the end of June, and July through mid-August. A \$1,500 stipend is provided for interns who are residents of New Mexico or attending a two or four-year school in the state.

To apply for a Domenici internship, candidates must complete an application form and submit a cover letter, resume, and two letters of recommendation. This information should be mailed to: U.S. Senator Pete Domenici, Attention: Intern Coordinator, 625 Silver SW, Suite 330, Albuquerque, NM 87102.



EARL SAYS HE FINALLY GOT RID OF THE NOISE IN THE CAB

Inside the Capitol by Jay Miller

SANTA FE -- Gov. Bill Richardson's first test of legislative goodwill was successful. And it was a fairly big test.

Instead of being content to put his office budget in the General Appropriations Act, which won't be passed until late March and won't take effect until July, Richardson was in a hurry to get his office budget included with the legislative "feed bill" that is passed in the first days of the session and that takes effect immediately.

House republican leader Ted Hobbs of Albuquerque complained that the request was a departure from tradition and represented an infringement on legislative territory. But he didn't get far, only gathering a few votes against the bill.

Richardson wanted to quickly get his staff back up to the level of administrations prior to that of Gov. Gary Johnson, who didn't require much more than a nutritionist, a physical therapist and a personal trainer.

Hitching onto the feed bill meant his appropriation was on the fast track, since lawmakers need money immediately to pay their own expenses. It also means little debate and not having to use political capital that will be needed on other items in the big budget bill later on.

To grease the way, Richardson made sure to schmooze lawmakers in his opening day speech, mentioning that for the first time in eight years, lawmakers would be dealing with a governor who recognizes them as co-equals, rather than as the enemy.

Although Richardson's maneuver broke with tradition, it wasn't unprecedented. Former Gov. Jerry Apodaca did the same thing back in 1973, when he wanted to get his major project, the recognition of state government, moving immediately. Since then, other executive agency appropriations have been added from time to time.

Richardson has constantly sounded the theme of working together to end eight years of gridlock. During the many times he slipped into Spanish in his legislative address, he said "Juntos unidos," not as Republicans and Democrats, but as New Mexicans, we will move our state into a new era.

One place Richardson's plea took root was with Republican Sen. Joe Carraro of Albuquerque, who told a television reporter after the governor's speech, "If we help make Bill Richardson the best governor we've ever had, New Mexico will become the best state it ever has been."

Richardson is ready for the challenge. He says he feels like a "heavyweight fighter" going into a match that might end up being very

friendly." He is hosting numerous breakfast and luncheon meetings with lawmakers at the governor's mansion to forge all the good relationships he can.

He says he wants to capitalize on the overall mood of goodwill at the Capitol to take full advantage of his honeymoon period. The governor also says he is ready to expend political capital early to achieve a lot.

Some of the political capital Richardson may already be expending involves his use of his large victory margin, which he calls a landslide, to claim a mandate for change. He is losing many friends and supporters by calling for resignations by all appointed officials, including members of boards and commissions whose terms have not yet expired. Former Gov. Toney Anaya was vilified for doing less than Richardson has done so far.

Richardson also has frustrated his cabinet appointees by naming their deputies and assistants, an indication our new governor wants total control.

The good feelings also spread over into lawmakers' relations with each other. In the often rowdy Senate, Richard Romero was elected president pro tem by a nearly unanimous vote, compared with the one-vote margin by which he was elected two years ago.

Romero's victory over incumbent Manny Aragon in 2001 was reminiscent of the way Aragon won the pro tem post back in the mid-1980s with the help of Republicans. Following that victory, Aragon went on to solidify his position with unanimous Democrat backing for many years until Romero toppled him. Now, history has repeated itself.

Celebration Planned to Welcome Home Cong. Joe Skeen

A welcome home celebration for former New Mexico Congressman Joe Skeen will be held at the Hubbard Museum in Ruidoso Downs on Saturday, February 15 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Previous to retirement from his long running service in congress, Skeen served as congressman for the Second Congressional District for many years.

He also holds the distinction of being one of the sole political candidates to win an election as a write-in candidate.



PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

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Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
Your money matters will improve. Not by what you think will happen! The way you "Don't" spend your money is by saying your money, you'll have more.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)
By chance, have you thought about what others feel? Your heart is in the right place, but your mind can change your heart by the way you think, not feel.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
Don't think about spending money on something you can't afford for now. A bird in the hand, is worth more than two in the bush. Wait a little longer.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
Your good words are going on deaf ears. Prove that you can do what you say you can do, by just doing it. Don't waste your time on people that don't care.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
Get in shape, because your world as you knew it, is about to change. Make it a good change by being one step a head of yourself. You'll do great.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
It's good to daydream, but not if your daydream goes on forever. Wake up and make your dreams come true. Nothing is holding you back, but you.

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)
What's up? What you thought you had to have, is not what you really want now? Change your ways, and your mind to make yourself truly happy.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)
It's not your fault if your life is not going your way. Why? Because you're asking everyone else what you ought to do. They can only help themselves.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)
Things will slow down to a dull roar in a short time. The real question is are you ready to settle down to a dull roar, or do you like things up in the air?

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Let go of your past once and for all. You are not what you were then. Change the way you used to be, so you won't repeat the same mistakes again.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
A little slow going, but once you get all your thoughts in order, you'll do fine. Don't jump off the deep end because you think you're behind. Think first.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Small change isn't much, until you try to carry it around in your pocket. Don't assume just because things are starting off small, it doesn't matter.

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Education Key to Our Future

by Senator
Pete Campos

As the 2003 legislative session dawns, each of us — policymakers, parents and business and civic leaders — must renew our commitment to ensuring that New Mexico's children have the best educational opportunities possible.

A good education is the key to a bright future. A strong economy, crime-free neighborhoods and revenue for state and local government services all result from a good education system. We must support our public schools, community colleges and universities. If we do not, ultimately the ones we hurt are students attending these learning centers.

Our vision for a strong education system must be broad, but it must also be built on a foundation that includes better compensation for teachers and

other instructional personnel, financial support for the buildings, grounds and infrastructure of our schools, coordination and integration of our elementary, middle and high school systems with higher education and a commitment to individual students.

Our commitment to our schools must involve both time and money.

Our commitment of time can manifest itself in several ways. All of us should strongly consider making ourselves available as mentors to students in our local schools; parents should commit to spending a specific amount of time each day helping their children with their homework and talking with them about school activities; and we can all help out by supporting school activities outside the classroom, such as athletic and social events.

Our commitment of money is not an easy task. The state of New Mexico already devotes almost half of its general fund spending on our public schools. We spend another one-seventh on higher education. This is money that is well spent — invested, really, in the social and economic security of our children. As we work to devote more resources to operational and capital funding for our schools, we must be aware of how much we currently devote to our schools, how much more we need to spend to make our school system first-rate and how we can best squeeze more efficiency from our schools.

The proposed shift of five percent of state funds from school administration costs to classroom expenditures is one of several ideas we will consider, and if this concept is adopted, we should

give strong consideration to exempting small school districts — like Vaughn, Mountainair, Corona and Hondo — from the requirement. In some small districts, the superintendent is also the principal and the athletic director, and mandating such a shift would be burdensome.

It costs \$15 million to give teachers, librarians and all other school employees a one percent pay raise. And our school employees, who for the most part did not get any salary raises last year, deserve much more than a one percent raise this year. But with less than \$120 million in new revenue expected this year, and with the Medicaid program projected to need up to \$80 million or so of that money, it will be difficult to pay for all the services that need to be paid for and still provide school teachers with a salary increase.

School administrators must work to ensure that each district's needs are met and that the neces-

sary funds are encumbered from cash balances to cover those needs — or risk losing those cash balances to the state.

A critical component of our overall plan for a better education system is the integration of all levels of schooling — from pre-kindergarten through graduate school. The education of our children should be a seamless process, one that continues well into adulthood, and it is critical that our

education system be well-integrated. Teachers, professors and administrators at all levels must not only be aware of the fact that their work and their success impacts the work of other instructors, they must actively develop an integrated education system.

The education of our children must know no boundaries. Geographic, social, ethnic and

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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:

January 27
 11:16 a.m. adult probation officer requested a deputy to make an arrest on a warrant of a subject on Smokey Bear Blvd. Deputy responded and Capitan police notified.
 1:37 p.m. grass fire at Wolf Springs on Nogal mesa. Nogal Fire Department and Bonito Fire Department responded, state forestry notified. Departments back at their stations by 3:52 p.m. and advised it was the "First One Fire."
 2:32 p.m. smoke seen off of Highway 54 north of Carrizozo. White Oaks fire department responded and checked but advised there was no smoke.
 3:36 p.m. request for am-

bulance at location off mile marker 142 on Highway 54 for 76 year old male with short breath and dizziness. Carrizozo ambulance transported to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.
 5:09 p.m. breaking and entering at house on Snell Road.
 5:40 p.m. careless driver in a pickup on Gavilan Canyon road. Deputy responded but was unable to locate the vehicle.
 6:53 p.m. livestock on roadway at mile marker 98 on Highway 380 in Lincoln, a black cow. The responding deputy advised he located the cow and got her off the roadway, but he did not think it was in the right place.
 8:50 p.m. shots fired at the top of El Madonna. Two deputies responded.
 8:53 p.m. wildland fire about half way up Mon-

Jeau Road. Bonito Fire Department requested Ruidoso Fire Dept. standby with a brush truck. AT 9:05 p.m. Bonito Fire advised there were no flames and they were mopping up hot spots about 300-400 yards up the big curve on the ski run road. By 2:11 a.m. all units had returned to their stations.
 10:15 p.m. gas skip by a vehicle with Texas plates at convenience store at corner of ski run road and State Road 48.

January 28
 8:20 a.m. district court requested deputy to do warrant service at the Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC).
 9:37 a.m. shop lifter at business at corner of State Road 48 and ski run road.
 12:01 p.m. shot dog on Sitting Bull road. Deputy responded.
 12:35 p.m. report of stolen vehicle on Ray Road.
 1:02 p.m. deputy advised he was giving a courtesy ride to a subject from mile marker 15 on State Road 48 to Capitan.
 2:45 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area for head injury. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) Med 1 transported to LCMC.
 3:45 p.m. request for ambulance for 72 year old male who was bleeding

from the mouth at location in Capitan. Med 2 ambulance transported to LCMC.

January 29
 9:08 a.m. deputy advised he made an arrest at mile marker 282 on Highway 70.

2:48 p.m. hit deer at mile marker 10 on State Road 48.

9:24 p.m. cat in trap at location on Escalante.

January 30
 11:53 a.m. unresponsive female at location near construction area on Highway 70 in Hondo. Med 1 responded.

3:47 p.m. accident 15 miles north of Carrizozo on Highway 54, a semi was on its side. Carrizozo fire department responded with a brush truck and pumper. Carrizozo ambulance was refused.

4:56 p.m. request for ambulance at Capitan school for 14 year old male with head injury. Med 1 transported to LCMC.

10:53 p.m. request for ambulance for 30 year old female who fell and dislocated a shoulder. Carrizozo ambulance transported to LCMC.

11:28 p.m. request for welfare check of pedestrian at mile marker 18 on State Road 48.

January 31
 7:36 a.m. request for ambulance at D. Ave. for 71 year old female in pain. Carrizozo ambulance transported to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo.

9:20 a.m. Children, Youth and Families Department requested deputy in Ruidoso.

11 a.m. Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) reported illegal dumping on Eagle Creek.

1:40 p.m. broken gas line at Rancho Ruidoso. Bonito Fire Department and Zia Natural Gas Co. responded.

2:02 p.m. cell phone caller advised of crazy driver on ski run road.

7:30 p.m. vehicle in the pasture at mile marker 107 on Highway 54.

9:54 p.m. suspicious subject walking east bound at mile marker 89 on Highway 380.

February 1
 7:57 a.m. request for deputy for funeral escort from St. Jude's in San Patricio to Glencoe.

10:14 a.m. breaking and entering in progress at location on Eagle Canyon Road. The responding deputy advised it was a civil matter.

7:35 p.m. Capitan requested agency assistance at location across from business for possible juvenile.

9:30 p.m. three juveniles in car on State Road 48, on side of road, unknown if problem or not. Deputy responded.

10:55 p.m. suspicious male, 20 year old subject hanging around the cabin on DeBord all day.

February 2
 8:18 a.m. accident on Highway 70 north of Fox Cave. State police dispatched.

12:41 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of a power line down on Mechem about two miles north of the police station. Responding deputy advised it was a tree down, no lines.

11:37 a.m. domestic at location on Screaming Eagle in Enchanted Forest.

2:58 p.m. property damage on Gavilan Canyon, report for insurance of barn roof hitting a vehicle.

February 2
 10:12 a.m. grass fire on Enchanted Mesa in Alto

area. Bonito Fire Department responded, state forestry responded with truck and hot shots. Bonito Fire advised at 10:42 a.m. the fire was out.

2:33 p.m. temporary restraining order violation, the caller advised her husband was in violation at a location in Hondo.

3:45 p.m. request for ambulance on county road in Hondo area. Med 1 advised it was in Hondo ambulance area, but the call was cancelled by Med 1.

6:19 p.m. request for deputy for domestic that occurred in county to a friend.

8:05 p.m. larceny at ski area, a snow board was stolen.

11:57 p.m. rail road track fire. Corona fire department responded and had the fire out and returned to station by 1:25 a.m.

February 3
 7:20 a.m. found purse at location in Ranches of Sonterra.

7:51 a.m. dog attack at location on Mesa Loop.

8:20 a.m. vehicle on private property north of Nogal.

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Corona Post Office 12:30 - 2:30
 Carrizozo/Otero Electric 4:00 - 6:30

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Carrizozo/Otero Electric 7:30 - 8:30
 Nogal Post Office 9:00-9:45
 Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe 10:15 - 11:45
 Camp Sierra Blanca 1:00 - 3:00
 Lincoln Post Office 4:00-4:45
 Hondo Store 5:00-5:45

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
 648-2968 (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 (AJG)

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 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY:

Capitan Sacred Heart 9:00 a.m.
 Carrizozo Santa Rita 10:30 a.m.
 Corona St. Theresa 1:00 p.m.

Church of Christ

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 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

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Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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United Methodist Churches

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 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.

CAPITAN:

Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 9:15 a.m.
 Children's Sunday School 9:30 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

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 Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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LEGAL NOTICE
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 CV-03-09

KAREN K. CALLAHAN,
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ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS
OF INTEREST ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
TO: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF
INTEREST ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF
GREETINGS:

BE ADVISED THAT THE ABOVE NAMED Plaintiff has filed the above referenced action. The general object of the action is to quiet title to real property, the legal description of which is detailed in the complaint in said cause and is located in Lincoln County New Mexico, being a tract of land 146 feet East and West by 200 feet North and South, adjoining Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 40, McDONALD'S ADDITION, Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, and lying on the West side of Lots 1 through 8, Block 40, McDONALD'S ADDITION, Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, September 14, 1906.

The Plaintiff's attorney is David M. Stevens, Attorney at Law, P.C., 106 Rio Street, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345. Please be advised that unless you file a responsive pleading or motion within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication of this Notice, judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered in said cause against you by default.

Witness my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico this 13th day of January, 2003.

JAN PERRY
 District Court Clerk
 Twelfth Judicial District
 Lincoln County, New Mexico
 by: **Mickie L. Vega**
 Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 No. CV-02-235

FIRST FEDERAL BANK, a federal banking corporation,
 Plaintiff,

vs.
CORRINE FOWLER and COUNTY OF
LINCOLN SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY,
 Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above styled and numbered cause on January 28, 2003, said cause being an action on a Promissory Note and to foreclose a Real Estate Mortgage, the undersigned Special Master will, on March 5, 2003, at 2:00 o'clock a.m., on the east side of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico:

Lot 4 of Gavilan Acres Subdivision, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the Plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, November 6, 1961.

Also known as 114 North Road, Ruidoso, NM.

The sale is to satisfy the above Judgment, together with all costs and amounts due as follows:

Amount of Judgment, attorney's fees and costs with interest to date of sale	\$59419.64
Estimated costs of publishing Notice of Foreclosure Sale	\$400.00
Special Master Fee	\$150.00
TOTAL	\$59,969.64

This sale shall be subject to the Defendant's right of redemption within one month from the date of the sale as provided in the Judgment.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 29th day of January, 2003.

Donna Tunell

Eric J. Coll
SANDERS, BRUIN, COLL & WORLEY, P.A.
 P.O. Box 550
 Roswell, New Mexico 88201
 (505) 622-5440
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LEGAL NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID

Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas is accepting sealed bids for the following vehicles. The vehicles may be seen at the business office in Capitan, NM at 217 Lincoln.

1991 Chevrolet Pickup - Model GM4 4x4
 1993 Chevrolet Pickup - Model GM4 4x4

All bids submitted must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the words "Bid on Pickup". Bids may be mailed to Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas, P.O. Box 640, Capitan, NM 88316 or hand-delivered to 217 Lincoln, Capitan, NM. All bids must be received by 4:30 PM, Friday, February 14, 2003. Bids received after that date and time will be returned unopened. Faxed bids cannot be accepted.

The Board of Directors will review the bids and make their final determination during the regular monthly meeting in Carrizozo, NM on Wednesday, February 19, 2003.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

KAY STRICKLAND
 Administrative Supervisor

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Grizzly

WEEKLY

by Carrizozo High School
Journalism Class
 Sarah Ball, Instructor

Things I Learned in High School That Nobody Intended to Teach

For the past three years that I've been at Carrizozo High School, I learned that school teaches me more than just academics. Coming in to high school, I just thought of it as four more cruel and unusual years, but then someone brought to my attention that I should be more involved with school activities. Ever since, that decision has changed my life. My education takes place in the classroom, on the playing fields, at other extracurricular activities, and in hanging out with friends.

From my observations I have learned lessons that have been positive and that have been negative. Here's my positive list:

- 1.) Friendship keep me afloat.
- 2.) Obstacles can be overcome by hard work.
- 3.) It's not the "things" that make me happy.
- 4.) Attitude is everything.
- 5.) Strength is more than muscle, and the stronger person will survive.

Here's my negative list:

- 1.) Nice guys do sometimes finish last.
- 2.) It's not always what you know, it's who you know.
- 3.) Integrity is just a word to lots of people.
- 4.) High school is a small game to a big step into the even bigger game of life.
- 5.) The system can be manipulated.

I'm only on my third year of high school and I've learned and experienced lots of new things, but I'm almost sure my lessons haven't come to an end.

Josh Calvert

Education Key to

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economic boundaries must fall if we are to ensure that our children do not fall in their quest for an education and economic success. Early childhood literacy programs, full-day kindergarten, first-rate public schools and affordable and accessible vocational and higher education programs must be available to every New Mexico child who wants an education.

Finally, the administration of our education system must be strategic. We should consider, among other proposals, allowing the governor to

appoint a secretary of education in order to increase accountability in our schools. We must demand that our school administrators adhere to performance-based budgeting principles when managing our schools. And we must constantly look for innovative methods to administer our schools.

Education does not and must not stop at the school door. A good education is a lifelong process and its real value is in helping our children learn to think for themselves.

(PVT) Scholarship Applications Available

Penasco Valley Telephone (PVT) Education Foundation will again award educational scholarships to area students in the spring of 2003.

Each scholarship has a value of \$750 per semester up to \$6,000. Applications are available at participating high school guidance offices, PVT, PVT Net-Works retail locations, e-mail: pvtpr@pvt.com or by phoning (800) 505-4844.

Scholarships are available for graduating high school students, current college students, and returning adult students. To be eligible, the applicant must be in the immediate family or a dependent of an active Penasco Valley Telephone Cooperative member who is receiving landline telephone service from PVT. Internet or cellular phone service does not qualify for membership or scholarship eligibility. Applications must be

completed and received by March 15. Inquiries can be directed to Janice Southard Burk at (800) 505-4844.

Deadline For School Art Show At Hubbard Museum March 31

The Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs will be accepting art work by private and public school students for its annual Henriette Wyeth Memorial School Art Show this spring.

Deadline for art work done by high school students (9-12 grades) is March 3. Deadline for art work from students in grades pre-K to 8th is March 31.

Date of the show will be announced later.

Call Elizabeth Becker at 378-4142 at the museum to receive an information packet.

by Rosalie Dunlap

OLD LINCOLN TOWN



Our country is in mourning once again with the tragic loss of the Columbia. All of us have the families and friends of the astronauts in our prayers and thoughts. When the Columbia landed at White Sands we were able to see it, along with our daughter, Lois and her family. It was also Lois's birthday.

Lincoln County mourns the loss of two more of its pioneers - Glen Ellison, past superintendent of the Carrizozo Schools. He and some friends also had a small band that played in local activities and just for fun. Robert Leslie is another one of the early settlers of Lincoln County in the White Oaks area. He was instrumental in getting the White Oaks Museum organized. He will be sadly missed with his stories about the "old days" at the museum.

Correction - Enrique Miranda is also survived by his daughter Melanie.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hammond report that their son Bill, of Philadelphia, is improving. He suffered a thirty foot fall during hunting season in November and was badly injured. He is paralyzed from the waist down. He will be in rehabilitation at the same facility that Chris Reed had his rehabilitation and has the same doctor. He will be training to use a wheelchair so he will be able to care for himself at home. Their other son, Lt. Col. Sam Hammond is stationed in Kuwait.

Lincoln was fortunate with the wind over the weekend, with light winds. The Hondo Valley was really bad and still was Monday morning. The air was full of White Sand though.

There are a lot of changes at the Anderson-Freeman Museum patio. The adobe wall is being replaced and a lot of yard changes.

Phoebe Taylor, Ira Rabke, Ted Allen, and Ralph Dunlap attended the water seminar in Alamogordo last week. They are members of the Lincoln Water Board.

Say It With Roses And Support Corona FFA; Student Council

As a spring fundraiser, Corona Student Council and FFA students will be offering long stem roses for sale for Valentine's Day.

The roses will be designed by professional floral designer Edie Porter in arrangements of one dozen, one-half dozen, single bud vases, or can be wrapped in floral tissue.

To order, phone the Ag Room at (505) 849-4949 and place your order with FFA sponsor Jerry Sharp, Student Council sponsor Melinda Harvey, or their assistants Shelly Frost, Johnnie Muncy, Sabra Davidson, Janetta Stewart or Rosetta Gilmore. Roses can be ordered now and picked up beginning Wednesday, Feb. 12 through Feb. 14.

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LEGALS

RESOLUTION #03-01

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS AND PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1B, NMSA 1978 provides that "All meetings of a quorum of members of any board, commission or other policy-making body of any state agency, or any agency political subdivision held for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of or the delegated authority of such board, commission or other policy-making body, are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times, except as otherwise provided in the constitution or the provision of the Open Meetings Act"; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-3A, NMSA 1978 provides that "No resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance or action of any board, commission, committee or other policy-making body shall be valid unless taken or made at a meeting held in accordance with the requirements of Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978"; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-4, NMSA 1978 provides that "Any person violating any of the provisions of Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978 is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for each offense"; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1D required that "Any meetings at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution, rule, regulation or formal action occurs, and at which a majority or quorum of the body is in attendance, and any closed meetings, shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public. The affected body shall determine at least annually in a public meeting what notice for a public meeting shall be reasonable when applied to such body";

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Village of Corona, New Mexico that

1.) Notice shall be given at least 10 days in advance of any regular meeting of a quorum of the members of the governing body or any board, commission, committee, agency, authority or other policy-making body held for the purpose of discussing public business or taking any formal action within the authority of such body.

2.) The regularly scheduled meetings of governing body will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the governing body meeting room of the municipal building, located at Village Hall. In the event that the regular meeting date falls on a legal holiday, the governing body shall designate an alternate meeting day and/or time to be published as provided in this Resolution. In the event that a regular meeting of the governing body is changed to a different location, advance notice of the meeting location shall be published as provided in the Resolution.

3.) Notice shall be given at least 24 hours in advance of any special meeting of a quorum of the members of the governing body, board, commission, committee, agency, authority of other policy-making body held for the purpose of discussing public business or taking any formal action within the authority of such body.

4.) The notice requirements of Section 1, 2, and 3 of this Resolution are complied with if notice of the date, time, place, and subject matter of any regular or special meeting are published. Additionally, the notice shall contain information on how the public may obtain a copy of the meeting agenda, said agenda to be available at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. "Publish" means printing in a newspaper which maintains an office in the municipality and is of general circulation within the municipality. If such newspaper is a non-daily paper which will not be circulated to the public in time to meet publication requirements, or, if no such newspaper exists, "publish" shall mean posting in five public places within the municipality, and one of the public places where posting shall be made is the office of the municipal clerk, who shall maintain the posting for public inspection within the time limits specified. The five public places notice shall be posted are:

- THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK
- CORONA MINI-MART
- CORONA POST OFFICE
- LUERAS SERVICE STATION
- CORONA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

The clerk may, in addition to posting, publish one or more times in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality, even though it does not maintain an office within the municipality. In addition, written notice of such meetings shall be mailed or hand delivered to federally licensed broadcast stations and newspapers of general circulation in the municipality which have provided a written request for such notice.

5.) Notwithstanding any other provisions of section 1 through 4 of this Resolution, the governing

authority may establish such additional notice requirements as be deemed proper and advisable to comply with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act.

6.) If any meeting is closed pursuant to exclusions contained in Section 10-15-1, Subsection H, NMSA 1978, such closed meeting called by a policy-making body shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances and in compliance with sections 1 through 4 of this Resolution, has been given. In addition, such notice shall state the exclusion or exclusions in Section 10-15-1, Subsection H, NMSA 1978 of the Open Meetings Act, under which such closed meeting is permitted.

7.) Notwithstanding any other provision of sections 1 through 5 of this Resolution, the Governing authority of the Village of Corona may call, with whatever notice is possible under the circumstances, a meeting of the governing body, any board, commission, committee, or other policy-making body of the municipality to consider or act on any emergency matter which appears to be a clear and immediate danger to the health, welfare, or safety of the inhabitants of the Village of Corona.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 16th day of January, 2003.

Gilbert R. Stewart Jr.
MAYOR

ATTEST: Cathy Perez
VILLAGE CLERK TREASURER

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Robert L. Burroughs
- Warren E. Anderson
- April Joy Bailey
- Ernest D. Lueras

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT

No. JQ-2002-07
Div. III

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ex rel. CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of CR and JH, Children, And Concerning Virginia Price and Clinton Hellyer, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

CLINTON HELLYER TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOUR ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you in the above named Court and County by the State of New Mexico in which the State of New Mexico has filed a petition alleging that you have abused and neglected CH and JH, children. The above proceeding could ultimately result in the termination of your parental rights.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that this matter will be heard in the Children's Court Division of the District Court in Lincoln County, New Mexico, thirty days after the last publication of this notice.

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of the District Court of the State of New Mexico.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court

(SEAL)

by: Mickie L. Vega
Deputy

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER:
Lynne Pruett, 2200 Indian Wells Rd.,
Alamogordo, NM 88310 -- (505) 434-5950

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 20, 2002, David & Vonna Stevens, & Mike Levi, 106 Rio, Ruidoso, NM 88345 filed application No. 01918-A with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to temporarily change point of diversion and place of use of 3.25 acre-feet per annum of surface water from the H. Fritz Spring located in the SE1/4NW1/4SE1/4 Section 29, Township 10 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M.

Applicant proposes to commence the diversion of said 3.25 acre-feet per annum using well H-3391 located in the SE1/4NE1/4NW1/4 Section 4, Township 11 South, Range 17 East N.M.P.M., for highway construction purposes. Diversion at the move from location is metered and will be metered at the move to location.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 17, 2002, Ford Secure Trust, P.O. Box 2, Picacho, NM 88345, and New Mexico State Highway Transportation Department filed application No. 01707, 01576, 01640 & H-387 into H-103 (T) with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to temporarily change point of diversion and place/or purpose of 59.64 acre-feet per annum of surface water of the Montano Ditch River Pump which diverts from the Rio Hondo at the SW1/4SE1/4NW1/4, Section 30, Township 11 South, Range 19 East, well H-387 located in the SW1/4SW1/4NW1/4 Section 30, Township 11 South, Range 19 East, and River Pump located in the SW1/4SW1/4NW1/4 Section 29, Township 11 South, Range 19 East N.M.P.M., by ceasing the irrigation of 28.4 acres described below:

SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	ACRES
SE1/4	20	11 South	19 East	7.2
Pt. NE1/4NW1/4	29	11 South	19 East	5.4
Pt. S1/2S1/2	20	11 South	19 East)	
Pt. N1/2N1/2	29	11 South	19 East)	15.8

Applicant proposes to commence the diversion of said 59.64 acre-feet per annum of surface water and supplemental groundwater using well H-103 located in the NW1/4NW1/4SW1/4 Section 21, Township 11 South, Range 19 East N.M.P.M., for highway construction purposes.

This is a temporary application is with all rights to revert to original place and purpose of use on January 1, 2004, or upon written request from the applicant.

The move from and move to points of diversion are located near Riverside, Lincoln County, NM, N.M.P.M.

Any person, firm, corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the State of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed in triplicate with the State Engineer, 1900 W. Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico, 88201, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (fax's) will be accepted as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to (505) 623-8559. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

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This is a temporary application is with all rights to revert to original place and purpose of use upon completion of the highway project or upon written request from the applicant.

The move to point of diversion is located approximately one and half miles northwest from the intersection of highway 380 and highway 70. The move to point of diversion is located at the intersection of highway 380 and highway 70 near Mondo, Lincoln County, NM, N.M.P.M.

Any person, firm, corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the State of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1900 W. Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico, 88201, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (fax's) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to (505) 623-8559. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. CV03-04
Division III

RUTH ANN UNDORF
Plaintiff,

vs.

GROUP I: THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: ABDALLAH AL-THUNEYYAN (aka Abdollah Al-Thuneyyan), JUHAIR SAUD AL-THUNEYYAN and C.J. KELLY, TRUSTEE.

GROUP II: THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: ABDALLAH AL-THUNEYYAN (aka Abdollah Al-Thuneyyan) and JUHAIR SAUD AL-THUNEYYAN.

GROUP III: RECEIVERS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MIDLAND, A DEFUNCT TEXAS BANKING CORPORATION.

GROUP IV: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF.

Defendants:

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:

GROUP I: THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: ABDALLAH AL-THUNEYYAN (aka Abdollah Al-Thuneyyan), JUHAIR SAUD AL-THUNEYYAN and C.J. KELLEY, TRUSTEE. GROUP II: THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: ABDALLAH AL-THUNEYYAN (aka Abdollah Al-Thuneyyan) and JUHAIR SAUD AL-THUNEYYAN. GROUP III: RECEIVERS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MIDLAND, A DEFUNCT TEXAS BANKING CORPORATION. GROUP IV: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that Ruth Ann Undorf, Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-0304 Div. III, wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service upon you. The general subject matter of said action is to quiet title to certain real estate, which is the subject matter of the above-captioned and numbered cause of action and is described as follows:

Lots 3, 4 and 9, Block 5 of APACHE HILLS SUBDIVISION; Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico on March 27, 1967.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before February 26, 2003, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiff in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

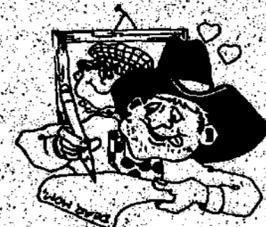
The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is: Archie A. Witham, P.O. Box 83, Nogal, New Mexico 88341.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this the 9th day of January, 2003.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court

By: Mickie L. Vega
Deputy

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OBITUARIES



EVELYN S. FORLANO

Evelyn S. Forlano, 78, of Capitan died Feb. 1. Visitation was held Feb. 4 at LaGrone Funeral Chapel, with a committal service following at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Evelyn was born Nov. 9, 1924 in Batesville, Arkansas. She moved to Capitan in 1990 from Encino, Calif. and was an opera singer. She married Mark A. Forlano on Feb. 25, 1963 at Las Vegas, Nev.

She is survived by her husband Mark of Capitan; three sisters, Thelma Stephens of Capitan; Pearl Webster of West Plains, Missouri and Pat Thompson of Albuquerque.

The family invites all family and friends to take part in a developing biography at www.mem.com. Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.



Winds in excess of 60 miles per hour blew over trees, tossed about trash containers and caused minor damage throughout the county on Sunday, February 2.

The above average warm temperatures will return to near normal this week as a cold front is predicted to pass through the county today (Thursday, February 6) bringing a chance for snow in the higher elevations. Warm temperatures will return on Monday.

The following information was taken from the National Weather Service website:

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

Today, Thursday, February 6:

Partly cloudy with northwest winds 10 to 20 miles per hour becoming northerly. High temperature of 47. No chance for precipitation. Tonight, cloudy with chance of snow and low of 15.

Friday, February 7: Cloudy and colder with chance for light snow. High in the 30s. Lows to 11.

Saturday, February 8: Partly cloudy and warmer with highs to lower 50s. Lows to 18.

Sunday, February 9: Partly cloudy with slight chance of showers. Highs from mid-40s to mid-50s. Lows to 25.

Judge Karen L. Parsons
COURT CALENDAR
 12th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 Division III

The following is the court calendar for District Judge Karen L. Parsons:

Monday, February 3
 9 a.m. bench trial Powell v. Fleenor; CV-2001-162 (Sabin/Cassels)

Tuesday, February 4
 8:30 a.m. teleconference Maddox v. Gaume; CV-2001-172 (Olson/Anderson) status
 9 a.m. Powell v. Fleenor; CV-2001-162 bench trial continues

Wednesday, February 5
 9 a.m. Powell v. Fleenor; CV-2001-162 bench trial continues
 Lincoln County Abstract v. Jones; CV-2002-168 (Stotts/Raffin) merits-one day
 1 p.m.
 JQ-2002-05 IJB
 Darrell Brantley
 10 a.m. no cases

Thursday, February 6
 Judge Parsons in Ruidoso
 8:15 a.m.
 Jonathan Warren; JR-98-02 & JR-00-33 check in
 Casey Laymon; JR-2002-10 check in
 Cheri Metcalf; JR-2002-55 adjudication
 David McLesky; JR-2002-56 adjudication
 Susanne DiPaolo; JR-2002-15 judicial inquiry
 Simon Griego; JR-2002-48 adjudication
 Devon Butler; JR-2002-36 judicial inquiry
 Eugenia Misquiz; JR-00-42 disposition
 Jade Gent; JR-2003-01 first appearance
 Lindsay Guynn; JR-2003-02 first appearance
 Charlene McCallister; JR-2003-04 first appearance
 1 p.m.
 Camp Sierra Blanca graduation.
 3 p.m.
 SNM v. Mowdy; CR-00-148 (Matisse/Beauvais) motions and pretrial.

Friday, February 7
 Court closed so judge can attend strategic planning workshop in Alamogordo.



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Monday & Tuesday, February 10 & 11:
 Partly cloudy with highs in the lower 80s, lows in the mid-20s.
 Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan, Corona and higher elevations of Lincoln County:
Today, Thursday, February 6:
 Partly cloudy with northwest winds 10 to 20 miles per hour becoming northerly. High temperature of 35 and a 20 percent chance for precipitation, mostly snow. Tonight cloudy with chance for light snow and low temperature of 12.
Friday, February 7:
 Cloudy with continued chance for light snow. Highs from the mid-20s to 30s. Lows 10 to 12.
Saturday, February 8:
 Partly cloudy and warmer with highs to from the 30s to upper 40s. Lows to 17.
Sunday, February 9:
 Partly cloudy with slight chance of snow showers. Highs in the low 40s to low 50s. Lows 18 to 23.
Monday & Tuesday, February 10 & 11:
 Partly cloudy with highs from the mid-40s to low 50s. Lows in the low to mid-20s.

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LCSWA Changes Dates

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at \$20,017 plus a \$4,000 trade in for \$16,017 price with delivery in 45 days, and a one ton 4WD pickup with no bed, for \$20,865 also from Sierra Blanca Motors. While Sierra Blanca Motors, in Ruidoso, did not have the lowest prices on both bids they were the only bidder of three bids received able to deliver within the 45 days as requested by LCSWA.

LCSWA board also on a 5-1 vote approved going out for request for proposals (rfp) for attorney services. Dutton announced that he would be sending a letter of resignation soon, as he has been appointed by the governor to the New Mexico Gaming Control Board, which requires him to close his private practice. He recommended LCSWA hire the attorney who will be taking over his office. While Coleman asked for a motion to go with Dutton's recommendation, Vega made the motion to go to rfp for legal services. All other members but Coleman voted yes to the rfp.

Dutton said it would be a lie to say he had enjoyed his time as LCSWA attorney, rather he said it had been "extremely exciting."

Auditor John J. Schonberger was instructed to make his audit report in person to the board. LCSWA operational supervisor Debra Ingle said she got a call from Schonberger who said he refused to attend the meeting, because he thought he did not need to be there. Ingle said she contacted the state auditor's office and reviewed the state auditor's rules which say the auditor must present the report. With that, LCSWA representative

from Carrizozo, Angelo Vega, made the motion to send Schonberger a letter that he had to come to the board to make his report, "like everyone else has to."

The board took considerable time discussing the pros and cons of a proposal to hire attorney John Underwood to do lobbying for LCSWA at the state legislature in Santa Fe. Underwood requested up to \$10,000 for his services at the two month session now underway. When asked why Ingle cannot lobby for LCSWA requests, LCSWA attorney Don Dutton said LCSWA needs someone in Santa Fe for the entire session. He also said Underwood has been very effective as a lobbyist. After discussion, the LCSWA board approved hiring Underwood as a lobbyist for an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Ingle said the cost will come out of the contract services budget fund. She said LCSWA has asked the legislature for seven years for funding to purchase land outside of Ruidoso Downs for a new LCSWA recycling facility and offices.

The item that took most discussion ended up being tabled, again. The "rate setting safeguards" as recommended by the attorney hired by Sederwall to give an opinion on whether LCSWA has rate setting authority, was again tabled. Sederwall argued that he could not accept the policy until his village trustees change the village ordinance that sets trash rates at a specific amount. He also again said he wants LCSWA to take over billing of Capitan residential customers.

Vega said he could not

vote for the rate setting policy because the Carrizozo town trustees had questions about the late payment fees, and there were questions because of the town's solid waste ordinance.

Dutton said by debating who has power to set rates puts the LCSWA board in a position of "civil war." He said the rate making safeguards "no way give LCSWA the right for an automatic rate increase." The proposed policy requires any request for rate increase to be taken to public hearing and be based upon projected budgetary needs for the year in which the rate increase takes effect.

Lippmann asked how LCSWA deals with fuel cost increases. Ingle said there will be no need for a fuel adjustment if the cost of diesel stays below \$1.57 a gallon. Dutton said fuel charges are pass through charges, but the LCSWA board will still have to vote on it.

Vega said he had less conflict with the safeguards as written now. He also asked if the Carrizozo town solid waste ordinance supersedes the proposed safeguards. Dutton said if LCSWA adopts the rate making safeguards they will not effect the town's ordinance until a new rate comes up.

Sederwall said the safeguards "give power to the LCSWA board to set rates." "This gives you a menu on how to change rates," Dutton responded. "There must be five of the LCSWA board to approve any rate change."

Vega asked what would happen if one of the LCSWA entity governing bodies voted no to a rate increase. Dutton said that

entity representative would come to the LCSWA board with a no vote, and a rate change would be done according to the super majority vote (five of six members). Vega then said he thought the safeguards were a good idea but the governing entities need to clean up their ordinances first. The county adopted an ordinance that gives rate setting authority to the LCSWA board, Dutton said.

Finally, the LCSWA board voted to table the proposed safeguards until the next meeting, then they instructed Ingle to attend the Carrizozo and Capitan trustee meetings to further explain the proposed safeguards.

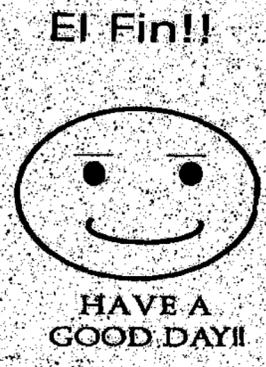
Once again no action was taken on the forgiveness of payment obligation with the village of Capitan. Ingle said the Capitan landfill has been closed with no public access. She said the state environment department

has requested LCSWA drill 150 foot deep holes to test, if any water is found a well must be drilled and monitored. Corona village clerk Cathy Perez acting on behalf of the Corona mayor said Corona wanted Capitan to forgive the debt, like all the other entities have.

Ingle said the reason for the forgiveness of the debt obligation was the debt

was considered a "double taxation" on an audit.

Sederwall said the forgiveness of the debt had never come to the Capitan trustees for a vote, and he understood trustee Leroy Montes was not in favor of it. Sederwall then asked Ingle to bring a report on the landfill closure to the Capitan trustees February meeting.

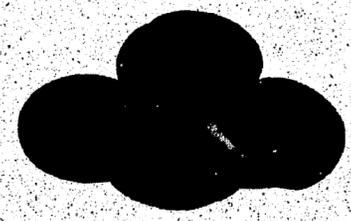


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