

Senate Bill 143 Proposing to Reduce County Magistrate

by Doris Cherry

Senator Manny Aragon from Albuquerque is sponsoring Senate Bill 143 which proposes to eliminate one of the magistrate courts in Lincoln County.

SB 143 proposes to add district and magistrate judges in certain areas and eliminate magistrate

judges in other areas, including Lincoln County.

Currently there are two magistrate judges in Lincoln County--Division I Judge Martha Proctor whose court is in Carrizozo and Division II Judge Bill Butts whose court is in Ruidoso.

Judge Proctor was appointed to the Division I position in July 2002 after long time magistrate

judge Gerald Dean Jr. retired. Proctor, who had won the primary election for the magistrate position, was elected by voters in November and formally sworn in as the Division I judge on January 1 2003. Voters also re-elected Judge Butts as Division II magistrate.

Judge Proctor told THE NEWS that last fall Sen. Aragon gave magistrate

judges indications he would again sponsor a bill to eliminate magistrate judges in Lincoln County and several other counties in the state. The senator announced his intentions at an interim judicial committee meeting where he indicated that the closures would be courts that have few cases.

True to his word Aragon introduced SB 143. The

bill is in the Senate Rules Committee for a hearing at 10:30 a.m. today (Thursday, February 13) in the state capitol in Santa Fe.

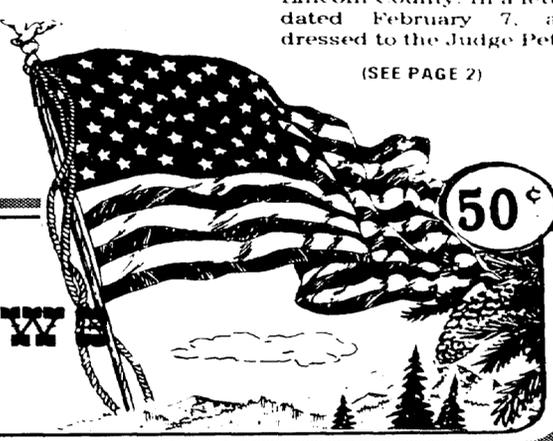
Judge Proctor told THE NEWS she will be at the hearing to present information to justify the need for two magistrates in Lincoln County. In a letter dated February 7, addressed to the Judge Petra

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A "Nogal Peace Prize" For the Governor

Ruidoso planning director Mike Runnels (right) presents the 2002 Nogal Peace Prize to Governor Bill Richardson at an event held last year in Ruidoso. Richardson, busy with his first legislative session as governor, recently appointed Capitan resident Doris Cherry as the chair of the Governor's Committee on the Concerns of the Handicapped. Gov. Richardson also appointed Ruidoso attorney Don Dutton to the State Gaming Control Board. The New Mexico legislature is about half way through its first session in Santa Fe with adjournment at noon on Saturday, March 22.

Capitan Chamber Will Host Merchant Breakfast Feb. 15

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Chamber of Commerce merchant's committee is hosting a breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturday, February 15 at the Capitan Senior Center.

Interested merchants and community members are invited to attend. A short meeting will follow to collect information for a calendar of events and promotion.

The chamber will also be sponsoring Flea Markets on April 4 and 5, June 6 and 7 and August 15 and 16, it was announced at the chamber meeting held February 3. Chamber president Phyllis Macaw and Deenie Pounds attended the fair board meeting to try to get a lower rate for the fair grounds but they were unsuccessful. The fair board offered the new barn at \$50 a day, which is the same price as the school and Friends of Smokey building and grounds. A decision on the location will be made at the March chamber meeting.

RuidosoRealtors.com has offered the chamber a room in their building on Smokey Bear Blvd. to be used as a visitor's center. There is space for brochures, the chamber can have a phone line and Jerry Burchett and Lynne Story will take the chamber calls. Chamber members voted in favor of making a written agreement with business for the visitors center.

Chamber members also discussed a proposal to include Smokey Bear brochures with the Capitan brochures on the area wide brochure racks. Because of the cost, members voted not to include the Smokey Bear brochures. Member Kay Strickland said the chamber has very few brochures left. Wayne Mason led the motion to check into reducing printing costs with less expensive paper and to have the chamber officers make a decision on the printing.

The next chamber meeting is at 12:30 p.m. Mon-

day, March 3, at the chamber building on Second Street.

Angelo Vega to Resign From LCSWA Board

Carrizozo Police Chief Angelo Vega has offered a letter of resignation from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority board.

At the regular Carrizozo town trustees meeting February 11, Vega presented his letter of resignation as the town's representative on the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) board. However, there was no listing on the meeting agenda for trustees to accept the resignation letter. Because there was no item on the meeting agenda for trustees to accept the letter of resignation from Vega, trustees could take no action on the acceptance.

Trustees did have an agenda item for approval

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Capitan Has New Cemetery Rules

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Village Trustees accepted the cemetery by-laws and rules presented by the village cemetery board.

At a near record short meeting, Capitan trustees formally approved the new cemetery bylaws and rules that were drafted by the cemetery committee. The bylaws and rules were presented to the trustees at their January regular meeting when trustees reviewed and approved changes to the village cemetery ordinance.

Under the new rules, a cemetery plot will cost \$200, and there will be a \$200 cost if the village crews open and close the grave. Cremation burials will cost \$100 with a \$100 opening and closing cost if by village employees. The rules give families an option to not utilize village crews to open and close graves.

Rules also outline what is allowed on graves and how graves must be maintained. Village resident Angie Provine asked why the rules state that permission must be obtained from the village to do anything on a grave site. "Does that mean I can't scatter grass seeds at my gravesite," Provine asked. She went on to say that someone, who had done a bad job of pruning, had made a mess of her grave plot.

Mayor Steve Sederwall said he thought that rule was to prevent others from doing anything to a gravesite. Ole' George Tippen said occasionally something is put on a grave that is obtrusive or "obscene." "This covers things like someone wanting to put a house over a gravesite, or move a lot of ground," Ole' George said. "Anything extensive."

Copies of the rules and

bylaws are available from Capitan Village Hall.

Trustees also accepted the resignation of cemetery board member Bea Smith. Cemetery board chair Ole' George said Mrs. Smith was involved in an auto accident in Capitan and was unable to serve at this time. Tippen then presented the name of J.D. Roehrig for appointment to the cemetery board to fill the vacancy. Trustees unanimously approved the appointment.

The 2001 2002 fiscal year audit got approval from trustees. The audit, conducted by John Schonberger of Clovis, had one finding for the village--late financial reports. Village clerk Kathryn Griffin said the finding has been resolved.

Trustee George Tippen asked several questions, most dealing with typos and other old information listed in the audit. Tippen said the audit indicates that Norm Renfro is mayor, but Griffin reminded that Renfro was mayor at the beginning of the 2001-02 fiscal year. Tippen then questioned possible inaccurate wording in the audit that stated the "original budget in July 1996." He also questioned when the village was incorporated.

Tippen said the audit states the village was incorporated in 1932, but does not indicate if there is a charter. "Do we have a charter?" Tippen asked.

"We should have one but we don't," said Griffin. Trustee Bobbi Shearer asked if the village needs one.

"If the village needs one, we'll get one," said village attorney Marc Prelo.

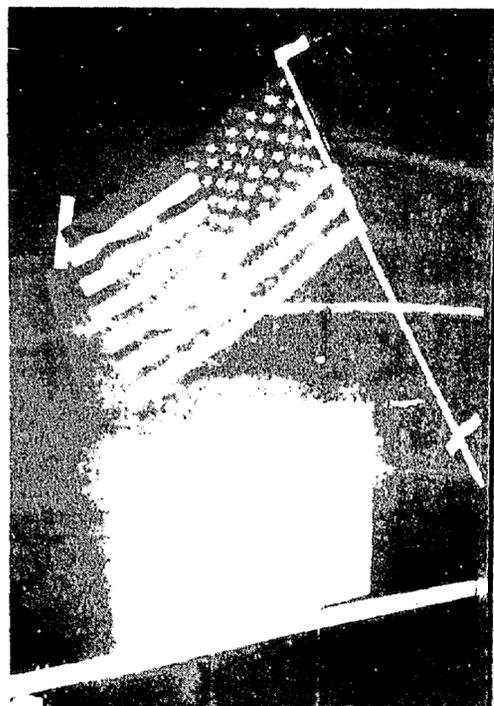
Tippen said the audit was a "rough read" that is hard to understand. "But I didn't see anything out line."

Shearer agreed on the document being hard to read.

New Mexico State Auditor's office had previously approved the 2001 2002 audit before returning it to the village for formal acceptance.

Trustees also approved their Open Meetings resolution which sets regular

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Six months ago city hall at Carrizozo was closed because lightning hit the power box to the facility. The latest rumor has it that the building will not be used until it is remodeled, not just receive electrical repairs as originally suggested.

Senate Bill 143 Proposing to

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Maes chief justice of the state supreme court, and to all senators on the rules committee. Proctor outlined her concerns about closing a magistrate court in the county.

"Senate Bill 143 suggests having the judge from Ruidoso to ride circuit to Carrizozo," Proctor wrote. "I don't believe this is a wise decision."

Acknowledging that statistics show that the Division I court does not have a large number of cases, Proctor points out that Lincoln County is the fastest growing county in the state with projections of continued growth. "It would be costly to close the (Division I) court and then reopen in a few years," Proctor wrote.

Another issue is the size

of the county. "People from the north side of the county would have to travel approximately 100 miles to go to court for traffic violations," Proctor said. "I feel this disenfranchises the citizens rights."

"A magistrate judge is on 24 hours a day call," Proctor said. "The judge not only holds court, the judge does warrants, bonds, releases and other duties like performing marriages."

And in a county with five municipalities, sheriff's department, NM Game and Fish Department, and state police, and two major US highways, one judge would be overburdened. Proctor told THE NEWS,

She also told the judges and senators in her letter,

"It would overburden one judge to cover this amount of responsibilities. Also to cover the other judge during time off for vacation, sick leave and reduction would not be available with only one judge in the county."

Proctor goes on to state it would be an 85-mile round trip for a Circuit judge to travel from the Ruidoso court to Carrizozo. "It would not seem a feasible decision to have a circuit court when you consider the time, travel expense and the cost of maintaining two buildings," she wrote. "Judge Butts presently has an extremely busy docket."

According to statistics for the Lincoln County magistrate courts in fiscal year 2001-2002, Division I court had 1,151 new cases and Division II had 2,791 new cases. Division I court collected \$109,007 and Division II court collected \$286,240 for a total of \$395,247 in that time period.

Proctor told THE NEWS that she is concerned if the Division I court is closed the traffic revenues collected through that court would go down. "If this court is closed," Proctor said. "I don't believe the car haulers or big trucks would drive up to Ruidoso to pay fines, and that revenue would be lost."

Other magistrate courts in the state are facing the same fate as Lincoln. But statistics for fines collected indicate a basis for that decision. In Colfax County, which now has two magistrates, one of whom is in Raton and the other in Springer who also travels circuit to Cimarron. SB 143 proposed to eliminate one of their magistrates and have the one travel from Raton to Springer and do away with the court in Cimarron altogether.

According to court statistics the Raton magistrate in 2001-2002 had 2,085 new cases and collected \$148,758 in fines and fees. Springer court had 743 cases and the Cimarron court had 436 cases and collected \$42,775 and \$30,970 in fees and fines. Yet in Valencia County (Belen and Los Lunas) which has three judges, they handled 7,620 new cases and collected only \$386,474.

SB 143 also proposes to eliminate two magistrate judges in Lea County, from the current five to three operating as a single court in Hobbs. Currently Lovington has a magistrate, Hobbs has two, Eunice has one and Tatum has one. The Eunice judge had 400 cases and collected \$37,865. The Eunice judge also travels to Jal and had 30 cases resulting in \$3,958 collected. The Tatum judge had 188 cases with \$11,824 collected.

In Lincoln County the Division I magistrate court is located in Carrizozo the county seat, next to the county courthouse with its offices for the district attorney and district judge. It is also close to the county detention center and sheriff's main office.

Another of Proctor's concerns is one magistrate in Lincoln County would have such a large case load, it could result in

dismissal of cases for failure to prosecute within the time limits.

Judge Butts told THE NEWS he thinks one magistrate could handle all of Lincoln County, if the judge had more clerks. Judge Butts court saw an increase of misdemeanor and felony cases, but a decrease of civil claims in the last year.

"Closing one of the court would have a minor effect," Butts said.

However, Judge Butts does not want the Carrizozo court closed. "We need that court for the people in that part of the county, and because it is in the county seat."

"Keeping it open is mainly logistics and the service to the people," Judge Butts added.

Another issue not addressed by money or case numbers is how the current two judges would resolve the elimination of one of the courts. Butts said it would be most logical to retain his position, since he has served more than 10 years and has handled the vast majority of cases.

Judge Butts does not think having one magistrate will result in cases dismissed for not being processed with time limits, because those would be processed first. He acknowledged that one judge would need additional clerks, since the ideal number of cases per magistrate judge clerk should be 650. Currently, each of his clerks are now handling more than 1,000 cases. "I spend a lot of judge time helping the clerks," Butts said.

Retired magistrate Division I judge Gerald Dean Jr. told THE NEWS he was concerned about the proposed closure again this year. Last year Dean lobbied against a similar bill proposed by Aragon. That bill was tabled in committee.

"It took us more than 10 years just to get the new magistrate office in Carrizozo," Dean said. "And again Sen. Aragon wants to close it."

Dean also said that while he was judge he would travel to other magistrate divisions to assist with their overburdened case loads. Those traveling cases however were not listed as Judge Dean's, rather were listed in the court it was docketed under, credited to that particular magistrate judge.

THE NEWS contacted Senator Aragon's office in the state capitol to get comments as to why he wants to eliminate one of the Lincoln County magistrate courts. THE NEWS received no response from Sen. Aragon before deadline.

Judge Proctor was notified on Wednesday that SB 143 was moved from the Senate Rules Committee to the Senate Judiciary Committee. SB 143 was originally scheduled to be heard in committee today (Thursday).

Anyone wishing to contact Senator Aragon, whose office is in Room 120A in the capitol building, can call 505-988-4727.

Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee are senators: chair Michael Sanchez in Room 319 with phone 988-4487; vice chair

Cisco McSorley in Room 218A phone 986-4266; Manny Aragon in Room 120A phone 986-4727; Dede Feldman in Room 323 phone 986-4482; Ramon Gorham in Room 416F phone 986-4369; Clinton D. Harden in Room 416E phone 986-4260; Steve Komadina in Room 416C phone 986-4377; Richard Martinez in Room 414D phone 986-4276 and Lidio Rainaldi in Room 302A phone 986-4310.

Calls made to senators about specific bills should include the number of the bill and should also be followed up by written correspondence.

Letters should be addressed as such—Senator (whoever); Attention Mailroom: Room (whatever room the senator is in), State Capitol Building, Santa Fe, NM 87503.

Information about SB 143, and all other bills in this legislative session, including action in committee, full text and analysis are available on the state legislature website. That site is at www.legis.state.nm.us.

The site also includes information about each representative and senator including room and phone numbers, and bills sponsored.

OBITUARY

RAMON ZAMORA

Ramon Zamora, 77, of Las Angeles, California died Feb. 3. A service was held Feb. 11 in Las Angeles.

Ramon was born July 4, 1926 in Lincoln. He is survived by his wife Ruth; his mother, Rita Zamora; two daughters Belinda and Judy; one brother, Alberto Zamora; and five sisters, Presilina Sisneros, Arsenia, Mary Helen, Grace and Theresita.



In The Service

Air Force 1st Lt. John R. Echols has deployed to an overseas forward operating location to support the mission of Operation Northern Watch. Currently the operation is a combined task force comprised of the U.S., United Kingdom, and Turkish forces and aircraft. The coalition provides renewed and continued enforcement of the "no-fly" rule over northern Iraq in compliance with United Nations resolutions against Iraq.

The lieutenant is an F-15 fighter pilot regularly assigned to the 27th Fighter Squadron at Langley Air Force Base, Hampton, Va. Echols is a 1995 graduate of Ruidoso High School, and the son of Kathy Garrett and Paul Echols, both of Ruidoso.

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MONDAYS

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

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

--Carrizozo School Library open for public use, 5-7 p.m.

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.

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

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

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 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.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

--Carrizozo Woman's Club Valentine Day bake sale 9 a.m. Wells Fargo Bank in Carrizozo.
--Valentine Day dance 8 p.m. to midnight, White Oaks Saloon.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

--Welcome home celebration for Congressman Joe Skeen, 2-4 p.m. Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs.
--Valentine Day dance 8 p.m. to midnight, White Oaks Saloon.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 PRESIDENT'S DAY

--No class for Carrizozo Schools, no class for Capitan Schools, post offices, banks closed for holiday. Lincoln County Courthouse, Capitan and Carrizozo municipal offices will be open since they take the day after Thanksgiving.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

--Lincoln County Commission meets at 8 a.m. in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.
--Ruidoso Village Planning & Zoning Commission 2 p.m. village hall.
--Carrizozo Board of Education 6 p.m. school administration building.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

--Ruidoso Business Regulation Task Force meets 12 noon at Ruidoso village hall.
--Meeting with New Mexico director of National Park Service concerning Fort Stanton at 1 p.m. Ruidoso Convention Center. Public invited.
--Lincoln County Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meets at 1:30 p.m. at Ruidoso Village Hall.
--Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas board meets at 6 p.m. at Wells Fargo Bank in Carrizozo.
--Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. village hall.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

--Billy the Kid Scenic Byways Committee meets 12:30 p.m. Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs.
--Carrizozo Family and Consumer Education (FCE) group meets at 1 p.m. at Otero County Electric Cooperative office in Carrizozo. Visitors invited.
--Highway 70 Task Force meeting, 7 p.m. Hondo Schools.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

--Democratic Party of Lincoln County members will be conducting a voter registration drive from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Ruidoso Public Library and 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Capitan Public Library.

Capitan Has New

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meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7 p.m., with special meetings called with three days notice and emergency meetings called with 24 hours notice. Last year trustees approved notice of emergency meetings with only two hours notice. When Tippin questioned this difference, Prelo said the 24 hours emergency meeting notice tracks with the state Open Meetings Act language.

A proposal for the village to sponsor a Capitan "business" listing billboard was sent to the village planning committee. Sederwall said a business person called him about such a billboard. Sederwall said he talked with Tippin about maybe incorporating a fee in the village business license that would cover the cost of listing a business on a billboard. "But this is only open for discussion," the mayor said.

Resident Lonnie Lippmann said the village should be able to get a tourism grant for such a billboard. He also said if the village had lodgers tax it would cover such an expense.

Sederwall asked if the village should work with the chamber of commerce.

Tippin said he thinks it is a good idea, in theory. But he also was concerned about possible rules for billboards since the village is on the Billy the Kid National Scenic Byways. "I tried to contact the byways committee but I've gotten no response," Tippin added.

Resident Fred Chaney said Capitan "is our village and we should be able to put up our own sign without having to ask permission."

Shearer said there may be state highway rules about billboards.

Another resident said a nice sign will not be cheap and there is no reason to do a billboard if it is not nicely done in order to continue the trend of nice signs in the village.

Several in the audience agreed such a billboard would be a good idea, but there were questions on whether the business could be involved with what type styles would be used and so on.

Finally the mayor sent the proposal to the Village Planning Committee.

Trustees also recessed into closed session to discuss "personnel issues." When they returned to open session about 15 minutes later, Tippin testified that they discussed nothing but personnel issues in the closed to public session. When they got to the agenda item for "further action due to personnel issues," the mayor announced there were no

actions and he called for adjournment which trustees obliged him with.

As trustees and the mayor began to disperse after the mayor adjourned the meeting THE NEWS attempted to ask the mayor a question. THE NEWS wanted more information about the mayor's statements made in his February "mayor's newsletter" that the New Mexico municipal league attorney had advised him that the hiring of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) operational supervisor was illegal.

When THE NEWS asked, "Mayor may I ask you a question," the mayor responded, "NO MA'AM"

Delegation Asks Future Navy Sub Be Christened "USS New Mexico"

Members of the New Mexico congressional delegation recently made their pitch to have the U.S. Navy designate the next Virginia-class submarine the U.S.S. New Mexico to honor the state and the thousands of New Mexicans who have served in the American armed forces.

The request was made in a letter to acting Secretary of the Navy, Susan Morrisey Livingston. It was signed by Senators Pete Domenici and Jeff Bingaman, and Representatives Heather Wilson, Tom Udall, and Steve Pearce.

"For more than 90 years, the state of New Mexico has played a significant role in our nation's defense. Actually, we have a long and distinguished history of contributions that predates our acceptance into the Union," the letter said.

According to the delegation's letter, the naming of a warship after the state would be only the second time, the first being the battleship U.S.S. New Mexico that was instrumental in winning battles in WWII. "A new U.S.S. New Mexico would perpetuate the memory of all the sailors who served aboard this former flagship of the Pacific Fleet."

Twenty-two states already have namesake submarines. The letter asserted that a "high tech" submarine christened after the state is most appropriate since much of the nation's 21st century technology has been developed in New Mexico.

The Navy currently has two nuclear attack submarines named for cities in New Mexico, the U.S.S. Albuquerque and the U.S.S. Santa Fe.

and left the meeting hall immediately.

The mayor, who is the village representative on the LCSWA board, gave no report or update about LCSWA during the trustees meeting.

THE NEWS had called village hall earlier on Tuesday asking for a copy of a letter or other correspondence to verify the comment from the municipal league attorney. The mayor did not return the phone call to THE NEWS on Tuesday, or before deadline on Wednesday.

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We are still left with no answers about what exactly attacked her muscles and her heart, the biopsy results are still not in; Andrea is recovering at home and is very stable and is doing great!

THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Court In Jeopardy

By Ruth Hammond

Even though the two Lincoln County Magistrate Courts collected more money in fees and fines in a year than the three Valencia County Magistrate Courts, which has many more people than Lincoln County, one Magistrate Court in Lincoln County is in danger of being eliminated. Senate Bill 143, which proposes the elimination of one Magistrate Court in several different counties, is to be heard in its first committee, Senate Rules, this morning. If the bill passes the committee it will go to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Legislators may be convinced it is necessary to reduce the number of Magistrate Courts in the state, but the only ones proposed to be eliminated at this time are in outlying counties, mostly in the southern portion of the state. Our question is, Why eliminate any court in a county with as large an area as Lincoln County? The proposal is for one Magistrate Judge to hold court in Ruidoso four days a week and "ride circuit" to Camargo one day a week.

It seems the reasoning is flawed. Valencia County is a much smaller area with a population of 86,152 compared to Lincoln County population of 19,411. If fines collected in Lincoln County are more than Valencia County, wouldn't that indicate the necessity of not eliminating one of the Magistrate Courts in Lincoln County? Maybe sponsors of the bill believe one Magistrate Judge could do that alone.

Magistrate Judges not only deal with civil cases, small claims court and criminal cases, they also sign search and arrest warrants, perform marriages and deal with traffic citations. Magistrate Judges are also on call 24 hours a day to sign search and bench warrants and arrest warrants.

Issues we hope legislators will research before making a decision regarding Senate Bill 143 include: 1) where do the majority of the cases originate in the affected counties, 2) is it rational to require one Magistrate Judge to fulfill duties that have been performed by two Magistrate Judges, 3) will this be a monetary benefit for the state at the expense of the public being deprived of services, 4) will expenses for travel increase drastically and reduce any savings that might have been projected or anticipated.

Not all money collected by Magistrate Courts is from residents of the area they serve, the majority of fines and fees are assessed against travelers. Legislators might want to study which highways and corridors would require more Magistrate Court coverage before making a decision. They might also want to consider the time Magistrate Judges will be away from home "riding circuit" during bad weather.

Apparently one reason to consider eliminating certain Magistrate Judge positions is to pay for additional judges in other areas. We certainly hope rural areas are not being deprived of services to provide services for urban areas.

There are many other ways the state can obtain money for needed services, but it shouldn't be at the expense of people living in rural areas, especially Lincoln County. We need both Magistrate Courts here in our Lincoln County.

Everyone who objects to the elimination of a Magistrate Court in Lincoln County should contact legislators in Santa Fe. Call 505-988-4800 for Legislative Council Service.

Save A Day In Court

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"WELL YOU INSISTED THAT I BECOME INVOLVED WITH YOUR EXERCISE PROGRAM"

Big Dry Syndicate

INSIDE THE CAPITOL

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE -- As soon as Gov. Bill Richardson's tax package clears the Legislature, he will turn his complete attention to what he calls the "second leg" of his economic development package -- education.

The governor says the two important elements of education reform involve fiscal and administrative changes. He wants to see school budgets shift more money into teacher salaries and he wants control of public schools shifted from the state Department of Education to the governor.

Richardson intends to increase teacher salaries by six percent next year by shifting five percent of school district operating budgets from administrative to classroom expenditures. He says that will bring New Mexico school budgets in line with national averages. The other step that must be taken to raise teacher salaries six percent is to dip into school district cash reserves.

The governor proposes to create a cabinet-level Department of Education, responsible to him by abolishing the mostly-elected state Board of Education. That will require a constitutional amendment he wants voters to approve at a special election in September. Before that can happen, the Legislature must agree to submit the amendment to voters and appropriate money for the election.

Neither will be easy. The income tax cut Richardson is proposing has passed in previous years, but with low-income add-ons the former Gov. Gary Johnson didn't like. Richardson doesn't either, but that may not doom the measure this time.

The education changes are a different story. Abolishment of the state Board of Education has been tried by previous governors and legislatures, but has never made it to a public vote. All manner of legislative efforts have been tried to get more of local school budgets into teacher salaries but all have failed because local school boards resent any imposition on their authority.

Without authority over school finance, the governor has to depend on the state Board of Education he is trying to abolish to require school districts to comply, so he isn't likely to make that happen.

Richardson is taking a more aggressive route, however, than any other governor. He wants a law mandating the budget transfers, rather than a recommendation in the state budget document. And he is conducting extensive discussions with school administrators around the state, trying to gain their cooperation. He has announced his disappointment that the discussions have not produced any progress but he is continuing the talks.

Assisting the governor with his educational efforts will be his new education advisor Virginia Trujillo, a former president of the state Board of Education and a former teacher and administrator in the Albuquerque Public Schools.

Trujillo also has served on the governing board of the Albuquerque Technical-Vocational Institute. During her tenure on that board, the Workforce Development Center was planned and built. Richardson feels that gives her the needed background to understand that schools must be linked to economic development efforts.

It's a daunting task that faces Trujillo. She must work to abolish a constitutionally-created board over which she presided just a few years ago. And she must try to convince superintendents and school boards, some of which she has been lobbying for, to surrender some local autonomy over their budgets.

Richardson and Trujillo face two gigantic problems. Voters don't like to give up their right to elect any public officials, even if they don't know who the officials are or how well they are doing. Those propositions have never been approved.

The other problem is that not all school districts are created equal. Because of a state distribution formula that tries, but doesn't always succeed at treating districts equally, some districts may already be reaching Richardson's goals and others may have no way of every meeting them. At this point the governor proposes to treat them all alike.

One thing that both the governor and voters agree upon, however, is that education must improve if economic development is to happen.



PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

JUDITH L. CHRISTOPHER

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Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
Your money matters could be getting better than you thought. Take a second look at the figures. There's always two ways to skin a lemon.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)
You'll find that once you take a good look deep down inside, you'll find the answer you have always known. You can't make everyone happy all the time.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
Don't get upset over what has happened in the past, that's old news. Look towards the new & great future you can make happen. Your turn to shine.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
Someone close might not understand you the way your real friends & family do. Let what's being said go. Fix only what you can for now.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
You may find you have more than one way to make money, once you find the right people to talk to. This is a good time to write down what you want.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
Don't try to make things happen! It's not the right time. Get your stuff together, and be ready for the good things to come your way. Smile more.

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)
People just don't get it, do they? You are a self-made person, and it's best to let you do what you do best, in your own time. Unless you're working for them?!

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)
Work will be picking up. Find out what you really want to do this year, and not what everyone else wants you to do for them. You have paid your dues.

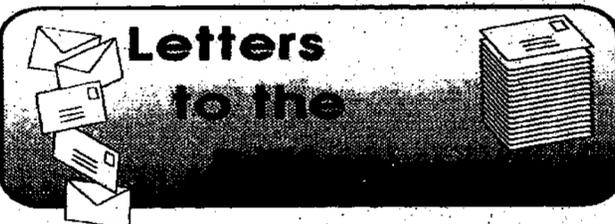
Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)
Put back some money for a rainy day or just in case you want to get something nice for yourself, in the future. You have done well, be proud of yourself.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Your temper could get the best of you. It will only hurt you instead of the one you're mad at. Try to find a quiet spot, and reflect on what life's about.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
If you're waiting for a Sign to tell you that it's time for you to do what you want to do, here it is. Don't start thinking about your past. It's gone for good.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Don't count on love, just because you spend a lot of money. Love really is free, but respect is not. Be yourself. Do the best you know to do. Love.

Letters to the



EDITOR: I'm wondering if it would be possible for those of us in Capitan who are sick and tired of receiving the mayor's newsletter each month (with our water and trash bill), to sign something to that effect, and remove us from his list? Just send me the bill, thank you. Think of the time our mayor could spend doing something worthwhile for our village if nobody wanted his letters. Lastly, I think of all the expensive paper he used for his letters, which I'm sure is paid for by taxpayer's money. I bet if he tried, he could put it to better use. At my house, it just goes into the garbage to be efficiently picked up by the LCSWA.

ELAINE POWERS
Capitan, New Mexico

Communication, Planning Are Keys to Battling Drought

by Sen. Pete Campos

As the drought in New Mexico continues, our willingness to share water, improve our watersheds, conserve water and communicate with each other will prove to be the keys to our success.

We have all enjoyed the mild January weather, but each of us must also realize -- in our minds if not our hearts -- that warm, dry weather in January is not something to be welcomed. Most of the mountains in northern New Mexico have experienced precipitation deficits averaging nine inches over the last three years, and some spots have five-

year deficits of more than 15 inches, according to the National Weather Service.

The water reservoir storage outlook is not at all good. Much of the state continues to struggle through a severe drought while the rest, with the exception of the extreme southeast portion of the state, is in a moderate drought.

We must tackle this issue on many fronts.

Funding for water projects is always an issue. More than \$350 million worth of important water and wastewater projects have been identified, but there is not enough

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Lottery Success Scholarship Program (LSS) Deemed a Continuing Success

In a report made by the New Mexico Commission on Higher Education, the Lottery Success Scholarship (LSS) program, first created by the New Mexico Legislature in 1986, has been a tremendous success.

Since Fall 1997, the first semester of lottery, 22,452 students have participated in the program, and 79

percent of those recipients have either graduated from college with a degree or are still enrolled, progressing toward a degree. The purpose of the program is to encourage K-12 students to stay in school and graduate; encourage all New Mexico high school graduates and adults who pass the GED exam to go to college; and

encourage all college students to stay in college and graduate.

The objective of the LSS program is to provide a level of financial support to pay the cost of tuition at all public colleges and universities in New Mexico. The program has been in effect for 11 semesters.

The program helps offset tuition for any New Mexico high school graduate (or GED recipient) who desires to attend a New Mexico public college or university. Scholarships are funded from the Lottery Tuition Fund established within the New Mexico Lottery Act. The scholarship equals 100 percent of tuition, depending on funding availability.

The Legislature has provided simple and clear eligibility requirements for the scholarship program: be a New Mexico

resident; graduate from a New Mexico high school or, for adults, pass the New Mexico GED exam; enroll in college the very next semester; complete 12 or more college credits with a 2.5 GPA or better. Because eligible students do not begin receiving their award until the second semester of full-time enrollment, several public colleges and universities are making a tuition scholarship available during the first college semester to high school graduates enrolling full-time to assist financially during the student's first semester.

For more information on how to qualify for the Lottery Success Scholarship, please call the New Mexico Commission on Higher Education at (800) 279-9777, or access the Commission's web site at www.nmche.org.

Grizzly
WEEKLY
 by Carrizozo High School
 Journalism Class
 Sarah Ball, Instructor

Media Violence Huge Controversy

I have just recently written a research paper on the effects of media violence on an individual. Although I have found that the subject is a huge controversy involving the personal views and opinions of many people, as well as some research, I however, remain with the viewpoint that it does not cause violent behavior in a person. Through researching, I have found much evidence to support my perspective.

Many researchers claim that the use of violence in the media is far more than is necessary. On television, almost two-thirds of the basic cable movies are violent, and out of the top five programs shown each week over half are violent. Also, since violence is so prevalent, people believe that it will persuade viewers to copy the acts of the violence they witness. Because television uses attractive perpetrators, gives the assumption that crimes will go unpunished, and shows little pain or suffering, those concerned with media violence feel that violent acts are appealing and make the violence easier to be reenacted.

However, many argue otherwise. There is little proof that violence on television is directly related to real life violence. Professor Jonathan Freedman states, "There is no convincing, in fact, no substantial evidence that television violence affects aggression or crime" (Forr, James D. Violence in the Media 15). Studies do seem to indicate that there may be a correlation but only with those already prone to violent behavior. Many of the studies that have been done cannot show how or why violence occurs. Still, media violence remains to be extensively researched. One reason why there have been so many studies done on media violence is because the phenomenon may be too complex to study conclusively. No one thing can be responsible for influencing a person's actions.

Media violence is a controversial issue that will remain in existence even if we continue to view it as a problem in the upbringing of an individual. Younger and older viewers alike will probably always be interested in violence. Whether or not we choose to watch it is a different story.

by MATT HERNANDEZ

Hubbard Foundation Announces 2003 Grant Deadlines

The R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation is pleased to announce the "2003 Southeast New Mexico Grant Program." This program, started in 2000, will award approximately \$125,000 in total grants to qualifying applicants from the counties of Chavez, Curry, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln, Otero and Roosevelt.

Grant proposals will be accepted from counties, municipalities, public schools and all 501-c-3 non-profit organizations. Deadline for proposals is May 1. Proposals should specify how each project can improve the quality of life in each particular county. Successful grant recipients will be announced in August. The grant amounts will vary from \$20,000 to a minimum of \$1000. Requests for general operation, personnel costs or requests from individuals for personal grants do not qualify.

"In the first year of this program our foundation was pleased to support a number of worthwhile projects and we are excited about the continuation in 2003," said Joan Dale Hubbard, vice president of the foundation.

Since its inception in 1980, the Hubbard Foundation has awarded a total of \$17,984,328 in grants. The Hubbards business association with Lincoln

County includes the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino, The Links at Sierra Blanca and the Hubbard Museum of the American West which constitutes a great deal of economic impact in creating jobs and taxes in Lincoln County.

Organizations that qualify may contact the Hubbard Foundation for further information and an application form through a written request at P.O. Box 2498, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355 or by phoning (505)258-5919.

In The Service

Michael Rominger, 1989 Carrizozo High School graduate and son of Chuck and Rachel Rominger, has left for assignment as a Company Medical Officer with the 4th Recon Battalion, 4th Marine Division, in operation Enduring Freedom.

He is a 13 year career veteran with the U.S. Navy. Rominger has been attending medical school at University of New Mexico in Albuquerque to obtain his PA Degree and working as a Operating Room Technician at Lovelace Hospital.

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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.

February 3
2:08 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area for unknown injuries of four year old who fell 20 feet. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) Med 1 ambulance responded.

7:32 p.m. suspicious person at business in Alto, request for deputy for person hanging around.

February 4
8:11 a.m. dog running loose at Gavilan and State Road 48.

12:08 p.m. request for

ambulance at ski area. Med 1 responded.

2:07 p.m. break in at location on Griffin Drive.

2:42 p.m. accident without injuries about half mile from MonJeanu lookout.

4:02 p.m. 911 report of harassment and temporary restraining order (TRO) violation and possible warrant service.

4:52 p.m. deputy advised he was doing warrant service for TRO violation.

6:43 p.m. caller from Santa Fe advised of a break in at location on Griffin Dr.

8:50 p.m. Game and Fish Department from Santa Fe requested a deputy to

assist with an injured buck on Highway 380 two miles west of the intersection with Highway 70.

10:07 p.m. runaway from location on Calamity Jane Drive in Rancho Ruidoso.

February 5

8:42 a.m. domestic in Nogal area.

10:59 a.m. K-9s running at large in Palo Verde Slopes.

11:24 a.m. fire out of control at Fort Lone Tree. A subject welding fence started a fire. Capitan, Bonito, Lincoln and Fort Stanton Fire Departments, NM State Forestry and US Forest Service responded with trucks, engines, firefighters. Med 1 ambulance responded for a subject with smoke inhalation.

1:25 p.m. request for ambulance to do transfer to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso, from location on Old Fort Stanton Road. Med 3 ambulance responded.

1:40 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area for 20 year old male with possible hip injury. Med 1 transported to LCMC.

5:12 p.m. request for deputy for peacekeeping at rental house in Eagle Creek, so caller could secure the door to the pump house to keep from freezing.

ing.
7:05 p.m. domestic at location in Biscuit Hill area.
7:23 p.m. man shooting at neighbor in Villa Madonna.

8:17 p.m. domestic, subject back at the location in Biscuit Hill area. Ruidoso Downs police to back up deputy.

9:01 p.m. request to meet with Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) at LCMC.
9:32 p.m. parent called to advise of runaway return at location on Calamity Jane Dr.

February 6
5:42 a.m. van fire just north of intersection of State Roads 37 and 48. Bonito Fire Department responded and at 6:55 a.m. advised that the van was fully engulfed and at 6:07 a.m. the flames were all out.

7:51 a.m. veterinarian reported a dog bite.

8:15 a.m. CYFD referral at location on Highway 70.

10:10 a.m. accident with injuries at intersection of Highway 70 and State Road 288. At 10:12 a.m. the call for ambulance and fire department was cancelled.

10:26 a.m. request for deputy for civil at location on Eagle Creek.

11:30 a.m. telephone harassment, caller advised that a subject on a TRO had called and threatened her and her family.

5:12 p.m. domestic at location on State Road 37.

6:13 p.m. breaking and entering at location in San Patricio.

February 7
7:38 a.m. state police requested ambulance at mile marker 301 on Highway 70. Hondo ambulance transported to LCMC. Hondo fire department also responded.

No time listed: Request for ambulance at Carrizozo School. Carrizozo ambulance responded but was refused.

8 a.m. CYFD referral.
8:20 a.m. ambulance advised of being at accident with injuries.

9:05 a.m. state police requested ambulance at location on State Road 246 north. Capitan ambulance responded and advised it was involved in an accident without injuries while on the scene, but transported to LCMC anyway.

11:02 a.m. request for ambulance at clinic. Carrizozo ambulance responded.

11:45 a.m. Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) requested deputy for warrant service.

12:03 p.m. control burn out of control at location half mile north of Capitan on State Road 246. Capitan fire department responded and notified state forestry.

12:41 p.m. request for ambulance at location on Green Bryar Court in Alto. Med 3 responded.

3:50 p.m. possible smoke at Bonito Lake. Bonito Fire Department responded and advised there was no smoke.

9:07 p.m. 911 hang up from location in Bonito. Deputy was sent to location.

10:27 p.m. head-on accident with injuries two miles east of Riverside on Highway 70, a pickup and car. Hondo fire department and ambulance, Med 2 ambulance and state police responded. Air lift for injured was requested.

8:15 a.m. criminal damage to country club in Alto.

8:42 a.m. vandalism to vehicle at location on

State Road 48 in Alto area.
2:10 p.m. accident without injuries on ski run road. Three deputies responded.

4:02 p.m. hit and run on Gavilan Canyon Road, turned over to state police.

6:41 p.m. electric company reported dumpster fire in Hondo.

8:08 p.m. report of dumpster fire at mile marker 279 on Highway 70 in Glencoe area. Glencoe Fire Department responded.

8:42 p.m. 911 report of roll over accident on State Road 48 in Alto. Bonito Fire Department and ambulance requests were cancelled.

8:46 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at trailer park for 25 year old male with asthma attack. Med 2 responded.

February 8
1:44 a.m. subject being battered and drug on ground at trailer park east of Ruidoso Downs. Deputy and Ruidoso Downs police responded.

1:07 p.m. request for ambulance for 87 year old

female with rapid heart at location on West Creek. Capitan ambulance paged. Med 1 responded to transport to LCMC.

2 p.m. request for welfare check on charter bus having engine problems on Highway 54.

4:11 p.m. gas skip at business on ski run road, four young males in older car with no plate took \$20 or more in gas and were headed to Ruidoso. State and Ruidoso police notified.

5:19 p.m. unattended death at location on 8th Street in Carrizozo. Two deputies and Office of Medical Investigator (OMI) responded.

6:53 p.m. caller advised took son to return to ex in Elida but she never showed up. Caller made report to Elida Police also.

7:51 p.m. civil property dispute, a subject advised that two others had left the gate open all day at location in Hondo.

8:40 p.m. missing K-9 from location on Airport Road in Alto.

My thanks to those who supported me during the Carrizozo School Board election, to a good and worthy opponent and to all of the voters who demonstrated that this community supports our children. I look forward to serving you.

LISA CRENSHAW

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 / 648-2024

Worship 8:00 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 (A/B)

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 6:30 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

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
1-505-257-2356
Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Cleunch Community Church

TONY SCACCIA, Minister
848-1402
Second Sunday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.

United Methodist Churches

JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor
1000 D. Ave, 648-2893 / 648-2846
Carrizozo, NM 88301
Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Choir Practice (Tuesday) 8:30 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 Smokay 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 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

MEL GNATKOWSKI, Pastor / 648-2530
Phone 354-2044
Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Corona

CAL WEST, Pastor / 649-7975
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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OLD LINCOLN

by Rosalie Dunlap

Hasn't the weather been unsettled! We have had spring weather to cold weather overnight. Some areas have had snow and rain. We all have had high winds with wind damage to buildings and other property. We certainly need the moisture. There have been several fires in the county already. We need to be careful with ashes, cigarettes, matches, controlled burns and the type of work we are doing.

We keep seeing improvements to property in the Bonito Valley. The horse operation east of Hattie's bridge has barrel racing barrels up, more fencing, calves and other improvements. The Boise yard is looking nice with their lawn and newly planted trees. It seems strange to look out my window and see the adobe wall down at the Museum.

In our travels we get to participate in different activities. During Christmas we decided to stop at Pete's Deluxe Cafe in Carlsbad. As we got out of car we were greeted and urged to enjoy the free turkey meal in the cafe. We visited with the owner, Pete Panagopoulos who started this yearly tradition time. He started

tion in December 1954. That was the year of the strike at the mines and the families were having a with the idea to have the dinner just for the miners' families and someone suggested that they invite everyone. From a beginning of 400 patrons it has grown to over 1800 who participate in the delicious dinner. Its many volunteers, cooperation from the business people and community make this such a success. The volunteers are on the job at five in the morning to start the cooking and setting up a schedule. Two of them were Captain James B. Williams, of the Carlsbad Police and Liz Lopez, who has been a volunteer for fourteen years. Any money donated goes toward a fund for college scholarships and toys for the children at Christmas time. Pete is an immigrant from Greece who survived World War II. His favorite story is the success of the Marshall Plan. If it hadn't been for the aid from the United States after the war they would have starved. He ends the story with the people in their morning prayers thanking the King and President of Greece and "Uncle Harry." He is a devoted citizen of USA and does so much for his community and his adopted country.

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Campos Introduces School Nutrition Legislation

Senator Pete Campos, (D-Las Vegas) has introduced two pieces of legislation aimed at addressing the complex problem of juvenile obesity and related health problems among children in New Mexico.

The first piece of legislation, the Nutrition in Schools Act would codify into state law the federal requirements regarding the service of certain foods in schools and restrict beverage sales in elementary schools to only water and 100 percent fruit juices. The second is a memorial calling upon the departments of education and health to cooperate in a study of fitness and nutrition and to make recommendations on ways to increase students' physical activity and improve their nutrition.

"Obesity among young people is a complex problem with no easy solutions. It is incumbent upon us as leaders to examine the current fitness, nutrition education and dietary offering in New Mexico's schools to see if more can be done to help the youth of New Mexico," Campos said. "We must encourage our children to eat better, get off the couch and get involved in more physical activity."

Campos said that the legislation will also draw attention to the important relationships that schools have with food and beverage businesses. Currently, many New Mexico schools have entered into partnerships with beverage businesses that provide funding for important school programs, equipment and facilities.

The Nutrition in Schools Act would require the state board of education to prohibit the sale of minimally nutritious foods during lunch periods and it prohibits any beverage other than water, fruit or vegetable juice from being available during the school day to elementary school students.

Arbor Day Foundation Offers Trees

Ten Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during February.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to 12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

They can be used as individual ornamental or an energy-saving window break, a privacy screen, or as living Christmas trees.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send \$10 contribution to The Free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 1 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Feb. 2

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Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on March 14, 2003, at the hour of 9:40 a.m. the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendant, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 214 White Mountain Meadows, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, and is more particularly described as follows:

Lot 8, Block 2, WHITE MOUNTAIN ESTATES, UNIT 4, 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, February 16, 1979, in Tube No. 652,

including any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile homes, subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a (1) month right of redemption by the Defendant, the foregoing sale will be made to satisfy a foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment is \$82,012.99, and the same bears interest at 8.2500% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$18.54 per diem, commencing on December 16, 2002, with the Court reserving entry of final judgment against said Defendant Elaine G. Lichter for the amount due after foreclosure sale, for costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as may be assessed by the Court. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale all of its judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

The Court's decree, having duly appointed Peter Baca, as its Special Master to advertise and immediately offer for sale the subject real estate and to apply the proceeds of sale, first to the costs of sale and the Special Master's fees, then to pay the above-described judgment, interest, and costs of sale, and to pay unto the registry of the Court any balance remaining to satisfy future adjudication of priority mortgage holders:

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that in the event that said property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will, as set forth above, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, the lands and improvements described above for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order of priorities, the judgment described herein and decree of foreclosure together with any additional costs and attorney's fees, costs of advertisement and publication, a reasonable receiver and Special Master's fee to be fixed by the Court. The total amount of the judgment due is \$82,012.99, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$1,631.52 for a total judgment plus interest of \$83,644.51. Sale is subject to the entry of an order of the Court approving the terms and conditions of this sale.

PETER BACA, Special Master
P.O. Box 215
Carrizozo, NM 88301

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LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF LINCOLN COUNTY
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
CAUSE NO. PB-03-02
DIVISION III

In the Matter of the Estate of
ELWOOD E. GRADINE,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

JOELLA MULLIS has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of ELWOOD E. GRADINE, Deceased. 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 to the Personal Representative, c/o Michael S. Line, Attorney at Law, Box 519 Ruidoso, New Mexico, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

JOELLA MULLIS

Michael S. Line
Attorney at Law
Box 519
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355
(505) 258-4636

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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 11 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.

Dotna 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

Results for
CARRIZOZO MUNICIPAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 7
School Board Election
held on February 4, 2003

Total Registered Voters: 1331
Total Voters: 505

School Board Member - Position 1, for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2003

Steven P. Harkey 272
Angelo Vega 221

School Board Member - Position 2, for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2003

Lisa G. Crenshaw 336
John E. Hemphill 162

School Board Member - Position 5, for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2003

LeeRoy Zamora 387

Public School Capital Improvements Tax Question

FOR 288
AGAINST 105

Publication made this 13th day of February, 2003 in accordance with Section 1-22-15, NMSA 1978

Tammie J. Maddox, Lincoln County Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

RESULTADOS DE LA ELECCION
REGULAR DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR
Y UNA ELECCION CON EL FIN DE
APROBAR IMPUESTOS QUE TUVO LUGAR
EL 4 DE FEBRERO DE 2003
ESCOLAR MUNICIPAL NUMERO 7
DE CARRIZOZO

VOTOS TOTALES REGISTRADOS: 1331
VOTOS TOTALES RECIBIDOS: 505

Posicion 1: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 2003

Steven P. Harkey 272
Angelo Vega 221

Posicion 2: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 2003

Lisa G. Crenshaw 336
John E. Hemphill 162

Posicion 5: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 2003

LeeRoy Zamora 387

Cuestion Sobre Impuestos Para Mejoras Materiales de Las Escuelas Publicas

Por: 288
Contra: 105

Esta publicacion hecha segun la Seccion 1-22-15, NMSA 1978, 13th de Febrero, de 2003.

Tammie J. Maddox,
Escribana del Condado de Lincoln

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LEGAL NOTICE

Results for
CAPITAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 28
School Board Election
held on February 4, 2003

Total Registered Voters: 3479
Total Voters: 287

School Board Member - Position 3, for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2003

Kenneth W. McInnes 236
Douglas Olin Fuqua 49

School Board Member - Position 4, for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2003

Danny R. Haynes 172
Julian W. Romero 110

School Board Member - Position 5, for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2003

Robin Rhodes Parks 217
Laura L. Morgan 63

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LEGAL NOTICE

RESULTADOS DE UNA ELECCION
REGULAR DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR
QUE TUVO LUGAR EL 4 DE FEBRERO
DE 2003 ESCOLAR MUNICIPAL
NUMERO 28 DE CAPITAN

VOTOS TOTALES REGISTRADOS: 3479
VOTOS TOTALES RECIBIDOS: 287

Posicion 3: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 2003

Kenneth W. McInnes 236
Douglas Olin Fuqua 49

Posicion 4: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 2003

Danny R. Haynes 172
Julian W. Romero 110

Posicion 5: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 2003

Robin Rhodes Parks 217
Laura L. Morgan 63

Esta publicacion hecha segun la Seccion 1-22-15, NMSA 1978, 13th de Febrero, de 2003.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Results for
CORONA MUNICIPAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 13
School Board Election
held on February 4, 2003

Total Registered Voters: 355
Total Voters: 41

School Board Member - Position 1, for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2003

Shad Heath Cox 34

School Board Member - Position 2, for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2003

Richard L. Gage 34

School Board Member - Position 3, for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2003

John A. Hartung 36

School Board Member - Position 5, for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2003

Mark Ernest Sultemeier 35

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LEGAL NOTICE

RESULTADOS DE UNA ELECCION
REGULAR DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR
QUE TUVO LUGAR
EL 4 DE FEBRERO DE 2003
ESCOLAR MUNICIPAL NUMERO 13
DE CORONA

VOTOS TOTALES REGISTRADOS: 355
VOTOS TOTALES RECIBIDOS: 41

Posicion 1: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 2003

Shad Heath Cox 34

Posicion 2: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 2003

Richard L. Gage 34

Posicion 3: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 2003

John A. Hartung 36

Posicion 5: Por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo de 2003

Mark Ernest Sultemeier 35

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Tammie J. Maddox,
Escribana del Condado de Lincoln

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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 this 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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

No. Cv-01-236
Div. III

THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, as
Trustee of IMC Home Equity Loan Trust
1998-2 under the pooling and servicing
agreement dated as of March 1, 1998,
Plaintiff,

vs.
ROBERT R. WARD, REBECCA WARD and
TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on March 14, 2003,
at the hour of 9:10 a.m. the undersigned Special
Master, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of
the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central,
Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all of the rights, title
and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and
to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest
bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at
2 Hillcrest Road, Capitan Area, New Mexico 88316;
and is more particularly described as follows:

LOTS 2 & 3 of FORT STANTON
RANCHETTES, Lincoln County, New Mexico,
as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of
the County Clerk of Lincoln County, June 4,
1968, in Tube No. 310,

including any improvements, fixtures, and
attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile
homes, subject to all taxes, utility liens and other
restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a
one (1) month right of redemption by the Defendants,
and subject to nine (9) month right of redemption
by the Defendant Taxation & Revenue Department
of the State of New Mexico, the foregoing sale
will be made to satisfy a foreclosure judgment rendered
by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered
cause, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on
the above-described property. The Plaintiff's
judgment is \$84,565.06, and the same bears interest
at 11.2400% per annum, which accrues at the rate of
\$26.04 per diem, commencing on December 1,
2002, with the Court reserving entry of final judgment
against said Defendants Robert R. Ward and
Rebecca Ward for the amount due after foreclosure
sale, for costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as
may be assessed by the Court. The Plaintiff has the

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	29	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 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 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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right to bid at such sale all of its judgment amount
and submit its verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff
may apply all or any part of its judgment to the
purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be post-
poned and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special
Master.

The Court's decree, having duly appointed Peter
Baca, as its Special Master to advertise and immedi-
ately offer for sale the subject real estate and to
apply the proceeds of sale, first to the costs of sale
and the Special Master's fees; then to pay the above-
described judgment, interest, and costs of sale, and
to pay unto the registry of the Court any balance
remaining to satisfy future adjudication of priority
mortgage holders.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given
that in the event that said property is not sooner
redeemed, the undersigned will as set forth above,
offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash
or equivalent, the lands and improvements described
above for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged
order of priorities, the judgment described herein
and decree of foreclosure together with any addi-
tional costs and attorney's fees, costs of advertise-
ment and publication, a reasonable receiver and Special
Master's fee to be fixed by the Court. The total
amount of the judgment due is \$84,565.06, plus
interest to and including date of sale of \$2,708.16
for a total judgment plus interest of \$87,273.22. Sale
is subject to the entry of an order of the Court
approving the terms and conditions of this sale.

PETER BACA, Special Master
P.O. Box 215
Carrizozo, NM 88301
(505) 648-9925

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

No. CV-02-212

OAKWOOD ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION,
L.L.C.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT TOPPS, VICKI TOPPS, TAXATION
AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO, and
GOLDEN CIRCLE FINANCIAL,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on March 14, 2003,
at the hour of 9:20 a.m. the undersigned Special
Master, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of
the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central,
Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all of the rights, title
and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and
to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest
bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at
116 Kaibab Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355,
and is more particularly described as follows:

Lot 23, Block 10 of FOREST HEIGHTS
SUBDIVISION, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New
Mexico, as shown by the antedated plat thereof
filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln
County, September 20, 1973, in Tube No. 495.

Together with all improvements constructed
upon, affixed to or located upon the above
described real property, including without limita-
tion any residential dwelling located upon or to-
be located thereon, which dwelling is or may be
a manufactured home, as herein below described,
which manufactured home is or upon placement
and affixation shall be conclusively deemed to be
real estate (the "Manufactured Home").
1998 Goldenwest mobile home
VIN No. GWCA21L25306AB

including any improvements, fixtures, and
attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile
homes, subject to all taxes, utility liens and other
restrictions and easements of record; and subject to a
one (1) month right of redemption by the
Defendants, the foregoing sale will be made to sat-
isfy an in rem foreclosure judgment rendered by this
Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause,
being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the
above-described property. The Plaintiff's in rem
judgment is \$100,661.23, and the same bears inter-
est at 8.5000% per annum, which accrues at the rate
of \$23.44 per diem, commencing on January 1,
2003, with the Court reserving entry of final in rem
judgment against said Defendants Robert Topps and
Vicki Topps for the amount due after foreclosure
sale, for costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as

may be assessed by the Court. The Plaintiff has the
right to bid at such sale all of its in rem judgment
amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing.
The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its in rem
judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The
sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discre-
tion of the Special Master.

The Court's decree, having duly appointed Peter
Baca, as its Special Master, to advertise and
immediately offer for sale the subject real estate and
to apply the proceeds of sale, first to the costs of sale
and the Special Master's fees; then to pay the above-
described in rem judgment, interest, and costs of
sale, and to pay unto the registry of the Court any
balance remaining to satisfy future adjudication of
priority mortgage holders.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that
in the event that said property is not sooner
redeemed, the undersigned will as set forth above,
offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash
or equivalent, the lands and improvements described
above for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged
order of priorities, the in rem judgment described
herein and decree of foreclosure together with any
additional costs and attorney's fees, costs of
advertisement and publication, a reasonable receiver
and Special Master's fee to be fixed by the Court.
The total amount of the in rem judgment due is
\$100,661.23, plus interest to and including date of
sale of \$1,711.12 for a total in rem
judgment plus interest of \$102,372.35. Sale is
subject to the entry of an order of the Court
approving the terms and conditions of this sale.

PETER BACA, Special Master
P.O. Box 215
Carrizozo, NM 88301
(505) 648-9925

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LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID 02-03-015

"Electrical Work at the
Lincoln County Livestock Pavilion"

DUE: Friday, March 7, 2003,
2:00 p.m. MST

The County of Lincoln is requesting bids to
provide electrical service to include panels, conduit,
wire and cabinets to the Livestock Pavilion at the
Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan. Complete
specifications and drawings are contained in the Bid
Packet that is available at the office of the County
Manager, 300 Central Ave., Carrizozo, NM 88301
or by calling Jane Williams at (505) 648-2385. You
must hold a current New Mexico Electrical (EE)
Contractor's license to bid on this project.

There will be a mandatory prebid meeting at the
Fairgrounds on Monday, February 24, 2003 at 2:00
p.m. You must be present at the prebid meeting to
submit a bid on this work.

All bids submitted must be clearly marked on the
outside of the sealed envelope with the Bid Title, Bid
Number, Date and Time of opening. If the bid is
sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall have the nota-
tion "Sealed Bid" along with the Bid Number. Bid
should be sent or hand-delivered to County of Lin-
coln, P.O. Box 711, 300 Central Ave., Carrizozo,
NM 88301 by 2:00 p.m. MST March 7, 2003. Bids
received after that date and time will be returned
unopened. Faxed bids cannot be accepted.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or
reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor techni-
calities and award the bid to best serve the interests
of Lincoln County. The Lincoln County Board of
Commissioners will review the bids and make their
final determination during a regular Commission
meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2003 at the Lincoln
County Courthouse.

JANE WILLIAMS
Purchasing Agent

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sday, February 13, 2003.

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
CV-03-09

KAREN K. CALLAHAN,
Plaintiff,

vs.
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, adjoin-
ing 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 Janu-
ary, 2003.

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

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Communication, Planning

(Con't. from P. 4)

money to fund all of
them. The governor has
proposed using tens of
millions of dollars in sev-
erance tax bond proceeds
to fund water projects,
which is a proposal the
legislature will examine
closely.

Generating more water
is also an option. Cloud
seeding experiments
being conducted in some
parts of the state should
be expanded. Watersheds
should be thinned of trees
that consume water and
that pose a fire hazard,
while ensuring that
enough trees are left to
prevent erosion. Acequias
must be kept clean, well
maintained and properly
lined to ensure the
efficient delivery of water
for irrigation purposes.

Conserving water is
something to which we can
all contribute. We should
start our annual water
conservation rituals early,
without waiting for city
councils or county
commissions to impose
restrictions on when we
can water our lawns or
wash our cars. As
individuals, we should
recommit ourselves now
to conservation. As a
state, the various
agencies responsible for
water management should
regain the bully pulpit
they possessed last
summer and provide
leadership on this critical
issue.

Local government
leaders should organize
themselves now and
begin to communicate
with each other, not as
rivals but as common
water users. For
example, Santa Rosa
Lake and Fort Sumner
Reservoir are drained
each year to ensure that
water is available in
Carlsbad for irrigation
purposes. This year,
early and frank com-
munication between lead-
ers of these communities
could serve as the founda-
tion for an effort to
share water for both agri-
cultural and recreational
purposes.

If a small pool of
water can be left in these
lakes, the fish population
might be preserved and
water would still be
available for valuable,
and necessary agricultural
purposes. It is expensive
to restock a lake with a
population of fish. The
department of game and
fish estimates that it will
cost \$625,000 to restock
Fort Sumner Reservoir --
an expense we shouldn't
have to bear, but one that
is critical if we are going
to restore the lake as a
top recreation spot. Then,
we must work to make
sure we keep the lake
viable.

Better communica-
tions, cooperation and
collaboration among the
community leaders and
residents will help New
Mexico weather this chal-
lenge that involves our
precious resource.

DON'T
FORGET

Him/Her



Capitan Schools Honor Roll

Second Nine Weeks

Capitan Elementary, third grade: Caleb Affuso, Trenton Farley, Tyler Neill, Tyler Bullock, Conner Hail, Haden Williams, Shelby Walker, Emily Rush, Dustee Rae Eldridge, Jose Carrillo, Stewart Thompson, Patricia Martinez, Jamie Fields, Kirstie Davis, Christopher Olmstead, Roxanne Dobbs, Kyisha Renfro, Ashley Reynolds, Derek Vega, Abrah Agilar, Colorado Romero.

Fourth Grade: Afton Sullivan, Danielle Jones, Kylee Osborn, Jesse Scarafioti, Zach Shearer, Jared Stumff, Shiloh Tillman, Scheryiah Romero, Kasey Kessler, John Hobbs, Amanda Willingham, Eric Ebright.

Fifth Grade: Haley Montes, Wade Thomas, Aimee Babcock, Miranda Zamora.

Capitan Middle School Principal's List - Sixth Grade: Carly Grier, Julia Polley, Katie Schade, Hannah Sullivan.

Principal's List Seventh Grade: Jayna Johns, Courtney LaMay.

Principal's List Eighth Grade: Kallie Griffin, Brittney LaMay, Katherine Polley, Alaina Schade, Sarah Williams.

Sixth Grade A Honor Roll: Sonya Bason, Travis Berryhill, Ashley DuBose, Angela Foyt, Bonnie Gillis, Hannah Judd, Clifford Keith, Kimberly Kotila, Hayley McInnes, Sarah Rush, Tyler Scarfiotti, Samantha Sparks, Catrina Turner, Chase Williams.

Sixth Grade A/B Honor Roll: Gavin Gilson, Mitchell Harper, Evan Parks, Ashlee Tompkins, Caleb Wilcox.

Seventh Grade A Honor Roll: Callie Black, Brittany Caughron, Victoria Hernandez, Danielle Mills, Chad Williams.

Seventh Grade A/B Honor Roll: Brittany Lee, Carole Lujan, Joshua Siggins.

Eighth Grade A Honor Roll: Lauren Eshom, Teresa Goodman-Woodard, Chelsey Jensen, Paige Jones, Kevin Kelsey, Soralla Loma, Emilia Montoya, Meghan Tucker, Donna Wanamaker.

Eighth Grade A/B Honor Roll: JJ Johns, Sarah Wood.

Capitan High School "A" Honor Roll, Ninth Grade: Taber Midgley, Capitan High School Staci Stanbrough.

Tenth grade: Lauren Schade.

Eleventh grade: John Garber, Candle Turner.

Twelfth Grade: Kaycee Gilson, Stephanie Kelsey, Lucera Montes, Nicole Murtaugh, Jessica Tully-Mitchell.

High School A/B Honor

Roll - Ninth Grade: Brittany Adcock, Holly Boese, Joshua Castaneda, Brandon Caughron, Carl Christensen, Siera Garner, Ashely Gomez, Anna Hail, Dustin Hernandez, Betsy Hobbs, Ashley Hudson, Sheilah Hughes, Brendon Osborn, Kayla Roberts, Kimberly Sanderson, Kelsey Stierwalt.

Tenth Grade A/B: Erika DeSantis, Eric Garber, David Griego, Roxilea Hall, Brittany Jensen, Patrick Luna, Michael Spores, Rebekah Tolar, Javier Trost, Andrew Tucker, Jennifer Wilson.

Eleventh Grade A/B: Thomas Aldaz, Meghan Booty, Kate Cherry, Brian Holladay, April Mirelez, Alyx Sheehy, Falon Sparks, Eva Steneberg, Krystal Williams, Catherine Wood.

Twelfth Grade A/B: Seth Adcock, Mitchell Cox, Lorena Brockman, Ginger Cupit, Emily Hobbs, Anne Karolczak, Lawrence Mancha, Michael Morris, Sandra Sanderson, Tyler Skeen.

County Commissioners Meet Tuesday

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commission meets at 8 a.m. Tuesday, February 18 in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Three public hearings on proposed ordinances or revisions to ordinances will be held beginning at 9 a.m. The first proposed ordinance relates to transportation and installation of manufactured, mobile and pre-fabricated homes. The proposed ordinance would require application for permits to transport or install mobile homes in the county, and another application for permit from the county's Extraterritorial Zoning Authorities for mobiles to be placed within any Extraterritorial zone. Applications for permit will cost \$25 with \$15 of that going to the assessor's office and \$10 to treasurer's office for collection of delinquent taxes on mobile homes.

The second public hearing will be on a proposed ordinance to consider revisions to the Lincoln County ordinance establishing the Public Land use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee. The revisions are to increase the size of the committee membership by two "at-large" members, to accommodate citizens interested in serving on that committee.

The third public hearing will be on an ordinance to revise and update the county personnel policies and procedures manual.

Other items on the tentative agenda include:

-Consent Agenda with finance, treasurer's report;

Sole Community Provider and Indigent Health Care Claims; amendment to contract with Easter NM Area on Aging contract for Zia Senior Citizens program.

-Manager's projects report.

-Lincoln County Medical Center action on dental hygiene room equipment.

-Proposed resolution changing the starting time of commission meetings as requested by commissioner Maury St. John.

-Discussion of gas rate pricing comparison of Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Company and Zia Natural Gas Company, requested by commissioner Leo Martinez.

-Consideration of resolution establishing county road review committee, to increase membership.

-Senior Olympics annual report and funding request presented by Bart Young.

-Report on juvenile initiatives presented by Sergio Castro on electronic monitoring contract and LCCC trip to Fort Worth.

-Summary review plat approval.

-Discussion on possible refinancing of New Mexico Finance Authority loans for fire departments.

-Bid awards for safety/fire equipment for various fire departments and for sidewalk repairs at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

-Approval of request for proposals for ambulance service.

-Update on communications improvements in the Hondo Valley.

-Acceptance of property

donation for White Oaks Volunteer Fire Department.

-Water/forest health discussion; water transfer notices, fire danger, escape route in Brady Canyon as proposed by Ray Munson.

-CAP/Coops/School Bus Route projects to be submitted to the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department.

-County morgue designation presented by county attorney Alan Morrel.

-Resolution for Banderas/Spencer Coal Mine Project, presented by Stirling Spencer.

-Lincoln County Lodgers Tax recommendations for \$1,000 for Artist of Carrizozo Together for advertising in "Steppin Out" publication; \$3,000 for Grindstone Graphics to be used for marketing and advertising Lincoln County; \$2,000 for Marcia Dixon for promotion of Miner's Day in White Oaks; \$1,000 for Ruidoso Mountain of Blues Corp. for promotion of blues event.

-County surplus property disposition.

Angelo Vega to Resign From

(Con't. from P. 1)

of the mayor's appointment of Carrizozo resident Tony Sanchez to the LCSWA board. However, the appointment was tabled because Sanchez was recently involved in an accident and was unsure if he would be able to serve at this time, said town clerk Leann Wehbrecht.

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