

Ruidoso Request for Water Rights Considered A "Taking"

by Doris Cherry

Some Lincoln County Commissioners think that the application by the village of Ruidoso to "appropriate" up to 3,500 acre feet of ground water in the Carrizozo area is a "taking."

During their meeting Tuesday, February 18, Lincoln County Commissioners discussed the newest water rights trans-

fer application by the village of Ruidoso. The notice advises that the village filed applications with the state engineer's office on January 18 for permit to "Appropriate Underground Waters" of the state of New Mexico from the Tularosa Basin in Lincoln County for "Municipal, Industrial and other commercial purposes within Lincoln and Otero Counties."

The village is requesting to "appropriate" a total volume of 3,500 acre feet of water per annum from several wells located on the Bar W. Ranch, on land owned by Greg Pino, Paul Pino and Pres Pino Jr. and on land owned by the Barham Family Ranch.

Commissioner Earl Hobbs said the "appropriate" sounds like a "taking" which county attorney Alan Morel af-

firmed. County manager Tom Stewart said he talked with Ruidoso water consultant Len Stokes who said the proposed water rights transfers will not impact any neighbors.

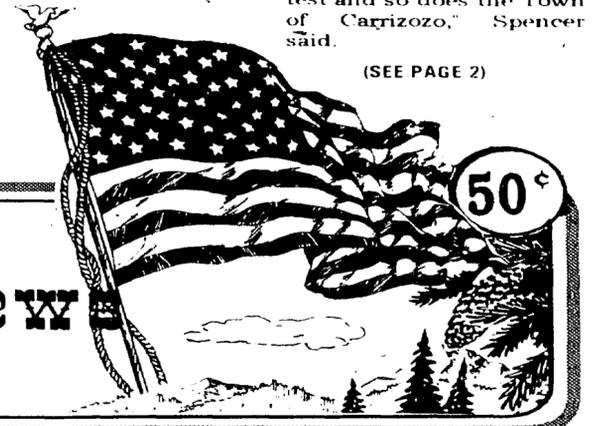
But Bar W. Ranch owner Stirling Spencer who was at the meeting seeking support for his proposed small operation coal mine, had a different opinion. He said the 3,500 acre feet

represents about 3.2 billion gallons of water a year that will be taken out of the northern portion of the Tularosa basin. "This present procedure is according to law," Spencer said about the application.

"But I don't care for it ethically or morally."

Spencer said there is a 30 day protest period after the notice of the application is published in the newspaper. "I plan to protest and so does the Town of Carrizozo," Spencer said.

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IN HONOR OF JOE: Carrizozo artist Curtis Forte presents a bronze statue commissioned by the Lincoln County Republican Women to honor Congressman Joe Skeen at his retirement. The presentation was made to Skeen during a retirement party held Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs. With the Congressman is his wife, Mary, and to their left is Gov. Bill Richardson who admitted he had invited himself to the party because of his respect and affection for Skeen.

Carrizozo School Board Drops Drug Test Idea

by Doris Cherry

Carrizozo School Board dropped the proposed athlete drug testing policy, due to lack of parental and community support.

At their meeting Tuesday, February 18, board members heard from two parents both of whom objected to the proposed policy. Parent Laurie Samora asked the board to not approve the drug testing policy at this time.

"We feel the proposed policy is discriminatory to athletes," Samora said. She also said the drug

testing would label children. "Our kids may stumble and fall," Samora continued. "But we shouldn't persecute and punish them for mistakes."

Instead of the proposed punishments, Samora said the school needs to focus on education and prevention. "We need to teach our children about drugs and alcohol," she said. "Not label them."

"Children on drugs need help and we need to assist them, not punishment," she continued.

"This will do more harm than good," Samora said about the policy.

Samora said a parents meeting about the proposed policy, called by the school administration, had a small turnout. So she talked to parents about the proposed policy at ball games and elsewhere. "For now we have more questions than answers," Samora said. "And until there are more answers we do not favor this proposed policy."

Instead of spending funds on drug testing, Samora said the school should spend money on

guest speakers and educational programs to show teens they are not immortal.

Parent John Tate presented a one page written comment about the proposed policy to do random drug testing of athletes. He was concerned the policy does not require reasonable suspicion as a prerequisite to drug testing and that it singles out students who participate in extra-curricular activities.

While Tate agreed "the scourge of illegal drug use abounds" in Carrizozo in 2003, he did not consider it a crisis that warrants the loss of the constitutional freedom "from unreasonable interference in our lives" and due process.

"I doubt there are many, if any, who detest illegal drug use and despise illegal drug peddlers more than I," Tate concluded. "And removing this filth from our society is a worthy goal. But I hold more dear the principles of equal and individual freedom, equal individual opportunity, and equal individual accountability."

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THANK YOU SO MUCH. (Top Photo) Congressman Joe Skeen thanks the group that assembled to honor him with a welcome home party, sponsored by the Lincoln County Federated Republican Women and Republican Party of Lincoln County. (Bottom Photo) Skeen thanks his wife, Mary, of whom he said "I would not have been able to do this without your help." Mary was also presented the "Jeweled Elephant" from state Federated Republican Women. Rep. Dan Foley presented a framed house memorial that made Feb. 15 Joe Skeen Day in the State Legislature.



Mitchell Says Hospital Worth Defending

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Medical Center board president Gary Mitchell believes the hospital is worth defending.

During the Lincoln County Commission meeting on Tuesday, February 18, Mitchell came before the commission to defend the hospital from rumors and attacks recently made by commissioner Leo Martinez. "The (LCMC) board will no longer tolerate a failure to respond to gossip and malicious rumors about the hospital," Mitchell said. "LCMC is an excellent rural hospital which has created a problem in that people outside the community are looking at what we have, which is a potential gold mine."

"Rumors can be extremely destructive," Mitchell continued.

Mitchell said the hospital board in its last meeting agreed to defend the hospital. "We are a charitable people, especially those who volunteer (in the hospital) for free," he continued.

"We will not tolerate vicious rumors, which does not mean we don't welcome good faith criticism, debate and suggestions," he continued.

Any decision about the hospital should be done based on all facts, Mitchell said. "But pot shots, personal attacks and unprofessionalism has to stop or we'll fight back."

Mitchell was referring to a series of letters and articles criticizing the hospital and Presbyterian Healthcare Systems (PHS) which leases the facility for \$1 a year.

"To people who advocate the county selling the hospital, we've debated and held hearing on that and thought we had resolved that issue," Mitchell continued. "People of this county built and paid for this hospital, we do not want to see them pay for it again."

As for the hospital board, which has been criticized for not having a county commissioner as board member or having the county commission appoint its members, Mitchell said business sets the hospital board agenda. As for discussions about the hospital at county commission meetings, Mitchell asked that hospital representatives be given time to research information so they can make wise intelligent decisions. "Please avoid the

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Board Bids Farewell to Shivers; Rehires Barron

Outgoing Carrizozo School Board member Lisa Shivers was honored at the Tuesday, February 18 regular board meeting.

Before a good sized audience of parents, and some students, board president Steve Harkey presented Shivers with a walnut plaque thanking her for serving on the board for six years. Shivers said it was an honor to have served. "We have a good school," she said. "And I have enjoyed my time as board member."

School superintendent Sergio Castanon said people do not realize the hard work board members do, "with not much appreciation."

Shivers chose not to run for re-election to her board position because she and her family are moving out of the district. Lisa Cren-

shaw, who was recently elected to the position, will assume her place on the board in March. Crenshaw attended the Feb. 18 meeting but declined offers from Harkey to sit at board member Eldon Offutt's place since Offutt was absent.

As one of her last official acts, Shivers voted with board members Harkey and LeeRoy Zamora who were recently re-elected and member James Grider whose term expires in two years, to accept resignations from Pat Ventura as special ed/Spanish teacher and coach and from Jean Anderson instructional aide. The action was taken after a closed session for limited personnel matters, personally identifiable information regarding a

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Ruidoso Request for Water

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Having studied the effects of local water usage, water studies and regional water plans, Spencer said he has found that some of the data used to show the availability of water is incorrect. He said in the 1980s he personally pumped, for irrigation, less than one-tenth of the acre feet being proposed for transfer and it depleted the aquifer. He also said springs on his land that traditionally had strong flows, have been down about 30 percent in the last years which Spencer attributed to the drought.

"A pumping rate of 3,500 acre feet of water will depress and further mine this area of the basin," Spencer added. "And the new (land) developments should be concerned."

Spencer said state law allows municipalities to do condemnation for the interest of the greatest good.

Spencer said the appli-

cation by Ruidoso has not been published. Spencer also said he had not been to Ruidoso to confront them on it. (THE NEWS contacted Ruidoso village hall to speak with planning director Mike Runnels, or village manager Lorri McKnight but both were in Santa Fe and were not available. Village project director Cleatus Richards also was not available for comment.)

In response to a question from commissioner Maurice St. John, Spencer said there currently is proposed legislation to allow municipalities to condemn water rights on private lands, as well as on leased public lands. (The legislation is House Bill 600 sponsored by Rep. Terry T. Marquardt of Alamogordo, who has supported the desalinization project.)

"That angers me," St. John said. St. John lives in the county west of Ruidoso. "That is an invasion

of private property rights."

Commissioner Leo Martinez, who lives in Ruidoso, said he is not angered by the application because Ruidoso has the legal right to make such an application. "Carrizozo and you have the right to fight it," Martinez told Spencer.

"I implore you to keep on top of this water application," Spencer added. "Do we want to make a Phoenix, or be somewhat progressive and do this in a studied manner." He said in polling why people come to Lincoln County most say it is because of the wide open spaces and sparse population. "People who want to come to Lincoln County and enjoy it need to understand we have limited resources," Spencer added.

Oscuro resident Jerry Carroll said the county very much needs a water model to help with future planning.

Carrizozo Town Trustees at a special meeting on Monday, February 17 authorized filing formal protest to the Ruidoso water rights transfer application. Trustees also heard a report from town water tech Cathie Eisen who attended a February 14 meeting in Alamogordo conducted by the city of Alamogordo, Holloman Air Force Base and chambers of commerce about water sharing and the proposed desalinization plant north of Tularosa. Alamogordo has invited municipalities along the Bonito pipeline to participate in the desalinization project in exchange for water rights.

Carrizozo trustees have scheduled a special meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, February 24 to discuss the town's protest to the Ruidoso water transfer application, and their response to the water sharing proposal.

Full text of House Bill 600, and fiscal impact reports and analysis can be obtained from the legislature web site at www.legis.state.nm.us. Go to "house" click on the box to find Marquardt, once that page comes up, click on 2003 under "session" that will bring up all bills introduced by the representative so far this legislative session. On the list of bills, click House Bill 600, it will give option to click on text file or PDF file for the actual text of the bill. For fiscal impact reports click on the "FIR".

House Bill 600 proposes to give municipalities the power to "acquire, contract for or condemn" springs, wells, water rights, other water supplies and right of way or other necessary ownership for the acquisition of water facilities. It also would allow municipalities to "acquire, maintain, contract for or condemn for use as a municipal utility, privately owned water facilities used or to be used for the furnishing and supply of water to the municipality or its inhabitants."

The new language proposed in the bill would also allow municipalities to take water from any stream, gulch or spring. While the proposed language appears to require (shall) the municipality to obtain consent of the per-

Mitchell Says

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personal stuff," Mitchell said. "I'm tired of it and I will fight back."

If commissioners have questions about the hospital, they can attend the hospital board meetings, or call the hospital administrator Jim Gibson for information. "We must protect what we have," Mitchell said.

Martinez said he does question the hospital a lot. He also asked what would happen if a nonprofit company came in and offered fair market value for the hospital and would not require any mill levy money. Mitchell said that scenario was not based on real facts. "A nonprofit would not do that," he added.

Mitchell said LCMC is worth about \$15-\$20 million, and any company that bought it would have to recoup this cost to be financially viable.

"It would make prudent business sense if tax payers get market value (lease payments) instead of \$1 a year," Martinez said.

While Mitchell did not deny Martinez's claim, he also said that the unique success of the rural hospital is because it belongs to the people of the county. "If belongs to us now and we will never give it away," Mitchell said. "It's like our water."

"I never advocated giving it away," Martinez answered. "But Pres (PHS) showed us how to do the mill levy. How long will we have to pay on that?"

Mitchell said the hospital board did have to fight PHS for what is presently. "Now we own every building and all equipment in the hospital we've bought (with mill levy money)." Also all mill levy money goes to the facility not for operation of LCMC. Mill levy money goes to operations of the Carrizozo and Corona Health clinics, Mitchell added.

"After 25 years we have built a viable asset and there is no reason to sell it and take it out of the people's hands," Mitchell said. "If we sell it we will pay again through those who will use it."

Martinez said he wanted to see the best medical facility possible. "But we've never heard proposals (to buy), why not?"

When told there have been private companies which have approached the county commission about buying the hospital, Martinez then related to the new private hospital in Las Cruces which is taking away medical professionals from the county owned Memorial hospital. Mitchell said the private hospital charges more than the county owned one, and the private hospital treats those who can pay or have insurance. He said to privatize LCMC would be a hardship on the hardworking people of Lincoln County who cannot afford health insurance, and who make too much money to qualify for Medicaid or indigent health care funds.

Finally Mitchell offered to meet with Martinez and provide information about the hospital. Martinez then asked why the hospital is showing a \$5.2 million "profit." Mitchell said LCMC has monthly operating costs of about \$1 million, and he considered the \$5.2 million as a re-

serve which could be used if there is a downturn in the area economy. "Those who have lived in the county for a long time know there are times when there are lulls, and we cannot afford to lay off nurses or providers if that happens," Mitchell added.

Paul Vordermann who works for his wife Dr. Arlene Brown spoke about a lawsuit she filed against the hospital for being in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. He also was concerned the county commission has no control over the hospital board. Mitchell said the anti-trust issue is extremely complicated and he had tried to settle the issue when it first came up. As for having a county

commissioner on the hospital board, the commissioners had decided they did not need one of them on that board.

After more discussion, it came time for commissioners to move on to the scheduled 9 a.m. public hearings on proposed ordinances. Commissioner Earl Hobbs said he planned to attend the February 24 LCMC board meeting. County manager Tom Stewart said he was giving notice that three or more county commissioner might attend that hospital board meeting.

The public is invited to attend the meeting which will be held at the LCMC board room. Call LCMC for the time the meeting begins.

Carrizozo School

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"When we lose these values, we lose everything," Tate concluded. "And when we teach our children that these values don't matter we do lose them."

Tate also asked whether the board had considered the "caulousing effect" of the policy on children who in the future will determine our lives.

Parents gave their comments during the public input portion of the meeting, prior to the actual agenda item for the proposed drug testing policy. After several reports from school superintendent Sergio Castanon, the board came to the agenda item for the proposed policy. It was not listed as a second reading.

Castanon said after meeting with parents he decided not to present the second reading of the proposed policy. (Carrizozo School Board holds two different readings, or hearings, of proposed policies before adopting them.)

"The only way this policy would work is if parents are for it," Castanon said. "Since we don't have their support I won't set the policy up for failure."

Instead of a testing policy, Castanon said the school will work on intervention. He did say the federal government thinks drug testing is good for athletes and national surveys show that 70 percent of those polled favored drug testing of student athletes.

"But our parents have questions," Castanon added. "So we will re-visit the proposed policy later."

Meanwhile the school will do its part to make sure there is intervention for the kids, Castanon concluded.

With that the board let the proposed policy die, because it was not listed for a second reading.

The board did act to table until the March meeting proposed amendments to the athlete rules for drugs, alcohol and tobacco "usage/possession/sale or distribution for students of any co-curricular programs. The amendments were presented by Samora. The proposed rule amendments require a responsible adult to catch students in violation of the rules and require a parent or guardian to be present, or give their consent, to question students individually about their off campus activity.

Students found in violation of the rules could be suspended for five days for a first offense, suspended from the activity, including such activities as FFA, for the remainder of that season and the following season for a second offense, or be removal from all teams or activities for a third offense.

The board tabled the proposed amendments to allow the superintendent to bring his recommendation to the March meeting when new board member Lisa Crenshaw will take over the position held by Lisa Shivers.

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

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

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

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

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

TODAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20
 --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.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24
 --Special Carrizozo Town Trustees meeting 6 p.m. town offices in Carrizozo Recreation Center, to discuss protest of Ruidoso water rights transfer application and to hold another public hearing on the proposed water and sewer ordinances.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
 --Carrizozo "Festival de Cinco de Mayo" committee meets at 9 a.m. at Pizzazozo. All interested in helping invited to attend.
 --Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County meet at 12 noon at Mountain Annie's. Guest Speaker Tom Stewart, County Manager.
 --Ruidoso Village Council regular meeting 6:30 p.m.
 --Carrizozo Boys Basketball District first round game with Corona, 6 p.m. Grizzly Gym.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27
 --Special meeting of Capitan School Board 6 p.m. to take action on 2002-2003- increment schedule revision and to re-employ principals for the 2003-2004 school year.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28
 --Character Counts assembly at Carrizozo School 2:45 p.m. old gym.
 --Carrizozo Girls Basketball team host the district championship game with Mountainair at 6 p.m. in Grizzly Gym.
 --Chautauqua One Woman Show about Laura Gilpin photographer, 6:30 p.m. Hubbard Museum of American West in Ruidoso Downs.



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by Dahn Freed, Child Find Coordinator, Region IX Education Cooperative

The first five years of a child's life are very important. This time can set the foundation for success in school. During infancy and early childhood, a child must learn many skills. It is important that each child's development proceed without problems. As parents and caregivers it is our responsibility to monitor and be aware of our children's development. Developmental difficulties can affect many aspects of a child's life. There are many resources available to help accomplish this task. What we do now will play a role in our child's future.

Child Find Developmental Screening is a national program designed to identify children who may have special needs. Child Find teams partner with other organizations, individuals, childcare centers, and school districts to conduct developmental screenings for all children under the age of five. Free developmental screening areas include speech, language, cognition, fine motor (small muscle movements, hand eye coordination), gross motor (large muscle movements), and sensory motor (a child's ability to function in their environment).

Children may be referred to Child Find by anyone including teachers, childcare providers, physicians, friends or family members. For a child to be screened writ-

ten permission is required from the parent or legal guardian. Children identified as having a possible delay in one of the areas described, will then be referred for a developmental evaluation. Professionals trained to work with children complete the evaluations.

If a developmental need is established, a child may be referred for early intervention services. Services may be delivered in many ways and are provided by professional staff.

Region IX's service area includes Capitan, Carrizozo, Cloudcroft, Corona, Hondo, Ruidoso and Tularosa. For children ages birth to three years, Region IX Developmental Services provides intervention in Lincoln County.

In Tularosa and Cloudcroft, Zia Therapy provides early intervention services. The public school districts provide services to children three, four, and five years of age.

Early intervention is important to help ensure a child's academic and social future. Many delays may be overcome with early intervention services and many disabilities may be addressed with strategies to support families and children. Developmental needs for children can range from a mild speech delay to intensive cognitive and physical needs.

As a parent or caregiver we should not be afraid to ask questions. We cannot possibly know all the answers. Early intervention programs are to assist in the growth

and development of children. They are valuable resources for families. Each spring Region IX coordinates developmental screenings with the school districts, along with Kindergarten registration. If you have a concern for a child, an individual screening can be set up at any time. For information about developmental screening contact Dahn Freed, at (505) 257-2368 or in the Child Find office, at Region IX, 1400 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, NM.

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Ann Ferguson Serves at Winter Beef Board Meeting

Ann Ferguson, a cow-calf operator from Carrizozo, served as a USDA-appointed member of the Cattlemen's Beef Board at its annual meeting Jan. 28 to Feb. 1 in Nashville, Tenn. The mission of the board is to build demand for beef through administration of the national Beef Checkoff Program.

The Beef Checkoff Program was established as part of the 1985 Farm Bill. The checkoff assesses one dollar per head on the sale of live domestic and imported cattle, in addition to a comparable assessment on imported beef and beef products. States retain up to 50 cents on the dollar and forward the other 50 cents per head to the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board, which oversees the national checkoff program, subject to USDA oversight. Checkoff revenues may be used for

promotion, education and research programs to improve the marketing climate for beef.

At the meeting, Ferguson joined other board members to prioritize strategies aimed at leveraging beef producers' checkoff dollars on those research, educational and promotional efforts that they believe offer the biggest return on producers' investment.

One Woman Show On Photographer Laura Gilpin

In a Chautauqua style performance on Friday, Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs, photographer Laura Gilpin will be brought to life by writer and actor Deborah Blanche.

Gilpin was a native Westerner, a professional photographer who had mastered the techniques of landscape, portrait, still life, commercial, documentary and aerial photography. She published several books for which she was the photographic illustrator, writer and designer. Gilpin worked for

ACU Honor Roll Includes Two From Carrizozo

Adrian Goad and Briton Goad, both from Carrizozo were named to the fall 2002 semester Dean's honor roll at Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Tex. For eligibility on the honor roll, students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or better for the semester.

THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Are Terrorists Winning?

By Ruth Hammond

Considering the September 11, 2001 tragedy affected people around the world, it is understandable there would be changes that were supposed to help provide safety for everyone. Additional security at airports was important, and even though it caused delays, most people felt safer and didn't complain too much. People knew in advance to arrive earlier at the airport and allowed for that extra time.

Other transit systems also increased safety measures, with much less publicity than the airports received. During a bus change in El Paso, a person had to relinquish a multipurpose tool that had been in a back pack, while a nail file in the same carry-on was ignored. Bus personnel would not allow the person to put the item in her checked baggage and she had to pay \$5 to have her multipurpose tool placed in a plastic bag and be placed in the same bus.

When security is at risk, everyone wants to be safe. On some common sense should be used. A nail file may not appear as deadly as a knife, but it could definitely be used for terrorist activity if a person wanted to do that. The main thing is to consider what the person might intend to do with whatever object the person has. An umbrella was taken from another bus rider and it would be a good guess that the only thing the person wanted was to try to keep dry.

An umbrella as a terrorist tool? Not hardly. There are things people say and do that are more dangerous than any umbrella might be, unless the umbrella has a hidden stiletto inside. Extreme measures might be needed at times but to deprive an elderly person of an umbrella is not safe, it is an example of being terrified of what could or could not happen. Does this mean the terrorists have won?

Relying on safety measures should include intelligence. Did you know that the same items confiscated at metal detectors at airports can be bought at shops between the safety check and the airline gate? Does this make sense?

Different interpretations of terrorist acts or terrorism is causing erratic thinking. The fallacy is that some people believe they are taking actions for safety when they are actually allowing terror to control their thoughts and actions, which is an indication terrorism is winning the battle. And terrorism should never win, especially when it comes to the lives of the American people and people around the world.

Instead of kowtowing and bowing down in submission to terrorists, people should rely on their instincts and do what is right, not what the terrorists want them to do. Instead of allowing terrorism to control their lives, people should face the fact that life is precious and life is not always safe.

Cowardice, whether at the international level or at the local level, is the base of terrorism. If you allow yourself to believe untrue statements made by a cowardly person, you are allowing that person to control your thoughts, and you may also be branded as a coward with terrorism actions.

Evidently some people believe they have the right to destroy others and they do it through cowardly actions. Cowards are as dangerous as the terrorists who killed on September 11, 2001. These cowards, just as terrorists, may be winning through their attacks on innocent people.

Stand up for your rights!

"Dear Brother Bill"

by T/Sgt. Norman R. Van Gorder
USAF Retired 1971

I'll bet you don't know why they were buying duct tape.

They marched that cold day in February. They marched as they had countless times before, in different times and in different places.

This time there were no military bands and no reviewing stands. The formation was not as precise. The steps were not as precision. But, the American Flag was still in its prominent place at the front of the formation. A white bearded Navy Chief, in full uniform and walking with a cane carried it.

Behind the flag were rank upon rank of World War II and Korean War retired military veterans. Some marched unaided, while others pulled oxygen tanks, were pushed in their wheel chairs or bounced along the paving on powered scooters. There were even more canes and walkers. But, they all marched.

The military retirees flew to Washington, D.C. from as far away as Korea. For that February 12 rally to protest the loss of their promised medical care. Some came by car, others by bus. Whatever transportation they could obtain brought these hundreds of senior warriors to the nation's Capitol. The march formed at Union Station and proceeded all the way to the steps of the United States Supreme Court, where they stood a vigil for more than an hour.

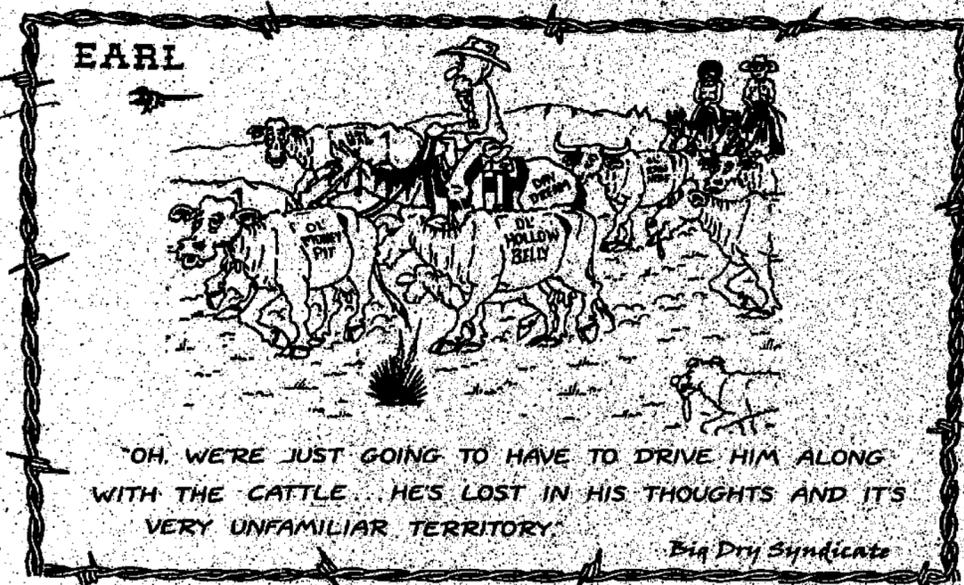
All of this was done with the hope the senior court in our land will hear and act favorably on their rejected plea for the government to restore promised lifetime earned health care. The retired servicemen and their families were promised this care as one of the benefits for twenty or more years of service protecting the citizens of America.

So, where was the national media? Why... they had more important things to do. This was the same day duct tape became the news event. It was duct tape, all day, on all media, across the United States.

While these veterans who dedicated their lives to this country hobbled up to the steps of the Supreme Court in protest... our major newspapers and television news teams visited Home Depot and the hardware sections of discount stores to bring America the important story of the day.

Instead of the news cameras pointing at a white hearse with the words "Government's Answer To Military Retiree Health Care" boldly printed on both sides... newsmen rushed to

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INSIDE THE CAPITOL

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE — It is now apparent that Gov. Bill Richardson's vision for a better New Mexico extends to every corner of state government. He has surprised many who had assumed their exempt positions were safe from political tinkering, even though they weren't protected by the state Personnel Act.

The first two traditionally untouchable positions the new governor went after were the state engineer and state investment officer. Our water and permanent funds had always been sufficiently sacred to keep governor's hands off of them. But eight years ago, Gov. Gary Johnson broke the taboo by replacing the state engineer. Richardson took it a step further this year by booting both the engineer and investment officer.

Those two replacements made good sense in terms of Richardson's goal of strengthening New Mexico's economy. He wanted to protect and enhance water availability, while investing more of the state's permanent funds here at home.

But other moves have caused a great deal of head scratching. He went after public defenders all around the state, museum directors and the state librarian. The people filing those positions all knew they could be dismissed without cause but scarcity and accreditation standards had always made them feel they didn't need to give such an eventuality a second thought.

Such was not the case, however, with university regents who are protected by the state constitution from arbitrary dismissal. Richardson asked for their resignations anyway. Three have obliged so far. But the biggest surprise has been Richardson's attempt to replace the Agriculture Department chairman at New Mexico State University. Not only does the governor want to appoint all university regents, even if their terms haven't expired, he wants to tell the NMSU regents who he wants to run their ag department.

The story behind that one is that the NMSU Agriculture Department chairman is automatically the secretary of agriculture in the governor's cabinet. Most agriculture secretaries usually keep their distance, preferring to look after their departments rather than travel to Santa Fe for cabinet meetings.

But Richardson says the has big plans for how the NMSU Agriculture Department is going to boost the

state's economy. The governor hasn't said whether he plans to follow university policies for selection of an Agriculture Department chairman, such as having a doctorate in the field and having actually visited a farm.

Almost as mysterious is the dismissal of most of the state's public defenders. Such people aren't easy to find. Their jobs are difficult, not well compensated and many aren't in the more popular areas of the state. Moreover, reports indicate these people fit the stereotype of a trial lawyer. They are good Democrats, making political contributions and supported Richardson for governor. It is difficult to understand how these people don't fit Richardson's view for a better New Mexico.

Then there are the museum directors. Richardson fired all four who hold division director status and thus are exempt. He plans to reorganize the Department of Cultural Affairs so that the four other museum heads are elevated to director status and, therefore, can be fired at will.

These changes involve some potential problems for the state. Museums like to be accredited, and wholesale changing of directors, especially every four years on a political basis, is frowned upon. In addition, Santa Fe's state museums have recently received some big appropriations for new buildings and the people who did the planning are no longer around to provide the necessary supervision.

Richardson's only justification for most of these firings has been that there was an election and he won and that means New Mexicans want a change. He's right, but these changes are a little more than most of us bargained for.

Our governor even has plans for expanding the role of the state Athletic Commission from supervision of boxing into other areas that will help promote the state. His first move was to appoint Bobby Unser and Don Perkins to the panel.



PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

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Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)
You didn't think you were going to make it this long, did you? You have just begun, to do what you thought you were about to end. Go for it!

Aries (March 21-April 19)
You might not feel like thinking about love, but it's in the air, if you think about it. Life is short, play hard. Don't assume you'll get another chance.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
Your feelings are touchy to the point that you don't want to even hear your own voice telling you what you need to do. Time out! Get away, go Play.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
You may have to pick up the speed when it comes to making more money. Don't wait for someone to make the first move, ask & you'll receive.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
Something isn't right? Step back and take a good look around. Is this really where you want to be? When in doubt, don't sleep on it. You'll know the truth.

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)
Your life as you know it, will change! It's up to you to find a way to keep it going the way you want it to go. Take

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Light showers teased Lincoln County in the last few days, with more precipitation predicted for today (Thursday) and Friday.

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

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

Today, Thursday, February 20:

Mostly cloudy with numerous showers. High temperature of 49. Chance for precipitation 80 percent. Tonight, mostly cloudy with showers continuing. Low of 35.

Friday, February 21:

Partly cloudy with isolated showers. High of 51. Lows to mid 30s.

Saturday, February 22:

Partly cloudy and breezy. Highs to lower 60s, lows in the 20s.

Sunday, February 23:

Mostly sunny with highs in the 50s. Lows in the 20s.

Monday, February 24:

Partly cloudy with slight chance of showers. Highs to low 50s, lows in the 20s to low 30s.

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

Today, Thursday, February 20:

Mostly cloudy with numerous showers and snow accumulation of up to one inch. High of 47 with a 60 percent chance for precipitation. Tonight, mostly cloudy with numerous showers continuing. Low of 28.

Friday, February 21:

Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Highs in mid 40s to low 50s. Lows 18 to 24.

Saturday, February 22:

Partly cloudy and breezy. Highs in the 50s, lows 19 to 26.

Sunday, February 23:

Mostly sunny with highs in the upper 40s to mid 50s. Lows in lower to mid 20s.

Monday, February 24:

Partly cloudy with highs from the upper 40s to upper 50s. Lows in the mid to upper 20s.

Tuesday, February 25:

Mostly cloudy with slight chance of showers. Highs in the mid 40s to low 50s, lows in the 20s.

Seeking Better Health Care is Important Task

by Seri, Pete Campos

There's not much disagreement that New Mexico is suffering from the signs and symptoms of a health care crisis. But there's little agreement on the best prescription to cure it.

More than 20 percent of New Mexicans -- the highest percentage in the nation -- are without health care insurance. Less than 55 percent of the state's employers offer health care insurance to their workers. And many people are too poor to pay for private health care insurance on their own; our median household income of less than \$35,000 a year is 19 percent below the national median household income.

It is imperative that we do all that is possible to care for our elderly, mentally ill and those others who cannot care for themselves. If we do this, our overall quality of life will greatly improve.

Our most fragile citizens deserve so much more than we have given them. We must focus on that percentage of our population that has not fully realized our love, caring and understanding.

We've made some improvements in our health care over the years. For example, our infant mortality rate is consistently lower than the national rate, due in large part to the expansion of community health

clinics, statewide immunization initiatives, well-child clinics and education outreach programs.

Despite that progress, we still have a long way to go. Only 65 percent of our children between the ages of 19 months and 35 months are fully immunized -- the fiftieth worst rate in the nation. Our accidental death rate -- the third-leading cause of death in New Mexico -- significantly exceeds the national rate. Motor vehicle crashes are the most frequent cause of accidental deaths. Not surprisingly, 45 percent of the accidental deaths in New Mexico involve the use of alcohol.

Tough anti-DWI laws, coupled with comprehensive treatment programs, will be the key to making progress in our fight against DWI and substance abuse, and, as a result, our progress to

improve health care in New Mexico. A bill working its way through the legislature -- House Bill 117 -- will do exactly that. This legislation increases penalties for repeat offenders and includes a mandatory 30-day inpatient or 90-day outpatient substance abuse treatment program for repeat offenders.

We must address the root causes of our health care crisis: substance abuse and poverty. As we do, we'll also find that we have less crime like domestic violence and theft, more financial resources for preventive health care treatments and less of a strain on hospitals and nursing homes.

We can then turn our attention to providing our youth with a healthy start in life, setting a good example for them throughout their teenage years and showing

confidence in them as they enter adulthood. If we do that, if we take care of our health, appreciate others and

don't force high levels of stress upon each other, we can enjoy a more productive and healthier society.

One Woman Show on

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55 years before receiving national recognition in the 1970s, when she was in her 80s.

Blanche, an actor and writer, has been creating one-woman shows, storytelling and Chautauqua programs since the mid-1970s. "I have become particularly fond of the Chautauqua format of presenting historical characters," Blanche said. "It combines my interests in history, people, woman's life stories and theatre. Answering questions is my favorite part."

Along with the dramatization will be 30 images of Gilpin's work made avail-

able by arrangement with the Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth, Texas.

The public is invited to attend the performance. The program is sponsored by the Hubbard Museum of the American West and New Mexico Arts, a division of the Office and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Humanities with additional funding from the New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities Chautauqua Program. For more information, contact Elizabeth Becker at the Hubbard Museum of the American West at (505) 378-4142.

Ruidoso Requested

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son with the vested right to the spring, stream or gulch, it also allows municipalities to "acquire the vested right by condemnation" and "make full compensation or satisfaction for all damages."

The proposed bill also allows anyone with a water right to lawfully convey to a municipality any water, water right or ditch right or any interest of such water. A change of the original use of the water will not invalidate the right of the municipality to use the water or right.

House Bill 600 would also reduce the current 30 day protest period to only 10 days after the last day of publication in a newspaper published within the county of the proposed transfer.

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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 11
 8:15 a.m. property damage to fruit stand in Hondo. Responding deputy put out a look out for a tractor/trailer with missing fire.
 11:07 a.m. grass fire at mile marker 291 on Highway 70. Hondo Fire Department responded, requested state forestry then canceled that request as the fire of less than one

acre was under control.
 1:19 p.m. break-in/theft at location on 8th Street in Carrizozo. Deputy responded.
 1:23 p.m. state highway department yard in Corona requested a deputy in regards to tagged signs.
 1:42 p.m. Med 7 ambulance advised of a bee sting patient at a location in Glencoe. Med 1 ambulance intercepted for final transport to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.
 1:50 p.m. lost dog complaint on Airport Road.
 5:38 p.m. abandoned ve-

hicle at mile marker 276 on Highway 70, at 6 p.m. the caller advised that the car was leaving.
 10 p.m. deputy advised he had made an arrest on a traffic warrant service on Highway 70.
February 12
 8:13 a.m. request for ambulance at location in Capitan for patient with stomach pains. Capitan ambulance transported to LCMC.
 8:17 a.m. request for ambulance at location on D. Ave. for nonresponsive person. Carrizozo ambulance transported to

LCMC.
 12 noon temporary restraining order (TRO) violation in Elida.
 12:20 p.m. fire on Otter Court in Enchanted Mesa. Bonito fire department advised the smoldering fire was out at 12:37 p.m.
 12:45 p.m. trespass on county road of State Road 220.
 1:57 p.m. dog problem on Ruth Road.
 2:02 p.m. trespassing on Ravenswing. The responding deputy advised juvenile probation office referral would be done.
February 13
 7:54 a.m. request for ambulance for 89 year old female with chest pains in Brady Canyon area. Med 1 ambulance transported to LCMC.
 9:07 a.m. sheriff's office advised of dumpster fire at High Mesa and Kokopelli. Bonito fire responded and advised it was a trash can fire.
 11:50 a.m. abandon vehicle at business on Highway 70 in Glencoe.
 2:17 p.m. deputy advised he was serving warrant at the Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC).

2:36 p.m. trespass on Reynolds in Palo Verde; a truck was on her property with possible damage to the well. AT 2:48 p.m. the caller called back and advised she knew whose truck it was.
 3:45 p.m. deputy advised he made an arrest at mile marker 17 on State Road 48.
 8:39 p.m. request for ambulance for patient with abdominal pain. Corona ambulance transported to hospital in Roswell.

February 14
 9:58 a.m. accident with injuries and request for ambulance at corner of Country Club and Cedar Creek. Deputy and Med 1 ambulance responded for transport to LCMC.
 10:43 a.m. 911 hang up. Deputy assigned to check it out.
 10:45 a.m. warrant on subject at the sheriff's office, was cancelled by the Otero County Magistrate Court.
 3:35 p.m. request for ambulance for 48 year old male with nose bleed. Capitan ambulance transported to LCMC.

6:19 p.m. 911 hang up from home in Loma Grande. At 7:24 p.m. the responding deputy advised he made an arrest.
 6:46 p.m. trespass in Hondo.
 11:06 p.m. alarm company advised of alarm activated at theater on Airport Road.

February 15
 12:48 a.m. loud party at location on La Canada. Call cancelled at 1:25 a.m. by Ruidoso Downs police.
 9:03 a.m. illegal dumping at end of Eagle Creek, someone in a red small pick up.
 11:44 a.m. request for ambulance at ski area. Med 1 responded.
 3:24 p.m. 911 report of fire on Boot Hill in Rancho Ruidoso, caller saw flames and smoke. Bonito Fire Department notified, but at 3:33 p.m. the call was cancelled.
 3:53 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at ski area for 17 year old female with low back pain. Med 1 responded.
 4:05 p.m. agency assist by Ruidoso police for runaway from location on Iron Trail.
 5:56 p.m. accident with injuries on Ski Run Road, vehicle on edge of cliff, driver still on the scene, two patients sent to LCMC by private vehicle, state

police notified, Med 1 ambulance requested.
 6:31 p.m. 911 report of domestic at location on Pine Lodge Road, the boyfriend was drinking and tearing things up.
 6:37 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at location on E. Ave. for 14 year old female who was seven months pregnant with pains. Carrizozo ambulance responded.

February 16
 8:11 a.m. request for ambulance for 30 year old with trouble breathing. Carrizozo ambulance transported to hospital in Alamogordo.
 8:55 a.m. burglary/larceny break in at location on Griffin.
 9:33 a.m. K-9 at large, black and white, on State Road 240 about 1.7 miles north of Highway 380.
 11 a.m. illegal dumping on Apple Blossom in Biscuit Hill area. Deputy responded and advised that a citation was issued.
 11:28 a.m. animal in distress in Alto area.

4:29 p.m. unattended death at location in Alamo Canyon, the caller's mother. The OMI was notified.
 4:34 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area for six year old on back board. Med 1 transported to LCMC.
 4:56 p.m. open gate, left open by a subject again, at location in Hondo.
 4:58 p.m. unattended fire in Cedar Creek, caller put out the smoldering fire. Deputy notified.
 10:17 p.m. noise disturbance on Haley Road, a well driller was still drilling and the caller could not sleep.

Psychic Predictions

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the bull by the horns & make a plan.
Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)
 Not saying anything, is just as bad as saying nothing some times. They can't look at your back side, and read your mind. Speak up, and be heard.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)
 Things will get better with time, just like a fine wine. Things you do and say will set the play. Don't let others run over you. Say what you really feel.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
 You're wasting time on unnecessary people, places and things. You have to get up with the times. You have a good plan for your future, you can do it.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21)
 If your health is in question, then stop and take a break. You can't work good, or even think good when your Mind, Body and Spirit are not one.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
 Taking a trip? Even if you

don't want to. Take this time to do what needs to be done for yourself. Daydream and relax as much as you can.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18)
 Your words are very powerful, tight now. Think first, before flying off the handle. You can heal someone, or hurt them for life. It's your choice. Think first.

February 17
 9:47 a.m. request for ambulance at accident with injuries at mile marker 283 on Highway 70. Med 7 ambulance transported to LCMC.
 12:40 p.m. noise at the end of Griffin road.
 1:35 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area for femur injury. Med 1 transported to LCMC.

February 17
 9:47 a.m. request for ambulance at accident with injuries at mile marker 283 on Highway 70. Med 7 ambulance transported to LCMC.
 12:40 p.m. noise at the end of Griffin road.
 1:35 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area for femur injury. Med 1 transported to LCMC.

February 17
 9:47 a.m. request for ambulance at accident with injuries at mile marker 283 on Highway 70. Med 7 ambulance transported to LCMC.
 12:40 p.m. noise at the end of Griffin road.
 1:35 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area for femur injury. Med 1 transported to LCMC.

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 BILL SEBRING, Pastor
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:

SCOTT KING, Pastor / 648-2024
 Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church:

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor
 314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM
 648 2968 (Church) or 648-2107
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
 Sun. Evening Training at 8:15 p.m.
 Evening Worship 7:15 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)

JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, Pastor
 Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth, 648-2186
 Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. DAVE BERGS, Pastor
 213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853
SATURDAY:
 Capitan Sacred Heart 5:00 p.m.
 Carrizozo Santa Rita 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY:
 Capitan Sacred Heart 8:00 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
 1-505-257-2358
 Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Claunch Community Church

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

United Methodist Churches

JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor
 1000 D. Ave, 648-2893 / 648-2846
 Carrizozo, NM 88301
 Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Choir Practice (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.
 United Methodist Women
 Every 3rd Wednesday 2:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner on
 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 p.m.

CAPITAN:

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

Christ Community Fellowship

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

Capitan Church of Christ

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

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 13, 2003, NMSHTD & Kenneth Nosker, HC 66, Box 32, San Patricio, New Mexico 88348, filed application No. H-608, with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change place and purpose of use of 3.168 acre-feet per annum of groundwater diverted from well No. H-608 located in the NW1/4NW1/4NE1/4 of Section 30, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., by ceasing the irrigation of 2.2 acres of land described as the Pt. SE1/4 of Section 19, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M.

Applicant proposes to commence the diversion of said 3.168 acre-feet per annum using well H-608 located in the NW1/4NW1/4NE1/4 Section 30, Township 10 South, Range 16 East N.M.P.M., for highway construction purposes.

This is a temporary application is with all rights to revert to original place and purpose of use on December 31, 2005, or upon written request from the applicant.

Well H-608 is located approximately 2 miles east of Glencoe, NM along highway 70, Lincoln County, NM.

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 Section 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

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COUNTY OF LINCOLN
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No. CV-02-208

**CHASE MORTGAGE COMPANY - West,
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Plaintiff,

vs.
ELAINE G. LICHTER,
Defendant.

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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 one (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 said 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.

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 Defendant's judgment, together with all costs and amounts due as follows:

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

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

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

Donna Tunell
Eric J. Coll
SANDERS, BRUIN, COLL & WORLEY, P.A.
P.O. Box 550
Roswell, New Mexico 88201
(505) 622-5440
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**LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT
No. JQ-2002-06
Div. III**

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

In the Matter of SR, Child, And Concerning Brandy Otero and Sergio Ramirez Sr., Respondents.

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
SERGIO RAMIREZ, SR.
TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT.**

YOU 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 SR, child. The above proceeding could ultimately result in the termination of your parental rights.

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

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

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court
(SEAL)
by: **Mickie L. Vega**
Deputy

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

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**LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
NO. CV-02-284**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
ACTING THROUGH RURAL HOUSING SERVICE,**
Plaintiff,

vs.
VERONICA M. SANCHEZ and THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VERONICA M. SANCHEZ,
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SUIT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the following above-named Defendant(s): Veronica M. Sanchez and The Unknown Spouse of Veronica M. Sanchez GREETINGS:**

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 324 Juniper Road, Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot 3, Block 8 of AGUA FRIA SUBDIVISION, Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, July 7, 1954.

LESS AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM a tract of land in Lot 3, Block 8, Agua Fria Subdivision, Lincoln County, New Mexico, described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot 3; thence N 02° 41' 58" E along the East boundary of said Lot 3 a distance of 70.57 feet; thence S 14° 10' 07" W a distance of 81.17 feet to the South boundary of Lot 3; thence N 63° 36' 38" E a distance of 18.47 feet to the said place of beginning,

and
A tract of land in Lot 4, Block 8 of AGUA FRIA SUBDIVISION, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, July 7, 1954, described by metes and bounds as follows:
Beginning at a point on the East boundary of said Lot 4, from which point the Southwest cor-

ner of said Lot 4 bears S 02° 41' 58" W, a distance of 70.57 feet; thence N 02° 41' 58" E along said lot line a distance of 54.71 feet; thence S 22° 04' 14" E a distance of 49.68 feet; thence S 67° 55' 46" W a distance of 22.92 feet to the said place of beginning.

Unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before April 7, 2003, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Plaintiff's attorneys:
ELIZABETH MASON, P.C.
ELIZABETH MASON
3104 Monte Vista NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106
505/872-8700

WITNESS the Honorable **KAREN L. PARSONS**, Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court, Lincoln County, New Mexico; this 10th day of February 2003.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court
By: **Mickie L. Vega**
Deputy

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**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, adjoining Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 40, McDONALD'S ADDITION, Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, and lying on the West side of Lots 1 through 8, Block 40, McDONALD'S ADDITION, Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, September 14, 1906.

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

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

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

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**LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTICE
LINCOLN COUNTY
SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
REQUESTS FOR PROPOSAL
LEGAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

LEGAL is hereby given that until 4:00 p.m., Monday, February 24, 2003, sealed proposals will be accepted from licensed New Mexico attorneys for a contract to provide LEGAL SERVICES for the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the specifications from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, 222 Second Street, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico, or by calling (505) 378-4697.

All proposals shall be in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "Legal Services Proposal, 02-24-03". Any proposals received after the deadline shall be returned unopened.

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority reserves the right to accept/reject all or any part of any proposals and to waive all informality, and award the bid to best serve the interests of the Authority.

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OBITUARIES

FELIS TORREZ SALCIDO

Hondo resident Felis Torrez Salcido died at her home Feb. 15, she was 93.

Felis was born June 4, 1909 at Lincoln and had lived in Lincoln County all her life. She married Pedro Salcido on October 21, 1928 in Carrizozo. He preceded her in death on May 26, 1988.

She is survived by two daughters, Ramona S. Polaco and Cornelia S. Prudencio both of Hondo; a sister, Lorena Otero of Tularosa and a brother Juan Jose Torrez of La Luz; 16 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; and three great grand-children. She was preceded in death by a daughter, four brothers and two sisters.

Visitation was held Feb. 18 in LaGrone Funeral Chapel from noon to 4 p.m. and then at St. Jude's Catholic Church in San Patricio from 5 to 7 p.m. when the prayer vigil began. The funeral will be Feb. 19 with burial following at Hondo Cemetery. Rev. Tim Ottman officiated.

LORENA CUTLER RADCLIFF

Lincoln County pioneer Lorena Cutler Radcliff of Tinnie died Feb. 14 in Alamogordo. She was 88 years old.

Lorena was born May 4, 1914 in Clovis. Shortly after her family moved to Portales, where she attended public school. She married Carl P. Radcliff on July 15, 1934. After Carl's graduation from New Mexico State University they moved to Carrizozo in 1939.

Lorena was the first Extension Secretary with the Dept. Of Agriculture in Lincoln County. She and her husband established the first extension clubs and 4-H Clubs starting with Corona in 1941, and the Ruidoso-Hondo Valley in 1942. They purchased their farm in Tinnie in 1944. She began a 20 year career with the Hondo Valley Public Schools in 1951.

She was named La Junta FCE Sweetheart in 1998, and has also been nominated Pioneer Woman of the Year. She joined Tinnie Baptist Church in 1950 and remained an active member.

Lorena was preceded in death by her husband Carl, in 1973 and her two sons, Harold in 1987 and Preston in 2001.

Survivors include her two grandchildren, Laura Radcliff Pannell and her husband Darro of Alamogordo and Harold P. Radcliff of Las Cruces; her daughter-in-law Barbara Radcliff of Alamogordo and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Feb. 17 at First Baptist Church in Ruidoso Downs with Reverend Bill Jonea officiating. Interment followed at the Portales Cemetery.

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

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT
No. JQ-2002-07
Div. III

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

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

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION CLINTON HELLYER TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

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

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

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

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court

(SEAL)

By: **Mickie L. Vega**
Deputy

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER:
Lynne Fruett, 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, of 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, the foregoing sale will be made to satisfy 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 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 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 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 \$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, of 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 amended 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 limitation 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 satisfy 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 interest 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 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 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

TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
No. CV-03-32
Division III

ANNE W. ANDERSSON,
Plaintiff,

vs.

GROUP I: THE FOLLOWING NAMED HEIRS OF VERLIE STEPHENS (aka Verlie B. Stephens), IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: O.B. STEPHENS, JR., JOHN B. STEPHENS and TAD BIRDWELL STEPHENS,

GROUP II: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSONS: GUNNAR E. ANDERSSON, O.B. STEPHENS, SR. (aka Ollie B. Stephens, Sr.) and VERLIE STEPHENS (aka Verlie B. Stephens),

GROUP III: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF,
Defendants.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:

GROUP I: THE FOLLOWING NAMED HEIRS OF VERLIE STEPHENS (aka Verlie B. Stephens), IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: O.B. STEPHENS, JR., JOHN B. STEPHENS and TAD BIRDWELL STEPHENS,
GROUP II: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE

FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSONS: GUNNAR E. ANDERSSON, O.B. STEPHENS, SR. (aka Ollie B. Stephens, Sr.) and VERLIE STEPHENS (aka Verlie B. Stephens) GROUP III: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF.
GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that Anne W. Anderson, Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-03-32 Div. III, wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service upon you.

The general subject matter of said action is quiet title to certain real estate, which is the subject matter of the above-captioned and numbered cause of action and is described as follows:

Lot 4, Block 9, of PONDEROSA HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, UNDEVELOPED, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on September 13, 1956;

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before April 2, 2003, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiff in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

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

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this, the 18th day of February, 2003.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court
By: Elizabeth Ysasi
Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The L.C.C. Board of Trustees is holding a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 24, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lincoln County Medical Center's Board Room, 211 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. Three or more Lincoln County Commissioners will attend this public meeting. No official county business will be conducted.

THOMAS F. STEWART
Lincoln County Manager

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, February 20, 2003.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 13, 2003 NMSHTD & CDS Investments, c/o Kenneth Mosker, HC 66, Box 32, San Patricio, New Mexico 88348, filed application No. H-70 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change location of well and place and purpose of use of 4.608 acre-foot per annum of groundwater diverted from well No. H-70 located in the NW1/4SE1/4SW1/4 of Section 20, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., by ceasing the irrigation of 3.2 acres of land described as the Pt. S1/2-S1/2 of Section 20, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M.

Applicant proposes to commence the diversion of said 4.608 acre-foot per annum using well H-608 located in the NW1/4NW1/4NE1/4 Section 30, Township 10 South, Range 16 East N.M.P.M. for highway construction purposes.

This is a temporary application is with all rights to revert to original place and purpose of use on December 31, 2005, or upon written request from the applicant.

Well H-608 is located approximately 2 miles east of Glencoe, NM along highway 70, Lincoln County, NM.

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 affected. The written protest must be filed in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1900 W. Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (fax's) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to (505) 623-8559. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

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LEGAL NOTICE IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY

No. 1947

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

OF

HAROLD KELLEY STEPHENSON,

Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Harold Kelley Stephenson, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice.

Billy King Stephenson
P.O. Box 307
Carrizozo, NM 88301

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HAVE A
GOOD DAY!



OLD LINCOLN

by Rosalie
Dunlap

Lincoln County lost a pioneer in the Lincoln County Extension Club and Hondo Valley Lorena Radcliff passed away in her sleep Thursday evening. She worked alongside her husband, Carl, Lincoln County Extension Agent, in re-organizing the Lincoln County Extension clubs and the 4-H programs in the forties. Lorena was always there with her cheerful smile and happy attitude. Lorena was well known for her cooking and open door to friends and family. She will be sadly missed by all of those who knew her.

February has been a busy month with birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and Valentine's Day. The Carrizozo Masonic Lodge #41 held their Sweetheart Night last week. Following the covered dish supper a fellowship time was held. Johnson Stearns had found the original minutes of the first Masonic meeting of the Lodge held in September 1909. There were several Masons from White Oaks who had been members of the White Oaks Lodge until it disbanded and organized the Carrizozo Lodge. An interesting sidelight was the custom of smoking, with one member bringing cigars to the meetings. There were ashtrays for every member. This custom came to an end when a new carpet was installed in the lodge sometime in the seventies. There were over thirty members; their sweethearts and guests.

The Corriente Cowbells met at the Ellis Store for their monthly meeting. It was announced that a lady from Deming had won the quilt raffish. The Janice Herd Roping name has been changed to the Corriente Cowbelle Roping. The roping event will be held June 20th. A new Stockman award was accepted to recognize the different breeds at the County Fair. The criteria will be similar to the Herdsman Award. Ag Day will be held May 2 at the new barn at the fairgrounds.

There were scattered rain showers in Lincoln County last week but missed Lincoln.

Due to a conflict we missed the welcome home party for Joe Skeen Saturday. Welcome Home Joe. I know Mary is glad to have you home full-time now.



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

The following is the calendar for District Judge Karen Parsons in her courtroom in Carrizozo.

- Wednesday, Feb. 19: 9 a.m. Jury Trial SNM v. Javier Castrejon, CR-2002-56 (Dobbs/Holmes); 4 p.m. Cody Hoke, JR-2002-57 disposition; Thursday, Feb. 20: 8:30 a.m. JQ-2001-03, JQ-2002-08, JQ-2002-07; 1 p.m. CSEB v. Childress, DM-00-154 & DM-90-57 (Kennon/C.Hawthorne) motions; 1:30 p.m. CSEB v. Bledsoe, DM-2002-05 (Kennon/Holmes); 2:30 p.m. CSEB v. Gonzales, DM-96-112; Friday, Feb. 21: First Appearances: Michelle Pena, CR-2003-10 motions; Claralyn Hosetovsavit, CR-2002-102; Theodore Henderson, CR-093-07; Randolph Martinez, CR-03-16; Pre-trials: Michael Quinnell, CR-2002-70; Billy Gardner, CR-2002-168; Patrick Bagley, CR-02-188 motions; Rupert Romero, CR-2002-185; Lawrence Chee, CR-2002-181; David Sanchez, CR-2002-170; Thomas Snider, CR-2002-151; Change of Plea: Zachary Gynn, CR-2002-167; Virginia Price, CR-2002-187; John Harlacker, CR-2002-18; Sentencing: John Baca, CR-2002-13; Martin Casillas, CR-2002-109; Teddy Soas, CR-2002-92 & CR-2001-26 pretrial and merits; Darla Baca, CR-2002-132; Uvaldo Baca, CR-2002-131; Jude Sanchez, CR-2002-169; Michael Thompson, CR-2002-122; Misti Anderson, CR-2002-106; Tiffany Welch, CR-2002-83; Bobby Zamora, CR-2002-02; Wesley Billips, CR-2002-96; Erica White, CR-2002-41; Anthony Cordray, CR-2002-84 & 148; Ramona Bells, CR-2002-19 & CR-99-98; Other: Allen Bambrick, CR-02-190 & 191 (competency); April Chronister, CR-97-118 pretrial; Connie Reed, CR-98-38 disposition; Luis Abeyta, CR-2002-87; Javier Castrejon, CR-2002-57 motion to sever; Jessie Romero, CR-2003-22 competency; 11:30 a.m. William Gilmore, CR-2002-173 appeal; 1:30 p.m. Plea Conferences: Katie Bates, CR-02-197; Jonathan Bremer, CR-2002-176; Marcello Silva, CR-2002-31 & 123; Dan Gastelum, CR-2002-195; Thomas Bremer, CR-2002-204; Frankie Norvell, CR-99-161; Wesley Owen, CR-2001-149; 2 p.m. SNM v. Mowdy, CR-00-148 pretrial and motions; 3 p.m. Martinez v. Bravo, CR-99-108

The Case for Improved Highway Funding

By Sen. Pete Campos and Sen. Phil A. Griego Road and highway infrastructure improvements are desperately needed in New Mexico, as in many other states. Increased funding for road improvements helps fuel the economy as goods, products and customers can move more freely. Better and more modern roads and highways mean safer travel, fewer traffic crashes and less injury and death. And road improvements translate into a better overall quality of life for all New Mexicans.

But until the legislature approved a broad highway transportation improvement program in 1998, we continued to fall further behind in highway maintenance, repair and construction. Relatively small amounts of money were scattered around New Mexico for road projects that were never fully completed and the state never had enough money at one time to address the large projects that needed to be completed.

We have made significant gains. More than \$1 billion in highway projects have been funded using bonds to be repaid from increased levels of federal highway funding. However, we are now at a significant crossroads. We have an opportunity to indeed, some would say a duty -- to implement a broad new plan to enhance our road program.

It is expensive to build and repair roads, and New Mexico does not have a lot of money. But it is more expensive in the long run to ignore this important economic development and public safety initiative. Here are several options available to finance an ambitious new road-building program:

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* Raise the gasoline tax paid by all of us. Our tax is currently 17 cents a gallon, well below the regional average of 21 cents a gallon. Most drivers would not object to a four-cent gasoline tax increase, phased in over four years, with the revenue earmarked to specific road projects. We in the legislature should be encouraged to develop a highway improvement program in a way that provides annual funding for projects, not just one-time fixes. Existing financing programs have a relatively short life, so the state will have significant highway financing capacity beginning in 2010, but we must act now to bridge the funding gap between now and then.

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"Dear Brother"

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video tape people loading plastic sheeting into their shopping carts.

It should be very important for America to know that the bravest and best of its citizens are being refused treatment in their old age, by the same government they defended during their most productive years.

It should be important for America to know that agents of our government, from military recruiters to officials of the Department of Defense, made promises that our legal system says do not carry the weight of law.

It should be important for America to know more than 1,000 retired service personal who served during World War II and Korea are dying each day, while not receiving the medical attention they were promised.

As the hearse in that parade of Gray Lions depicted, the government answer to promised health care for all who faithfully served their country, is to wait until every one of them has taken that final ride to their appointed reward. Then our government might take action.

America should know all these things and the media should be reporting it to them in loud and angry voices. Instead... we are given all the important details about a pending shortage of that important item... duct tape.

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Board Says Farewell

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student and pending litigation.

The board also unanimously approved the re-employment of principal Steve Barron for the 2003-2004 school year, and approved hiring Cecilia Cieplenski as instructional assistant.

In other business, the board: --Accepted the canvass of the February 4 board and two mill levy bond election.

--Approved the Severance Tax Bonds Series 2002B/SB9 of \$11,300.

--Accepted a budget decrease of \$6,976 for transportation. The decrease was because the school had estimated its transportation budget (based on ridership and mileage) at a higher amount than the actual figures.

--Accepted increases of \$177 for Title VI carryover; \$1,501 for instructional materials; \$21,498 for change in student unit values with funds to be used anywhere except for salaries and will be used to offset the costs of the recent board election; \$5,091 for a higher than projected student enrollment on the 40th school day.

--Heard a report from computer/math teacher Bob Hemphill that the district now has a computer available for every student, partly due to his Computer II class where he teaches students how to take apart and reconstruct computers. Hemphill also reported that the middle school computer lab was up and running and his freshmen students are putting together the elementary computer

lab to be completed by the end of the week.

--Heard Barron report that the boys basketball team will host the first round of district play offs at 6 p.m. Tuesday, February 25 against Corona; the girls team will host the district championship game at 6 p.m. Friday, February 28 against Mountainair. Junior high girls team ended the season undefeated.

Barron also reported that 65 percent of the students received Character Counts awards in January. The next students of the month will be recognized at 2:45 p.m. Friday, February 28.

Sixth Grade Knowledge Bowl team finished second place at the February 12 competition in Tularosa. Seventh grade team was third. FFA Green Hand officers attended leadership development on February 15 and 16 in Albuquerque. The FFA Judging teams will compete in Las Cruces on February 22. The Carrizozo FFA chapter will hold its annual invitational on March 1.

February 5, 6 and 7 elementary staff traveled to Nashville, TN to the National Renaissance Reading Convention. Teachers attended training seminars on educational programs, networked with other teachers and brought home math programs to implement school-wide.

Carrizozo elementary received \$8,480 from the State Dept. of Education for having improved performance on the Terra Nova (test) scores.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 13, 2003, NMSHTD, Paul Jones, Debra Jones-Sanchez, Cathy Jones Ogden, c/o Kenneth Nosker, HC 66, Box 32, San Patricio, New Mexico 88348, filed application No. 0737 into 01175, 01175, 01175-A 01175-B into H-608, with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change place of use of 23,904 acre-feet per annum of surface water diverted via the F. Sanchez Ditch which diverts on the south bank of the Rio Ruidoso in the SE1/4SW1/4SE1/4 of Section 6, Township 11 South, Range 15 East, N.M.P.M., by ceasing the irrigation of 16.6 acres of land described below:

SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	ACRES
Pt. N1/2SE1/4SE1/4 SW1/4	6	11 S.	15 E.	0.8
Pt. N1/2SE1/4SE1/4	6	11 S.	15 E.	9.0
Pt. W1/2W1/2SW1/4	5	11 S.	15 E.	1.8
Pt. E1/2SE1/4	6	11 S.	15 E.	1.8

Applicant proposes to commence the diversion of said 23,904 acre-feet per annum using well H-608 located in the NW1/4NW1/4NE1/4 Section 30, Township 10 South, Range 16 East N.M.P.M., for highway construction purposes.

This is a temporary application is with all rights to revert to original place and purpose of use on December 31, 2005, or upon written request from the applicant.

Well H-608 is located approximately 2 miles east of Glencoe, NM along highway 70, Lincoln County, NM. 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 affected. 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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SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	ACRES
Pt. E1/2S1/2	20	10 S.	16 E.	9.6
Pt. N1/2NE1/4NW1/4	29	10 S.	16 E.	9.2
Pt. SE1/4SW1/4	20	10 S.	16 E.	11.3
Pt. NW1/4NE1/4NW1/4	29	10 S.	16 E.	0.3

Applicant proposes to commence the diversion of said 43,776 acre-feet per annum using well H-608 located in the NW1/4NW1/4NE1/4 Section 30, Township 10 South, Range 16 East N.M.P.M., for highway construction purposes.

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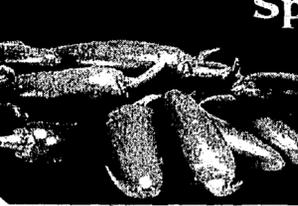
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