

County USGS Water Report Now Available

by Doris Cherry

The report of a project jointly funded with money from the US Geological Survey (USGS) and Lincoln County to map water resources in the Rio Hondo Declared Ground Water Basin is now available.

USGS project officials attended the December 18 Lincoln County Commis-

sion meeting to present an overview of the results of the two year project.

The project was done under a joint funding agreement with USGS providing \$110,000 and Lincoln County providing \$130,000. Since January 2002, a team from the USGS worked on creating a hydrologic atlas, with identified gaps, of the Rio Bonito and Rio Hondo basins

that make up the Rio Hondo Declared Ground Water Basin within Lincoln County. The project ended on June 30, 2004. The project involved compiling of existing data, identifying wells of record, inventorying additional wells, measuring ground-water levels, identifying gaps (in data) and writing a hydrologic atlas.

USGS project principals Lisa Donohoe and Roger

Ferreira attended the county commission meeting with their report, entitled "Selected Hydrologic Data for the Upper Rio Hondo Basin, Lincoln County, NM 1945-2003." Donohoe said 50 copies of the report will be sent to county manager Tom Stewart. Since the county commission meeting, the 50 copies did arrive and are available from the county manager's office in the court-

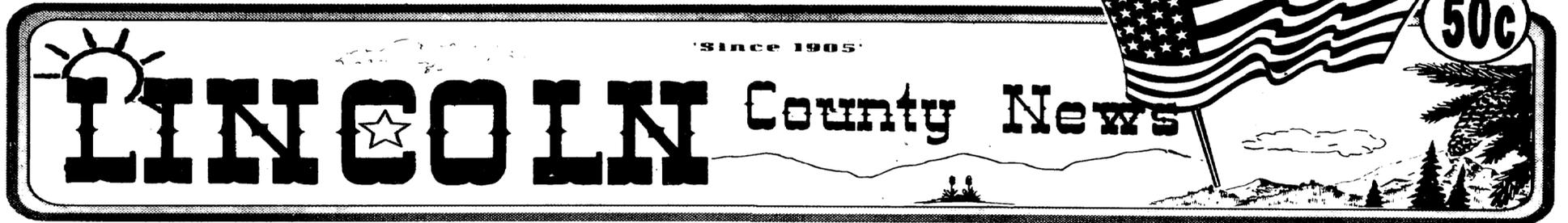
house in Carrizozo.

Copies of the report may also be obtained from Donohoe by calling 1-505-830-7963 or emailing her at lcdonoho@usgs.gov. Copies of the report are to be posted

on the USGS web site at <http://nm.water.usgs.gov/publications.htm>.

Donoho told county commissioners that there seemed to have been some

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Bronze Star Medalist Gieb Home From Iraq

by Doris Cherry

Former Carrizozo resident James Gieb is glad to be home with his wife Ameer and their two year old daughter Amethyst.

Gieb will be returning to civilian life on January 7, his final day of active military duty which included a tour of Iraq and the earning of a Bronze Star.

On November 5, Gieb may have had second thoughts about his chances for getting home when he and a team of Army Corps of Engineers in Alksik, Iraq were outgunned 40 to 9.

"We encountered the enemy with small arm fire and were pinned down," Gieb told THE NEWS when he was visiting Carrizozo before Christmas. "I took the lead to get everyone out and we had no casualties in the incident," he added.

For that leadership under fire, Gieb was awarded the Bronze Star, one of the high-

est honors given to military personnel in action. The award was presented to Gieb from Army Corps of Engineers Brigadier General Thomas Bostick. The award was for "proactive combat under overwhelming force". Gieb said.

Gieb was serving as a Military Police noncommissioned officer (NCO) and manager of the Personal Security Detail specialist team attached to the Army Corps of Engineers in Iraq when the incident occurred. As specialist, Gieb was working with Iraqi police to help rebuild their infrastructure and to provide law enforcement training.

Gieb, an Army reservist, had been called back to active duty for more than one year. He trained at Fort Bliss in El Paso before being shipped out to Iraq where he spent 114 days, a number which Ameer had counted down to the minutes.

Uninjured in Iraq, Gieb said he had a close call in El Paso soon after returning home, when a car rammed his vehicle in which he, his wife and child were riding. Although the car was damaged, they were okay.

Once out of active duty, Gieb hopes to return to Lincoln County and seek employment in law enforcement. Gieb was police officer for the town of Carrizozo and a deputy with Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. His parents, Jamie and Mike Gieb, live in Carrizozo.



Dispatcher Johnson Retires

A familiar low voice that announced..."Lincoln County Sheriff's Office"...when one dialed 911 during the day is now gone.

Dispatch services from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office have not been disrupted or done away with. Rather, the familiar voice of dispatch Sgt. Johnnie Johnson will no longer be heard because he has, in his own words, "gone fishing."

Johnson retired from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office on December 31.

"With mixed emotions I retired after 16 years and three months of service to the people of Lincoln County," Johnson told THE NEWS.

"It has been a very rewarding experience for me,"

Johnson said. "I want to thank everyone who has been a part of this special time in my life."

"It has never been just about dispatching," Johnson continued. "We dispatchers share the good times and the bad times with the people we serve."

"Early on I realized we (dispatchers) needed to do the best job we could," Johnson said. "With four or five other like-minded people in the state, we gave birth to the New Mexico National Emergency Number Association, the NENA."

Johnson served as vice-president of the NENA for four years and president for

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LCSWA Debris Pickup Program Has Been Billed

by Doris Cherry

In March 2002, thick overgrown forests on private lands contributed to the devastating Kokopelli fire that consumed and damaged many homes and acreage in the Alto area.

As a way to help property owners who are thinning their lots to dispose of the forestry debris, Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) began a yard waste program. Neighborhoods, water associations and individuals in forested areas can opt into the program for a once a year fee. For the fee, LCSWA will pick up the forestry debris on a scheduled basis.

Now more than two years after the yard waste fee program was initiated, LCSWA has upgraded its computer billing system and recently sent out bills to owners of all lots, including vacant lots, in the areas that opted into the LCSWA yard waste program.

At the December 28 LCSWA meeting in Ruidoso Downs, operational supervisor Debra Ingle reported that LCSWA mailed out 2,318 bills, to owners of forested lands, including vacant undeveloped tracts, that are within neighborhoods that opted to have pick up of forestry debris. Almost as soon as the once-a-year bills were mailed out, LCSWA began getting calls, said Ingle.

Some of the calls came from people who said they never use the special pick up and so should not have to pay for it. Ingle said. One caller was so verbally abusive Ingle said she consulted the LCSWA attorney before she responded.

Ingle said Ruidoso

residents pay a monthly fee for yard waste/forest debris pick up, and often have to wait a long time for the service. LCSWA bills only once a year for the service.

LCSWA also received several calls from people who think the program is a wonderful idea and wanted to know when they could get a pick up. Ingle added.

There are certain rules for placing the forestry

debris out for pick up by the LCSWA grapple truck. Ingle continued.

At the December 18 county commission meeting, commissioner Maury St. John commented that LCSWA was not picking up the forestry debris in Cedar Creek, causing problems with the county road department in clearing snow from Cedar Creek road.

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LCSWA Boss Geta A Raise

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority operational supervisor has been given a raise.

At the December 28 Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) meeting held in Ruidoso Downs, the LCSWA board unanimously approved a \$5,000 a year raise for operational supervisor Debra Ingle. Her salary was to be increased by \$2,500 before December 31 and the second \$2,500 to be added beginning July 1, 2005.

LCSWA members made the decision after a more than one hour closed session to discuss limited personnel matters; administration and field. In addition to the salary increase for Ingle, LCSWA members approved a motion that was based on recommendations from the auditor and the Dept. of Labor. In it the operational supervisor is to remain as a salaried, unclassified employee with no overtime or comp time; the fi-

nance officer is salaried and unclassified with no overtime or comp time; and the facilities coordinator is salaried and classified and eligible for overtime with his primary duties to be more than 50 percent done in the field. Employees were assured they would not lose overtime already accrued.

During the comment period of the LCSWA meeting, an audience member suggested the operational supervisor have an employment contract to assure the continued smooth operation of LCSWA. LCSWA attorney Angie Schneider-Cook said the board has the power to do such a contract and she would look into it.

Martinez said a two or three year contract was long enough. He also supported a contract for Ingle, whom he said was doing a great job in a position that has been filled with political appointees lacking business backgrounds. "Debra has shown excellence and she should be protected," Martinez added.

Carrizozo LCSWA member Ray Dean said Ingle's record at LCSWA speaks for itself.

LCSWA chair Don Coleman suggested such a contract be put on the January LCSWA agenda for discussion and possible action.

The LCSWA board also:

--Approved an application for a federal Solid Waste Management grant with no matching fund requirement for \$80,000 to be used to monitor the closed Capitan landfill.

--Approved a resolution to allow LCSWA to reimburse itself with money from the \$2.5 million New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) loan for the construction of the new LCSWA facility on Highway 70. LCSWA plans to proceed with the project with pay-

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County USGS Water Report

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confusion on the objective of the study. She said the study was to compile available hydrologic data for the upper Rio Hondo Basin; create a map of the current water-table configuration; and determine data gaps that would need to be filled in order to develop a ground-water flow model for the upper Rio Hondo Basin. She said the

study identified data gaps needed for future studies. "Where do we go from here?" Donohoe said about the report. The plan is for USGS to develop a network of wells to measure. This can be accomplished by adding more wells to measure from the Eagle Creek Basin and from the Fort Stanton Mesa area. Then

USGS should continue measuring water levels in all wells.

Donohoe said water levels are measured twice a year, once in the late winter when water levels are typically the highest and once in the late summer when water levels are typically lowest. USGS also recommends installation of water-level recorders on wells in critical areas.

Donohoe said her agency works very closely with the New Mexico State Engineer's Office (SEO) which regulates the state's water. She said the USGS water measurement levels are "on par with theirs (SEO). Ferreira said USGS cooperates with the SEO statewide and some areas have wells sampled every five years. Donohoe said the accuracy of the USGS and SEO well measurements are very close and the two agencies share data. Ferreira also said USGS trains SEO staff so they collect data in the same manner.

Jackie Powell, member of the Lincoln County Water Research and Conservation Committee who lives in the Hondo Valley, asked if water levels in wells is keeping up with the population growth. Donohoe said precipitation is not keeping up with population growth, and previous information given about well levels was misunderstood.

Powell said published reports about the special water master for the Hondo Basin indicate there is a horrible water shortage in the Hondo basin. Donohoe said they agree with the SEO that there appears to be more critical water shortage areas. Ferreira said some water measurements taken in the Lincoln County study for

the last 50 years show some wells have had water levels increase, but the USGS study did not only look at water levels. "The 1950s were a drought," Ferreira added. "There is more to the story than water (well) levels changing."

When asked if the study took into account the number of people in households, livestock and irrigation, Ferreira said that is beyond the scope of this study.

Donohoe said they avoided measuring domestic wells for the study because they are subject to down draw for household use. When they were to measure ranch wells, Donohoe said county planning officer Patsy Sanchez would contact the rancher to have them shut the wells down for two days so levels would stabilize before measurement.

San Patricio resident Ken Nosker said wells with steel casings might have reduced water output because of corrosion on the perforations on the casing. He asked if it was taken into consideration when measuring whether the well has metal or plastic casing. Donohoe said they have information on what type of casing. She said of three wells measured in Devil's Canyon, two were down in levels and the other was up, and the type of casing could have been a factor in the water level.

Donohoe said USGS will use specialists to help determine where areas for test wells are needed.

When asked their opinions about the Special Water Master for the Hondo Basin, Ferreira said USGS is a scientific organization that looks at data and makes no recommendations or management decisions.

The last page of the presentation made by the USGS officials indicated the next step is water-quality sampling. Under the 2003 NM State Water Plan of the NM SEO, water quality issues must have equal standing with water quantity issues. According to the NM Environment Dept, septic tanks (malfunctioning) are the single largest source of ground-water pollution in the state.

Golf courses often use fertilizers and pesticides that may reach surface and ground water and salt used to de-ice roads may reach surface and ground water.

LCSWA Boss Gets A

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ments from its general fund, before it receives final notice that the NMFA loan has been approved by the New Mexico state legislature. The resolution states that LCSWA intends and reasonably expects to enter into the loan Agreement (with NMFA) within 18 months of the expenditure of LCSWA general fund money on the new recycling center/transfer station facility.

--Approved a resolution that establishes a fund of \$34,650 (with amounts to be deposited yearly until the fund is fully paid) to cover costs of the future closure of the soon to be constructed transfer station/recycling center. The closure fund is a New Mexico solid waste management regulation.

--Adopted resolutions setting forth notice provisions for meetings of the LCSWA board which details the required days notice prior to regular, special and emergency meetings; rules for action on agenda items only; and rules for recessing into executive session.

--Adopted a resolution setting LCSWA meeting dates at 2 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month at the LCSWA offices at 222 Second Street in Ruidoso Downs.



As the Lincoln County News goes into its 101st year of being in existence (1905-2005), we will be randomly publishing articles that have been published in the NEWS from old files. The following article appeared in the "Lincoln County News and Carrizozo Outlook"

Friday, June 15, 1951

NM Pioneer, Dies at Age 84

The death of Mrs. Isabel Stephens de Baca, 84, Las Vegas, N.M., on June 6, marked the passing of a well known pioneer of this state, and member of a family prominently identified with its early history. Mrs. De Baca, who had been ill only a few months prior to her death, was the grandmother of Rev. Vito C. de Baca, priest at the Santa Rita Church in Carrizozo.

Funeral services were conducted June 9 with a solemn high mass at the Las Vegas Catholic Church by the deceased's grandson, Rev. De Baca. Pallbearers were six of her grandsons and interment was at the Las Vegas Calvary Cemetery with the Gonzales Funeral Home in charge.

Surviving are three sons, Charles de Baca, Las Vegas, N. M.; Vito C. de Baca, Las Cruces; Nick C. de Baca, Compton, Calif.; two daughters, Miss Tillie de Baca of Las Vegas, Mrs. Rose Pickard of Henderson, Nev.; 19 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

The aged woman born in Santa Fe on May 8, 1853, was the daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Richard McKinley Stephens, who came to New Mexico from Kansas. Colonel Stephens was placed in charge of the Army post at Santa Fe after the United States took over control of territorial New Mexico.

Mrs. De Baca received her education at Loretto Academy, Santa Fe, and later became the first teacher in Las Vega, N.M. She was married to S.C. de Baca, merchant and rancher at Las Vegas, on May 5, 1893 and the couple established a home there. The deceased's husband preceded her in death about eight years ago.

Her father escorted the first Catholic Sisters who came to Santa Fe to teach in the convent. There were five of them and they came to New Mexico from Lawrenceburg, Kan.

The deceased was a charter member of the Woman's Club of Las Vegas and a member of the Catholic church there. Her brother-in-law, E.C. de Baca, was the first lieutenant governor of New Mexico, and later became the second governor of the state.

Rev. Vito C. de Baca, the priest at the Carrizozo Santa Rita Church, was the first grandchild of the late Mrs. De Baca.

Out of state relatives who attended the funeral came from California, Nevada and Colorado.

Negotiations Underway for Sale of Bonito Dam

Several groups are conferring with Southern Pacific Company officials in El Paso regarding purchase of Bonita Lake. The railroad sells water to Carrizozo as well as a number of small villages as far north as Vaughn.

The prospective deal involves the 62-acre lake and about 7,000 acres of land between Bonita and Eagle Creek, all owned by the railroad.

Various informants said a consideration of \$500,000 to \$600,000 was involved.

In El Paso to talk with prospective buyers was R.P. Bray of Los Angeles, head of the Southern Pacific's district land office.

Two Ruidoso men, W.A. Hart and Carmon Phillips, were among those conferring with railroad officials. The two were reported to hold an option to buy the property. It has been closed to the public under the present ownership.

Pipelines carry water from Bonita Lake to points along the Southern Pacific line. The advent of diesel locomotive has made this water source no longer essential to the railroad's operations.

Carrizozo and Vaughn have been paying around \$200,000 annually to get their supplies from the lake.

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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.
--Fibromyalgia Syndrome Support Group meets every third Tuesday, 6 p.m. K-Bob's in Ruidoso. Call 354-3046 for more information.

TUESDAYS

--Capitan Public Library preschool reading hour at 1 p.m.
--Alcoholics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m. Carrizozo First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
--Crossfire Youth Group, 6:30-8 p.m. Trinity Baptist Church in Capitan. For junior and senior high school age youth.

WEDNESDAYS

--Trinity United Methodist Church, youth group, TIC TAC will not meet during the holidays and will restart on January 12 at 6:15 p.m. at the church at 10th and D. Ave. in Carrizozo. For youth in grades 7 through 12.
--Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

SUNDAYS

--Mama Grizzlies booster club for Carrizozo athletics, 5 p.m. Otero County Electric Cooperative office in Carrizozo. All mothers of Grizzly athletes welcome. Call Deborah Ventura at 648-2330 for information.

THURSDAY TO SATURDAY, JANUARY 6-8

--Capitan High School Smokey Bear Basketball Tournament. Games begin 4 p.m. Thursday, in both gyms.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

--Lincoln County Water Research and Conservation Committee meets at 2 p.m. in the county commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

MONDAY JANUARY 10

--Public hearing in Santa Fe 9 a.m. on proposed rules and regulations for well drilling, licensing, and well construction in New Mexico. Mabry Hall in Jerry Apodaca Education Bldg. at 300 Don Gaspar Ave.
--Carrizozo Town Council meets at 6 p.m. today instead of meeting Tuesday. The billboard issue will be on agenda.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

--Ruidoso Village Council meets at 6 p.m.
--Corona Village Council meets at 7 p.m.
--Capitan Trustees meet at 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

--Capitan Board of Education meets at 6:30 p.m. Agenda items include discussion about status of CCNG/Village of Capitan, and executive session for limited personnel.



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Special Election In Alto Next Monday

On Monday, January 10, Alto Lakes voters will decide whether or not to approve the formation of the Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District, whether the District Board will be composed of 3 or 5 directors, and elect a slate of directors.

The election, which is open to all registered voters residing within the boundaries of the proposed district, will be held between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm in the Pavilion of the Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club.

Candidates for a 2 year

term in position 1 are Don Brewer and Mark Clark. Candidates for a 2 year term in position 2 are Warren Barrington and Charles Rountree. Candidate for a 4 year term in position 3 is Michael DiSanto. Candidate for a 4 year term in position 4 is Earl Adamy. Candidate for a 6 year term in position 5 is Dan Knorr; Positions 1 through 3 will be filled if voters choose a 3 member board and positions 1 through 5 will be filled if voters choose a 5 member board.

The Lincoln County Special Districts Commission, consisting of County Commissioners Earl Hobbs and Maury St. Johns, Ruidoso Village Councilor Ray Nunley, Capitan Councilor William Martin, and Alto Lakes resident Fred Hansen, unanimously approved the proposed district in August. Judge Karen Parsons conducted a District Court hearing on the proposed district in October following which she ordered the election. If approved by voters, Judge Parsons will issue an order declaring the Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District formed.

Questions or additional information contact: Earl Adamy at 336-7707.

LCSWA Debris

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Ingle said the problem in Cedar Creek is people are not following the LCSWA guidelines for setting out the forestry debris.

All yard waste/forestry debris to be picked up by LCSWA must be placed in a location that the LCSWA truck can access, Ingle said. Debris should not be placed in the ditches along the county roads, Ingle added.

Ingle said county road manager Albert Hernandez called her after the December county commission meeting about the problems with debris in the ditches on Cedar Creek. Ingle said she sent out LCSWA crews to clean up the debris in Cedar Creek once she learned about the problem. However, the problem will continue as long as people continue to place the debris along the roads, Ingle added.

Debris also must never be placed under power lines because the grapple truck used to pick up the waste is more than 13 feet tall, Ingle said. A Ruidoso solid waste worker got hit by electricity when he was picking up waste piled under a power line. The worker was using a grapple truck to mechanically pick up the waste when the metal arm came in contact with the power line.

"Our drivers are trained not to get yard waste if it is piled under a power line," Ingle said.

St. John at the December county commission meeting said Cedar Creek area residents need a central location to put their forestry debris, Ingle at the December

28 LCSWA meeting said she had offered to find a central location for Cedar Creek. She said she had even applied with the Forest Service to put a compactor for yard waste at the current dumpster location, but did not continue when she found out the commissioner (St. John) did not want a compactor there.

To deal with snow around the dumpsters and piles of yard waste, Ingle said she is looking at purchasing snow blades for the LCSWA trucks.

LCSWA member Leo Martinez who lives in Ruidoso, said the village of Ruidoso has the same problems dealing with where to put yard waste until it is picked up.

While owners of all lots in areas that opted with the service are being charged, owners of vacant properties within the participating areas that have no forest vegetation should contact LCSWA, Ingle said in these cases, the fee may be waived.

For more information about the yard waste program, or about the possible fee exemption, call Ingle at LCSWA at 378-4697.

Johnson Retires

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four years.

In his continuing tradition of giving of himself, Johnson applied for and was certified to be a volunteer instructor at the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy in Santa Fe. "This was also a special time for me," Johnson added. "I believe what you know is never complete until you share it with someone," Johnson concluded. "But now the time has come for me to go fishing."

Johnson plans to continue to live in Carrizozo where he is pastor of the Community Church.

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THOUGHTS
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Gas battle continues!

By Ruth Hammond

Did you know that the ongoing battle about Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas gets more and more interesting? Yes there should be relief for exorbitantly high heating bills, but even if CCNG were to be sold there would be little if any change in heating bills this winter. The main reason is that no publicly owned utility, building, land, or anything can be sold quickly. The state requires certain procedures to be followed. And the state is a stickler for governmental entities following the correct procedure.

It seems some people, especially newcomers to the area, are not aware of state procedures. Some people even think that a quick call to a higher up would bring instant relief. Wrong! State procedure would have to be followed even if all higher ups were contacted. Years ago when the county faced a fiscal crisis when a bank failed, the entire weekend was devoted to contacting US Senators and US Representatives seeking help to solve the situation. It was not a quick call and get quick results type if scenario.

Some people are also confused about the "IF" situation and truly believe that "IF" a certain thing happens the end result will be in their favor. Too often mass media reports that "IF" convicted for committing an alleged crime, a person could be sent to prison for a very long time. The main thing is to find out if it is an "IF" situation or not.

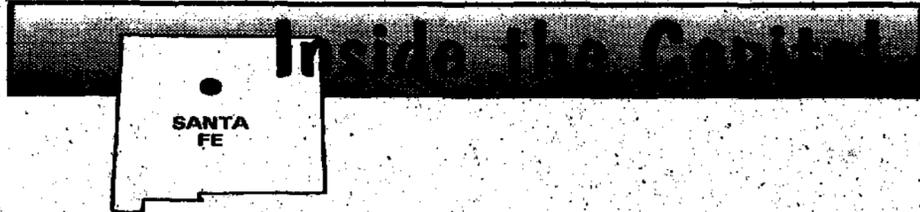
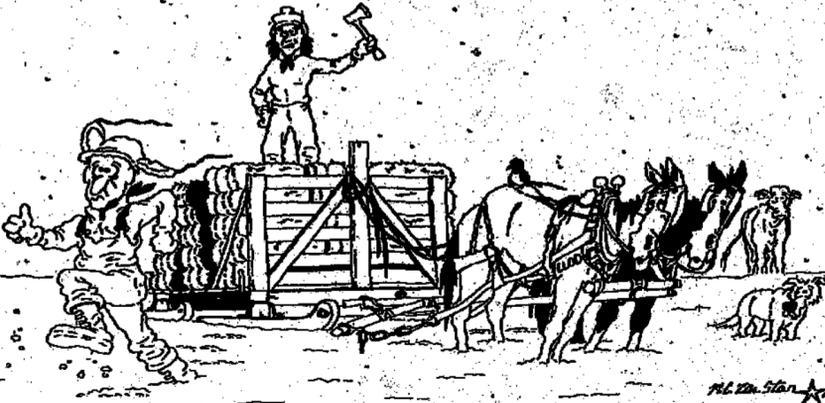
Considering most of those "IF" situations never happen and considering that the key factor is not "IF" but "When" a person is convicted, and considering that seldom is the most severe sentence imposed, the "IF" is usually moot.

Other than that, it might surprise some people to find out that even if CCNG was sold, it would be a long, long time before any money would be transferred to the coffers of Capitan or Carrizozo, probably long after some of the present elected officials are no longer in office. That is unless some elected officials plan to be elected again.

Rather than debate the issue, maybe we should wait and see what the officials will do. Will they demand that CCNG be sold immediately? Will they demand that gas bills be reduced drastically as soon as possible, hopefully in the next billing cycle? Or will they talk about solutions in a civil and quiet manner? That would be the best thing.

Did you stop to think that maybe certain officials want you to worry about the gas situation instead of what is actually happening in other venues? Did you stop to think that maybe certain officials want to make sure you don't ask about how much governmental money is being spent on non-governmental business? And aren't you glad that the state requires all governmental records pertaining to money be open to the public? More officials should study the state rules and regulations for governmental entities. The results might cause more than battles over heating.

EARL...



SANTA FE -- News reports about the lawsuits over Jackie Spencer's estate are exceeding the coverage of the Dow Jones heiress' death in May 2003. They rekindle memories of her influence on Lincoln County politics and remind us of recent Lincoln County maneuverings.

Spencer and her husband Hugh Bancroft, Jr. moved to New Mexico in 1948, after he purchased a ranch near Capitan. Jackie had three children during the next five years. When her husband died in 1953, Jackie became the beneficiary of a very large estate, now valued at over \$50 million.

The following year, she married Dr. A.N. Spencer, a Carrizozo physician. Jackie Spencer quickly became involved in charitable projects in the area. She built a community center and a golf course in Carrizozo and she sponsored ski programs for students from area school districts.

Her philanthropy was appreciated, but public officials say it came with strings. Although she had given her money to public bodies, she wanted a say in how it was spent.

That got her in many battles with town councils and school boards, which noted that when her money became a part of public funds, elected public officials would decide how it was spent. It also meant her money must be accounted for in local government budgets.

Fast forward a half-century to 2004, when three sheriffs from the area conducted a criminal investigation into whether Pat Garrett shot Billy the Kid and how Billy got the gun with which he shot the first deputy sheriff in the Lincoln County Courthouse.

A fair amount of money appeared to be spent on the official investigation, but not out of public coffers. When public officials asked where the money was coming from, the sheriffs said it was private money so it didn't have to be revealed.

This case differed from the Spencer situation because she gave her money to a public body, likely for tax purposes, and then wanted some control over how it was spent. The private money used by the sheriffs didn't come from checks written to a public body, thus they contended, it didn't have to be reported or tracked.

It seemed to me there was a need for more sunshine on the process. But the sheriffs stuck to their guns and the attorney general was of no help in clarifying the situation.

Possibly what the sheriffs did was technically legal. But it still bothers me that an official criminal investigation can be conducted totally with private money. That was the sort of thing that happened in Billy the Kid's time, when the Santa Fe Ring, a cabal of lawyers, politicians, judges and law enforcement officers ran the state, including Lincoln County.

Or maybe this was just a fun thing the sheriffs had going on the side. Maybe they just wanted to help tourism in the area and get a little notoriety for themselves. They did succeed in getting a History Channel program produced on Billy, although its main theme seemed to be to question the circumstances of his death and burial.

Silver City is now promoting the Billy legend, which it never did bef-

ore. The sheriffs say tourism has increased in Billy the Kid Country, but a state Tourism Department study disagrees. And Lincoln's Wortley, as we reported recently, has closed.

The effort to dig up Billy and his mother for a DNA match was misguided. DNA science can't handle remains that old. A failure would have put in doubt the Fort Sumner and Silver City grave sites and shot a hole in the Billy legend.

A public poll by True West magazine showed respondents favoring exhumation, but the towns of Fort Sumner and Silver City had to fight it. They own the cemeteries and history is on their side.

That's not to say everyone in Fort Sumner and Silver City opposed exhumation. A few weeks after Fort Sumner officials presented Billy the Kid bolo ties to the leaders of the anti-exhumation movement, the three sheriffs were presented with Billy belt buckles, reportedly by someone in Fort Sumner.



"Good" NEWS Bulletin

Plenty of "Good" Hoops in Capitan

The annual Smokey Bear Basketball Tournament kicks off today (Thursday), with opening games set for 2:00 p.m. in both girls' and boys' brackets.

Teams in this year's tournament include host Capitan, Carrizozo, Cloudcroft, Mescalero, Tatum, Magdalena, Hagerman and Eunice.

Thursday opening round games in the girls' bracket include: Cloudcroft vs. Mescalero at 2:00; Tatum vs. Magdalena at 3:45; Capitan vs. Carrizozo at 5:30; and Hagerman vs. Eunice at 7:15. Winners will play at 2:00 and 5:30 on Friday. Losers will play at 3:45 and 7:15 on Friday.

Opening round games in the boys' bracket include: Tatum vs. Magdalena at 2:00; Cloudcroft vs. Carrizozo at 3:45; Hagerman vs. Eunice at 5:30; and Capitan vs. Mescalero at 7:15. Winners will play at 3:45 and 7:15 on Friday. Losers will play at 2:00 and 5:30 on Friday.

Championship games will be played on Saturday: Girls at 5:30 and boys at 7:15.

Consolation bracket (girls): 10:30 am and 12:15; (boys) 10:30 am and 12:15.



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Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Your health may be in question. This isn't a good time to burn the candle at both ends. Things will become clearer the more you remove yourself from the situation. Personal and business. Your time to shine.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
People, Places, and Things will be leaving without your permission. It's time to throw out the old, and bring in the new. Others don't have a clue about what you're going through right now. True friends understand.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)
Your money doesn't know what to do first. Make a plan. Sick to it. Get a budget. Write down each day where all the money is going. You'll be surprised how much money you'll save when you quit spending.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
Don't confuse your love life with your business. Be sure to tell the truth, the whole truth. It will come in handy later. Watch your temper. Don't allow others to guide you down a path you don't want to go.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
Once and for all do what you came here to do. Others will follow your lead once you remove them out of the way. Don't ask permission to get a life. Just do it and have fun while you start the New Year. Gemini (May 21 - June 20) You're thinking too much about what you need to do. Each day is getting you further behind. This is a great time to expand your business. That doesn't mean going into a debt you can't repay. Work harder.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
No, no, no. Don't talk yourself out of this. You have been waiting long enough. Step through the door. Once in, you'll wonder why it took you so long to get here. Be a child again and laugh. Watch it all come true.

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)
Others may be too busy for you right this minute, but that doesn't mean they love you any less. Time is on your side. Be sure you tell the ones you love that you do indeed love them. Don't assume they know. Tell them.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)
Don't let anger ruin your day. Your anger or anyone else's. If you are holding back about talking to someone about something that could change your life, this is the time. Pick the right place to open your heart.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)
Delays are normal, so sit back and watch it all unfold. Don't lose your focus just because others want you to do things for them. All in good time. Your time. Your money. Stand up for what you believe in. Be nice.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Your actions and what you're trying to say are confusing others. If you can't deliver what you want to give, then don't tell someone you can. They will depend on false hopes. If you say you're going to do something. Do it.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
Your feelings are tender. Others sometimes can't say what they're feeling. Try to understand that the actions of others will give you more of a true insight than when they try to talk it out. Forgive-forget.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold a Public Hearing beginning at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 18, 2005, to be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, Carrizozo, New Mexico, to receive public input and comment on the following subject:

Consideration of the adoption of an ordinance providing a low income tax rebate pursuant to the Income Tax Act on a County by County option basis.

All parties and interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

THOMAS F. STEWART
Lincoln County Manager

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Lions Skating Rink Now Open Mondays, Fridays

The Carrizozo Lions Club is now sponsoring two nights of roller skating -- Monday nights have been designated for adults only, and Friday nights are for adults and children.

The local Lions inaugurated the new plan on Monday of this week and were gratified by the turnout for the occasion.

Miller's Hall, just west of Carrizozo on Highway 380, is the locale of the skating rink, and a large number of adults and children are expected to gather there tonight (Friday).

Great enthusiasm has been displayed by Carrizozo residents for the opportunity to enjoy the healthful and fascinating art of roller skating, and the juke box music provides that swing to give the skaters rhythm.

A number of Carrizozoans have more than ordinary talent for roller skating, and Monday night saw several of them trying out new "steps" and more intricate patterns of skating to the gay and rhythmic music.

Members of the local Lions Club have worked hard to make this project a success, and residents of other Lincoln County communities are cordially urged to come to Carrizozo on Mondays and Fridays and join the localites for a pleasant evening of skating and companionship.

Skating starts tonight (Friday) at 7:30 o'clock. Candy and soft drinks are available for the convenience of skaters.

Nogal Mesa

by Dorothy Guck

Since striking water last year, Ben Pflugsten has succeeded in making a small Garden of Eden of his ranch. He has a luxurious vegetable garden, several kinds of berries, and flowers of all varieties.

Sunday night we left the sprinkler going in the yard. Next morning the trees, grass and flowers were a shower of icicles.

While Mr. Skinner is away, his cattle are being rounded up and branded by Sam and Dick Cox, the Guck boys, Henry Peebles, Eddie Womack, Ted Zumwalt, Wesley Lindsay, Eugene Petree, Gill Peters and a few others. Almost as many cowboys as calves.

I might just as well tell the whole county that the Game Department dumped some trout in Nogal Lake last week. I thought I might keep the news for my own benefit, but if we had to depend on my catch for food, we'd all be shadows. Besides, at 5 a.m. Saturday morning there were seven carloads of campers already fishing.

Fort Stanton

by L.D. Fish

After being under the weather for a month with too much to worry about I finally have a column again after a lapse of two weeks.

Here is an item that should have been in a week ago, but it is worth mentioning here. At the Memorial Day services in Capitan seven Fort Stanton Boy Scouts took places in the parade and carried American flags scaled to their size. Ernest Sanchez, Joe Wilson, Joey Ferguson, Jere White and Jimmie Minter were all dressed up in their uniforms and looked good parading along with the men who preserved their birthright for them. Scoutmaster Ray Bakler was with them. Posies for you Ray, for helping so much to make our boys something to be proud of.

Robert Peebles is going to Camp Chaffee, Ark., to take training in the organized reserve, U.S. Army.

Speaking of the Army reminds me that the rest camp on the "dither" side of the Bonita "crick" has been opened some time for the men from Walker Air Force Base. We welcome you soldiers. They either send only the best ones out here or the Army has changed a lot since I was in it 20 years ago. Just talking to these men makes the Commies seem a little less important.

A couple of weeks ago I met Henry Sanchez' oldest boy. Looks just like Henry only about twice as big. Sort of the block off the old chip.

Is your subscription about to run out? Anyone want to pick up a new subscription? I'll be glad to take care of it for you if you wish. Two dollars (in the county) and a pleasant look will get you 52 consecutive issues of this column. The rest of the paper is thrown in for good measure.

I promised Mrs. Mullins I'd improvise a nursery rhyme for her two little youngsters. Here it is: Hickory Dickory dock, the mouse ran up the clock. The clock ran down and so did the mouse, but he's still running all over the house. (Didn't think I'd do it, did you?)

Advise Dept. -- I takes hours to tell all the bad things about the people we know; only a few minutes to tell the good things. Let's save time whenever we can.

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Sheriff's Report

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

December 27

8:10 a.m. Children, Youth and Families Dept. (CYFD) in Albuquerque requested a deputy for a referral in Hondo area. Deputy dispatched.

8:15 a.m. request for ambulance for cardiac patient at location off Highway 380 in the Lincoln area. Med 1 advanced life support (ALS) ambulance stationed at Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso responded, arriving at the location at 8:46 a.m. and at 8:59 a.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 9:37 a.m.

9:21 a.m. domestic at location on Honeydew Dr. Deputy dispatched.

1:12 p.m. deputy requested ambulance to transport a male with a twisted knee from a location on Little Creek Rd. Med 1 arrived at 1:34 p.m. and at 1:46 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 2:11 p.m.

3:14 p.m. 911 request for ambulance for 90 year old female with abdominal pain at location on D. Ave. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at 3:24 p.m. and at 3:48 p.m. left for the hospital in Alamogordo arriving there at 4:35 p.m.

3:43 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at ski area for 7 year old male with possible broken clavicle. Med 1 was dispatched but the call cancelled at 4:03 p.m.

4:17 p.m. request for ambulance at tubing area for 19 year old male employee with scrape on his chin. Med 1 arrived at 4:18 p.m. and advised assignment complete by 4:24 p.m.

10:44 p.m. deer down on High-Mesa Rd., the deer was in the middle of the roadway and was missing a leg but still alive. Deputy dispatched.

December 28

2:41 p.m. request for ambulance for 8 year old male at ski area. Med 1 arrived at 3:14 p.m. and at 4:16 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 5:07 p.m.

3:10 p.m. deputy requested motorist assistance on Angus hill where a deer was hit and had to be down. Dept. of Game and Fish was called to allow the deer to be given to the subject who hit it.

3:53 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area for 3 year old with asthma. Med 1 arrived at 4:11 p.m. and at 4:16 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 5:07 p.m.

7:54 p.m. request for deputy as caller was having trouble with a subject at the ranch. Deputies dispatched.

9:53 p.m. phone harassment, a male subject kept calling the female reporting party (who was in Glencoe) from Alamogordo. Deputy dispatched.

10:54 p.m. 17 year old male on probation causing problems at home at location on Smokey Bear Blvd. Deputy dispatched.

11:31 p.m. domestic, her daughter's husband hit her daughter, at location on Gavilan Canyon Road. Deputy dispatched.

December 29

12:33 a.m. runaway, the caller's 14 year old daughter took off with a 21 year old man and the girl's father was chasing them. Deputy dispatched.

11:09 a.m. ski shop reported theft of rental skis at ski area. Deputy arrived at the shop at 11:21 a.m.

12:03 p.m. Carlsbad Police

Dept. requested agency assistance, a welfare check on a child at a location in Paradise Canyon. Deputy dispatched.

4:10 p.m. request for ambulance at business in Capitan for 71 year old female having trouble breathing. Capitan ambulance arrived at 4:20 p.m. and at 4:51 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 5:30 p.m.

4:33 p.m. accident with injuries on Gavilan Canyon Road. Med 1 arrived at 4:38 p.m. and at 4:52 p.m. left for

LCMC arriving there at 5 p.m.

4:33 p.m. two vehicle accident without injuries on ski run road and Forest Road 17. Deputy dispatched.

10:26 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of an accident without injuries on Gavilan Canyon, a state police officer witnessed the accident and was unable to do the report, so a deputy was requested. Deputy dispatched.

11:21 p.m. request for ambulance at location on State Road 246 for female who was vomiting. Capitan ambulance arrived at 11:37 p.m. and at 12:54 a.m. advised assignment completed.

December 30

3:37 a.m. request for ambulance at location on mile marker 276 on Highway 70 for 29 year old female with stomach pains. Hondo ambulance arrived at 4:07 a.m. and at 4:21 a.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 4:41 a.m.

8 a.m. CYFD referral at location in Bonito Park. Deputy dispatched.

8:59 a.m. abandoned bike in a ditch in Alto area. At 9:49 a.m. the responding deputy advised he was unable to locate the bike.

9:57 a.m. request for ambulance at ski area. Med 2 ALS arrived at 10:44 a.m. and at 10:58 a.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 11:42 a.m.

12:06 p.m. possible domestic at location on Calamity Lane. The meter reader said while reading the meter he heard females screaming. Three deputies responded and at 12:32 p.m. advised that two teenage nieces were fighting and all was okay.

4:36 p.m. possible domestic at location on Angus hill, a male left in a white sedan after a domestic, and the vehicle was not his and he was headed to Texas. Deputy dispatched.

8 p.m. Chaves County Sheriff's Office reported a larceny at a location on State Road 246 (Pine Lodge Road). Deputy dispatched.

9:12 p.m. shots fired, sounded like from a high power rifle, in the area of the old courthouse in Lincoln. Deputy dispatched.

December 31

7:15 a.m. request for ambulance for patient with breathing problems at location on Last Rd. Capitan ambulance arrived at 7:28 a.m. and at 7:43 a.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 8:14 a.m.

11:32 a.m. livestock in Eagle Creek. Responding deputy advised the livestock were okay and had food and water.

2:15 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at ski area. Med 1 arrived at 2:49 p.m. and at 3 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 3:41 p.m.

3:09 p.m. deputy advised he did warrant service for Judge Jerry Ritter to a subject at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC).

7:39 p.m. one vehicle roll-over on State Road 48 south of Capitan, the driver of the vehicle left in another truck. Capitan fire dept. arrived at 7:52 p.m. and was done at 9:15 p.m. and Capitan ambulance arrived at 7:55 p.m. with assignment complete by 8:10 p.m. Wrecker dispatched, state police notified.

8:06 p.m. deputy requested ambulance at location on 2nd Street. Capitan ambulance arrived at 9:14 p.m. and was refused at 9:32 p.m.

January 1, 2005

8:42 a.m. request for deputy for 14 year old female who was out of control at location on War Bow. Deputies arrived at 9:15 a.m. and advised assignment completed at 10:41 a.m.

9:09 a.m. request for ambulance at ski area for patient with possible heart problems. Med 1 arrived at 9:38 a.m. and at 9:49 a.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 10:55 a.m.

4:59 p.m. request for warrant service for juvenile at the emergency room at LCMC, the juvenile wanted by an agency, was being treated at the ER. Deputy dispatched.

5:12 p.m. unlawful taking of motor vehicle from location west of Capitan, juveniles took the caller's vehicle, which was located and had

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Church Directory



MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY

Nogal Presbyterian Church:

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

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:

TERRY AIELLO, 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 8:30 p.m.
SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart 9:00 a.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita 10:30 a.m.
Corona St. Theresa 1:00 p.m.

Church of Christ

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. RON THOMSON, Rector
Corner of E Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
1-505-258-1242
Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

LaGrone Funeral Chapel

Jerry & Lanita Rasak

Clunch 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 / 338-4527
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

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

First Baptist Church of Corona

CAL WEST, Pastor / 849-7875
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner 1st Sunday of Month

Angus Church of the Nazarene

Serving All of Lincoln County
RICK HUTCHISON, Pastor / 338-8032
Southwest Corner of Hwy. 48 & 37 Junction
Between Ruidoso and Capitan, NM
Sunday:
Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Teen dinner and games 6:00 p.m.
Teen Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting 8:00 p.m.

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Sheriff's Report

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been damaged. Deputy dispatched.
 January 2
 12:27 a.m. AWOL subject from Fort Stanton facility, four males AWOL, seen in broken down vehicle about a mile from the airport, the subjects are on probation. Deputy dispatched.

7 a.m. deputy advised he did warrant service to three subjects at location on Tina Drive.

9:37 a.m. shots fired at location on White Angel (Biscuit Hill), two shots. Deputy arrived at 10:35 a.m. and was unable to locate shooters, and at 10:42 a.m. the deputy advised the assignment complete after he talked with neighbors who did not hear shots.

12:27 p.m. Texas caller reported a break-in, damage to property at location on Bluff. Deputy dispatched.

4:28 p.m. request for deputy for peacekeeping at location at mile marker 267 on Highway 70. Deputy dispatched.

Free Legal Assistance for Elderly Jan. 26 In Las Cruces

The Lawyer Referral for the Elderly Program (LREP) is offering a free legal workshop on Wednesday January 26 at the Munson Senior Center in Las Cruces.

The workshop begins at 9 a.m. and will include a group presentation covering legal issues of particular importance to the elderly. In addition, a free legal clinic will provide seniors the opportunity to meet one-on-one with an attorney to discuss individual legal issues. To schedule an appointment, and/or more information about the location of the Munson Center, call Cher Guerrero at 505-528-3000.

LREP was established in 1983 and is a nonprofit agency which operates a statewide toll free helpline, referral service and local outreach programs.

New Mexico residents who are 55 year old or older are encouraged to attend the presentation as well as interested family members and those who provide services to the elderly.

Free legal assistance is available to the elderly by calling toll free to 1-800-876-6657.

Legislature Must Approve Hubbard Gifts

In July 2004, R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard in concert with Gov. Bill Richardson signed a "letter of intent" in which the Hubbards gifted to the state of New Mexico most of the assets of the Hubbard Museum (in Ruidoso Downs) along with associated historic property in Lincoln.

The agreement for the state to take over the properties must now be approved by the State Legislature in its upcoming 2005 two-month session. If approved, the agreement will make the Hubbard Museum a part of the State museum system under the Dept. of Cultural Affairs, effective July 1, 2005.

Cultural properties now under the Hubbard Museum control will be a welcome addition to the Lincoln State Monument, according to a press release from the Dept. of Cultural Affairs. Lincoln State Monument is already the state most visited state monument.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN
 STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 CV04-196

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEES FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF NEW CENTURY HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2003-2, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-2,
 Plaintiff,

vs.
 FRANCES CHAVEZ, BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO, INC., D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO.,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known as Mile Marker 286 Hwy. 70, Hondo, New Mexico 88338, and more particularly described as follows:

THAT PART OF THE SW/4 SE/4 SE/4 SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, N.M.P.M. LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, LYING SOUTH AND WEST OF THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 70 AND 180, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 3; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SW/4 SW/4 SE/4 A DISTANCE OF 375 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE HIGHWAY; THENCE NORTH 36 DEGREES 59 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE 620 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF THE SW/4 SE/4 OF SECTION 3; THENCE SOUTH 493.1 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE SW/4 SW/4 SE/4 OF SECTION 3 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

LESS AND EXCEPT A PART OF THE SW4 SW4 SE4, SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, N.M.P.M., LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 3; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SW/4 SW/4 SE/4 A DISTANCE OF 140 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 36 DEGREES 59 MINUTES WEST 173 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SW/4 SW/4 SE/4; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SW/4 SW/4 SE/4 100 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The sale is to begin at 11:30 a.m. on January 18, 2005, on the front steps of the Lincoln County Court House, East entrance, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale and to satisfy the Judgment granted Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Registered Holders of New Century Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2003-2, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-2.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Registered Holders of New Century Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2003-2, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-2 was awarded a Judgment on December 4, 2003, in the principal sum of \$28,887.32, plus outstanding interest through November 30, 2004, in the amount of \$87,726.24, plus outstanding interest through November 4, 2004, in the amount of \$5,878.63 and accruing daily thereafter at a rate of 8.375% per annum (\$19.07 per day), plus late charges in the amount of \$380.38, plus escrow advances in the amount of \$1,036.94, plus property preservation fees in the amount of \$1,501.68, less a suspense credit of \$253.50, plus attorneys fees through November 4, 2004, in the sum of \$900.00 and costs through November 4, 2004, in the sum of \$563.71, with interest on the late charges, property preservation fees, escrow advances, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 8.375% per annum.

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

Prospective purchasers at the sale are advised to make their own examination of title and the condition of the property and to consult their own attorney before bidding.

Faisal Sukhyani
 Special Master
 2222 Parkwest Drive
 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120
 (505) 228-8484

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN
 TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
 No. CV-2004-224

CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
 Plaintiff,

vs.
 LESLIE M. STRYKER AND WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on January 12, 2005, at the hour of 9:00 am the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the herein-after described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1330 Little Creek Drive, Alto, New Mexico 88312, (if there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control) and is more particularly described as follows:

Lot 13, Block 30, RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, Lincoln County, New Mexico as shown by the plat thereof, filed in the Office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, November 30, 1982, in Cabinet D, Slide No. 99 to 103, both inclusive;

including a 2000 CAVCO 28'x65' Manufactured Home, and any and all improvements, fixtures, and attachments. 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 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 \$94,912.53, and the same bears interest at the rate of 6.8750% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$17.88 per diem, commencing on November 1, 2004, with the Court reserving entry of final judgment against said Defendant Leslie M. Stryker 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 into 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 or 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 \$94,912.53, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$1,305.24 for a total judgment plus interest of \$96,217.77. Sale is subject to the entry of an order of the Court approving the terms and condition of this sale.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN
 TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
 No. CV-2004-00298

JUDGE: Karen Leigh Parsons

THE MONEY MAN, INC.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MARY DAVIS and DAVID DAVIS,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:
 MARY DAVIS and DAVID DAVIS

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that THE MONEY MAN, INC., Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln

County, New Mexico, Civil Docket Number CV-2004-00298 wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service upon you.

The general object of said action is to foreclose certain mortgages dated June 5, 2002 and August 29, 2002, said mortgages having been duly recorded in the office of the Lincoln County Clerk on June 10, 2002 and November 12, 2002 in Book 279, Pages 485-487 and, Pages Book 295, Pages 490-491, of the Lincoln County Records, and the real estate which may be affected by and which is involved in the above-captioned and numbered cause in more fully described in said mortgages.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the February 28, 2003, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted.

The name and post office address of the attorney for the Plaintiff are as follows: MARK A. FILOSA, Post Office Drawer 391, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, 87901.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on the 27th day of December, 2004.

JAN PERRY
 Clerk of the District Court

(Seal)

By: Elizabeth Ysasi
 Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

CAUSE NO. PB-04-39 DIVISION III

In the Matter of the Estate of MICHAEL EUGENE NISHITANI, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MARILYN NISHITANI has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of MICHAEL EUGENE NISHITANI, 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.

MARILYN NISHITANI

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

Cause No. SA-04-03 Division III

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF TRAY DAN FIELD,

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION AND TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

TO: JAMES ROBERT BOWEN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Petitioner has filed a Petition for Adoption and Termination of Parental Rights is the above cause of action.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the general object of this suit is a Petition for Adoption and Termination of Parental Rights, as more particularly set forth in the Petition on file in the above-captioned cause.

The Petitioner's attorney is H. John Underwood, H. JOHN UNDERWOOD, LTD., 1221 Mechem Drive, Suite 5, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that unless you file an answer or responsive pleading to the Petition, on or before February 10, 2005, being twenty (20) days from the last date of publication of this Notice, appropriate relief will be rendered in the cause against you by default.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 22nd day of December, 2004.

JAN PERRY
 CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

(SEAL)

By: Mickie L. Vega
 Deputy Clerk

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FOR ALL YOUR PRINTING NEEDS Call 648-2333

LEGALS

**LEGAL NOTICE
PROCLAMATION
NOTICE OF ALTO LAKES SPECIAL
WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT ELECTION
AVISO LEGAL DEL AGUA ESPECIAL DE
LOS LAGOS ALTO Y DE LA ELECCION
DEL DISTRITO DEL SANEAMIENTO**

On the 10th of January, 2005, there will be held in the Alto Lakes Special Water & Sanitation District, Lincoln County, New Mexico, a special election for the purpose is to decide whether the territory described in the Petition to the District Court filed in this case on September 27, 2004 should be organized as a Water & Sanitation District called the Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District and if the organization issue carries, the election of the initial five member board of directors of the district.

El 10 de enero de 2005, allí sera llevado a cabo en los lagos distrito, condado de Lincoln, New Mexico, alto, una eleccion especial para el proposito es decidir se el territorio descrito en la peticion a la corte de distrito archivar en esta caso de septiembre el 27, a 2004 se debe organizar como agua y el distrito del saneamiento llamado los lagos alto distrito reiga y del saneamiento y si la edicion de la organizacion lleva, la eleccion de la unta directive inicial de cinco miembros del distrito.

The voting District and the Precinct Board Members for this election shall be as follows:

Los Distritos de votar y los miembros de la Junta de Pricinto seran especificados asi:

| Election Precinct Distrito de Eleccion | Polling Place Lugar de Votar | Precinct Board members Los Miembros del Consejo del Precincto |
|---|--|---|
| 5.3 and 5.4 | Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club Alto, New Mexico Golf De Los Lagos Alto Y Club De Pais Alto, Nuevo Mexico | Presiding Judge-Joyce Hansen Juez Presidiendo-Joyce Hansen Election Judge-David Powers Juez de Eleccion-David Powers Election Judge-June Hobbs Juez de Eleccion-June Hobbs Election Clerk-Gloria Powers Escribana de Eleccion-Gloria Powers Election Clerk-Robin Echols Escribana de Eleccion-Robin Echols |
| Absentee/Absentee In Person Ausente/Ausente (en Persona) | Office of the Court Clerk Presiding Oficina de Clerigo del Condado Lincoln County Courthouse Casa de Corte de Lincoln Lincoln County Condado de Lincoln Carrizozo, New Mexico Carrizozo, New Mexico | Judge-Joyce Hansen Juez Presidiendo-Joyce Hansen Election Judge-David Powers Juez de Eleccion-David Powers Election Judge-June Hobbs Juez de Eleccion-June Hobbs Election Clerk-Gloria Powers Escribana de Eleccion-Gloria Powers Election Clerk-Robin Echols Escribana de Eleccion-Robin Echols |

The polls for said Election will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

Los lugares de votar estaran abiertos entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. hasta la 7:00 p.m., el dia de la eleccion.

Absentee voting will be permitted in the manner, authorized by 1-6-1 et seq., NMSA 1978; provided, however, that pursuant to Section 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, qualified electors may also vote absentee in person at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, during the regular hours and days of business from 8:00 a.m., December 7, 2004, being the twenty-fifth day preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m., January 7, 2005, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election. Absentee ballots shall be mailed or, if requested, electronically transmitted to each such applicant or registered voter who is a federal qualified elector and overseas voter, not later than January 6, 2005 being the Thursday, immediately prior to the date of the election as provided in Section 1-6-5 NMSA 1978.

El votar en ausente sera permitido segun 1-6-1 et seq., NMSA 1978; como quiera que sea, segun la seccion 1-22-19, NMSA, 1978, electores calificados tambien pueden votar ausente (en persona) en la oficina del clerigo del condado de Lincoln mientras los dias de oficina regulares desde las 8:00 a.m., el dia 7 de Diciembre, 2004, siendo el dia 25 antes de la eleccion, hasta las 5:00 p.m., dia 7 de Enero, 2005, siendo el viernes antes de la eleccion. Las boletas de ausente se enviarian por aerea, o, si asi se piden, transmitidas electronicamente acualquier votante o aplicante que sea un elector calificado Federal y de ultramarino antes de dia 6 de Enero, 2005, siendo el jueves antes del dia de eleccion, segun seccion 1-6-5, NMSA 1978.

At such Eleccion, the question to be voted upon shall be:

SHALL THE TERRITORY DESCRIBED AS SHOWN ON TE MAP MARKED EXHIBIT "A" TO THE PETITION FILED IN CAUSE NO. CV 04-245, TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, STATE OF NEW MEXICO; AND TO BE KNOWN AS THE ALTO LAKES WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT BECOME A WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT:

En dicha Eleccion, La pregunta para ser votada sobre sera:

IRA EL TERRITORIO DESCRITO COMO MOSTRADO EN EL MAPA LA EXHIBICION MARCADA "A" LA PETICION ACHIVIADA EN LA CAUSA NO. EL CV 04-245, DUODECIMO TRIBUNAL DEL DISTRITO JUDICIAL, EL ESTADO DE NUEVO MEXICO, Y PARA SER CONOCIDO COME LOS LAGOS CONTRALTOS RIEGA Y EL DISTRITO DEL SANEAMIENTO LLEGA A SER UN DISTRITO DE AGUA Y SANEAMIENTO:

- For Organization
- Para la Organizacion
- Against Organization
- Contra la Organizacion

An additional question to be voted upon shall be:

IF THE DISTRICT IS ORGANIZED, ARE YOU FOR A THREE OR FIVE MEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Una pregunta adicional ser votada sobre sera:

SI EL DISTRITO se ORGANIZA, SEA USTED PARA UN TRES O CINCO Junta Directiva de MIEMBRO:

- For three members
- Para tres miembros
- For five members
- Para cinco miembros

An additional question to be voted upon shall be:

IF THE DISTRICT IS ORGANIZED, SHALL THE FOLLOWING PERSONS BE ELECTED TO SERVE AS THE DISTRICT DIRECTORS. YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR ONLY ONE CANDIDATE FOR EACH POSITION:

Una pregunta adicional ser votada somber irasea:

SI EL DISTRITO se ORGANIZA, IRA LAS PERSONAS SIGUIENTES SEAN ELEGIDAS a SERVIR COMO LOS DIRECTORES de DISTRITO. USED DEBE VOTAR PARA SOLO UN CANDIDATO PARA CADA POSICION:

- Position 1
Posicion 1
For a two-year term.
Para un dos termino de ano
C. Mark Clark
Don E. Brewer
- Position 2
Posicion 2
For a two year term
Para un dos termino de ano
Charles C. Rountree
Warren Barrington
- Position 3
Posicion 3
For a four year term
Para un cuatro termino de ano
Michael J. Disanto

**VOTE FOR ONE
VOTE PARA UNO**

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**VOTE FOR ONE
VOTE PARA UNO**

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**VOTE FOR ONE
VOTE PARA UNO**

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**LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF LINCOLN COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO**

No. CV 04-343

Tom E. Wood, Sr., and Sonora Corporation,
A New Mexico corporation,
Plaintiffs,

vs.
Max Loya, and the unknown heirs of Mrs.
Max Loya, deceased;

All unknown spouses of any of the above-named Defendants, and all unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to the Plaintiff.

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:**

To the above named and described defendants: You are hereby notified that the plaintiffs in the above entitled cause has commenced a suit against you in the above styled court by filing therein his complaint in writing; that said suit is now pending; that the general object of said suit is to determine and quiet the title of plaintiff against the defendants in and to the property described in the complaint; which property is described as follows:

Thomas E. Wood, Sr. Property:

The West Half of Lots 7 in Block C of the Ruidoso Springs Subdivision, a subdivision to the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Sonora Corporation Property:

Lot 21 and the West Half of Lot 22 in Block C of the Ruidoso Springs Subdivision, a subdivision to the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; that said complaint prays for the establishment of Plaintiffs' estates in fee simple against the adverse claims of said Defendants; that the Defendants, and each of them, be barred and forever estopped from having or claiming any lien upon or any right or title to the premises adverse to the Plaintiffs, and that Plaintiffs' title thereto be forever quieted and set at rest; that unless said Defendants enter or cause to be entered their appearance in said cause on or before February 25, 2005, judgment will be rendered in said cause by default against them so failing to appear; and that Plaintiffs' attorney is Owen Russell, P.O. Box 3580, Milan, New Mexico 87021.

DATED this 27th day of December, 2004.

**JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court
By: Jolene Biggs
Deputy**

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 13, 2004, Ronald Ray Romack, 205 Granite, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, filed application No. 02694 into H-2965 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change point of diversion, place and purpose of use of surface water to Groundwater in the Hondo Underground Water Basin in the State of New Mexico.

The applicant proposes to discontinue the diversion of 10/5 acre-feet per annum of the surface waters of the Rio Ruidoso, a tributary of the Rio Hondo, via the P. Chaves Spring, at a point in the SW1/4NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 10, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, and supplemental shallow groundwater from well No. H-135, located in the NW1/4SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 10, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M., by ceasing the irrigation of 3.0 acres of land described as Part of the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 10, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M.

The applicant proposes to commence the diversion of 10.5 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater to be diverted from well No. H-2965 located in the NW1/4NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 31, Township 11 South, Range 15 East, N.M.P.M.

The move-from point of diversion and places of use are located in Hondo, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

The proposed move-to points of diversion and place of use are located southeast of Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

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

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The following information was taken from the national weather service website at www.srh.noaa.gov where weather forecasts are updated every four hours.

Forecast for Carrizozo, Lincoln and Lincoln County High Plains:

Today, Thursday, January 6
Partly cloudy with west winds 5 to 15 miles per hour (mph). High near 50. Tonight partly cloudy with southeast wind around 15 mph. Low near 23.

Friday, January 7
Partly cloudy and breezy with southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph with gusts as high as 30 mph. High near 54. Tonight partly cloudy with 10 percent chance of snow showers. Low around 28.

Saturday, January 8
Partly cloudy with 10 percent chance of showers. High near 59. Tonight, partly cloudy with low around 27.

Sunday, January 9
Partly cloudy with high near 61. Tonight partly cloudy with low near 31.

Monday, January 10
Partly cloudy with high around 61. Tonight partly cloudy with low around 26.

Tuesday, January 11
Mostly cloudy with 10 percent chance of showers with high near 57. Tonight partly cloudy with low near 25.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan, Corona and other higher elevations:

Today, Thursday, January 6
Partly cloudy with west winds between 10 and 15 mph, becoming south in Capitan. Highs near 45 in Ruidoso, 47 in Capitan and 44 in Corona. Tonight partly cloudy with west winds 10 to 15 mph. Lows near 23 in Ruidoso, 24 in Capitan and near 21 in Corona.

Friday, January 7
Partly cloudy and Windy with west winds 15 to 20 mph increasing to 25 to 30 with gusts up to 45 mph in Ruidoso, gusts up to 35 mph in Capitan and to 40 mph in Corona. Highs near 50 in Ruidoso, 53 in Capitan and 46 in Corona. Tonight partly cloudy and breezy with 10 percent chance of snow showers. Lows around 27 in Ruidoso, 30 in Capitan and 26 in Corona.

Saturday, January 8
Partly cloudy with 10 percent chance of showers. Highs near 55 in Ruidoso, near 58 in Capitan and 51 in Corona. Tonight partly cloudy with lows around 29 in Ruidoso and Capitan and 30 in Corona.

Sunday, January 9
Partly cloudy with highs near 56 in Ruidoso, 59 in Capitan, 54 in Corona. Tonight partly cloudy with lows of 33 in Ruidoso and Capitan and 32 in Corona.

Monday, January 10
Partly cloudy with highs around 56 in Ruidoso, 59 in Capitan and 53 in Corona. Tonight partly cloudy with low around 28 in Ruidoso, Capitan and Corona.

FAST ACTION
 Lincoln County News
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 CALL: (505) 648-2333

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

TEMPORARY CLERK -- Lincoln County Treasurer's Office. The applicant must have skills in computers, ten key calculators, basic accounting, filing, and good communication skills, both orally and in writing. Obtain application and job description from Martha Guevara at 505/648-2385 ext. 100. Closing date for applications is 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 18, 2005. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA Requirements, Title II-A.
 Itc/1/06



Vallejos - Dixon Engagement

Robert and Loree Vallejos of Carrizozo announce the engagement of their daughter Ariel Lorraine Vallejos to Lane Michael Dixon, both of Las Cruces. Ariel is a 2004 Carrizozo High School graduate and is a New Mexico State University freshman currently majoring in nursing in the pursuit to become a radiologist. Lane is the son of Mark and Lisa Dixon of Carrizozo. He is a 2002 graduate of Carrizozo High School and is a New Mexico State University junior, planning to graduate in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in animal science and then plans to attend Veterinarian School at Colorado state University. A wedding is planned for June 11, 2005 in Alto.



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Fire Destroys Lincoln Turkey Habitat

The serious fire in the Lincoln National Forest of the Sacramento Mountains, which has burned over about 15,000 acres, according to the Department of Game and Fish, has destroyed a large amount of prime turkey habitat. This area southeast of Cloudcroft has at this time of the year many nests and small turkeys that also would be destroyed. Ray Bell, chief of law enforcement, was called into fire fighting service with the department plane and worked constantly to help keep various units informed of the overall situation and necessary actions to be taken. Game men Orville Luttrell, Bill Humphries and Marlon Embrey also worked constantly to stem this tide of fire.

Once again State Game Warden Elliott S. Barker wants to warn all fishermen and picnickers of the extreme dryness of the forests and stream banks and to caution them to take extreme precautions to prevent more occurrences similar to the disastrous Sacramento fire.

Many Attend Local Benefit Supper

The benefit chuck wagon supper and square dance given by the Carrizozo Woman's Club Saturday night drew a large crowd and was a financial success, according to the announcement made this week by Mrs. Lewis Farris, president of the organization. Proceeds will be applied toward club indebtedness, she said.

Supper was served from 4:30 to about 8:30 p.m. after which the club house building was cleared for square dancing. Three sets of dancers were in progress, and card games were provided for those who did not care to participate in dancing.

Mrs. William Gallacher of near Carrizozo and R.L. Dukeminier, her partner, won the first prize given in the square dance contest -- a box of candy. Dukeminier is a former manager of the local telephone company.

Voted the best waltzers of the evening were Mrs. and Mrs. Wayne Withers, Carrizozo, who also won a box of candy.

A cake was awarded the Ancho Square Dancers for having the best western costumes.

Mrs. Farris headed the committee in charge of the chuck wagon supper, and was assisted by Mesdames William Gallacher, Roy Shafer, C.A. Snow, Ernest Roberts and Ace Baty.

Mrs. William H. Nickels, chairman of the square dancing committee, was assisted by Mesdames Rex Werner, Winzell Rickerson and J.D. Richardson.

Mrs. Bill Belcher was in charge of the organization of card games for those who did not care to dance, while Mrs. William Wrye took charge of the soft drinks sale.

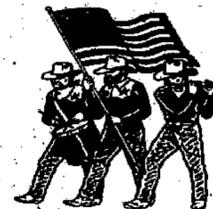
The local club is formulating plans for a chicken dinner and square dance to be held sometime in August.

Rainbow Trout Planted in Lincoln County Streams

District game Warden Bill Humphries announced this week 3,600 Rainbow Trout have been planted in Nogal Lake; 500 in "Blue Hole" and 4,000 in the north and south forks of the Ruidoso River.

Humphries also announced the camping and recreational areas around and above Bonito Lake have been included in the White Mountain and Bonito game refuge by the State Game Commission at its last regular meeting. Approximately 500 acres have been added to the White Mountain and Bonito Game Refuge as a result of this action. A legal description of the change in boundaries was published in the June 8 issue of the News- Outlook.

Humphries added the refuge has been posted on the boundaries, and interior signs placed at the favorite camping and fishing spots within the refuge. All campers are warned, he stated, to leave a dead campfire and clean up their camping grounds before their departure from the area. Failure to comply with these regulations is a violation of the state law.



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| TUESDAY, JANUARY 11 | |
| Corona Post Office | 12:00 - 2:00 |
| Carrizozo/Otero Electric | 3:30 - 6:00 |
| WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12 | |
| Carrizozo, Otero Electric | 7:30 - 8:30 |
| Nogal Post Office | 9:00 - 9:45 |
| Sapitan Smokey Bear Cafe | 10:15 - 11:30 |
| Fort Stanton RTC | 12:30 - 2:00 |
| Camp Sierra Blanca | 2:10 - 2:50 |
| Lincoln Post Office | 3:15 - 4:00 |
| Hondo Store | 5:00 - 6:00 |

LEGALS

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Position 4
 Posición 4
 For a four year term
 Para un cuarto termino de ano
 Earl Adamy

Position 5
 Posición 5
 For a six year term
 Para un seis termino de ano
 Daniel B. Knorr

VOTE FOR ONE
 VOTE PARA UNO
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VOTE FOR ONE
 VOTE PARA UNO
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This notice is published in my capacity as Principal Filing Officer for this election. Este aviso se publica conforme a la autorizacion que la ley me otorgo como funcionario principal de archivos para esta eleccion.

LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK
 CONDADO DE LINCOLN
 BY: /s/
 Por: /s/

Tammie J. Maddox
 Lincoln County Clerk
 Escribana de Condado
 Lincoln County

(SEAL OF THE COUNTY CLERK)
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 13, 2004, Alfred McTeigue Estate, HC66, Box 32, San Patricio, New Mexico 88348, filed application No. 02677-A into H-974 et al with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change point of diversion, place and purpose of use of surface water to Groundwater in the Hondo Underground Water Basin in the State of New Mexico.

The applicant proposes to discontinue the diversion of 32.0 acre-feet per annum of the surface waters of the Rio Ruidoso, a tributary of the Rio Hondo, via the Storm Ditch at a point in the SW1/4NW1/4NE1/4 of Section 5, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M., by the ceasing the irrigation of 10.0 acres of land described as the E1/2SE1/4NE1/4 of Section 5 and the SW1/4NW1/4, all in Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M.

The applicant proposes to commence the diversion of 32.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater to be diverted from the following described wells.

| WELL NO. | SUBDIVISION | SECTION | TOWNSHIP | RANGE |
|-----------|-----------------|---------|----------|-------|
| H-974 | SE1/4NE1/4NE1/4 | 29 | 11S. | 14E. |
| H-974-S | SE1/4NE1/4NE1/4 | 29 | 11S. | 14E. |
| H-974-S-2 | SE1/4NE1/4NE1/4 | 29 | 11S. | 14E. |

Said waters are to be used for municipal purposes within the City of Ruidoso Downs. The move-from point of diversion and places of use are located in Hondo, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

The proposed move-to points of diversion and place of use are located within the City of Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

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

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Newly Elected County Officials Sworn In



Newly elected Lincoln County Sheriff Rick E. Virden, is congratulated by previous sheriff Tom Sullivan.



District Judge Karen Parsons observes as newly elected county commissioner Tom Battin "signs in".



District Judge Karen Parsons shakes hands with newly elected county commissioner Eileen Lovelace.



District Judge Karen Parsons congratulates newly elected probate judge Carrie Spencer.

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10¢ EA. RED RIPE ROMA TOMATOES

10¢ EA. YELLOW ONIONS

10¢ EA. MEDIUM GREEN BELL PEPPERS

10¢ EA. SMALL FANCY CUCUMBERS

10¢ EA. COLORADO BAKING POTATOES

1.99 LB. PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BEEF Arm Roast

2.30 SHUR SAVING LONG GRAIN RICE 4 LB. BAG

2.30 SHUR SAVING BLACK PEPPER 8 OZ. CAN

1.99 SHURFINE SELECT GROUP JUMBO BISCUITS 8 CT. CAN

1.99 SHUR SAVING Black Pepper 8 OZ. CAN

79¢ SHUR SAVING Evaporated Milk 12 OZ. CAN

79¢ SHUR SAVING TOMATOES 28 OZ. CAN

Winterfest of Savings

10¢ EACH Produce Sale SEE BACK PAGE FOR ITEMS INCLUDED

79¢ LB. Fryer Breast PREVIOUSLY FROZEN

1.39 Sliced Bacon 12 OZ. PKG.

3.00 SHUR SAVING ALL PURPOSE Flour 25 LB. BAG

1.00 SHUR SAVING Tomato Sauce 8 OZ. CAN

1.00 SHUR SAVING Coffee 10.5 OZ. CAN

1.00 SHUR SAVING Yogurt 8 OZ. CTN.

1.00 SHUR SAVING Produce Sale

1.79 FAMILY PACK BONELESS SIRLOIN ROAST

1.99 FAMILY PACK PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS SIRLOIN CUT PORK CHOPS

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