

County Approves Attorney Contract

by Patrice Brazie

The contract between Lincoln County and attorney Alan Morel for legal services came before the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners for renewal in January. According to county manager Tom Stewart, Morel requested a 10 percent increase over what he was paid by the county last year, citing a 52 percent increase in Morel's expenditures of time and services in handling the county's legal issues.

Morel provided the county commissioners with a month-by-month breakdown

of attorney and paralegal fees devoted by his office to county business in 2008, and the total amounts that would have been paid to Morel had he been reimbursed on a by-the-hour basis.

"For instance, in January I worked 137.4 hours, the paralegals in my office worked 62.4 hours," Morel said.

With recurring monthly non-reimbursable expenses like faxes, phone calls and copies that amount to about \$500 per month and that the county is not billed for, the \$130 per hour attorney fees and \$65 per hour

paralegal fees and gross receipts taxes, Morel would have earned close to \$11,000 more than he was paid for services in the month of January of last year had he charged by the hour.

"I would be happy to go back to an hourly rate, but it wouldn't benefit the county," Morel said. "The bottom line is, at the end of the year my office provided \$83,089.42 more in services than it was compensated for based on the flat fee contract. Every year there's a bigger and bigger gap and I don't know how to deal with it," he said. "I don't want to get

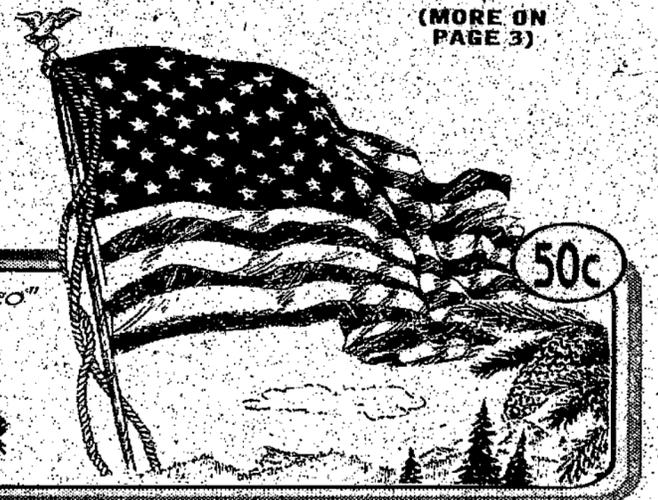
fired because I'm charging too much, yet I'm spending more and more time on county issues. Last year, actually 52 percent of the time I worked for the county for free, or I worked for about \$60 an hour. You can look at it either way," he said.

Morel told the county commissioners that the adoption of a proposed fire protection ordinance for Lincoln County may require the hiring of a code enforcement officer who could also represent the county in magistrate court when complainants were not represented by an attorney. He indicated that

the hiring of a code enforcement officer might work to reduce some of the demands on himself. He also said that his hours might be reduced if the county officials were to restrict access to his services.

"That's good and bad," Morel said. "It does cut down on the amount of hours expended, but right now every single employee and elected official this county has free access to me. I feel

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MORE IMPROVEMENTS are planned for the Carrizozo Heritage Museum on 12th Street, which will open again in March. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

Citizen Opposes Cedars Expenditure

by Patrice Brazie

One citizen of Lincoln County, Kathryn Minter, opposes the expenditure of public dollars to develop a new *The Cedars* university campus in the Alto area. She made her opposition clear during the January 20th meeting of the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners.

Minter began by commending the county commissioners and county manager Tom Stewart on their dedication to fiscal responsibility, then provided some background of, in her opinion, what began the road to the development of a branch campus of Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) for film and performing arts education.

"As far as the Cedars campus goes, you know the Bancroft family found themselves owning kind of an albatross, the Spencer Theater," Minter said. "They didn't have the same passion as their mother had, which is very understandable, so they went looking for a solution," she said.

"Meanwhile, the leaders in Ruidoso had an off-site visioning session a few years ago and they thought 'wouldn't it be nice to have a campus on the mesa? They had this dream,'" she said.

Minter said the two groups got together to form a public-private partnership that was touted as one made in heaven.

"The Bancrofts got rid of their albatross and the taxpayers took over the cost of the Spencer Theater," Minter said. "To sweeten the deal, they threw in the half-built mansion, for which they had received only low-ball bids," she added. "Now the taxpayers are paying for the building and maintaining a university campus."

Minter said that the deal for the new campus was struck without any taxpayer input or the completion of a feasibility study. She compared the development of the campus to the purchase of a large pick-up truck.

"It was such a deal," she said. "It's like buying one of those big, no interest, no down payment Dodge Ram trucks right now. The prices have been cut so much, they're practically giving them away. We didn't have it in our long term plan, but we couldn't pass up the Dodge Ram," she said. "Now we have to big a bigger garage to hold it, it costs a fortune to operate, gas, maintenance, and you know those big tires cost over \$300 a piece, so maybe we can get our neighbors to help pay for this," she said.

"The Lincoln County delegation is going to ask for \$200,000 for a feasibility study," Minter said. "The feasibility study should have been done about two years ago, before this deal was ever struck with the Cultural Affairs Department and ENMU."

Minter questioned the need for a higher education performing arts program when such a program already exists at the University of New Mexico campus in Albuquerque and the ENMU campus in Portales.

"Did we lack a university campus in the area?" Minter asked. "No," she answered. "We have a campus in Alamogordo that's an hour away, a New Mexico State University campus," she said. "We have an ENMU campus in Roswell, 90 minutes away. We have a full university campus in Las Cruces, two hours away, and the ENMU campus in Portales is about two and a half

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Carrizozo Works Update

by Patrice Brazie

Carrizozo Works Incorporated (CWI) was established just about one year ago to try to "improve the quality of life in Carrizozo, New Mexico and the surrounding area through careful planning, education and open communication, so as to encourage community development, economic growth and cultural diversity," according to the organiza-

tion's mission statement. Speaking on behalf of the CWI board of directors, Ray Dean reported during the February 10 meeting of Carrizozo town council that the organization has been working on the development of a strategic plan for the town. The first achievement of the group was to

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C'zozo Heritage Museum Plans Improvements

by Patrice Brazie

"We desperately, desperately need some work space," Rene Burton, of the Carrizozo Heritage Museum, told the Carrizozo Town Council this week.

The museum, operated by a dedicated staff of volunteers, is housed in what was once a frozen food locker on 12th Street. The building is leased from the town through a contract that includes use of a second build-

ing at the site that was once an electric power plant. The second building has seen some recent structural renovations including re-roofing and sealing the gaps that once allowed pigeons to make themselves at home there.

Burton said on Tuesday that the museum volunteers need a meeting room and a work space in the museum building. She requested authorization from the town's trustees to put the

work up for bids on an addition of an area about 35 feet by 10 feet.

"We are re-working the specs and will make sure that they meet all requirements," Burton said. "We plan on doing this with state grant money."

The only sink in the museum is a small vanity in the restroom, not a very good place for volunteers to clean up after building displays and the like, so the plans include the addition of a three part industrial sink, Burton said.

The museum has about \$20,000 in grant funding from the state to complete the project.

The Carrizozo Trustees unanimously approved the request to go out for bids for the project.

Get Rid of Old Tires Feb. 27 & 28

Need to get rid of old used tires? The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) will conduct a Used Tire Amnesty weekend on February 27 and 28 for Lincoln County residents and businesses. The event will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, February 27 and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 28 at Schoolhouse Park, next to the recycling bins, 510 Sudderth in Ruidoso.

There is no charge for disposing of the tires. Tires to be accepted are light truck tires, SUV tires, with or without rims. This is for county residents, businesses,

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RENE BURTON appeared before the Carrizozo town council on Tuesday evening to get authorization to go ahead with some planned improvements at the Carrizozo Heritage Museum. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)



DURING THE FEBRUARY 10th meeting of the Carrizozo town council Carrizozo resident Ray Dean invited the public to attend meetings of Carrizozo Works Incorporated and updated the trustees on the high school equivalency program at the Carrizozo schools. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

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hours away," she said. "There are plenty of campuses around here."

Minter told the county commissioners that there is not a sufficient infrastructure in place to support the proposed new campus.

"It'll cost millions to finish the existing structure and build dorms, because we don't have enough rental units in town which is 20 miles away," she said.

Minter went on to suggest that there may not be sufficient fire and police protection to cover the campus.

"Do we have the fire,

police, stores, restaurants, shops and all the other things you're going to need?" Minter asked. "No," she answered. "We'll most likely have to build a new fire station with equipment that costs half-a-million dollars for one truck. Do we even have water rights for the campus?" she asked.

Minter also had an argument in response to the theory that a new performing arts campus would attract money-spending visitors to the area.

"The recent survey conducted by the village of

Ruidoso Tourist Bureau has some valuable information that we can use," she said. "Contrary to their vision, they found that most of the people who visit are older folks that come for the natural beauty. But instead of listening to their survey, they said we need to do more to draw the younger crowd. They may have credit cards, but they don't have the money that the younger folks bring with them," Minter said. "Basically, a university campus is a drain, not a draw, on the economy."

Minter said that, based on population figures, there are too many universities in New Mexico and they are competing with each other for funding and students.

"Some are closing and others might have to close with the economic turn-down," she said. "Since when does every town have to have a university campus, and what's wrong with going away to get a degree?" she asked. "They have to leave our area to get a job after getting a degree anyway."

"Giving \$200,000 for a feasibility study to a brand new campus should be the last priority for Lincoln County and all the state legislators," Minter said. "The big question is when do the taxpayers get to vote on this. When do we have a say?" she asked. "I don't want you to go out and commit to a

major capital improvement program and let out binding contracts first, and then go to the citizens to foot the bill by increasing the mill levy," she told the county officials.

"I hope it's not too late to nip this in the bud," she said. "I don't know if this is about bragging rights or if somebody's trying to build an empire, but I think we should slow down."

Obituary

ENRIQUE "HENRY" CHAVEZ (1951 - 2009)

Enrique "Henry" Chavez, age 57, died February 2 in Albuquerque following a short illness. Henry was born November 6, 1951, in Carrizozo to the home of Romelio and Romanita Aragon Chavez, the sixth of 11 children.

He was reared and attended school in Corona. Henry married Beatrice Lovato in Carrizozo in 1972. A resident of Corona, Henry worked for the New Mexico State Highway Department for 25 years and was supervisor for 10 years before he retired in January, 1999. He was a member of St. Theresa Catholic Church.

Henry was preceded in death by his wife Beatrice and both parents.

Survivors include his son, Orlando, wife Kristi, and granddaughters, Marley and Lauren, Rio Rancho; brother, Ralph Chavez and wife, Dickie, Albuquerque; sisters Josie Alirez, Coroma, Grace Warfield; Santa Rosa, Alvarita Smith and husband Lyle, Vernal, UT, Rose Lue-ras and husband Raymond, Carrizozo, Marcella Chavez, Corona, Della Gonzalez and husband Joe, Santa Rosa; brothers Luciano Chavez, Danny Chavez and wife Julia, Belen; sister Kathy Palomarez and husband Gabriel, Corona; numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosary services were held Thursday, February 5 at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Corona. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday, February 6 also at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Corona with Fr. Franklin Eichhorst officiating.



C'zozo Works Update

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qualify the town as a Certified Community, a state designation that helps to direct interested businesses and entrepreneurs to communities that are well-suited to meet their needs.

Certification with the state has also qualified CWI to receive some funding for operational expenses, although the money has yet to arrive, Dean said.

Carrizozo Works, Incorporated holds board meetings on the third Thursday of the month in the conference room at the Otero Electric Coop building on 12th Street at 5:00 p.m. The public is always invited.

CWI is also planning to hold a community roundtable meeting sometime in the near future, Dean said.

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"Looking Back"

Through Old 'NEWS' Files

April 1, 1932

Chicago Banker Shows Need of Caution IN SPENDING TAXPAYERS' MONEY

Speaking before the International Chamber of Commerce at Washington, Melvin A. Traylor, President of the First National Bank of Chicago, said in part:

Another field in which those responsible for leadership must do some hard, sound thinking if we are to avoid disaster is that of public expenditures.

In this country, government is supposed to abide with the people, and yet we know that in no other field does leadership exert so great an influence upon the thought and action of the people as in the political sphere. In the fifteen-year period, from 1913 to 1928, our national income was estimated to have increased from about 34 1/2 billion dollars to \$1 billion dollars annually, or 135 per cent; in the same period the expenditures of all governmental divisions in the United States have increased from a little less than three billion dollars to more than 12 1/2 billion dollars, or approximately 300 per cent.

It is perfectly true, of course, that insofar as the Federal Government is concerned, the major part of the increase in that direction is accounted for by our participation in the World War; but it is interesting to observe that for the fiscal year ending in 1928, Federal expenditures were only 31 1/2 per cent of the combined outlay for all political administration in the United States.

Local Expenditures Big Item

Figures are not available for the years following 1928, except for the Federal Government, whose expenditures increased 10.7 per cent for the fiscal year ending in 1919, and 6 per cent in 1930. It may be assumed that like increases have occurred in other political subdivisions of the country. For the year ending in 1928, the cost of administration of State Governments amounted to 14 1/2 per cent of the total; of the remainder, over 54 per cent went to sustain local governments.

Naturally, those responsible for government desire to give their constituency the finest educational facilities, the best roads, streets, public parks, playgrounds, and other facilities obtainable, but, after all, there is no denying that fact that expenditures for such purposes bear a very close relation to the individual, because they mortgage his future earnings for consumable and rapidly deteriorating goods.

Every bond issue for the public welfare is an installment debt on the earning capacity of every individual and enterprise in the community affected. Not only does it involve installment amortization of the debt itself, but a constantly increasing charge for maintenance and upkeep if the improvement is to be preserved against early deterioration and quick ruin.

Most of the taxing machinery of the country was created at a time when the present volume of public debt was not thought possible; and it is, therefore, inadequately and inequitably adjusted to meet the emergencies of the present burden.

The consequences is that in almost every major political subdivision of the country certain classes of wealth escape taxation, or pay little, while other types of property are charged with an unbearable obligation.

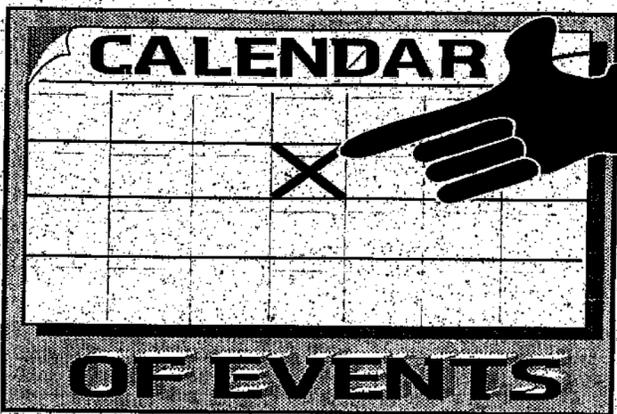
The duty of leadership, therefore, in this field is two-fold. First, and most important of all, a greater degree of caution must be exercised in the creation of government obligations; and, second, an immediate reform in taxing machinery must be undertaken.

Effects of "Federal Aid"

In connection with the creation of indebtedness, it is high time that those responsible for State administration consider the pernicious and seductive influence of so-called Federal aid for public improvements.

In many instances, this policy of public expenditure approaches closely to political bribery and in almost every case, lends itself to political log-rolling, the surrender of state sovereignty, and a gradual impoverishment of fiscal units. Moreover, we have said nothing of the proposal and promotion of undertakings which in many instances are not justified by the necessity of the situation or by the utilization of the facilities contemplated. Let there be no mistake in this respect.

Let us face the facts. Unless there is a return to sanity in the matter of public expenditures, default and repudiation of public obligations cannot be much longer avoided.



MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS
 --Free GED classes 6 to 8 p.m., Carrizozo School Library.

TUESDAYS
 --Capitan Public Library preschool story hour 4:00 p.m.
 --Alcohol Anonymous 6:30 p.m., Carrizozo First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

FIRST and THIRD THURSDAYS
 --Representative from State Engineer's office is at Ruidoso Village hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
 --American Legion Post #11, service Carrizozo area meets at 9:00 a.m. at Wells Fargo Bank.

EACH FRIDAY
 --Al Anon family group for families and friends of alcoholics, noon, Methodist Church, Carrizozo, bring lunch.

TODAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12
 --Abraham Lincoln's Birthday.
 --Carrizozo Woman's Club 6:00 p.m.
 --Capitan School Board 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14
 --St. Valentine's Day! Remember loved ones.
 --Organizational meeting for county chapter of the American Red Cross, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Angus Church in Alto.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16
 --President's Day, Federal holiday.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
 --Lincoln County Commissioners 8:30 a.m., Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.
 --Workshop meeting for Village of Ruidoso to discuss goals, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 --Carrizozo Planning and Zoning Commission 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
 --Special meeting Carrizozo Town Council 3:00 p.m. to approve resolution with NM Finance Authority for First Attack (Response) Truck for fire department.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19
 --Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission 9:00 a.m. at Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club.
 --Lincoln Historic Preservation Board 7:00 p.m. at Community Church in Lincoln.

NEW Bookmobile Schedule
 NEW Days - NEW Locations - NEW Times

Monday, February 16
 Nogal Post Office 10:30 - 11:10
 Fort Stanton RTC 12:30 - 1:55
 Camp Sierra Blanca 2:00 - 2:40
 Lincoln Post Office 3:00 - 3:40
 Horido Store 4:10 - 4:50
 San Patricio Post Office 5:00 - 5:40

Tuesday, February 17
 High Rolls Grocery 9:00 - 10:00
 Mayhill Post Office 11:00 - 12:00
 Weed Post Office 1:00 - 2:15
 Pinon Store 3:00 - 4:30

Wednesday, February 18
 Orogrande Post Office 9:00 - 10:00
 La Luz Senior Citizens 11:15 - 1:00
 Carrizozo/Otero Electric 3:00 - 6:00

Thursday, February 19
 White Oaks 8:00 - 9:00
 Corona School 10:10 - 11:10
 Corona Post Office 11:15 - 12:00

Green Bridge Gets National Recognition

by Patrice Brazie

The historic bridge that, from 1902 to 1944, was one part of a three-section bridge that crossed the Pecos River east of Roswell, has been listed on the National

Registry of Historic Places. The bridge was listed on the New Mexico Register of Cultural Properties in 1997, and identified as the oldest and longest Pratt through-truss bridge with pinned connections in the state, the second oldest surviving highway bridge in the state and New Mexico's oldest steel highway bridge in 1987. The structure is 133 feet long and 16 feet wide.

showcases the history and importance of New Mexico's rural transportation systems. The Historic Green

Bridge is one of 14 bridges in New Mexico to receive the national designation as a historic place.

Record Spring Enrollments

Enrollment for the spring semester at ENMU-Ruidoso has reached an all-time high of 971 students. This represents a 12 percent increase compared to spring 2008.

Michael Elrod, president of ENMU-Ruidoso, stated that spring enrollments have grown an average of 20 percent over the past three years.

"We see enrollment growth in our new workforce and technical career programs, early college program for area high school students, and students are taking advantage of additional offerings in our on-line class schedules."

Final enrollment figures for fall 2008 also reached a new high with 1,031 students; a 22 percent increase over fall 2007.

In 1944, after several threats from flooding in the 1930s and 1940s placed the bridge in peril, the structure was moved 47 miles west to span the Rio Hondo near Fichacho. In its new location, the bridge was re-decked with new wood and asphalt and painted a green color, leading to its being referred to by local residents simply as the Green Bridge.

It remained in use over the Rio Hondo until 1989 when, rusted and in disrepair, the bridge was fenced-off from use. The Historic Green Bridge was moved to a permanent location at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces in 2008, where it is now being used as a pedestrian bridge on the museum's 47-acre campus. The bridge

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schools and government agencies. They are asking that no commercial tires be brought. Call 378-4697 or 257-5030 for more information.

The Used Tire Amnesty weekend is sponsored by LCSWA, Keep Ruidoso Beautiful, Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Village of Ruidoso solid waste department and the Lincoln County Recycling Committee.

County Approves Attorney

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like that's good thing because I can fix things before they turn into a huge problem," he said. "If I were to go to an hourly fee, I'm certain Mr. Stewart would put a massive clamp on who had access to me."

County commissioner Dave Parks said that he found it to be extremely beneficial to have the ability to consult with the attorney whenever needed, and moved for approval of a contract for services with Morel with an increase in annual pay from \$137,000 to \$161,700 plus taxes. The motion passed unanimously.

Church Directory



MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY

Nogal Presbyterian Church:
 E.W. "Bo" LEWIS, Pastor
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:
 Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

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

First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor
 314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM
 849-2868 (Church) or 849-2107
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
 Sun. Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, Sept. - April
 AWANAS 8:00 p.m.

Carrizozo Assembly of God

Corner 13th & C Ave.
 Barbara Bradley, Pastor
 Children's Ministry and Nursery Available
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
 Youth Service 6:00 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. FRANKLIN, Pastor
 213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 848-2853
 DAILY MASS / Santa Rita 8:30 a.m.
SATURDAY:
 Capitan Sacred Heart 5:00 p.m.
 Carrizozo Santa Rita 7:00 p.m.
SUNDAY:
 Capitan Sacred Heart 8:30 a.m.
 Carrizozo Santa Rita 10:30 a.m.
 Corona St. Theresa 1:30 p.m.

Angus Church of the Nazarene

"Serving All of Lincoln County"
 RICK HUTCHINSON, Pastor / 336-8032
 Southwest Corner of Hwy. 48 & 37 Junction
 Between Ruidoso and Capitan, NM.
Sunday:
 Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship and Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
 Family Worship 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
 Community dinner 6:00 p.m.
 Adult classes, Youth games and study, Kids Klub 7:30 p.m.

St. Matthew Episcopal Church

Rev. d Canon Peter Sanderson,
 Priest-in-Charge
 Corner of E. Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
 Ph. 505-257-2356
 Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

White Oaks Community Church

Non-denominational
 Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Claunch Community Church

TONY SCACCIA, Minister
 849 1407
 Second Sunday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.

United Methodist Church

JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor
 1000 D. Ave. 848-2853 / 848-2846
 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 9:30 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 6:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

MEL GNATKOWSKI, Pastor / 849-2530
 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

CAI WES., Pastor / 849-7975
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner 1st Sunday of Month

Sund:
 Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:45 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
 Teen dinner and games 6:00 p.m.
 Teen Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Prayer Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Grace Fellowship Church

TERRY AIELLO, Pastor
 849-0105
 Corona, NM
 Worship 9:30 a.m.

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 EPHESIANS 6:10

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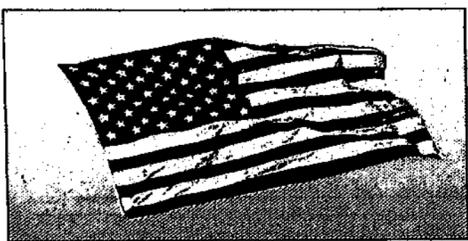
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UNTIL THEY COME HOME

THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Happy Birthday Honest Abe!

By Ruth Hammond
The majority of school age children today probably have no idea that today is the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln. Honest Abe is what many generations have used to refer to Lincoln, but today's children may not know that. Years ago classrooms were filled with silhouettes of Lincoln on his birthday and again on February 22 there were black silhouettes of George Washington in honor of his birthday. Times have changed but it is sad that the youngsters nowadays aren't taught about these two men.

Honest Abe may or may not have approved of all the changes that are being made. Nowadays we have one day set aside for President's Day, which will be Monday of next week this year. About the only thing that can be said about President's Day is that it is another reason for a three day weekend for many workers. There seems to be little hoopla about why the day is a holiday, which may be that President's Day is for all presidents, not the select few who deserve special honor for the things they did.

Evidently Washington and Lincoln have long been the symbol of greatness for the presidential office. That may be the reason the black silhouettes were in vogue for the school children for generations. Washington's fame was mostly because he was the first president. Lincoln is in an entirely different league. He was born in a log cabin, he had very little formal schooling, actually about only one year, and went on to do great things. Starting at an early age he read books, memorizing much of the text. He also is known for having written poetry through the years. His Gettysburg Address in a very popular thing he wrote.

Other presidents have accomplished much but few had the sparse childhood Lincoln had. The main thing about Lincoln was that teachers could encourage children to do their best, often adding, "Abraham Lincoln grew up to be president. You can too." As to whether children actually thought they had a chance to be president is moot, but it was a great ploy used by teachers in classrooms for years.

Researchers continue to debate whether Abe Lincoln deserves the adulation he receives. Some claim he was a racist, others disagree. It is fairly well established that he had a sharp political mind. His escalation in politics may have helped keep the United States intact. If anyone else had been president our nation may have evolved into two or more countries. Certainly it was difficult being the president during the Civil War and watching as brothers fought brothers in bloody battles across the United States.

Yes, we agree it is a shame that school children today are unaware of much of what Lincoln did. The one thing we do know is that he is the namesake of Lincoln County even though we are unsure if there is a statue of Lincoln anywhere in this county. Pennies and five dollar bills may be in every section of the county, but they are not statues.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR -- Is the New World Order Police State here? Read George Orwell's book "1984". Is it true that no good deed goes unpunished?

I was concerned about the health safety and welfare of the citizens of Oscuro Townsite and surrounding areas when I was informed that a surface dump for raw septic system sewage was being permitted for our townsite, therefore I requested County Manager Tom Stewart to notify all interested parties and during the December 31, 2008 Special commission meeting I was on the agenda and raised questions and objections to the proposed dump. (See Lincoln County News -- Jan. 8, 2009 and Ruidoso News -- Jan. 9, 2009 page 9A articles).

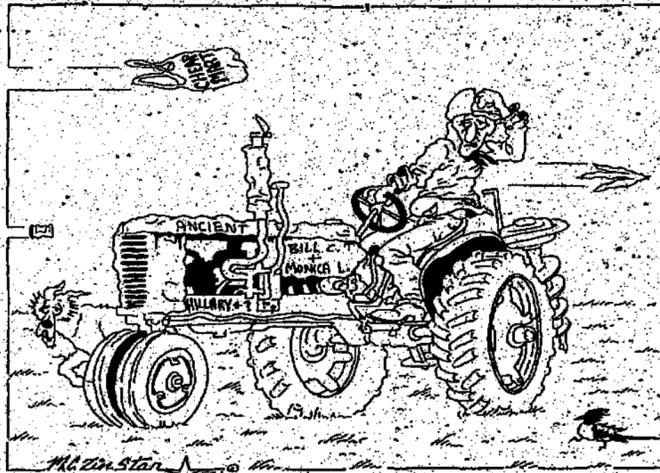
Among those people in attendance and recognized by Chairman of the Board to speak on this subject was a Mr. Eugene R. Knight from the Ruidoso Field Office of the New Mexico Environment Department 575-258-3272. (See the Ruidoso News article for some of his comments.)

Why do I bring this up? On Monday, February 9, 2009 I received a Certified Return Requested Letter from the above Mr. Knight in his official capacity with the New Mexico Environment Department. The letter subject was "Contemplated Notice of Violation" with "Findings", "Violations", and a "Compliance Schedule", RE: "Discharging Liquid Waste into an Unpermitted System", and a statement that "Failure to conform to the Compliance Schedule will result in further enforcement action, which will include Administrative Orders, (with fines of \$100 to \$1,000 per violation), and/or criminal prosecution."

So much for free speech and citizen opposition to a faulty state permit system! Is this official political suppression and intimidation? Misfeasance of office?

I will state for the record that on my patented private property in the historic townsite of Oscuro

EARL



"THE DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK I GOTTA GET DONE DONT MATTER I ALREADY KNOW BEFORE I START IT'S GONNA BE STRAIGHT INTO THE WIND."
Big Dry Syndicate

Inside the Capitol

by JAY MILLER, Syndicated Columnist

SANTA FE -- Big news. A major barrier in the path to ethics legislation appears to be softening. Senate Majority Leader Michael Sanchez of Belen says he thinks recent events will contribute to a greater likelihood of passage.

The Senate has been the graveyard for most ethics legislation in the past. Sanchez himself is not the roadblock. He says he's speaking for a majority of his members.

The Senate's attitude in the past has been that it isn't needed because politicians and state officials police themselves and safeguards already are adequate. The only problem they have seen is that the enforcement of existing provisions hasn't been sufficient.

That contention has been brought into question recently but another assertion may have some merit. It is said that ethics legislation is like a balloon. When you squeeze it in one area, it just pops out somewhere else.

When you limit the amount of money a candidate can receive, special interests give it to political parties

which use it for the candidate. When you limit what a candidate can receive, the money goes to independent expenditure committees which spend it on the candidate.

When you tell lawmakers they have to open the conference committees that resolve differences between House and Senate versions of bill, they make decisions ahead of time somewhere else.

But the good government people never give up their effort to make enough rules to control all situations. Numerous lawmakers have tossed bills into the hopper. The governor and attorney general both have gotten ethics packages introduced.

This year, Lt. Gov. Diane Denish has recently introduced her own package providing more transparency into dealings between public officials and companies doing business with the state.

It doesn't take a pundit to figure out Denish is trying to put some distance between herself and Gov. Bill Richardson who is being investigated for pay-to-play dealings.

It also is revealing that the lieutenant governor had her three-bill package introduced in the House instead of in the Senate over which she presides.

So what is ethics legislation all about? As you see from the previous discussion, it involves many topics. The Legislature doesn't even recognize ethics as one of the 60 or so categories into which it divides bills. That's likely because it is such a broad category.

Ethics legislation generally involves bills regulating and reporting who gives how much to whom and when and who among the big givers has received contracts from the state.

Ethics also includes bills opening the actions of public bodies and of their records. And it involves the enforcement of all the above provisions.

Sen. Sanchez recently told reporters that he thinks the Senate roadblock will be broken when the Senate Rules Committee combines several ethics provisions into one major bill. He thinks that bill will get the necessary votes from the entire Senate.

The House generally has been receptive to passing ethics legislation. Is that because their shorter terms make them more receptive to constituent wishes but that they know they can depend on the Senate to kill their measures. We may learn the answer this session.

Why don't public officials behave in an ethical manner without all the regulation? Is human nature just not as good as we would like it to be? Is greed too strong a motivator?

The same questions currently are being asked about Wall Street. The last several U.S. presidents have hoped financial markets could operate without many regulations because prudent risk assessment would prevent them getting out of hand.

Some people are trying to find an answer. The New Mexico Ethics Alliance aims to be a catalyst toward achieving higher ethical standards.

It is located at the University of New Mexico Anderson School of Management and headed by former Public Service Company of New Mexico head John Ackerman. If you are interested, check out its Web site at www.nmethics.org.

Have A Good Day !!



WEATHER REPORT

by Jeff Hammond

Lincoln County was covered from end to end with at least a small amount of rain or snow on Monday night into Tuesday morning, and the moisture in the ground and clear skies made for some cold nights.

The forecast for the upcoming week is partly cloudy days with temperatures in the 50s at all elevations. The nights will be mostly cloudy with lows in the mid to low 20s.

Winds out of the west will keep temperatures down below normal for this time of year.

With the three inch snowfall Monday night into Tuesday morning the current conditions for skiing at Ski Apache are: 12 of 55 trails are open with six lifts operating. 24 inches of machine groomed packed powder at the lower elevations, and 34 inches of packed powder at the higher elevations.

Forecast for Carrizozo, the high plains of Lincoln County and the Hondo Valley:

Today, Thursday, Feb. 12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Mostly sunny, with a high near 58, breezy, with a south wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph, with occasional gusts as high as 30 mph, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26, west wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Friday, February 13

Mostly sunny, with a high near 54, night: Partly cloudy, with low around 25.

Saturday, February 14, Valentine's Day

Mostly sunny, with a high near 55, night: Partly cloudy, with low around 24.

Sunday, February 15

Mostly sunny, with a high near 55, night: A slight chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Monday, February 16, Presidents' Day

A slight chance of rain showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 53, night: A slight chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Tuesday, February 17

Sunny, with a high near 59, night: Partly cloudy with a low around 27.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan and Corona and most of the Hondo Valley:

Today, Thursday, Feb. 12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Mostly sunny, with a high near 54, breezy, with a southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph, with occasional gusts up to 35 mph, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25, breezy, with a west wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Friday, February 13

Mostly sunny, with a high near 52, night: Partly cloudy, with low around 24.

Saturday, February 14, Valentine's Day

Mostly sunny, with a high near 47, night: Partly cloudy, with low around 22.

Sunday, February 15

Mostly sunny, with a high near 49, night: A slight chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Monday, February 16, Presidents' Day

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Sheriff's Report

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

January 25
5:41 a.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on Sun Valley in Alto, deputy dispatched.

1:33 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Nogal Canyon Road in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

6:30 p.m. Warrant service at location in Philadelphia Canyon in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

8:56 p.m. Medical call at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) on Airport Road in Carrizozo, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

January 26
12:44 a.m. Alarm reported at Carrizozo schools, police dispatched.

8:43 a.m. Warrant service at location in Philadelphia Canyon in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

11:48 a.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, police dispatched.

12:45 p.m. Medical call at residence on Lava Loop Road in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

3:13 p.m. Warrant service at location on Edna Lane in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

3:38 p.m. Medical call at location in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

4:31 p.m. Unknown trouble call from Carrizozo school gym, police dispatched.

7:24 p.m. Medical call at LCDC located on Airport Road in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

8:47 p.m. Medical call at residence on Mira Monte in Alto, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance and deputy dispatched.

January 27
6:41 a.m. Medical call at residence on Mira Monte in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

1:41 p.m. Information report at LCDC located on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

5:08 p.m. Accident reported at LCDC parking lot located on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

8:29 p.m. Illegal drugs found during routine search discovered at LCDC on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

10:13 p.m. Medical call at residence on West Fourth Street in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

January 28
7:07 a.m. Medical call at residence on Mira Monte in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

8:30 a.m. Information report at location on Deer Park Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.

10:26 a.m. Alarm reported at location on Hwy 70 in Tinnie, deputy dispatched.

11:43 a.m. Warrant service at LCDC located on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

1:00 p.m. Telephone offenses reported at residence on Wolf Creek in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

2:52 p.m. Fire reported at location on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, fire units dispatched.

5:45 p.m. Registered Sex Offender check at Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) located in the Lincoln County Courthouse (LCC) on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

5:51 p.m. Registered Sex Offender check at LCSO located in the LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

6:48 p.m. Medical call at residence on Fifth Street in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

7:25 p.m. Medical call at residence on Dulce in Carrizozo, ambulance and emergency units dispatched.

8:48 p.m. Agency assistance requested at intersection of Hwy 70 and Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

10:40 p.m. Unknown trouble call from location on Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

10:41 p.m. Medical call at residence on Mira Monte in Alto, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.

January 29
12:00 p.m. Information report at location on Hwy 37 in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

6:40 a.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Enchanted Forest in Alto, deputy dispatched.

6:55 a.m. Medical call at residence on Mira Monte in Alto, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.

1:26 p.m. Information report at location on Deer Park Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.

2:43 p.m. Medical call at Valley of Fires entrance on Hwy 380 west of Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

3:46 p.m. Medical call at Capitan school baseball field on Dawson Road in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

4:01 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Spring Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

5:01 p.m. Dog reported running loose near intersection of Cedar and Carol Drive in Capitan, police dispatched.

5:54 p.m. Medical call at Corona School gym in Corona, ambulance dispatched.

7:44 p.m. Information report at LCDC on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

7:47 p.m. Medical call at residence on Mira Monte in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

10:05 p.m. Medical call at intersection of Hwy 70 and CR E019 in Hondo, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

January 30
8:20 a.m. Welfare check requested at location on

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LEGAL NOTICE
Results for the Hondo Regular School Board Election held on February 3, 2009
Total Registered Voters: 573
Total Voters: 43

VOTES	
Position 1 -- 4 Year Term Dennis R. Nosker	33
Position 2 -- 4 Year Term James M. Cooper	43
Bond Question For	42
Against	1

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Words of Wisdom

--If a good face is a letter of recommendation, a good heart is a letter of credit. -- Bulwer / Lytton



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A TRIBUTE TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN

'Our County's Namesake'



Abraham Lincoln in 1864, from a portrait considered by many to be his best.

Following Article from
LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS
 (Friday, Feb. 12, 1932)

SIMPLE BEAUTY MARKS REBUILT TOMB OF LINCOLN

Shrine at Springfield Now More Worthy of a Great President

PRESIDENT HOOVER dedicated a transformed Abraham Lincoln tomb at Springfield, Ill., June 17, last year.

When the monument over the spot where the body of the Civil war President rests was given to the world again pilgrims to the grave found that it is a place of simple grandeur befitting a national shrine.

For months it was closed to the public while skilled artists plied their arts to repair and rebuild it and gave it beauty, simplicity and dignity.

The reconstruction was made possible by the passage of a \$175,000 appropriation by the general assembly in 1929.

Much the Same Outside.

Outwardly the monument appears the same, except that it has an air of newness, of freshness. In a terrace created at the south or entrance side of the monument there is a bronze head of Lincoln by Gutzon Borglum on a pedestal of granite.

The great transformation is in the interior of the monument. Under personal supervision of C. Herrick Hammond, state architect and former president of the American Institute of Architects, the previously unused and unfinished area at the base of the monument was opened and architectural skill and art combined to fabri-

cate a rotunda connecting galleries and sarcophagus chamber.

One of the main features of the galleries joining the rotunda and the sarcophagus chamber are nine Lincoln statuettes of bronze depicting Lincoln at various stages of his career. These are the handiwork of internationally famous sculptors.

At each of the four corners of the central unit of the monument there is one of these statuettes, about three feet in height, resting on a pedestal in a niche. Diagonally across from each of these is a statuette in a similar niche.

These bronze statuettes were obtained by the state through the efforts of Mr. Hammond and E. H. Cleveland, director of the state department of public works and buildings.

The sculptors, Daniel C. French, Fred Torrey and Leonard Crunelle, are each represented by two models, while Lorado Taft, Adolph Weinman and the late Augustus St. Gaudens each have one.

As a background for these statuettes there are rich, warm-colored panels of marble.

Supreme Effect in Chamber.

Beautiful as are the rotunda and the galleries, the supreme effect is attained in the sarcophagus chamber. There the pilasters and frieze are of French black marble, as dark as midnight, with veils of St. Genevieve golden vein marble. On the upper portion of each jet-black pilaster there is a bronze wreath.

The ceiling of the chamber is covered with gold leaf, and the room, like the rotunda, is lighted indirectly by lights hidden by an ornamental cornice.

There over the spot where Lincoln's body lies beneath many feet of concrete has been placed a new sarcophagus of solid marble of warm red hue. On it is the simple inscription:

"Abraham Lincoln,
 1809—1865."

Directly above what formerly was the north door, but now transformed into a window covered with a wrought-iron grill, there is cut in the marble this famous tribute to the emancipator:

When the victory shall be complete -- when there shall be neither a slave nor a drunkard on the earth -- how proud the title
 If that land which may truly claim to be the birthplace and the cradle of both these revolutions that shall have ended in that victory. -- Abraham Lincoln

"Now He Belongs to the Ages."
 Across from the sarcophagus in a crypt sealed with slabs of marble rest the bodies of Mrs. Lincoln and three of their sons, Edward Baker, William Wallace and Thomas.

Flags Form Honor Guard.
 Arranged along the semicircular wall of the sarcophagus chamber, flanking the sarcophagus, there is an array of nine flags.

In the place of honor, at the right of the sarcophagus, stands the Stars and Stripes. The official standard of the seven states in which the Lincoln family lived from the time of their arrival in America until the end of the emancipator's career—Massachusetts, New Jersey, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois—occupy the next seven positions.

President Hoover personally installed the flag of the President of the United States.

Looking at Lincoln

February 12 means Lincoln. On that day we of this nation and many in other nations honor the name which connotes struggle, achievement, patience under an avalanche of rebuffs and the saving grace of humor brightening a persistent upward fight for a great ideal. All these things shout "Lincoln" when February 12 comes around.

His Great Task

Lincoln rose out of the soil and status of life in a Middle West community to attain the greatest heights. He held the nation together until it was finally joined in such a way that it will not separate again.—Exchange.

A PROPHECY

(From "Lincoln's Grave.")

Old soldiers true, ah, them all men can trust,
 Who fought, with conscience clear, on either side;
 Who bearded death and thought their cause was just;
 Their stainless honor can not be denied;
 Ring it and sing it up and down the land,
 And let no voice dare answer it with sneers,
 Or shut its meaning out;
 Ring it and sing it, we go hand in hand,
 Old infantry, old cavalry, old cannoniers.

And if Virginia's vales shall ring again
 To battle-yell of Moseby or Mahone,
 If Wilder's wild brigade or Morgan's men
 Once more wheel into lines; or all alone
 A Sheridan shall ride, a Cleburne fall—
 There will not be two flags above them flying,
 But both in one, welded in that pure flame
 Uplifting in us all,
 When kindred unto kindred, loudly crying,
 Rally and cheer in freedom's holy name!
 —Maurice Thompson.

Lincoln Wrote His Own Autobiography

Document in Possession of Milwaukee Family



ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S autobiography, consisting of slightly more than 500 words in his own handwriting, is in the possession of Mrs. Harriet F. Richardson and her son, of Milwaukee, Wis.

They were willed the document by the late Miss Fannie Fell. Jesse Fell, Miss Fell's father, shared law offices with Lincoln in Springfield, Ill. He prevailed upon Lincoln to write the autobiography in 1859 when it became apparent that the great emancipator would become a Presidential candidate.

Extracts from the autobiography follow:

"I was born February 12, 1809, in Hardin county, Kentucky. My parents were both born in Virginia of undistinguished families, second families, I should say. My mother, who died in my tenth year, was of a family of the name of Hanks, some of whom now reside in Adams, and others in Macon county, Illinois.

"My paternal grandfather, Abraham Lincoln, emigrated from Rockingham county, Virginia, to Kentucky about 1781 or 1782, where a year or two later he was killed by Indians, not in battle, but by stealth, when he was laboring to open a farm in the forest.

"His ancestors, who were Quakers, went to Virginia from Berks county, Pennsylvania. An effort to identify them with the New England family of the same name, ended in nothing more definite than a similarity of Christian names of both families, such as Enoch, Levi, Mordecai, Solomon, Abraham and the like.

"My father, at the death of his father, was but six years of age and he grew up literally without education. He removed from Kentucky to what is now Spencer county, Indiana, in my eighth year.

"At twenty-one I came to Illinois and passed the first year in Illinois—Macon county. Then I got to New Salem, where I remained a year as a sort of clerk in the store. Then came the Black Hawk war and I was elected a captain of volunteers, a success which gave me more pleasure than any I have had since. I went into the campaign, was elected, ran for the legislature the same year (1832) and was beaten. Only time I have ever been beaten by the people. The next three succeeding biennial elections I was elected to the legislature.

"During this legislation period I had studied law and removed to Springfield to practice it. In 1841 I was elected to the lower house of congress. From 1849 to 1854 I practiced law more assiduously than ever before—always a Whig in politics, and generally on the Whig electoral tickets, making active canvasses.

"If any personal description of me is thought desirable, it may be said, I am 6 feet 4 inches in height, lean in flesh, weighing on an average 180 pounds; dark complexion, with coarse hair and gray eyes—no marks or brands recollected."

--Let every man remember that to violate the law is to trample on the blood of his fathers, and to tear the charter of his own and his children's liberty. -- Abraham Lincoln

CHICAGO'S TRIBUTE



Night and artificial light add to the beauty of Lincoln's monument, located in Lincoln park, Chicago.

LEGALS

**LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority Board has called a Public hearing for discussion of possible Rate Increase which will take place on February 24, 2009, beginning at 2:00 p.m., immediately before the regular monthly Board Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority Office at 222 2nd Street, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico. Copies of Agenda may be picked up at the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority office.

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**LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
No. PB-06-01**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE)
)
 OF)
)
 ROBERT AINSLIE CANNING,)
 DECEASED)

NOTICE OF HEARING

STATE OF NEW MEXICO: Farall D. Canning, John A. Canning, Nancy L. Canning and Sarah K. Canning; Farall D. Canning, Trustee of the R. A. Canning and Farall D. Canning Trust utu dtd 10/4/04; and all unknown persons who may have or claim any interest in the estate of the said Robert Ainslie Canning, deceased.

Jerry M. Baker and Farall D. Canning, Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Robert Ainslie Canning, deceased, by and through their counsel of record, have filed a Suppemental Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate requesting the Court to enter an Order which will discharge the Co-Personal Representatives from further claim or demand of any interested person in connection with said Estate, subject to the Co-Personal Representatives (1) paying the remaining expenses of administration; (2) causing a final accounting of the Estate (including the funding allocation of assets among three subtrusts provided for in the Trust Agreement creating the R.A. Canning and Farall D. Canning Trust) to be prepared and submitted for approval to counsel for John A. Canning and Sarah K. Canning no later than April 15, 2009, and (3) completing the execution, recording and delivery of all instruments transferring the assets of the Decedent's residuary estate to the Trustee of the Trust and furnishing documented proof thereof to counsel for John A. Canning and Sarah K. Canning no later than April 15, 2009.

You are hereby notified that a hearing on such Petition will be held at the Twelfth Judicial District Court in Carrizozo, New Mexico on May 1, 2009, at 8:15 a.m.

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

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**LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
No. D-1226-CV-2008-329**

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
HOLLY SWANSON-BIRABENT A/K/A
HOLLY BIRABENT, RICH BIRABENT,
AND WYATT A. SPARKS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on March 5, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 am the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, NM 88301, 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 2247 Arabella Rd., Arabella, New Mexico 88351, (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:

A tract of the land being a portion of tract 40 in Sections 18 and 19, Township 8 South, Range 18 East, N.M.P.M.

Lincoln County, New Mexico, being shown as Tract B1 on the Survey of a tract of land recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico on April 11, 2000 in Cabinet G, Slide No. 632,

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 upon entry of an order approving sale. The foregoing sale will be made to satisfy a foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on January 29, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's judgment is \$177,543.54, and the same bears interest at the rate of 5.7500% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$27.97 per diem, commencing on January 30, 2009, with the Court reserving entry of final judgment against said Defendant Holly Swanson-Birabent for the amount due after foreclosure sale, for costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as may be assessed by the Court. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale all of its judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

The Court's decree, having duly appointed it 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 \$177,543.54, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$923.01 for a total judgment plus interest of \$178,466.55. 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
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**LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
CV 08-334**

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE UNDER NOVASTAR
MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST
2004-4,
Plaintiff,
vs.
TROY HERD,
Defendant.

**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 312 5th Street, Capitan, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

LOTS 24, 25, 26, AND 27, BLOCK 86
OF THE TOWN OF CAPITAN, LINCOLN
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS
SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF
FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

The sale is to begin at 1:00 p.m. on March 12, 2009, 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 The Bank of New York Mellon, as Successor Trustee Under Novastar Mortgage Funding Trust 2004-4.

The Bank of New York Mellon as Successor Trustee under Novastar Mortgage Funding Trust 2004-4, was awarded a Judgment on January 26, 2009, in the principal sum of \$109,639.70, plus outstanding interest through January 15, 2009, in the amount of \$13,649.30 and accruing daily thereafter at a rate of \$27.94 per day, plus late charges of \$815.49, plus fees currently assessed in the amount of \$669.01, minus unapplied funds in the amount of \$171.33, plus attorneys fees through January 15, 2009, in the sum of \$900.00 and costs through January 15, 2009, in the sum of \$558.85, with interest on the late charges, property preservation fees, escrow advances, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 9.30% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of Defendant(s) as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT 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 SUKHRANI
Special Master
5120 San Francisco
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109
(505) 858-3303

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**LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE UNITED STATES
DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO
No. 08-CIV-00778-RLP/WDS**

M & I MARSHALL & ILSLEY BANK
Plaintiff
vs.
FD-RE, L.L.C., LIBERTY BUILDING
SYSTEMS, INC., and FAMILY DOLLAR
STORES OF NEW MEXICO
Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
To: FD-RE, LLC

1400 South Fretz Avenue
Edmond, Oklahoma 73003

Your are hereby notified that the Plaintiff, M & I MARSHALL & ILSLEY BANK, has filed its Complaint for Debt and Foreclosure in the above-entitled and numbered cause in the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court in the District of New Mexico, seeking to recover a certain indebtedness incurred by the Defendant, FD-RE, LLC (the "Defendant") on a Promissory Note and Mortgage. Notices of Lis Pendens were also filed in Lincoln, DeBaca and Socorro Counties. You are hereby notified that unless you file a responsive pleading or motion or enter or cause to be entered your appearance in this cause on or before the 20th day of March, 2009, judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered against you by default.

Plaintiff's attorneys are Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris, & Sisk, P.A., by Paul M. Fish, whose mailing address is Post Office Box 2168, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Seal of said Court this 6th day of February, 2009.

MATTHEW J. DYKMAN
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
D. Wheeler
Deputy Clerk

(SEAL)
Respectfully submitted,
MODRALL, SPERLING,
ROEHL, HARRIS & SISK, P.A.

By: Paul M. Fish
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 18, 2008, Village of Ruidoso, c/o Atkins Engineering Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 3156, Roswell, NM 88202-3156, filed application No. 0275-A, H-272, & H-1361 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change place or purpose of use and supplement surface and underground waters in the Hondo Underground Water Basin in the State of New Mexico.

The applicant proposes to use existing well H-1361 to supplement surface and groundwater under State Engineer File No. 0275-A & H-272 et al.

Applicant proposes to divert up to 50.0 acre-feet per annum of groundwater from well No. H-1361 located in the SE¼ NW¼ NW¼ of Section 14, Township 11 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., for the purpose of wastewater treatment plant operation. Request is made to account for the water right diversions from supplemental well H-1361 based on a return flow plan approved by the Office of the State Engineer.

Application is made to supplement the following points of diversion:

SURFACE	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
Rio Ruidoso	SW¼NE¼SW¼	19	11 South	13 East
WELL NO.	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
H-272	NW¼NE¼SW¼	36	11 South	13 East
H-272-S	SE¼SW¼NE¼	25	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-2	SW¼SW¼NE¼	2	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-3	NE¼SW¼SE¼	2	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-4	SE¼NW¼NE¼	11	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-5	NE¼NW¼SW¼	14	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-6	SW¼NE¼NE¼	15	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-7	SW¼NE¼SE¼	10	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-8	SE¼NW¼SW¼	14	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-9	NW¼NE¼NE¼	23	11 South	13 East
H-272-S-11	NW¼NE¼SE¼	25	11 South	13 East

The H-272 well series and surface point of diversion are located within the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico. Well H-1361 is located at the Wastewater Treatment Plant located east of the City of Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Any person, firm or 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 must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public welfare/conservation of water; 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 John R. D'Antonio, Jr., P.E., State Engineer, 1900 West Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, within ten (10) days after the date of last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (fax) 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. Protest can be faxed to Office of the State Engineer, (575) 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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