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CEREMONY SET for NEW SAN JOAQUIN JUDGE

When: Thursday, November 6, 2003 4:00 p.m.

Where: Superior Court Department # 31, Stockton

(PHOTO AVAILABLE by e-mail.)

Dignitaries, friends and family have been invited to the swearing-in ceremony for Linda L. Lofthus, who has been appointed to the California Superior Court bench by Governor Gray Davis. The public is also cordially invited to attend.

Governor Gray Davis appointed Lofthus to the bench October 6, 2003.

Speakers at the ceremony will include 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Consuelo Callahan. Judge John B. Cechini, retired from the San Joaquin court, will administer the oath of office. Immediately following, there will be a reception.

Lofthus has a wide range of experience in both civil and criminal law. After graduating from California State University, Chico in Political Science, Lofthus received a JD from New College of California School of Law in San Francisco, a public interest law school. She began her legal career in 1980 as a Deputy Public Defender in San Joaquin County. In 1986 she joined the law firm of Rishwain, Hakeem, Ellis, LeBeouf & Ganzer. Lofthus started her own firm in 1990, and became a State Bar Certified Family Law Specialist in 2001. She has been an adjunct professor of community property for Humphrey's College School of Law for the past 10 years.

Lofthus will be assigned to the Manteca branch of the court. This appointment fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Rolleen McIlwrath. There are now 26 judges and 4 commissioners serving the people of San Joaquin County.