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Post Time!

Sixty-six days of racing kicks off Saturday at 1 p.m., at Ruidoso Downs, as "Post Time" brings the first race of the 1980 meeting.

Saturday's card will be 400 yard elimination trials for the Kansas Derby, May 18, with a \$225,000 estimated purse.

Two stakes races, the \$6,500 Inaugural Allowance and the Top Deck Stakes, with \$5,000 added money, highlight Sunday's action.

Much information on the upcoming season, on people that make racing successful at Ruidoso Downs and stories of great horses and great horsemen appear in Section C of this issue.

Ten volunteer stage hands needed for concert series

Ten volunteer laborers are needed to work as stagehands during the week of the Ruidoso Summer Music Festival June 4-10, festival vice-chairman Ken Green announced today.

Larry Langford, Village Hardware, James Stephens, Radio Shack/Happy Hands, and George Lore of George Lore Construction are heading up the local stagehand committee effort to build moveable stages for both the indoor and outdoor performances of the Fort Worth Symphony.

The stagehand committee and workers will be responsible for moving stages and music stands, setting up tables and chairs, and setting up and checking sound systems before the performances.

If you can work during the festival give your name and telephone number to Green, Langford, Stephens, or Lore.

County budget requests heard

At a pre-budget hearing session, conducted as part of their regular meeting, Lincoln County commissioners Tuesday heard budget requests from the county Counseling Centers, county ambulance service and Extension Department.

Because the hearing was designated as "pre-budget," the commissioners emphasized that no "promises" could be made in response to their requests. The process also is being slowed because the

Commissioner Ben Hall reported that at a meeting of the Ruidoso Hospital board the previous night, the members had discussed asking the commission to place a proposed increase of the hospital's three quarter mill tax levy on the November general election ballot. The board discussed raising the levy to one and one half, to be split between the communities of Ruidoso and Carrizozo.

The funds generated by the tax would be used to pay for a sprinkler system for the hospital as a first priority, and possibly for replacement of pipes and paving of the facility's parking lot, according to Billingsley.

amounts of federal monies to be made available to local government entities is not known at this time. Those monies would take the form of revenue sharing and payments in lieu of taxes, according to county manager Bill Billingsley.

Making the first request for funds was Dorey Grover of the Lincoln County Mental Health Association board of directors.

Multi-family dwelling plan approved by P&Z

The replat of the Southwest Children's Home property located across the street from village hall, was approved Wednesday morning by the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z).

Roscoe Robinson, owner of the property, has plans to build multi-family dwellings on the site, according to Daryl T. Collins, civil engineer.

P&Z also expressed opinions of the petition for annexation of Carrizo Creek Subdivision. Some property owners ap-

The Counseling Centers, located in Ruidoso and Carrizozo, offer a "wide range of services," Grover said. Services provided throughout the county include alcoholism counseling, evaluation and diagnosis for the District Attorney and inmate counseling at the request of the sheriff's office and other law enforcement agencies, she said.

The total cost of providing those services to the county last year was \$14,000, she said. They received a budget allotment from the county of \$4,719.

Jim Braswell, director of the Otero and Lincoln county counseling facilities, requested and increase for the coming year of 25 percent, for a total of \$5,899.

The commissioners also received a budget increase request from the Extension Department. Ed Wallace of the New Mexico State University Extension Office requested \$23,217 for fiscal 1980-81. The figure represents an increase of about \$3,000, which Wallace said is needed to raise salaries of secretarial personnel and to cover increased travel and maintenance costs.

Also on hand with a budget request was Bud Payne, director of the county volunteer ambulance service. Although he requested no specific amounts, he asked the commissioners to consider allocating enough funds to cover payments on radio equipment purchased last fall and the cost of "refresher courses" for county emergency medical technicians.

In other business, the commissioners: — Accepted a bid of \$2,020 for overhead doors from the Overhead Door Company of

Roswell for doors for the Fort Stanton Fire Department.

— Accepted a bid of \$1,946 (minus a five percent reduction for in-state bidders) from Valliant Company of Albuquerque for a plat storage cabinet.

— Approved a lease of office space to the magistrate court for the coming fiscal year.

— Approved Neff and Company as the county's auditing firm for 1980-81.

— Approved a budget increase of \$8,500

Davis, Heckman meeting regents for airport talk

Ruidoso Mayor Lloyd Davis Jr., will meet Friday with New Mexico State University's (NMSU) board of regents for discussions concerning the proposed Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

Davis will be accompanied by Ruidoso's newly appointed Sierra Blanca Airport Commission (SBAC) member Fred Heckman.

for farm and range predator control fund.

— Approved a budget resolution allocating \$700 to the Criminal Justice Planning Commission.

— Approved a budget resolution which will allow the sheriff's department to use funds granted them by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

— Approved an annual cooperative agreement with the United States Forest Service providing for sheriff's patrols of forest roads.

The mayor said he had no "planned presentation," concerning the project to deliver to the regents, but said he would discuss "possibilities of compromise."

NMSU currently leases acreage on Fort Stanton mesa for agricultural experiments, a portion of which is being sought by the SBAC for the airport.

Artists being selected for July 25-27 festival

The artists who will be featured at the Ruidoso Art Festival are now being chosen, according to Dave Wilson, chairman of the Art Festival Committee of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Scheduled for July 25, 26 and 27, the festival has grown to attract more than 200 artists to submit work to be judged for the show. Wilson said 94 artists booths will be available in addition to the two used by the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center and the Mesalero Elderly Center.

The festival will open from 5 to 10 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday. One admission price of \$1.50 per person, with children 12 and under admitted free, is charged

everyone attending, Wilson said.

Wilson said the selections are about the same mix as in previous years, with many mediums represented.

Previous years have included all types of paintings, woodwork, sculpture, pottery, photography, puppets, a silhouette artist, leatherwork, jewelry, stained glass and many types of crafts.

At least ten food booths have been planned for this year's art festival, with squash bread, burritos, fresh fruit, homemade cookies, brownies, popcorn, ice cream, nachos, hot dogs and many drinks, Wilson said.

For the first time ever, entertainment which will add to the festive atmosphere, is being scheduled. The Ruidoso Gym-

nastics Academy is planning several exhibitions, with Blake Starr performing magic acts throughout their program.

Other entertainment will be primarily musical acts, with details to be announced. In addition, balloons will be sold throughout the festival, Wilson said.

The festival is held annually under five large circus tents placed on the Ruidoso High School parking lot. Used last year for the first time, the tents provide shelter and protection for artworks displayed and sold.

Wilson said food booths, open to all service clubs, are still available, adding that "food must be of high quality and we don't want any duplications." Inquiries should be made by calling the Chamber at 257-7395.

DR. LYNN WILLARD, left, accepts the Hn/zhu/ne Award from Chamber president Sheila Harris, at the annual banquet of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night. The award was given for the first time this year and will be presented yearly to the business person whose storefront is most improved over the past year.

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directing the orchestra during a performance at Kimball Art Museum, Fort Worth.

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VICTOR BORGE GUEST ARTIST

Festival programming set

The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra will appear in seven concerts in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs June 4 through 10.

The series is being sponsored by Ruidoso Summer Festival Incorporated, who announce that guest artists appearing include:

- Chou-Liang Lin, violinist, June 4;
- Pepe Romero, classical guitarist, June 5; and
- Victor Borge, musical magician, June 10.

The performance schedule:

— June 4, 8 p.m., Ruidoso Downs Sales Arena, with the Marriage of Figaro Overture by Mozart; Symphony No. 1 by Beethoven; Violin Concerto by Mendelssohn and Divertissement by Ibert on the program.

— June 5, 8 p.m., Ruidoso Downs Sales Arena, with Symphony No. 99 by Haydn; Concerto de Engrisa by Rodrigo; Fantasia para un Gentil Hombre by Rodrigo and Appalachian Spring by Copland being presented.

— June 6, 12 noon, Two Rivers Park behind the Chamber of Commerce, free concert, conductor's choice of music.

— June 7, 3 p.m., Cedar Creek Picnic Ground, Highway 37, free concert, conductor's choice of music.

— June 8, 3 p.m., First Christian Church, Hull Road at Gavilan Canyon, free concert, conductor's choice of music.

— June 9, 8:30 p.m., family concert at Ruidoso Downs Sales Arena. The program, with James Simpson Miller, associate conductor, includes Dance of the Comedians by Smetana; Introduction to the Orchestra by Miller; Hungarian Dance No. 1 by Brahms; Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev; Notacantata by Case and Hoe Down by Copeland.

— June 10, 8 p.m., Ruidoso Downs Sales Arena, final performance with selections including Die Fledermaus and Blue Danube by Strauss; with Victor Borge as guest artist.

The admission schedule, all plus tax, will be:

— June 4, 5, 6 and 10, \$9 cabaret seating and \$4.50 bleachers.

— June 9, \$1 per ticket.

Detailed information on each of the guest artists will appear in subsequent issues of The News.



GUEST ARTIST VICTOR BORGE, termed the "comedian's comedian" and "musician's musician" will appear with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra June 10.

Search team locates man said missing

Members of White Mountain Search and Rescue (WMSR) Tuesday launched a successful search effort, locating a 75-year-old man who had walked away from the Ruidoso Care Center.

WMSR was contacted by Ruidoso Police about 6 p.m., Tuesday. After a search of the Care Center, a group of 22 members and three volunteers began searching the wooded area near the facility.

The man, identified as Jack Campbell, was found about one half mile from the center at about 11:20 p.m. He was returned to the center by midnight, and had suffered no injuries other than exposure to the cold. He was wearing pajamas and a light robe.

REACT members provided coffee and food to searchers, which was "appreciated very much," according to search coordinator Rex Skelton.



PEPE ROMERO, classical guitarist, will be guest artist for the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra's concert June 5.

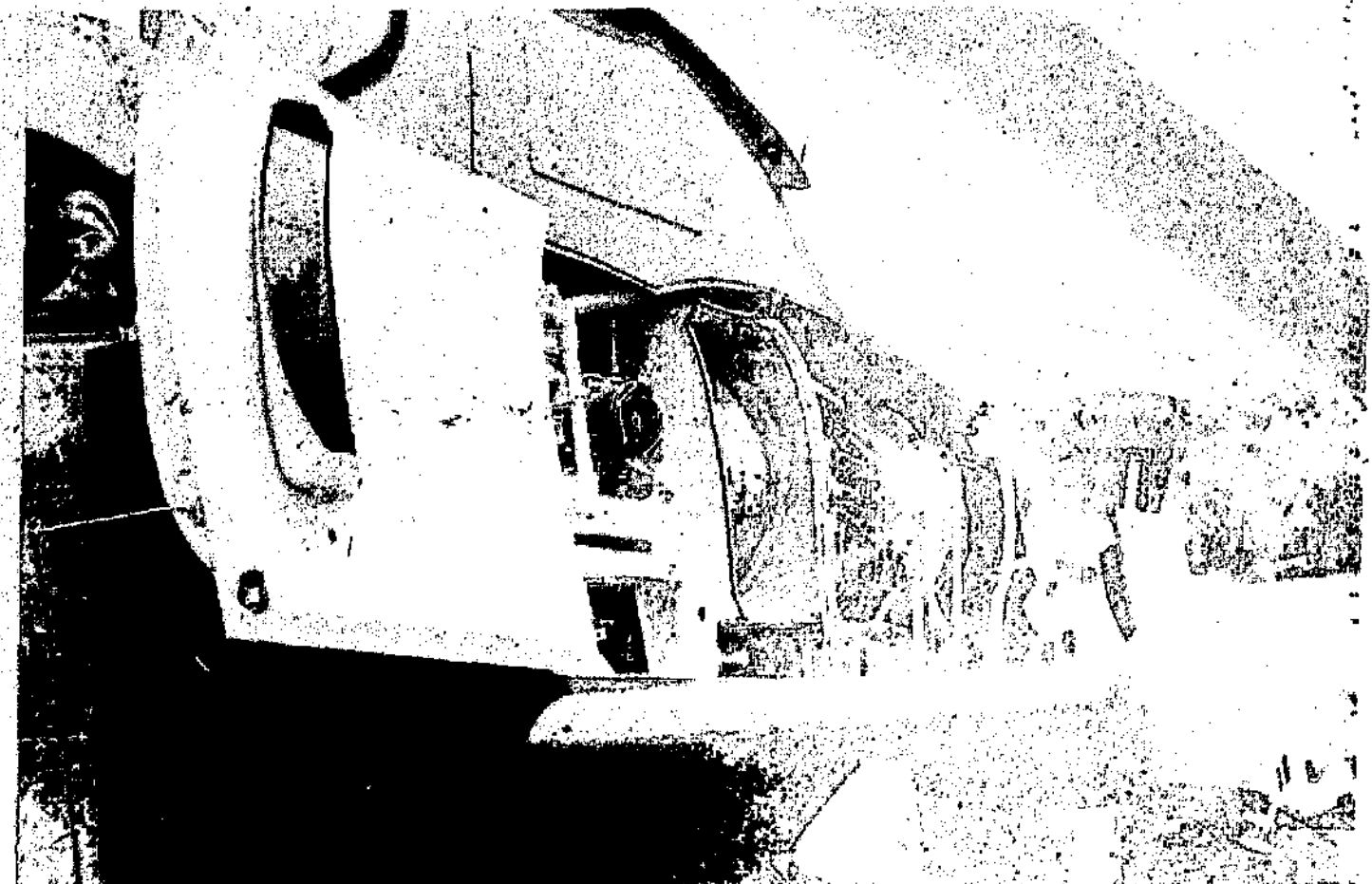
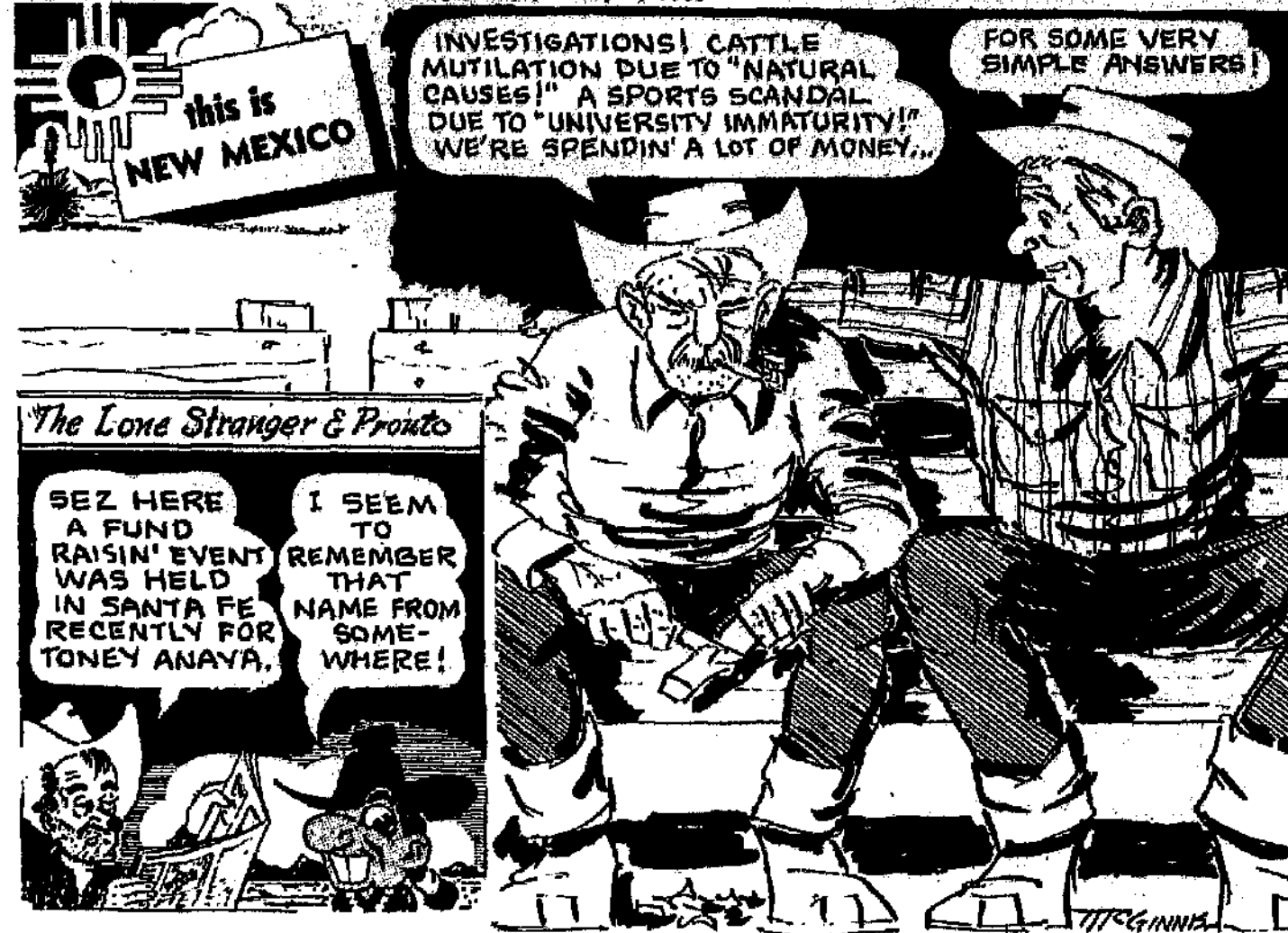


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THE INNER WORKINGS OF an AH1 Cobra, the most advanced helicopter now used by the United States Armed Forces, were on display Sunday on the Jicarilla temporary base, where members of the 1st Squadron were performing practice maneuvers.



A \$100 DONATION from the Ruidoso Sertoma Club purchased auditory aid equipment for students in the Ruidoso school system who have special learning needs. The Sertoma national project is hearing conservation and other auditory related problems. "The support given the schools by the local Sertoma

members is indicative of their commitment both to their national project and to the youth of our community. They are a good example of a service club," Karen Tillman school diagnostician said. Students pictured with the new equipment are Joey Matthews, left, and Walter Wilson, right.

Air Calvary Squadron trained in Jicarilla

BY CHARLOTTE FELLERS
Staff Writer/Photographer

The Air Calvary Squadron from Fort Hood Air Force Base in Killeen, Texas, spent the past week in the Jicarilla performing maneuvers which would be of use in finding a real enemy, according to Major Tim Carroll, a spokesman for the squadron.

The squadron experienced an opportunity to fly in unfamiliar skies for the first time in 2 1/2 years, Carroll said. He said lack of funds keeps the pilots confined to the Fort Hood air space most of the time.

The Jicarillas were selected for the off-base exercises because pilots needed training in flying in mountainous areas, spotting enemy ground units and simulations of actual combat situations.

"We are out of range of enemy fire. There is a fictitious enemy somewhere north of El Paso. We are trying to locate them," Carroll said.

He added that all units are set up as far away as possible from the enemy to keep

from being detected. "In a real situation we would set up a 'forward area' where the enemy.

A support unit was established 100 miles from the exercises being flown at Benado Gap. The support unit, which furnishes fuel, maintenance facilities and Red Cross supplies, was set up near the old village of Jicarilla.

"Normally we would have a helicopter unit which would be with us. They would do the shooting," Carroll said. He said no live ammunition was used in the exercises since fire danger is too high. "The only time we use live ammunition is on the firing range at Fort Hood."

The 300 men participating in the maneuvers were split into two teams, stationed at the support and forward sites.

Ten AH1 Cobras, the most modern helicopters now manufactured for the United States Army, were used in the exercises, in addition to 18 other types.

The squadron left late in the week to return to Fort Hood.



SHEILA HARRIS, left, accepts the gavel as incoming Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce president at the Chamber's annual banquet Wednesday, from outgoing president Benny Coulston. Coulston will remain on the Chamber board one year as an ex officio member.

Observing Soil Stewardship Week locally

The Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District will join in the national observance of Soil Stewardship Week May 11-18, chairman Bert Pfingsten has announced.

"The Judgment of Nature," will be the theme of this year's celebration. Its focus is especially appropriate as the United States considers the current condition of its soil, water and related resources, Pfingsten said.

"The loss of some three million acres of productive agricultural land each year through urbanization and other uses, the decline in productivity of the topsoil as the result of destructive erosion and continuing pollution of the nation's waters is serious cause for everyone's concern," Pfingsten said.

The Upper Hondo District's board of supervisors have distributed sermon material booklets and inserts to area churches and have provided Soil Stewardship placemats to restaurants in Lincoln, Capitan and Ruidoso.

In addition, bookmarks are available at the Ruidoso Public Library and the Smokey Bear Museum in Capitan. Further information and materials may be obtained at the Soil Conservation Service office in Capitan, telephone 354-2220.

According to a brochure produced in conjunction with the week, "Through Nature, we are linked with the past and committed to the future."

"Nature is neither fixed nor static; it is a continuing process and inherently dynamic...it rewards care and constructive attention even as it penalizes negligence and deliberate damage."

The National Association of Conservation Districts has sponsored the Soil Stewardship week since 1956, in cooperation with the nation's nearly 3,000 local districts.

Informative material on the yearly theme is distributed through the local districts to clergymen, lay leaders, civic and educational organizations and to interested individuals.

The Upper Hondo Board of Supervisors consists of Pfingsten, chairman; Clem Weidort, vice-chairman; Ernest McDaniel, secretary-treasurer; and members Jack Johnson, Howard Shanks, Ben Sanchez and Bob Scribner.



THIS AH1 COBRA can land virtually everywhere, according to pilots flying it on maneuvers in the Jicarilla recently. The Cobras fly at a maximum speed of 190 knots,

but the Army generally flies at a speed of 160 knots. The Cobra was one of several on display Sunday when the Air Squadron held an open house at one of their temporary bases.



FRED McCAFFREY, guest speaker at the annual banquet of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, expressed several concerns he had about state government, to a crowd of 85 local people attending the meeting at the Holiday Inn.

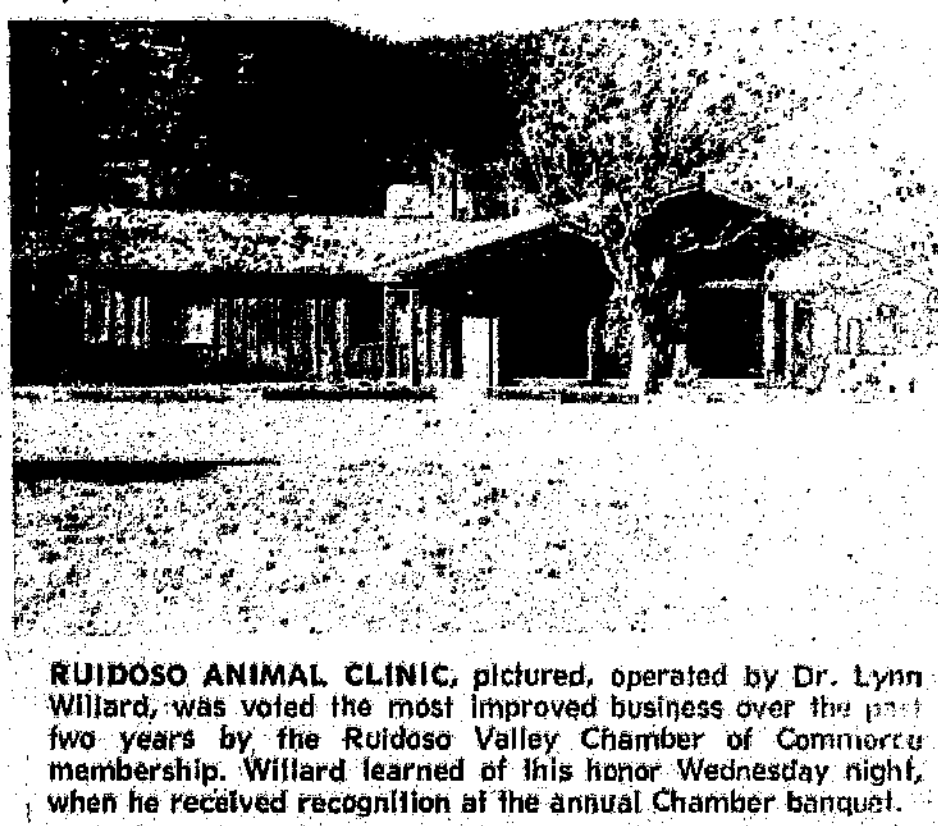
Second retail theft seminar being planned

The Retail Merchants Committee of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce decided Monday to sponsor a second seminar on retail theft.

The committee hopes to attract people who can give shoplifting demonstrations with retail merchants sharing the cost of such a seminar.

Chamber executive director Ed Jungbluth said he would contact Bob Gold, New Mexico Retail Merchants Association, and obtain more information for possible seminars.

The committee asked Jungbluth to talk with the Service officials to arrange for cutting down the trees of five planted in 1977, which have died. They were planted at Christmas time in hopes that one or more would live and could be used as Christmas trees.



RUIDOSO ANIMAL CLINIC, pictured, operated by Dr. Lynn Willard, was voted the most improved business over the past two years by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce membership. Willard learned of this honor Wednesday night, when he received recognition at the annual Chamber banquet.

Fifth graders interpret famous/infamous people

Fifth graders in Betty O'Dell and Toodle Wright's class experienced a fun way to learn last week when studying oral reports, according to their teachers.

Fifth graders dressed in the costume of a famous (or infamous) person and delivered oral reports in first person, giving clues to the identity of the person they represented.

Other class members guessed their identities and prizes were awarded based on the depth of research done, quality of the report and the imagination involved in the costume worn.

Of 61 students in the class, 14 finalists were selected and the following winners named: Richie Reese, first, as Babe Ruth, \$10; Sid Miller, second, as John Wayne, \$5; JoAnn Henry as Susan B. Anthony, third

and \$2.
Honorable mentions were given to: David Kirgan as Cochise, Eric Eastep as Daniel Boone; Colby Day as Davy Crockett; Carl Lueras as Abraham Lincoln; Kerry Gladden as Amelia Earhart; Emmitt Autrey as Jura Bowie;

Jeremy Lane as Samuel Clemens; Nikki Allier as Eleanor Roosevelt; Heather Foster as Florence Nightingale; Karin Schillales as Pope Pius X; and Bubba Miller as Buffalo Bill.

Teachers said all the students "did a great job" and the event will become an annual one for fifth graders. Students were required to make outlines and a two-page written report to complete their assignment.

Cheslee Brewer New Mexico Teen-Ager Pageant finalist

Cheslee Brewer, 13, Ruidoso, will be a finalist in the New Mexico National Teen-Ager Pageant, July 4-5, at the

Albuquerque Hilton Inn. She is the daughter of Mrs. Laura Brewer, Ruidoso. The state pageant winner will be a contestant in the national finals, telecast each August from Atlanta, Georgia.

New Mexico's National Teen-Ager will receive a \$500 cash scholarship, a Balboa Modeling Scholarship and an all-expense paid trip to Atlanta for the national contest.

Judging will be on scholastic achievement, leadership, poise, personality and appearance, with no swimsuit or talent competition. Contestants will also participate in the National Teen-Ager Volunteer Service Program and recite a one hundred word speech on the pageant theme: "What's Right About America."

Sponsoring her entry are McCarty Construction, High Country Agency, Fritchett Construction, Clarke's Chapel of Rest Mortuary and Laura Brewer.

Cheslee's hobbies include tennis, skating, dancing and skiing.

Mark Stone
entertaining
at Fish Market

The Plant Corner by Sally Black



This column is devoted to growing healthy indoor plants. Address questions to: Sally Black, The Ruidoso News, Box 128, Ruidoso, New Mexico 86345.

BOUGAINVILLEAS

I was feeling just a little "down" last week before I visited Jean Whitman. Being in the same house with her bougainvillea was a happening. The plant is in full bloom and is truly magnificent. I knew, at once, the next column would be on the growth and care of the bougainvillea. Consider the light before you buy a plant. This goes for any plant. The bougainvillea must have at least four hours of sun daily. Likes a warm temperature around 80° daytime with night's low reaching only 60°.

Water well during growth; ease off temporarily at midsummer for better flowering. Water plant thoroughly, then let the soil be core dry to touch.

The potting soil you use will make a difference in how often to water. Bougainvilleas like a medium type soil. The best food is the liquid manure, one cup to a gallon of water, or a food you buy, such as Maracel high in nitrogen, will produce fast new growth. The new growth produces the beautiful blooms, or bracts.

Prune for shape. Be careful when repotting not to disturb the roots.

Some varieties:
"Convent" (Panama Queen) bracts are magenta-purple; "Crimson Jewel" red bracts; "La Jolla" dark red bracts; "Temple Fire" bronze bracts.

Eastern Star
hosting benefit
dinner tonight

Ruidoso Chapter 65, Order of Eastern Star, is sponsoring a benefit dinner for Masonic Charities at 8:30 this evening at the Eastern Star Hall.

All funds derived from the \$3 dinner donation are earmarked to provide housing for cancer victims and their families who are in Albuquerque undergoing treatment. Darla Lathin, District 9 chairman for Masonic Charities, announced today.

The dinner is open to Masons, Eastern Stars, their families and friends.

Worthy Matron Elva Smith will preside at the chapter's regular meeting at 7:30. The evening will conclude with a reception for the ladies, in honor of Mother's Day, hosted by the men of the chapter.

PEOPLE

Cancer crusade begins

The East Lincoln Chapter of the American Cancer Society this week received their first donations, which will apply to the annual crusade, to take place in Ruidoso May 15 to June 15.

The Ruidoso Woman's Club donated \$76 to the cancer drive, and one retail merchant, Brunell's, has already submitted a check, according to Ken Moore, cancer crusade chairman.

Moore said he will be mailing letters soon to all businesses in the area to seek donations for the crusade. "Any other service clubs who would like to are welcome to make an annual donation."

Moore said the size of the donation is not as significant as the fact that a donation is made. "The larger the donation the better," he said, but added that "the small ones add up."

The local organization has set this year's goal at \$2,545 and will try to reach it through private, club and business donations and two fund raising events.

The first fund raiser is a barbeque/dance which will be held May 24 at the Ruidoso Downs All American Sales Arena. Tickets cost \$5 each and include a barbeque dinner and four hours of dancing to the Clay Mac Band.

A "Longest Day of Golf" June 19 will close the crusade. Business people around the community will play golf at Cree Meadows Country Club and Alto Country Club and will seek pledges prior to teeing off.

Tickets to the barbeque are available at Ruidoso Care Center and The Ruidoso News.

Area students
receiving degrees
Friday evening

Three Ruidoso and two Capitan students will receive diplomas Friday evening, along with 392 other candidates, at commencement exercises in Eastern New Mexico University's Greyhound Arena.

Baccalaureate services begin at 6, followed by commencement.

Ruidoso's students are: Pauline Sanchez, bachelor of science education degree in elementary and special education; Vicki Jean Stratton-Domis, bachelor of arts degree in English and Tamilee Tadlock, bachelor of business administration degree in finance.

Capitan's students are: Lazarito Guevara Jr., bachelor of business administration degree in marketing and Mildred Ruth Morris, bachelor of science degree in physical education and recreation.



PRESENTING a check for \$76 from the Ruidoso Woman's Club to East Lincoln American Cancer Society Crusade chairman Ken Moore are: Walterine Hughes, right and Nellie Vickers, left. The check is one of the first received for this year's fund drive, Moore said.

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CHESLEE BREWER

Obituaries

Benita Chee

Benita Chee, 33, Mesalero, died May 3 in that community. She was born August 22, 1946.

Survivors include two sons, Paul Chee Jr., and Leonard Chee, both of Gallup; one daughter, Celeste Chee, Mesalero; her mother, Mrs. Leona Wacanda of Mesalero; father, Freddie Peralto of Thorau; three sisters, Justine Dolan, Serena Wheeler and Colette Wacanda, all of Mesalero; and two brothers, James Peralto and John Wacanda of Mesalero.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Mesalero Reformed Church, with the Reverend Roger Bruggink officiating. Burial was in the Mesalero Cemetery. Arrangements were by Clarke's Chapel of Rest, Ruidoso and Carrizozo.

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Free blood pressure checks, honor tea, planned at hospital

Free blood pressure checks and a tea honoring the members of the Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) will highlight National Hospital Week, to be observed at Ruidoso Honda Valley Hospital next week.

According to Judy Whitcotton, spokesperson for the hospital, "Everyone's health is important to them, and as a member of the health care team, we are most anxious to share our concern for the community's health."

Whitcotton said free blood pressure checks will be offered Monday from 9 to 11 a.m., and 2 to 4 p.m. The Pink Ladies will be honored at a tea Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m., "for all the work they do for us."

Whitcotton said that the Hospital Auxiliary and other volunteers are among the four million people in the country volunteering their services to the industry.

Whitcotton said that three million people currently work in hospitals throughout the country, which is five times more than people employed in the auto industry.

She said the average patient needs attendance by three hospital staff persons, on the average, and of those three, one needs special training to do the job.

Statistics show that 61 percent of each

dollar paid for hospital care is used to pay salaries and benefits for employees and a lot of employees are needed for three main reasons:

—Each job requires an average of five employees because hospitals never close.

—New technology increases rather than decreases the number of staff needed.

—The majority of hospital jobs cannot be mechanized.

"We're America's Health Care Team," theme for this year's observance, stresses the importance of "people taking care of themselves," Whitcotton said, adding that the hospital staff will supply reminders of this type all week.

Cinderella pageant judging Saturday

Entries in the Cinderella Girl Pageant, for girls 17 years and under, will be accepted until 7 p.m., Friday at Ruidoso High School gymnasium, followed by orientation for parents, contestants and chaperones.

The latest entries, in the Cinderella Tot division, are Briget Rachelle Nelson, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Nelson, Ruidoso; and Linda Lee Hankins, 8, daughter of J. L. and Diana Hankins, Ruidoso.

Other local contestants include Lucinda Romero, Captain, Kristy Company, Ruidoso, and Cordy Rlerson, Ruidoso Downs, Miniature Miss; and Robyn Peralta, Captain, Miss Cinderella.

Winning contestants Saturday evening will be eligible for state pageant competition in Carlsbad, June 20-21.

State queens from 1979, and others, scheduled to appear on stage Saturday evening include Tina Killen, Ruidoso, Cinderella Teen; Jennifer Burnett, Carlsbad, Miss Cinderella, with a song and dance routine; Leama Netherlin, Carlsbad, Miniature Miss, vocal solo; Britt Flaming, Artesia, acrobatic dance;

Amibeth Walt, Hobbs, tap dance; Toni Gassaway, Hobbs, classical piano selection; Allison Cannon, Hobbs, piano solo and Jodi Netherlin and Tonya Hubbard, Hobbs, dance routine.

Judging the contestants will be Janet Crowson, Clovis, regional manager of the New Mexico Health Systems Agency; Toni Gossaway, Hobbs, Piano Guild member

and last year's state Cinderella pageant talent winner; and Melissa Crow, Lea County, mistress of ceremonies Saturday evening.

District pageant director Sally Dean, Eunice, said plans are underway to stage the 1981 New Mexico Cinderella Girl Pageant in Ruidoso.



BRIGET NELSON



LINDA HANKINS

Inspiration Corporation seeks financial aid for camp students

Inspiration Corporation is seeking financial aid from residents and businesses to send local youths to camp, according to Carlene Wadley, a spokesperson for the organization.

Wadley said 13 youths have applied for financial aid to attend the Ruidoso Christian music and drama camp June 1-15 at the Nazarene Church Camp.

The camp, designed for junior high through college age youths, is conducted by non-denominational staff members from throughout the Southwest. Included in the \$180 fee is 14 nights of lodging, 41 meals, choice of two types of private music and drama lessons and a T-shirt.

Inspiration Corporation was founded for the purpose of providing young people through age 25 with an opportunity for

music and drama study in a healthy atmosphere, Wadley said.

Wadley outlined three general goals of Inspiration Corporation:

—To share with people a clearer understanding of God's love through the artistic mediums of music and theater.

—To encourage youth to explore their artistic potential and actively participate in human relations through their involvement in Inspiration Corporation performances.

—To maintain high musical, theatrical, moral and ethical standards in all activities.

The corporation is run by a board composed of local business people. For more information, call 257-5903 or 257-2111.

Rayann Dickerson, Jim McGarvey set June 14 wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dickerson of Seminole, Texas have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rayann Dickerson to Jim McGarvey, son of Nancy Manning and Robert McGarvey of Ruidoso.

The couple plans a June 14 wedding and will make their home in Ruidoso. The future bride is employed by Andrews Savings and Loan of Seminole. McGarvey is employed by Western Auto of Ruidoso.



JIM MCGARVEY AND RAYANN DICKERSON



"A" CHEERLEADERS at Ruidoso High School for the 1980-81 season were selected recently and are, left to right: Trilna Schafer,

Tracy Hamm and Debbie Loofen. Also a cheerleader but not pictured is Lynanda Williamson.

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Presbytery meeting here

The Presbytery of Sierra Blanca of the United Presbyterian Church will conduct its spring meeting here this weekend. Set to begin at 7:30 p.m., Friday at the Ruidoso Presbyterian Church, the meeting will continue from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday.

The 20 southeastern New Mexico congregations will be represented by 100 ministers and elders at this meeting with special out-of-state guests expected to attend.

Among them are The Reverend Richard Smith, Synod Executive; The Reverend Burton Smyth, Associate Executive for Mission Support; The Reverend Roscoe Wolington, representative of the United Presbyterian Foundation; and the Reverend Don Leavitt, representative of the Board of Pensions.

The Reverend James Brown of Santa Fe will lead the educational event for the meeting.

Ruidoso's congregation will be represented by elder Roy Shamburger and pastor Frank Crown. Robert McDaniel will represent the church in a special session for church treasurers. Other members of the church will attend the meeting as observers, and the women of the local congregation will serve lunch Saturday to all in attendance.

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SPORTS

Last chance to qualify for state Tracksters in all-important meet

BY MARK BAGBY
Sports Editor

Saturday will be an interesting day for Warrior tracksters — it could be the end of the season, or it could be the next to last meet, with the state meet in Albuquerque the following weekend the final competition.

But first there's this Saturday's district meet in Deming. It's now or never, do or die, and the last chance for all the Warriors but Joe Almager.

Almager qualified for state earlier this year in the 800 meter run, although he's primarily a miler. A great battle is shaping up Saturday between Almager and Mike Marrujo, Tularosa's crack miler. It's always a good race when those two get together.

But that's getting ahead of the story. Last Saturday's meet at Truth or Consequences was supposed to have been a state qualifying meet, but neglected paperwork changed that situation, which suddenly changed the entire game plan for the Warriors, who didn't compete in very many qualifying meets as it was.

Almost instantaneously, there was only one meet left, and that one is the district meet, which carries enough pressure with it as it is.

But Ruidoso track coaches report their charges are meeting the challenge head on.

"We know it's now or never," assistant boys' coach Ronny Maskew said. "We've

been working hard, and I think we'll improve our performances. The rest of the district is probably in for a few surprises.

"We're as ready as we can be," girls' coach Sergio Castanon said. "We've had good workouts this week, and except for a couple of injuries, we're ready."

Both coaches seemed fairly optimistic about their competitors' chances in the meet.

"I expect," Maskew said, "we'll qualify a relay team or two, and I think we'll do well in some field events. Cody Browning should qualify in the javelin, and Peter Baillon has a good chance in the pole vault. He cleared 11 feet the other day in practice, and the other best vaulter in the district has done only 10 and a half feet."

Robert Green should qualify for state in the discus, if he does what he is capable of doing. He's throwing very well, but something happens in the meets and he scratches or gets off a bad throw. But he can qualify.

Castanon's ladies have equally good chances, and the team even has a shot at finishing third in the meet, which is no small feat considering there are only nine girls on the team — and that's a small team by any standards.

"We've had real good, hard workouts," Castanon said, "and I think we'll take several to state."

Two ladies might not make it to state due to virtually crippling injuries — mile relay team member Teresa Jameson has a

swollen foot, a leftover injury from basketball season.

"I hope she'll be okay so we can use her in the mile relay," he said.

The other "victim" is miler Ruta Bob, who has been suffering from the runner's nemesis — shin splints — for some time. While not disabling, shin splints are extremely painful.

"She's just going to have to forget the pain and go for the best mile she can run if she wants to go to state," he said.

One lass who is almost certain to qualify for state is discus hurler Tammy McCulley, who just might be one of the top throwers in the state. Castanon didn't equivocate about her chances.

"McCulley will be at state," he said. "Guaranteed, she'll be there."

All-purpose athlete Sheri Dennis, who competes in about half the events, stands a very good chance of qualifying in several events, including long jump.

"The mile relay team has been working extra hard, and it has a good chance," Castanon said. "We're ready, and we've had hard workouts all week. We'll have another one today and then take Friday off."

Maskew hinted at a few "surprises" in store for the boys' team, but added he wasn't at liberty to reveal just exactly what those surprises might be. But he did have a few words of praise for his squad.

"We have a freshman mile relay team, and they're some of our hardest workers,"

he said. "Those four — Billy Woodul, Kyle Plack, Brian Cargill and Mike Douglas — didn't run track as eighth graders, but they've done a good job. And by the time they're juniors, they'll be a top mile relay team."

"Douglas especially has been a bright spot in track. Last week at T or C was his first meet, and he turned in a super 400 meter time, and we're real pleased with that."

But the absence of a track facility, Maskew indicated, might hinder the Warriors from developing an excellent track program.

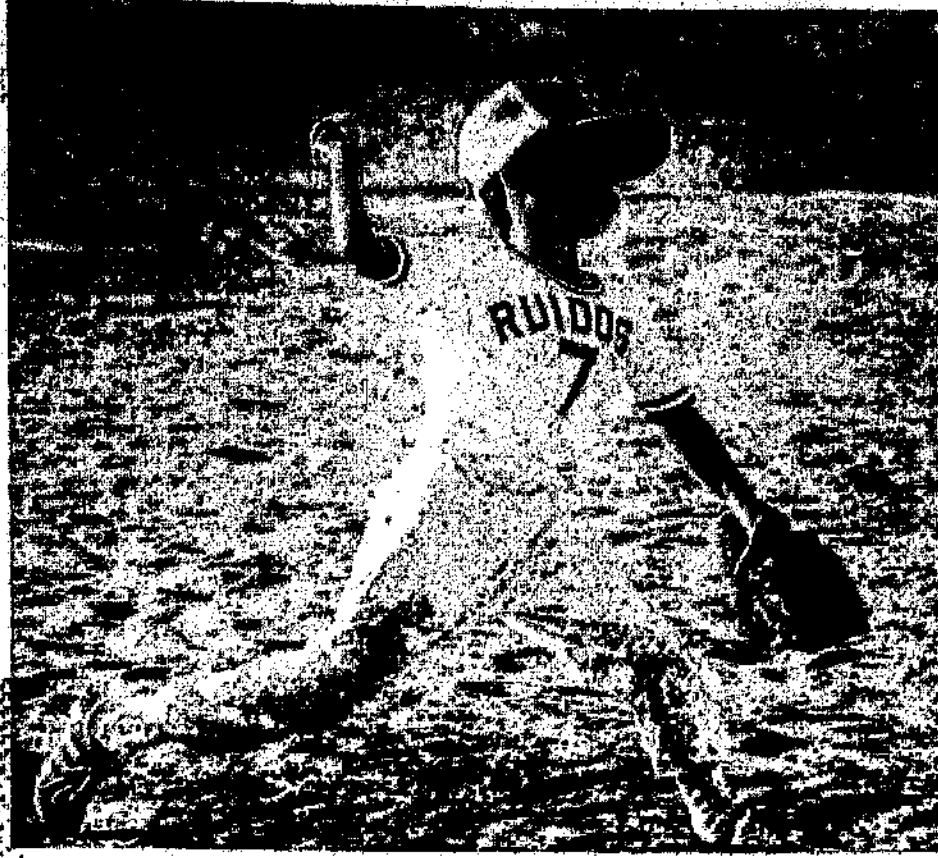
"We wanted to work on our relays, you know, handoffs, and stuff, and we had to go to Alamogordo to run on their track. So we spent an hour and a half driving to get in an hour's worth of work."

"With most sports — football or baseball say — you can more or less do real well with any field. But with track, you have to have a real surface to run on, or even a semblance of one, if you expect to have any hope of doing well. It's like learning how to ski without a mountain."

"It'd sure be nice if we had a real track to run on. Times like this are when you sure need one."

He said the Warriors would probably leave Saturday morning about 5 or 5:30 to arrive on time.

"I think we'll do just fine," he said.



ANDY GONZALES of Gibson's in the Ruidoso Pee Wee League prepares to unload his high, hard one upon a Clardy's batter during Tuesday's game at the little league diamond. Clardy's won the game, 2-1, but Gonzales allowed no hits and walked two in his three innings on the mound.

Sportin' Life

... a column of opinion ...

by

Mark Bagby



I was invited to the Tuesday Morning Ladies' Bowling League end of the season banquet, which was, appropriately enough, on Tuesday morning.

I had a pretty nice time, all-around. Those ladies know how to have fun, let me tell you.

The nicest part of the whole affair was meeting Joan Chase. Joan and I have been "pen pals" for a long time. As league secretary, Joan took it upon herself to send me complete results of their games every week — which is about all the mail I get here at the office — most of the mail I get in my personal box has little windows on the envelope, so why am I complaining?

Anyway, I just wanted to thank Joan personally right here — because it's not an easy job she has — and then she was re-elected as league secretary at the banquet, so maybe we'll get to keep writing to each other.

But wait until my wife finds out. Yeah.

Trials and tribulations

If you look in Section B, page 2 of this issue, you'll see a big picture page (that's newspaper lingo) on the adult soccer league.

You don't know how hard it was to get that sucker done.

Butch Granham called me about two months ago and wanted to know if I could do something on the league. Sure, I said, I'll be out there this Sunday.

It snowed.

So, we tried it the following weekend. I couldn't do it then 'cause I had to move furniture. It kept on going like that — "Can you be there?" "Oh yeah, I'll be there," and then for one reason or another, I wouldn't make it or it got cancelled.

But finally, last Sunday, I made it. And Butch couldn't make it. Them's the breaks, I guess.

But anyway, I shot pictures for an hour and a half, and then came back and processed the whole kit and kaboodle. I had some good shots, so I printed them up and was given a whole page in which to show my stuff.

That was the easy part — I only did about a dozen experimental layouts and about drove my wife crazy at home while I played with the darn thing ... during dinner, I might add.

Then, anyway, I started identifying people in pictures. (It's always a good idea to get names when possible, boys and girls.) I knew most of the folks, but there were two I didn't know. I was able to learn, however, both of their first names were Joe.

I got one of the last names with little difficulty, but the other one — Butch and Dick Reeves made about seventyseven phone calls before they tracked the guy down, and Butch swore he'd never seen the guy.

Turns out he's on Butch's team

From the gridiron to the announcer's booth

On no ... another ex-athlete will be assaulting the airwaves this fall. Another ex-footballer will be giving us his opinions.

Just what we need — more opinions, more color commentators, more crap to listen to while the game is going on.

I'm not sure Frank Gifford knew just exactly what he was starting — or was it that Summerall who was first?

Anyway, Roger Staubach, ex-Dallas Cowboy, whose retirement made Redskins fans Vince Collins and yours truly mighty happy, has signed a contract with CBS to provide color commentary for football games.

It's gotten to the point now where there's almost as many ex-athletes in the pressbox as there are on the field.

Some of 'em are really obnoxious — Al Derogatis and Tom Brookshier get on my nerves awfully easy, and some of them are just downright dumb. Dandy Don Meredith is funny, but has really gotten out of touch with the game. As a commentator, he's almost worthless. He cracks jokes but doesn't know his stuff anymore.

I really get a kick out of listening to Bill Russell during basketball games. He's real knowledgeable on the game and has kept up with it really well. Plus, the man is hysterical. If there were more guys like Russell, then I wouldn't be opposed to color commentators.

But Roger Staubach? He'll probably be about as exciting as watching chrome rust. And if you need proof, catch his insurance commercials sometime — or that really awful air conditioner-heater commercial he and Fran Tarkenton did several years back.

Fran Tarkenton is another lousy commentator, who right now is offending audiences on "That's Incredible!", a sort of "Ripley's Believe It or Not" type program. Maybe he's getting out of sportscasting.

Which can only improve the state of the art. Now if others only follow his lead.



FIRST PLACE team in the recently concluded Tuesday morning ladies' bowling league, sponsored by Apache Music, was honored at a banquet this week. Team members, from left,

are Ava McCune, Myrl Rose, Joan Chase and Walt Hughes. The quartet received pottery as trophies.



SECOND PLACE team was sponsored by Big-T. Team members from left are Ann Kimble, Flo Cox, Marilyne Kennedy and Betty

Graham, and they also received pottery for trophies.

Few Warrior golfers finish round in rain.

Ruidoso High School golfers played in the New Mexico Military Institute golf tournament last weekend, but only three finished due to a rainstorm.

The three were Paul Kirkwood, Don Nunley and Randy Wynn, who turned in

rounds of 75, 88 and 90, respectively.

Team scores were not figured since a majority of teams playing in the tourney did not finish.

The meet ended the Warriors' season.

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RAIN DIDN'T STOP the White Mountain Middle School band from marching to a first place trophy Saturday in the Tularosa Rose Festival Parade. Pictured with the hardware

are band officers, left to right: William Dean, Goetz Schmitz, Shawn Dunlap, Diane Gonzalez and Kevin Jameson.



RUIDOSO DOWNS officials for the day, participants in the "Youth in Government" program at Ruidoso High School included Cedric Rue, police chief; and Steve Romero, right, mayor. Other participants not available for photographs included Steven Platsch, fire prevention officer; Jay Rallerson and Scott Neal, recreation and lands officers and Greg Lane and Rusty Hamilton, fire suppression personnel.



ART ON EXHIBIT — Gary L. Whitten, Ruidoso, is one of 13 student artists exhibiting their work in the Golden Library at Eastern New Mexico University, Portales. A senior commercial art major, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Whitten. Works displayed include cubism, surrealism, futurism, fauvism, German expressionism, Art Nouveau, Op Art and abstract expressionism. (NMSU photo)



"B" SQUAD cheerleaders at Ruidoso High School were recently selected for next year. They are pictured, left to right: Missy

LeJeune, Lois Covill, Kelly Foster and Paulette Sanchez.



YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT participants Wednesday were assigned positions in local government to learn more about the day to day operations of the agencies. From left, front row are Lou Ann Wilson, city clerk; Laurie Pelz, street superintendent;

Pirelli, city clerk; and Kim Sanchez, airport manager. Back row, from left, Karl Wenner, water department head; Bill Huey, municipal judge; and Randy Wynn, police chief. Not shown: Laurie Greggerson, Librarian.

Pow Wow set at Mescalero this weekend

The first Pow Wow of the season at Mescalero is scheduled Friday and Saturday at the Community Center.

This Pow Wow will honor Mrs. Nora Fatty, and is sponsored by her daughters, granddaughters and family.

The program begins at 7:30 p.m., Friday and features Indian dancing.

Activities begin Saturday with a noon meal, followed by group and group dancing at 2 p.m., evening meal at 5 and the evening dancing will follow a 7:30 grand entry, highlighted by the costumed dancers.

The ceremony is a fund raising event for the Mescalero Pow Wow Club and all performances are open to the public.

State highway offices open during week

Supervisory and office personnel in all district Highway Department offices are on duty from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. The News was advised this week by a department spokesman.

The toll free number for highway information is 1-800-432-2200 and for information in this district, the telephone number is 622-8441, Roswell.

CLASSIFIED ADS

LEGAL NOTICE

CALL FOR BIDS
The Ruidoso Board of Education desires to receive bids on Workmen's Compensation Insurance for the 1980-81 school year for the Ruidoso Schools.
Specifications are available in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, P. T. Vaillant, Post Office Drawer 1430, Ruidoso, New Mexico 86305, or telephone 257-7321.
Bids will be opened and read at a regular meeting to be held on June 10, 1980, at 8:00 P.M. in the Administration Building.
The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all technicalities.
P. T. Vaillant,
Superintendent and
Director of Finance
#1520-21 (1) 8, 12

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 8-83
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO, 1979 COMPILATION, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO, THAT: CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE 4, SECTION 5 of the Municipal Code of Ruidoso, New Mexico, be hereby amended to read:
"§ 5.5 BOARD — APPOINTMENTS, TERMS OF OFFICE.
The members of the Board shall be appointed by the Mayor of the Village, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees. Members shall be appointed for staggered terms of three (3) years so that the terms of three (3) members expire each year. No member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. Vacancies or unexpired terms shall be filled in the same manner as regular appointments, but the appointee shall hold office only to the end of the unexpired term. The Board shall select its own Chairman who shall be a member and who shall act as such until the next annual meeting of the Board. The Board shall select one of its members other than the Chairman to act as Assistant Chairman until the next annual meeting of the Board. The Clerk of the Village shall be, ex officio, a member of the Board at all times. He shall take part in the discussion of any matters pertaining to the management and operation of the library but shall have no vote in any manner which shall come before the Board. This Ordinance shall not become effective until five (5) days after it has been published according to law. This Ordinance having come before the governing body of the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico, at a duly announced public meeting is hereby adopted and approved this 28th day of April, 1980.
VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO
By: Lloyd L. Davis, Jr.
Mayor of the Village
ATTEST:
James L. Hine
Village Clerk
#1520-11 (1) 8

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LOST — big black dog named Bandy. Long hair, no collar, white chest. Please call Candy, 1-653-4312. Reward. C-103-1tc

FOUND — black and tan male German shepherd near Ruidoso State Bank. Appears to be one year old and has dew claws. Call 378-4047. Ask for Allison. J-103-1tc

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5:22:00 2:00 P.M. Precinct #21 Ruidoso-White Mt. School
5:22:00 9:00 A.M. Precinct #23 Ruidoso-Public Library
5:22:00 12:00 P.M. Precinct #14 Ruidoso-High School
5:23:00 2:00 P.M. Precinct #15 Ruidoso-Downtown-Village Hall
If you or a representative wish to be present at any or all of these times and places, please notify me at 446 2831 for any last minute changes in schedule.
Sincerely,
Jane McQuinn
Lincoln County Clerk

#1511 11 (1) 8

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico calls for bids on High Velocity Sewer Cleaner. Interested bidders must secure a copy of the specifications from the Purchasing Officer at Village Hall.
Bids must be received by the Purchasing Officer no later than 2 P.M., May 27, 1980, at Village Hall, Ruidoso, New Mexico.
The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and waive all formalities.
By Order of Governing Body
Village of Ruidoso
Frank Poffler, Purchasing Officer
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 18, 1980, Jose D. and Enita Buelles of El Paso, New Mexico 88524 filed application number 052-A with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change point of diversion of 2.2 acre-feet per annum of surface waters of the Rio Ruidoso, a tributary of the Rio Hondo, from the present point of diversion located in the NW1/4SE1/4 of Section 3, Township 11 South, Range 15 East, to a new point of diversion in the NW1/4SE1/4 of Section 3, Township 11 South, Range 15 East, for the diversion of 2.2 acre-feet per annum of surface water for the continued irrigation of 1.6 acres of land described as Pt. E1/2NE1/4 of Section 3, Township 11 South, Range 15 East.
The move-to point of diversion is approximately 300 feet downstream from the move-to point of diversion. There are no other points of diversion between the move-to point and the move-to point of diversion.
Any person, firm, association, corporation, the State of New Mexico or the United States of America, claiming that the granting of the above application will impair or be detrimental to their water rights, may protest in writing the proposal set forth in said application. The protest shall set forth all protestant's reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with S. B. Reynolds, State Engineer, P. O. Box 1717, Roswell, New Mexico, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this notice.
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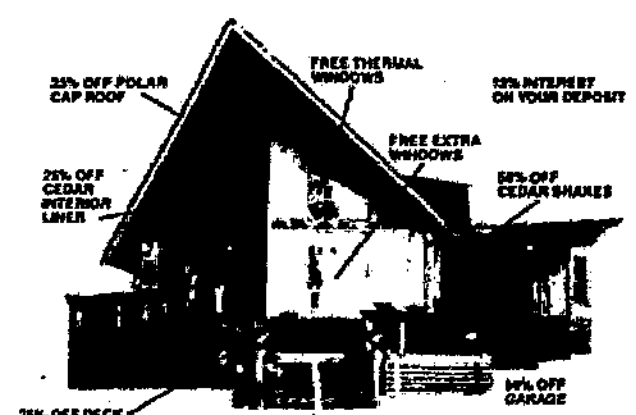
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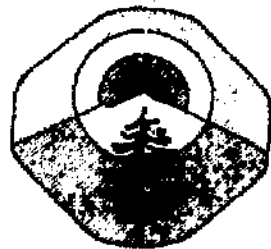
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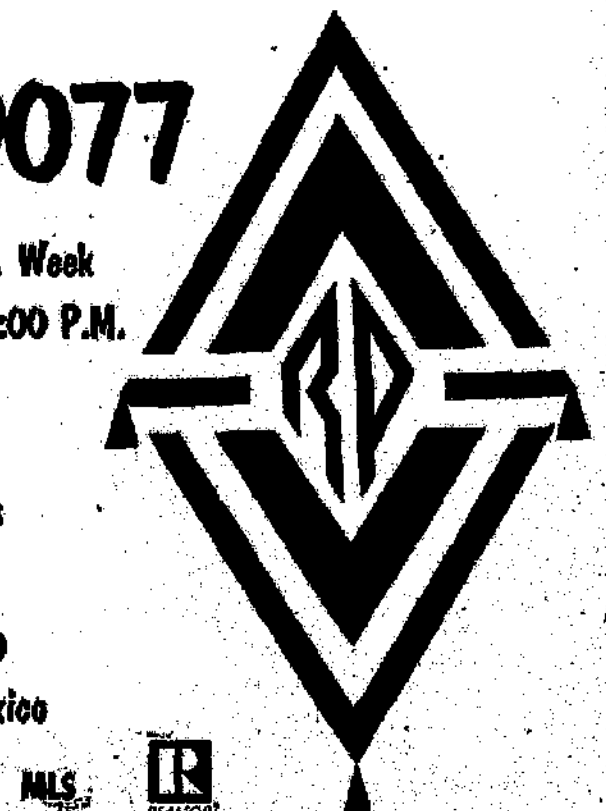
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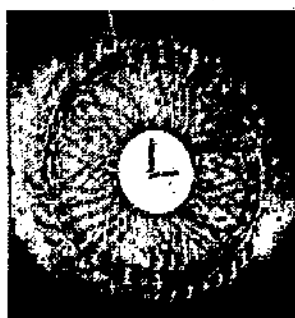
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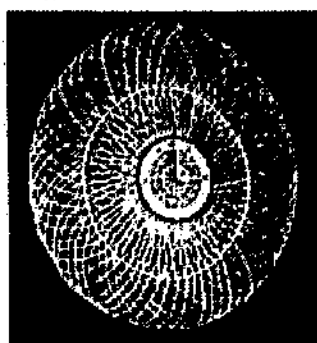
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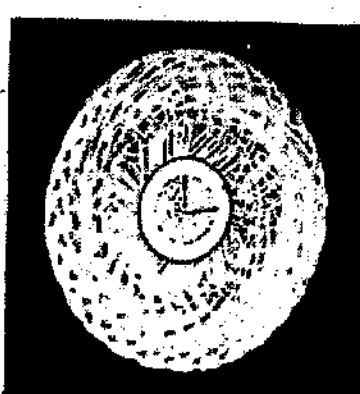
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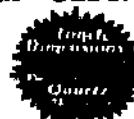
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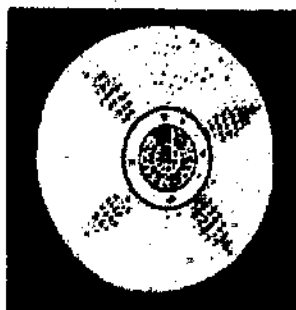
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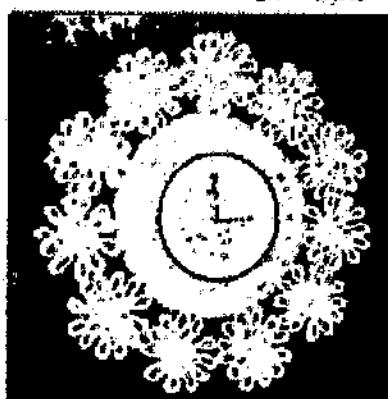
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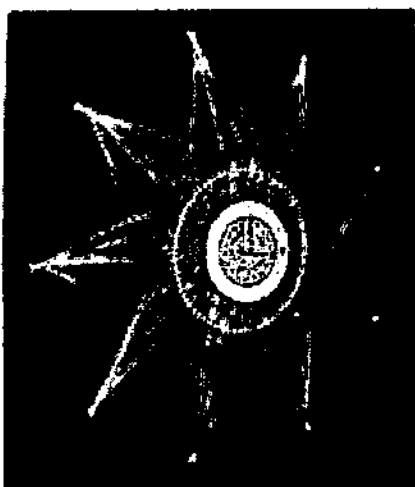
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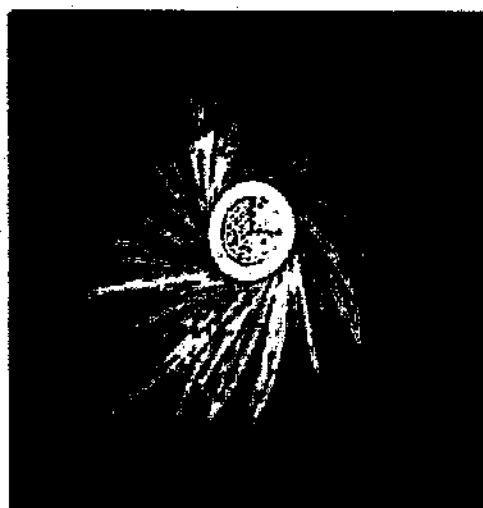
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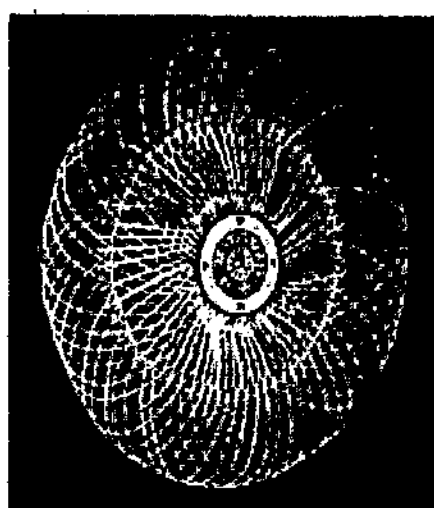
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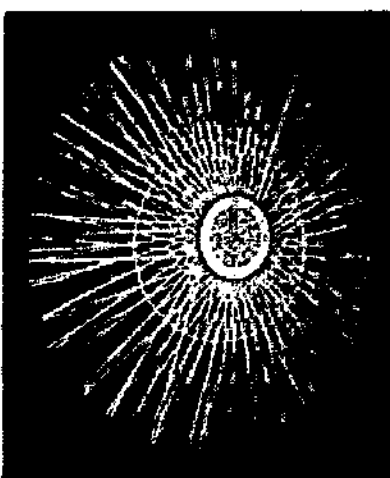
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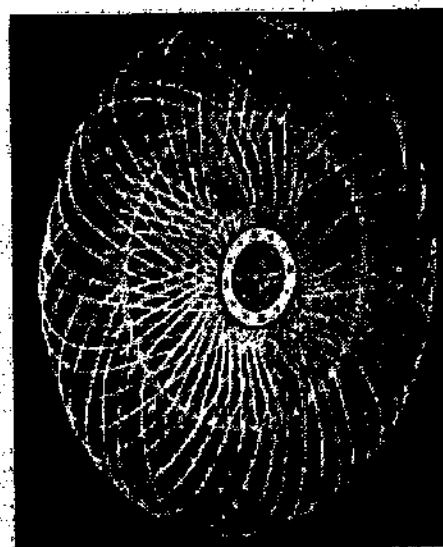
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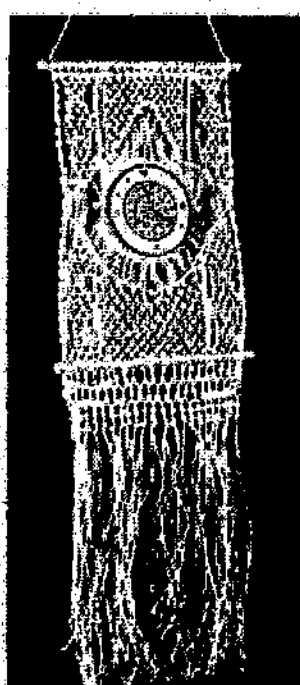
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The Silver Lining

BY
DANIEL AGNEW STORM

"My Lord Calls Me
He Calls Me
By The Thunder"

This message is being sent to you on May six, and as you look up and down the vale, you see that the world has turned green through the magic of two or three good rains that have fallen during the last two or three days. This is the first time in a long time that the rains have come just right — right on time to help all the new growth just at its beginning.

Now the creatures of Good Mother Earth, which have so long held back, have sprung forth all in a grand rush of spring-time celebration. The ground under the apple trees is white, like a light snow fall, with the apple blossom petals that have fallen. And out on the little apple tree, you can see the tiny apples just beginning their growth, encouraged by the thunder, the lightning and the rain.

Today, the sixth, it is mid afternoon, and all day all the different tones of thunder have been echoing and reverberating down the way to the east, and you know the foothills country is getting a good rain. The northeast wind carries the smell and the coolness of the rain, and the rumblings of the thunder, very clearly to you, and a drop of rain falls in from time to time.

Already mid summer flowers like the scarlet-vermillion Indian paint brush, pride and joy of the west — from the plains of Texas, through the Rocky Mountains, out to the Pacific coast — have burst forth into bloom. What a surprise and delight to your eye to see this typical American flower out in bloom early.

Now the thunder echoes from the east and the west over the hills, and the words of the beloved old Negro spiritual come to mind:

"My Lord calls me
He calls me
By the thunder
The trumpet sounds
Within-a my soul."

The Snow Bird's Farewell
All through the rapidly leafing river trees, and up along the hill side where the oak brush is turning pink-purple with cautiously opening new leaf buds — all through the glen you can hear the happy voices of the robin, the purple finch, the song sparrow, and the oriole.

There is one voice missing in the spring time chorus. This is the cheerful chirping

notes of the snow birds.

Before you realized it, they have "folded their tents like the Arab, and silently stolen away."

Yet before they boarded the North Star Special for the flight back to Alaska, one of their representatives, Joey the Snow Bird, left a little message:

Dear Folks Of Lincoln County,

On behalf of the numerous and proud clan of the snow birds, I wished to leave you some token in words, however inadequate, of appreciation of your kindness and hospitality during this and many winters past.

"Throughout the length and breadth of our land today" many gifted speakers are giving brilliant messages over the television, radio and to live audiences. I am sure that in sheer brilliance and polish, the utterances of these talented and experienced speakers can teach the rest of us much in the art of the spoken and the written word.

And yet, in the plainest language, the power of a great message comes shining through. It is this message of great thankfulness that we of the snow bird nation would bring to you.

I have spent winters in all states of this Nation Under God, from the "Sunny banks of California to the rock-bound coast of Maine — and from the far flung Canadian border to the Sleepy Rio Grande.

And I wish to say, with all the sincerity at my command, and with all due appreciation to others elsewhere, that I know of no people anywhere who have opened more kindly your hearts to us, the snow birds, and to all birds than your own dear selves.

Many are the stories that could be told of mercy and charity to birds of all kinds — true stories of you people of Lincoln county. We wish all of God's blessings upon all of you, and pray that you will have a most fortunate and happy summer, and may we meet again when once more the snow flakes fall in the land of the pinon and pine.

With every good wish, on behalf of the united nation of snow birds, I beg to remain, ever your true friend and most humble and obedient servant,

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Inside The Capitol

by Fred McCaffrey

SANTA FE — It may be time to just stop everything we're doing about reforming our correctional system and start all over again. What we're doing now gives plenty evidence of not being right.

Take these recently uncovered facts:
—A Los Lunas grand jury finds the still-unopened facility there, to house 288 prisoners, is "a security hazard to the people of Valencia county."

—While we pay out-of-state institutions more than \$50 per day per prisoner to house 484 of our male inmates, we leave 160 unused spaces at Roswell, Los Lunas and Sierra Blanca.

—For two days, after the health agency shut down the National Guard kitchens used to feed prisoners at Santa Fe, we bought three meals a day for each of them from Colonel Sanders and McDonald's.

(We predict that last revelation will tee off more New Mexicans, many of whom can't afford to eat out often, than most anything else which has come out about the immense screw-ups in our penal system.)

NO CONFIDENCE: Meanwhile, Correction Secretary Adolph Saenz, who says he doesn't have time to get his work done because he has to keep appearing as a witness before hearings, got some rough treatment from the Legislative Finance Committee in Santa Fe. In essence, they told him they had little confidence in his ability or his work.

It matters when that group comes down on you.

Though the LFC is only an interim committee, not meeting when the Legislature is in session, it contains the key figures in the lawmaking bodies. Automatic members are the bosses of Senate Finance, House Appropriations,

and Taxation and Revenue. Every bill which appropriates so much as a single buck had to be heard by at least two of their committees, so they effectively control the pursestrings.

Everybody in Santa Fe knows you have to get along with those buffalos, or you're in serious trouble.

Saenz has been warned.

PEACE AND CONCORD: Wouldn't you expect a meeting to discuss the family to be a warm, friendly gathering, perhaps reflecting some of the love supposedly present in the home? Not these days, kiddo.

Since the Right to Life and the Right to Choicers learned the techniques of confrontation, the word "family" turns out to be a potential timebomb. And when the two groups are jockeying for control of a White House Conference on the Family, the infighting can get pretty bitter.

Two states have already notified Jimmy Carter that they don't want anything to do with his conference on just that account. One governor said the meetings to get ready for it were tearing his state in two.

New Mexico's not quite so savage, thank God. Under the chairpersonship of Mrs. Alice King, the two groups here kept a sharp eye on each other but did not fall into fistfights.

That doesn't mean they agree on basic issues like abortion; they don't now and never will. We'll hear more repercussions from that fact as preparations for the White House meeting go forward.

POET: One sample stanza from "Ode to Bruce," by State Representative Bob Moran: "To this Land of Enchantment, With its mountains of spruce/God, in addition/Has given us Bruce." (No comment necessary.)

OPINION PAGE

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Letters to the Editor

Dear editor:

Thursday's Ruidoso News — May 1, 1980, relating to the initial meeting of the motel and cabin operators stated "Lodgers Tax Spending Attack." This headline was not true to say the least. This was an orderly meeting in which two principal subjects were discussed: (1) The Lodgers Tax Committee and how it functioned and (2) the lack of representation of the cabin and motel operators on the Chamber of Commerce.

Questions concerning the handling of lodger's tax money were asked by several persons present who, if they had taken the interest and time, could have found the answer simply by attending any Lodgers Tax Committee meetings, which are open to the public. Besides one individual, who questioned why have the tax in the first place and since no alternate plan was recommended, it was obvious that there is a need for a lodger's tax and the point was dropped. Otherwise there really was no hassle concerning either the tax or the

expenditure of the tax funds.

On the subject of no representation of the Chamber of Commerce, here again, lack of interest on the part of the cabin and motel owners created the problem they brought on themselves. It was pointed out that less than one-half of the members voted in the last Chamber election for board members and if only 16 members who did not vote had voted for their favorite candidate the motel and cabin owners would have elected their own representative.

It seems the easier way out is to do nothing until it is too late and then complain about the injustices we face.

It is hoped that the initial meeting will result in more meetings and the creation of a viable body to represent this organization in the village. Other organizations have been set up and are functioning — why not the Cabin and Motel operators? A start has been made — keep it up!

J. A. "Al" Jung

Clipped Comment

ON 20c POSTAGE

Now for the subject of the day! The Postal Service! The post office has just announced that they are considering a five cent rate increase in addition to another increase of just over one percent on other mailing privileges and they just took a

large increase last year.

In addition to that the post office is talking about cutting one day of service a week ... and you thought it was going to be Saturday, didn't you? Guess again, our information from the magic kingdom is that the day under consideration is Wednesday. Why, do you ask, does the post office consider the middle of the week? Because the middle of the week would probably not cause a three day backlog of mail like Saturday does, when it meets up with that other Washington invention the Monday holiday.

You see since the all knowing ones, years ago changed holidays, and who has ever heard of any Wednesday holidays. So you see Wednesday is the logical choice, that way you don't interrupt any of the Monday holidays.

Right now I want to say, this isn't any of the doings of the folks at the local post office, it's the great ones in the big city. These are the same folks that gave you air mail service out of Clovis that doesn't fly, counter service on Saturday, that isn't, and many other inventions that are just too numerous to mention.

Let's look at what happens if Wednesday mail service is eliminated. First of all there is the loss of jobs in the post office, then there is the check that you mail to the electric company that doesn't arrive for two or three days (oops, no electricity), there is the important letter that you need first thing Wednesday morning that you won't get until Thursday or later because the mail man is working a heavier load and he just couldn't do it all at once, and then there is the newspaper that you normally get on Wednesday that you won't get until Thursday and that's not just The Times, it could include the News-Journal or the Amarillo paper that some folks get in the mail ... or how about the business man that takes the Wall Street Journal, 1/5th of his week is lost. And the same thing applies to elimination of the Saturday delivery. — Frank Stanley, The Curry County Times, Clovis

WAACs BENEFITS
Way back in World War II, the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) took over as clerks and typists and drivers so the servicemen they relieved could serve combat duty.

Then in August 1943, it was decided to form the WAC and drop the WAAC. The WAC — Women's Army Corps — was part of the Army. And its members were entitled to the same benefits granted servicemen.

But some 18,000 women chose not to make the switch to the WAC and, therefore, received none of the veterans' benefits, such as home loans, hospitalization and pensions.

Now the Pentagon has decided former WAAC members should be considered full-fledged military veterans.

The Pentagon has taken similar steps in the past. Last year civilian women who ferried military aircraft during World War II and women who were telephone operators in France in World War I were recognized as service veterans.

Former WAAC members volunteered to serve their country in a time of great stress. Many performed their duties as well if not better than their male counterparts.

The Pentagon ruling is just. It should have been made years ago. — News-Bulletin, Belen

editorial

The Village trustees, April 8, authorized construction of an animal shelter on village owned land, at the request of the Humane Society of Lincoln County, providing there were no legal barriers to the village providing the land for this purpose.

Rumor to the contrary, Planning and Zoning has not designated these forty acres (or any adjacent land) as R-1, or any other classification. This tract is set aside for village use and, according to a P&Z spokesman, any purpose "to better serve the public interests."

Under this interpretation, the village is within their legal rights to operate the hot mix plant and the sewage treatment plant as located — and to grant the Humane Society the right to operate an animal shelter at that site.

The situation now appears thusly: If no legal barriers to leasing village land for an animal shelter are uncovered, the Humane Society and trustees can sign the lease, and the shelter can be built and operated.

Conversely, if opponents to the animal shelter can present a strong enough case to P&Z, and the trustees, perhaps a public hearing could be held. This would be an action that those favoring the location could also attend and present their arguments.

In the final analysis, the trustees could stand pat on their April 8 decision and let the chips fall where they may. This could result in a large pile of chips. —CD

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RACING'S ACOMING

Comes Saturday ... at 1 p.m., ... and the horses'll be off and running at Ruidoso Downs ... as the 1980 meeting ... offering 66 days of fabulous quarter horse and thoroughbred racing gets underway ... and, somehow, it just don't seem like it's been eight months since the ponies went away ... indicating that time sure do seem to slip by.

This year there's a new whip cracker at the helm ... man by the name of Finley MacGillivray ... he's had a smidgen of experience running our State Fair ... and him'n all the staffers as was here before Mac took over'll be on the job, working hard to make the 1980 meeting the most fantastic season in history.

'Course, come Saturday forenoon, we'll notice a different impact ... 'cause that's when those as makes horse racing here possible ... them's does meander up to the wagging windows ... will be coming up en masse ... just to see if'n their new system for handicapping is gonna hand-diep them this year.

So ... after quite a spell now of seeing ponies getting worked out at the track ... getting acclimated to the thinner air surrounding the tall, cool pines in, around and atop Harmony Valley ... we all gotta realize that the next piece of action'll be Saturday ... when it's Post Time!

Thus it is ... better enjoy your idle moments 'twixt now and Saturday ... 'cause the next break'll be after Aspen-cade in mid-October ... and if that's not so far distant, calendarwise, as to lack impact, think of it this way ... things'll quiet down about three weeks before the general election.

BULLY FOR BORGE

There'll be plenty of laughter going on in Harmony Valley June 10 ... 'cause that's when Victor Borge will be guest artist for the Ruidoso Summer Festival's final presentation of a concert series by the Ft. Worth Symphony Orchestra ... and he'll brighten the corner where you are.

'Bout the only place Borge hasn't been acclaimed for his piano playing ... and banter ... is Australia's bush country ... where comforts are scarce ... mainly 'cause the aborigines don't understand his type of English ... and Borge's maintained for years he ain't gonna learn "Fidgin' English" ... besides, them out back folks ain't even invited him there.

'Who says, musicwise, that Harmony Valley ain't getting real up-tempo?'

CHOICE OF DATES

The issue of The Ruidoso News as come off the presses Monday was a mite different than usual ... mainly because three datelines appeared ... on first one page, then another ... which just might be an added service to readers ... as they could read about today's news on the pages bearing May 5th's date ... then, if'n they was of a mind, they could look ahead to see what it was The News said'd happen May 7 and May 8 ... which is the kind of service you just don't hardly find at all no more in twice-weekly papers.

Now ... as to what actually happened ... the May 8 dateline ... to be used in the paper you're reading right now ... somehow got put where the May 5 datelines was ... so there was 5's that weren't there because the 5's was ... which leaves that page one May 7 ... as the date proclaiming the issue Monday was printed ... for which there ain't hardly no excuses as can be made ... and that do get right down to the point ... with the point being ... it's obvious no one checked the datelines before the pages went back to the press ... which is bad ... being's as it's me as is supposed to okay the pages ... including such things as having the right date ... Other than that, though, Monday went along pretty fair ... considerin'.

TITO'LL BE MISSED

The death of Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito ... who thumbed his political nose at Josef Stalin and Russia ... and got by with it ... for many years ... may bring a new way of life for the comrades he left behind.

Yugoslavia's problem is ... Lazar Koltasevski was sworn in as president Sunday night ... but he's to step down later this month ... and there's Steven Doronjick as'll replace Tito as head of the Communist Party ... with the sticker being that 22 other comrades are empowered to share control of the government with him ... leaving the rest of the world with no alternative but to wait and see what a committee of 23 can do to run a country.

Too soon, probably, we'll learn whether the Russian Bear's forces were in Pakistan to settle the peace ... or getting a little practice in before grabbing the whole place of action in Yugoslavia.

BRIEF HIT: You'll lose if you place a ducce on the nose of a clinch-to-win horse ... 'cause it'll blow away between the starting gate and finish line ... CD



JOE STIMMER puts his best foot forward on a corner kick during a Sunday practice. Stimmer is one of over 100 players in the newly formed adult soccer league, which begins official

play this Sunday. All pictures on this page were shot at practice last Sunday.

Over the Hill Gang is alive and kicking

A large number of Ruidoso residents have recently discovered soccer isn't a kid's game.

There's an adult soccer league now, which has attracted about 100 players. It's for anyone over the age of 16 — and they call the league the "Over the Hill Gang."

It was formed earlier this year by Butch Grantham and a group of youth league soccer coaches.

"Most of them didn't have any experience," he said, "but about halfway through the season, they decided the game looked like fun, and then it was, 'Hey, let's try this game.'"

"We let it sit through the winter, but then about the first of the year, we started putting together plans."

The first plans included several days of announcements of a general meeting for all interested adults. The results of the publicity were somewhat disappointing.

"Only about 15 people showed up," Grantham said, "and that sort of left me disappointed. But we finally decided, heck, let's have a soccer day for the adults. So we announced that too. I was expecting maybe 30 people or so."

Over 100 prospective players showed up for the first day.

"I was amazed," he said. "I never dreamed we'd get that kind of response, not after that first meeting."

So, training began for those players, many of whom had never played the game before. That involved several weekends, and some practices were cancelled or cut

short by inclement weather.

But finally, the league is off the ground, and sanctioned games begin this Sunday at the soccer fields at White Mountain Middle School, with a women's game slated for 1 p.m., and the men's contest at 2:30.

Women? Yes, there's even a women's league. There are three teams each in the men's and women's leagues, and half the teams have uniforms, with the other three squads soon to be garbed in official gear.

Two of the teams have even attracted sponsors — Holiday Inn and Ruidoso-Sunland, Incorporated, and the other teams are looking for assistance.

"Right now, we'll probably just keep the three teams in each league," Grantham said. "We're planning on playing six or eight games, which we felt was a pretty good start for a first season."

The game has attracted players from all occupations and backgrounds, and four local physicians — Dr. Paul Whitwam, Dr. Edward Stalzer, Dr. Roger Beechle and Dr. Michael Stone — play and are on hand to lend their medical services to the league, in the case of injury.

Other notables include Bob Gregson, a chef by trade, but who played semi-professional soccer in his native England.

Most of the players, however, are novices, while it isn't soccer at its finest, most everyone has a good time.

"We've gotten people out there I've never seen before," Grantham said, "and the other day a fella came up to me and said, 'I played last Sunday and I've never had so much fun in my life.'"

Future plans include bringing a college soccer team to Ruidoso for a benefit game with a local men's all-star squad, with all monies to go to the youth soccer league.

But all that's in the future. For now, it's just "The Over the Hill Gang," getting a big kick out of soccer.



BOB GREGSON, a former semi-professional player from England, demonstrates the proper form for a direct goal kick, which comes after a penalty in front of the goal.



FOLLOW THAT BALL — Max Buhrman, left, and Darrel Gateley are in hot pursuit of the

ball, although Buhrman seems to be looking elsewhere. He got the ball, though.

Text and photographs by Mark Bagby



PREPARING FOR a throw-in, which comes after the ball goes out bounds, is Bill Happel, a coach in the youth soccer league.



BATTLING FOR POSSESSION of the ball are Stimmer, left, and Jim Goodman. On this play, Goodman actually kicked Stimmer instead of the ball, sending him to the ground. That's the breaks, Joe.



CIRCLED AROUND THE ball are, from left, Paul Whitwam, Trace Dodson, John Ramsey and Joe Lozano, and an unidentified woman at far left. During practice sessions, anybody can play,

and the games aren't overly organized. The league games are, however, and will have referees.

Club Calendar



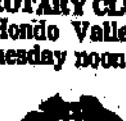
NOON LIONS

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club meets each Wednesday, 12 noon to 1 p.m., at Whispering Pine Restaurant in Upper Canyon of Ruidoso. Visiting Lions are welcome.



RAINBOW GIRLS ASSEMBLY

Meets each second and fourth Monday, 7 p.m., in O.E.S. Hall in Palmer Gateway. Rainbow Advisory Board meets each second Monday of the month, same place.



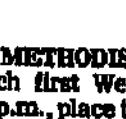
ROTARY CLUB

Ruidoso Hondo Valley Rotary Club meets each Tuesday noon at Holiday Inn.



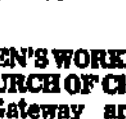
AMARANTH

Ponderosa Court No. 5, Order of the Amaranth, Inc., meets 3rd Friday of every month, 7:30 p.m. in Eastern Star Building.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Meets each first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m., place to be announced.



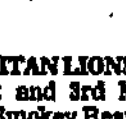
WOMEN'S WORKDAY AT CHURCH OF CHRIST

In the Gateway area every first Wednesday of the month at the church.



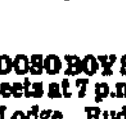
LIONS

Lions supper every Tuesday night at the Lions Hut in Skyland, 1/4 block off Sudderth Drive, behind Maytag Washeteria.



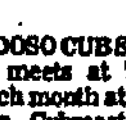
CAPITÁN LIONS CLUB

Meets 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at the Smokey Bear Cafe, 7:00 p.m.



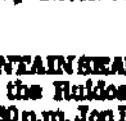
RUIDOSO BOY SCOUTS

Troop 59, meets at 7 p.m. every Monday at the Elks Lodge. Rudy Flack, Scoutmaster. For membership information call 257-5453.



RUIDOSO CUB SCOUTS

Pack 59, meets at 7 p.m. the last Monday of each month at the Elks Lodge, Jim Dickinson, Cubmaster. Call 257-7294 for membership information.



WHITE MOUNTAIN SEARCH & RESCUE

Meets at the Ruidoso Library third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Jon Denny president; Herb Brunell, secretary.



SQUARE DANCE CLUB

The County Corners Square Dance Club meets every Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center. Raymond and Christie Reeves, president. Call 257-7779. George Cooper and Ed Guislate, callers. All visitors welcome.



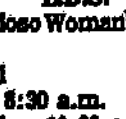
D.A.V.

Coe-Curry Chapter 23, Ruidoso, Disabled American Veterans, hold regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the American Legion Hall, in Ruidoso.



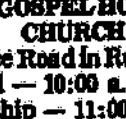
LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVICES

Ruidoso, N.M.
Held at First Presbyterian Church, Nob Hill, Ruidoso
Worship Services—2 p.m.
Coffee-Fellowship following
Services conducted by:
O.F. Krohn, Pastor-Roswell
L.R. Stevens, Pastor-Alamogordo



JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Kingdom Hall—Capitan
Presiding Overseer, Bert Cheney
Sunday Public Talk—10:00 a.m.
Sunday Watchtower Study—10:50 a.m.
Thursday Ministry School—7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service Meeting—8:30 p.m.
Tuesday Group Bible Study—7:30 p.m.



FULL GOSPEL HOLINESS CHURCH

On Entrance Road in Ruidoso Downs
Sunday School—10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship—11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service—7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Service—7:30 p.m.



SAINT ANNE'S CHAPEL

Glacoe, N.M.
(Hwy. 70 & Ft. Stanton Rd.)
Father Delbert Achuff - Rector
Father William Young - Vicar
Holy Communion-First Sunday-8 a.m.



CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

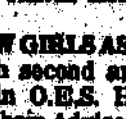
Carrizozo, N.M.
In Christian Science Library Bldg.
12th Street

Services:
Sundays—11:00 a.m.
Wednesday—7:30 p.m.



SERTOMA CLUB

Sertoma meetings every Wednesday at noon at the Ranch House Restaurant.



RAINBOW GIRLS ASSEMBLY

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RUIDOSO MASONIC LODGE NO. 73

Meets each first Monday in O.E.S. Hall, 7:30 p.m. Bob Chamberlin, W.M.; Jake McDonald, Secretary.



EASTERN STAR

Ruidoso Chapter No. 65 Order of the Eastern Star meets 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Gateway. Visiting members welcome.



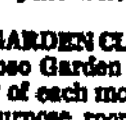
R.E.A.C.T.

Lincoln County R.E.A.C.T. meets at 7 p.m. at the Chaparral Motel on Highway 70 on the first and third Sundays. Everyone welcome.



RUIDOSO C.B. CLUB

Ruidoso C.B. Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at Norman's Pizzeria in the Gateway Shopping Center on the first and third Mondays. Everyone welcome.



GARDEN CLUB

The Ruidoso Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose room of the Public Library. Visitors and guests welcome.



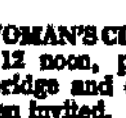
RUIDOSO SHRINE CLUB

Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Phone 257-4598, 257-7794 or 378-4100 for the current meeting place.



RUIDOSO R.P.O.E. NO. 2998

Meets each 1st and 3rd Thursday at Elks Club building on Highway 70 west, 8 p.m. summer; 7:30 winter.



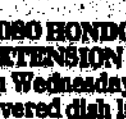
WOMAN'S CLUB

Monday, 12 noon, pot luck lunch followed by bridge and canasta. All interested women invited.



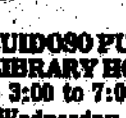
R.P.O.E. DOES

Meet each 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in Elks Home on Highway 70.



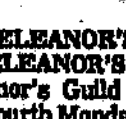
RUIDOSO HONDO VALLEY EXTENSION CLUB

Meets 4th Wednesday of every month, 11:30 a.m. Covered dish luncheon. Place to be announced.



RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Monday—9:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday—10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Friday—10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday—10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Storytime—Kindergarten to second grade, 3 to 4 p.m., Mondays. Three to five year olds, 10 to 11 a.m., Tuesdays



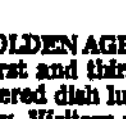
ST. ELEANOR'S CHURCH

St. Eleanor's Guild will meet every second and fourth Monday of the month in the church hall unless otherwise stated in the church bulletin. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. The fourth Sunday is corporate Communion Sunday.



THE RUIDOSO ALTRUZA CLUB

Meets the 1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for business meeting and program and the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12 noon.



GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Meets first and third Wednesdays at noon for covered dish lunches and games at the library. Visitors are welcome.



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Meets every fourth Thursday, 12 noon at K-Bobs for "Dutch Lunch."



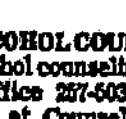
DAR

The Daughters of the American Revolution meet the 2nd Tuesday of December, February, April and June at member's homes. Anyone eligible and interested, please call 257-4259 or 378-4882.



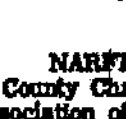
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fr. Eugene Dolan Council No. 6597 meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in St. Eleanor's Hall. Special meetings to be announced will be held at St. Jude's Center in San Patricio. Modesto Chavez, G.K., George P. White, F.S.



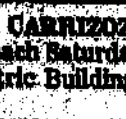
ALCOHOL COUNSELING TELEPHONE

For alcohol counseling, telephone Paul Gallegos, office 257-5033; residence 378-4263. Office at Counseling Center, Four Seasons Mall. Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



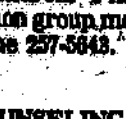
NARFE

Lincoln County Chapter 1379, of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, meets at 10:00 a.m., the first Tuesday of each month, at Norman's Pizzeria Restaurant.



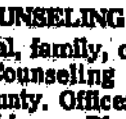
CARRIZOZO A.A. CLUB

Meets each Saturday at 8 p.m., in the Rural Electric Building.



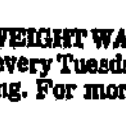
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS RUIDOSO AREA GROUP

Meets Tuesday and Saturday night at 8:00 p.m. in the old parsonage behind First Christian Church. Phone 257-3239. Also Active Alanon group meets same time and place. Phone 257-5643.



COUNSELING SERVICE

Personal, family, couples, counseling through Counseling Center, serving Lincoln County. Offices at Four Seasons Mall, Ruidoso. Phone 257-5033. In Carrizozo, at County Health Office, Courthouse Annex, call 648-2412. 24-hour HELPLINE, 1-877-6680.



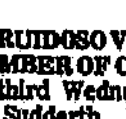
WEIGHT WATCHERS

Meets every Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., in the CPS building. For more information, call 257-4577.



AMERICAN LEGION

ROBERT J. HAGBER POST 79
AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY
Meets jointly on the third Wednesday of each month.



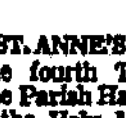
RUIDOSO VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Meets third Wednesday in Chamber office on Sudderth. May-September 7 p.m.; October-April 12 noon. Meetings open to public.



JAYCEES

The Ruidoso Jaycees meet the second and fourth Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., in the Gold Room of the Holiday House. The Ruidoso Jaycees meet the third Wednesday at Guaranty Abstract and Title conference room at 7:30 p.m.



ST. ANNE'S GUILD

Meets the fourth Thursday of each month in the Parish Hall of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Holy Communion 12 noon followed by lunch and the meeting.



PARENTS ANONYMOUS

Parents Anonymous meets Fridays at 1 p.m. For more information, call 257-7604 or 257-7677.



DEADLINES

3:00 a.m. Friday for Monday
3:00 a.m. Wednesday for Thursday
Classified Ads received after the deadline will not appear until the following paper.

CLASSIFIED RATES

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Thursday, May 8, 1980

ADULT RECREATION PROGRAM

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

Library: Ruidoso Center Complex
Soccer: Hondo Park
Baths: Hondo, Carrizozo
Post Office: Carrizozo
Ruidoso: New Mexico 86345
Membership Contribution Fee: \$5.00
Call Center for Transportation—257-4565

OFFICE HOURS:

9 a.m.-noon and 1:00-5:30 p.m.
CARRIZOZO HOURS:
As Designated in Calendar of Events

THIS IS OLDER AMERICAN WEEK!

Thursday, May 1: 10-Noon - Lapidary/Silversmithing/Leathercraft; 2-4 p.m. - Exercise Class for those 60 and Under and Over 60 Tool 7-10 p.m. - Dance.

Friday, May 2: Shopping/Escort/Transportation. Call 257-4565 for assistance; 1-5 p.m. - Whatever You Want To Do! 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizens' Bridge Club.

Monday, May 5: 10-Noon - Pool and Ceramics; 2-4 p.m. - Games and Other Leisure Time Activities; 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizens Bridge Club.

Tuesday, May 6: 10-Noon - Social Security; 10-Noon - Exercise; 2-4 p.m. - Arts and Crafts; 6-7 p.m. - Exercise Class. Wednesday, May 7: 10-11:30 - Blood Pressure and Weight Check; 10-11 a.m. - Exercise; Golden Age Luncheon Club Meeting MPR; 1-5 p.m. - Games; 7:30 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge.

Thursday, May 8: 10-Noon - Lapidary/Silversmithing/Leathercraft; 2-4 p.m. - Exercise Class For Those 60 and Over and Under 60 Tool 7-10 p.m. - Soul Food Supper and Dance. Friday, May 9: Shopping - Escort -

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YOUR ENTERTAINMENT AND DINING GUIDE

Sunland Park results

SATURDAY, MAY 3

1st — 6 fur. May Star 122.40, 37.40, 14.40; Unique Miss 14.80, 6.80; Verity Home 3.00. T: 1:12.3.

2nd — 4 fur. Uppity Kathy 8.60, 6.00, 4.00; Braten Malden 12.60, 9.00; Branch's Orphan 5.80. T: 1:13.

3rd — 440 yds. Fletts Game 11.80, 6.20, 5.00; Tray Bold 6.60, 4.60; Tioga Tonto 4.20. T: 22.71.

4th — 400 yds. Tinkys Native 34.80, 11.80, 7.60; Chicks In Style 5.00, 3.40; Robust King 3.40. T: 20.75.

5th — 350 yds. Motion Picture 9.60, 5.00, 4.60; Miss Easy Double 4.40, 5.40; Miss Barbara Paige 5.80. T: 15.73.

6th — 400 yds. Go Policy 5.40, 3.80, 2.40; Herring Jet 9.00, 4.40; Tripod Feathers 8.80. T: 20.41.

7th — 670 yds. Flying Clyde 16.00, 7.00, 4.00; Ima Red Saint 4.20, 2.60; Frank T.

3.60. T: 46.35.

8th — 5 1/2 fur. Traffic King 8.20, 5.80, 3.80; Sena Somebody 14.40, 5.60; Talban Kid 5.60. T: 1:06.3.

9th — 5 fur. Sue's Holme 3.80, 3.40, 2.60; One Light Year 10.20, 5.20; Vancouver's Fault 3.60. T: 58.3.

10th — 6 fur. Nancy O'Nasty 9.40, 3.40, 3.00; Baffle's Mike 8.40, 2.80; Ben Fall 3.00. T: 1:10.4.

11th — 5 fur. Dynamo Jet 20.40, 6.00, 7.00; Ridaway Jig Time 4.60, 5.00; Kandy Combo 11.20. T: 58.3.

12th — 6 fur. Mental Block 9.20, 5.40, 3.00; Ace Away Kid 8.60, 4.40; Fights 2.80. T: 1:12.3.

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ALLISON CEREMONY — Margaret Barton (center), and her son, J. D. Barton (third from right), collect the victory trophy following a solid 2 3/4 length win in the \$206,359 Allison Futurity at Sunland Park. The Bartons won with their impressive colt, Bold Ego. Joining in the victory ceremony were the winning jockey, John Cushing, and the winning trainer, Cliff Lambert (second from left).

Sunland Park Hoofbeats

BY MIKE MAGDA

RETIRED GENERAL MANAGER R. Woody Erwin was honored in the ninth race Saturday. A veteran of 36 years in New Mexico racing, Erwin is stepping down to retire in California. Members of the Ruidoso-Sunland board of directors presented Erwin and his wife, Jane, with a blanket in the winner's circle. Sue's Holme, a filly owned by the O.K. Stables of Albuquerque, won the five-furlong sprint. Carlos Rivas was up. In closing out his duties, Erwin presented Cliff Lambert and Richard Bickel with their respective champion trainer and jockey awards and participated in the winner's circle activities after the \$185,723 Riley Allison Futurity.

IRISH ANTICS, a chestnut colt purchased for \$11,500 in a New Mexico sale, set one of the fastest times for six furlongs ever recorded by a maiden this season when he won the first race Sunday. Under Carlos Rivas, Irish Antics covered the distance in 1:10 to win by nine lengths. The colt is owned by Sam F. Henderson of Odessa, Texas and trained by Clifton Dean.

EL REY BURNER, a two-year-old colt bred by 1975 All-American champion Bugs Alve in '75, broke his maiden on his first try Sunday. The brown colt captured the fourth race, a 350 yard test, by three fourths lengths at just over even money. He is owned by Jean Burner of El Paso, Texas and trained by Elmer Shepard. El Rey Burner is eligible to enter the trials for the Kansas Futurity, the first leg of the two-year-old Triple Crown at Ruidoso Downs.

FOUR LUCKY TICKET holders collected a tidy \$8,175 each from the Big Q pool Saturday, the largest payoff since April 5 when two tickets were worth over \$13,000. The payoff came after Mental Block (4-1) and Ace Away Kid (8-1) placed first and second respectively in the 12th race. There were 413 exchanges into the 13th race, which was won by Au Brent (8-5 favorite) and Mr. Bunny Jester (32-1) placed second. The season's best Big Q payoff was \$18,087 in late November.

THOSE WHO BET on maiden winner May Star in Saturday's first race also collected a smart return. The 60-1 pick won the six furlong test by one length under Jose Perez and paid her backers \$122.40 to win. The chestnut filly is owned by Alice Pritchard, who is a familiar face to horsemen as she heads up the track kitchen.

GO POLICY WON his third straight race Saturday, coming in 1 1/4 lengths ahead of the field over 400 yards. The three-year-old son of Rob's Policy was the 8-5 favorite and easily won with Roy Brooks aboard. Go Policy, who holds the season's fastest time for 440 yards, is owned by Victor Diaz and Joann Valdez and trained by Jesse Valdez. Go Policy defeated Boca Palla, who was seeking his sixth win of the meet and fifth of this year. Boca Palla finished fifth. Sure Quick Esul, who holds the season's best time for 350 yards, finished fourth.

FLYING CLYDE WON his first start over 870 yards Saturday, coming in a neck ahead of 3-1 favorite Ima Red Saint. Under Victor Escobar, the thoroughbred son of Wandering Boy broke from the third post and settled into fourth entering the turn before moving up to challenge Ima Red Saint. Last year Flying Clyde went to the post 24 times and won only twice over the longer distances. The public made the five-year-old gelding a mild 7-1 pick.

THE 1975 ALLISON Futurity turned out to be a special success for the famed sire, Bold Ruler. The top four finishers were each sired by sons of Bold Ruler. Bold Ego (the winner) was sired by Bold Tactics, Elegant Laura (who came in second) is a daughter of Bold Commander, Squaw Bread (third) was sired by Scott Leader, and Armburn (fourth) daughter of Jackito.

THE TOP POST positions over the weekend were Nos. four and seven with five wins each. But from a seasonal standpoint, the top post was the No. 1 with 132 winners. Here's the final tally: No. 1 — 132; No. 2 — 114; No. 3 — 136; No. 4 — 99; No. 5 — 118; No. 6 — 104; No. 7 — 94; No. 8 — 66; No. 9 — 87; No. 10 — 56; No. 11 — 0; No. 12 — 8.

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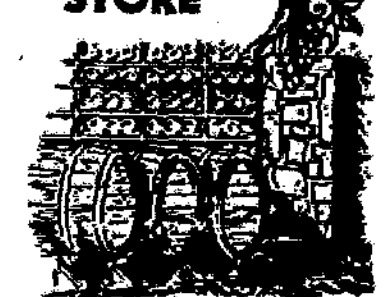
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Yesteryear lives on at Old Lincoln

The colorful and sometime violent history of Lincoln County has been the subject of numerous books, plays, motion pictures and disputes among history buffs as to the moral character of one of the more famous former residents, known as Billy the Kid.

Those who enjoy a glimpse into the past should find ample opportunities in the former county seat — known locally as Old Lincoln Town.

One of the most unusual communities in the area, Lincoln is both a village and a state monument, and its rich historical traditions are preserved here, through the restoration efforts of individuals, the state Monuments Division, and the Lincoln Heritage Trust.

A walking tour of the town, which is dotted with historical markers explaining the history of the structures, will provide the visitor with some insight into the period of the Lincoln County War and the involvement, later incarceration and "last escape" of the Kid from the old courthouse.

The state of New Mexico maintains 13 properties in Lincoln, which is located on Highway 380 between Capitan and Hondo. The Heritage trust manages a number of other properties. Many have been restored to their original (pre-1900) uses as stores, doctor's office, residences and so on.

The courthouse museum is probably the best place to begin a tour of Lincoln. The staff and exhibits will provide you with as much information as you desire to start your exploration of the town, and group tours may also be arranged here.

Some of the more recent renovation projects include the restoration of the Wortley Hotel, which is open for lodging accommodations and meals. Reservations may be made by calling 663-4831.

Last year also saw the renovation of the town's pageant grounds, where each year, the "Last Escape of Billy the Kid," is reenacted in a pageant, with the local townspeople portraying the principals. That action, in conjunction with an annual arts and crafts fair and parade, takes place the first weekend of August.

The first residents of this area were Pueblo people whose civilization reached its peak in about 1300 A.D., according to state properties curator Ed Raventon. Fragments of their famous black and white Chupadera pottery are still found in the area.

The Pueblos were abandoned in the late 1300's, possibly because of drought or the pressure of the new residents — Apaches and Comanches — in the vicinity.

Apaches controlled the area of present day Lincoln until Fort Stanton was established in the mid 1850's, to protect incoming settlers.

The first influx of settlers came primarily from the Manzano mountains further north. The settlers came with their flocks of sheep, built homes and torreons or towers, in which they protected themselves against the Indian raids.

The settlement came to be known as "Las Placitas del Rio Bonito," or "the little placitas on the pretty river."

In the meantime, a number of soldiers, upon their discharge from the military at Fort Stanton, decided to make Las Placitas their home, and commerce began to develop.

The Lincoln County War of 1878 was fought over the question of which local merchant would control government beef contracts, Raventon said.

The struggle culminated with five violent days in July, 1878, after one of the principals, John Tunstall, was murdered by the opposing Dolan and Murphy faction.

Tunstall's friend Alexander McSwain, swore to avenge his death, and was himself killed in the battle. The victorious faction of Dolan and Murphy eventually went bankrupt, and their store building was sold to the state, destined to become the Lincoln County courthouse.

Billy the Kid's involvement in the Lincoln County War grew from his employment by and friendship with Tunstall. After the war, when Pat Garrett was elected sheriff of Lincoln County, he vowed to track down the Kid and bring him to trial in connection with the war.

Garrett was successful in that effort, capturing Billy at Stinking Springs in 1881. The Kid was tried in Mesilla, and sentenced to be hung in Lincoln, where he was returned and incarcerated in the upper floor of the courthouse.

Undoubtedly realizing he had little to lose, Billy plotted and made good his escape from Lincoln, and killed two deputies in the process. He was later apprehended and killed by Garrett at Fort Sumner.

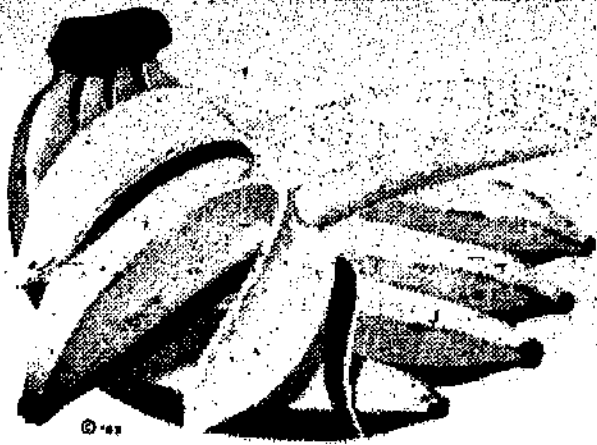
Whether Billy was a western Robin Hood or a petty thief is a matter for speculation which continues in some circles today. As the only person to be convicted of a crime in connection with the Lincoln County War, Raventon feels that Billy was "probably set up as a scapegoat."

The young outlaw's actions were immortalized in dime novels, the accuracy of which is also a matter of dispute. At any rate, Billy's defenders remain loyal and tales of his exploits continue to fascinate the public.

In 1913, the county seat was moved to Carrizozo, and the former courthouse became a civic center. The old building was abandoned for some time until it was acquired by the state again in 1937. Restoration came later under the auspices of the Old Lincoln Memorial Commission.

Future restoration in Lincoln will include improvements to the San Juan Church and a new interpretive center may be established in the next few years.

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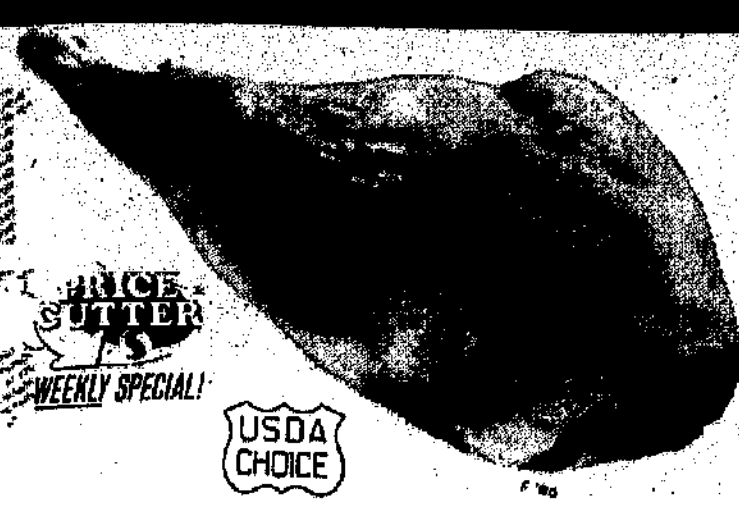
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Lincoln County Fair features fun for family

The Lincoln County Fair, held annually in Capitan during the latter part of August, promises fun for the entire family. Based at the county Fair Building, the fair will feature livestock exhibits of local youngsters, a wide array of other agricultural products on display, as well as arts and crafts created by county residents of all ages and interests. The action generally includes several performances of the Lincoln County Junior Rodeo and culminates with the Junior Livestock Show and Sale, where animals raised primarily by 4-H and Future Farmers of America members, are offered to local individuals and businesses, with proceeds going to the youngsters.

Camping's fun in Ruidoso area

Sleeping under the stars, breathing fresh air, enjoying scenery, eating fresh trout you just cooked over a campfire — sound inviting? If it does, then maybe you should give camping a whirl. Campers are fortunate here in the heart of the Lincoln National Forest, for there are numerous campgrounds, ranging from very well developed to sheer ruggedness, depending on your disposition and equipment.

Available campgrounds are: South Fork, located near Bonito Lake, now open after some work was done to repair the site, due to floods of past years. It has 61 developed campsites, fireplaces, running water, tables and sanitary facilities. The only campsite in the area that charges fees, it costs \$3 a day, and will be open until November 30. Cedar Creek, located off Highway 37 near the Smokey Bear Ranger Station, is primarily a picnic ground, with over 20 tables, fireplaces, portable toilets, and two hydrants with running water. A "group use" area is in the works, according to forest officials, but it will be some time before it opens. The rest of the area, however, opened April 1 and will be open through October 31. Monjeau, located off the ski area road, is the place to go for breathtaking vistas of some of the loveliest country in New Mexico. It has four tables, fireplaces and vault toilets. It opens May 15. Watch out for road construction crews working on the highway.

Skyline is located just below Monjeau and has 17 campsites, with tables and vault toilets. The parking facilities there are undergoing work and should be improved considerably. Until then, however, you might have to dodge workers. It too opens May 15.

Baca is the place to go if you really want to "rough it." Located off Highway 390 between Lincoln and Capitan, it is undeveloped and has two pit toilets. Otherwise, you're on your own.

Oak Grove, located off the ski area road, opens May 15. It is one of the nicer campgrounds and is fairly well developed. It has 31 campsites with toilets, tables and fireplaces. As with Monjeau, watch out for the construction crews repairing the road. Three Rivers is a campground some distance away, but still fairly close, located off Highway 64 between Tularosa and Carrizozo. It has undergone considerable work, and has tables, shelters and barbecue pits, as well as toilets and garbage containers. While you're there, don't miss the petroglyphs, carvings made in solid stone by Indians between 900 and 1400 A. D.

Knowing where campsites are and how to get there is only part of the battle. Campers must be familiar with Forest Service rules and regulations governing fires, vehicles and camping. The Forest Service, located in the Smokey Bear Ranger Station on Highway 37, will answer any questions campers have, and has several publications that might be helpful. Sometime during every camping season rangers will declare fires illegal, as danger of forest fires starting ranges upward from moderate, to high, to very high to extreme.

Campers are urged to pay extra heed at these times. Don't smoke if possible, and if you do smoke, don't do it on the move. Clear out an area and finish your smoke before you leave. When done, make sure all burning matter is completely out before you leave. And take all of it with you.

No matter what the fire conditions might be, the use of fireworks is prohibited at all times at all campgrounds.

Utmost precautions should always be followed when using fire in the forest. Build only in an open area, and clear the area of loose vegetation. Always make sure it will be a safe distance from trees.

Never build a fire on a windy day. The most innocent camp fire can be the cause of a forest fire. Never leave a fire unattended, because it is a violation of state and federal laws. Keep fires small, no matter what the weather conditions.

Do not cut any live or dead standing trees for wood. Use only wood you find on the ground. Even dead standing trees are important in the ecosystem.

Make sure all fires are out before leaving. Use plenty of water and dirt and stir the ashes well, making completely sure nothing is left to start a fire, and remember a spark can remain underground for days before it sets something on fire.

There will be wildlife in all the areas in which you could camp, including deer, elk and bear. Do not feed the animals, especially bears, anything.

Finally, before you go out, contact the Forest Service and let them know where you'll be. After all, with 31,283 acres of wilderness in the Lincoln National Forest, it might take a while to find you.

Grade student artists exhibited their works

BY CHARLOTTE FELLERS
Staff Writer/Photographer

Students at White Mountain Middle School sponsored an art show recently where they displayed all work completed this year in art classes taught by Betty Day.

Exhibits were placed in nearly every room of the school and included examples of sculpture, pottery constructed on a potter's wheel, woodwork, plexiglass paintings, batik, string art, ceramics and sand paintings.

In addition, works by elementary students of Nob Hill and White Mountain schools were displayed at the middle school library.

The councils at White Mountain Middle School participated in a contest to determine who would take an out-of-town trip at the end of the school year. Each council was directed to develop the most effective way to display art work in the show.

Steve Snidow's council took top honors with a display in the art room, using tools found on a ranch as the basis for their display.

"Best of Show" winners were named and included Nicolette Smith, for an owl sculpture; Steve Dobbs, for a home project of a model car; and Shay Sims, a fourth grader who entered a furnished replica of a log cabin.

KEEPING AN EYE ON THINGS is this unusual looking guard, one of the props employed at the White Mountain Middle School's annual art show. He received assistance from several other equally unusual looking characters of questionable repute...



THE OLD WEST revisited might have been a good label for this room, which used many familiar ranch supplies to effectively display

plexiglass art projects made by White Mountain Middle School students.



CREATIVITY THRIVES at White Mountain Middle School, where members of Steve Snidow's council put together a display of plexiglass art made by middle school students.

Using wood pieces to display the works earned the youths an out-of-town trip which will be taken near the end of the school year.



LINDSAY RUSLER, one of the four judges at the White Mountain Middle School annual art show held last week, ponders which of the mugs deserves a blue ribbon. She was assisted by three other judges, Sam Pilgreen, Ignacio Palmer and Gayla Pearson.



ONE COUNCIL at White Mountain Middle School chose to display batiks using Indian shawls as a backdrop. The shawls, of every color and variety, were draped over tables and wires to form a very attractive display at the school's annual art show last week.



HAWAII'S CULTURE sparked this method of displaying pottery made by White Mountain Middle School art students during their annual art show held last week at the school. The

main attraction was a thatched hut replica and many other recognizable items imported from that tropical state.

Gifted students learn about Apaches and artifacts

BY CHARLOTTE FELLERS
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The good fortune of being born a gifted person is one thing, but being born gifted in Las Cruces has meant even more to a group of selected students participating in a pilot program there.

Sixty students were, last year, identified and placed in an enrichment program

funded through Title IV-C. Last year's crop of fourth graders were targeted for the program, and now, almost two years later, it seems to be a success, according to Susan Dyche, teacher/facilitator at the Enrichment Resource Center in Las Cruces.

Dyche, who accompanied the students to Ruidoso last weekend for an overnight stay at La Junta Guest Ranch, said only

one age group is being used and children from every school in the district are not represented.

"We selected the extremely talented," Dyche said. She added that if the program is retained within the system after Title IV-C funding runs out, it will probably be redesigned to include more students from all schools.

The program, written by Mary Jane Wood, director of the elementary curriculums at Las Cruces, included three different approaches, based upon the Gifted Structure of the Intellect.

The different approaches are Talents Unlimited and Structure of the Intellect, both of which use testing in conjunction with teaching to discover what students have gained, with the third being a pullout program.

Dyche said the pullout program is, simply, taking students out of the regular

classroom and placing them in the enrichment program for a certain period of time each week.

The plans are to "help them learn how to learn," Dyche said. This is done by working on developing creative skills, challenging students to think for themselves, taking the classes to many places and listening to as many guest speakers as possible.

"We expose them to as many things as we can," Dyche said, adding that resources available to students include a kitchen, computers, college library and many volunteers who work with students to widen their horizons.

Out-of-town trips are numbered because of their cost. When students stayed at La Junta, Dyche said, they were guests of the Finleys. "All we had to buy was our food," she said. "If we had to pay for all this, we couldn't have come."

She said the trip was made even more worthwhile because of stops at the International Space Hall of Fame, the museum at Mescalero and White Sands National Monument.

While in Ruidoso, students heard Virginia Spall, Ruidoso Downs Village administrator, tell of the Jornada and Mogollon ruins, which stretch from Casas Grandes in Mexico, north to Carlsbad and

into West Texas. She also showed examples of arrowheads and has found as an amateur

Saturday afternoon speaker, Eve Ball, local author and a noted Apache Indian. She shared experiences with the Apache Indians, some of her most interesting gained from her years of living with the Indians.



VIRGINIA SPALL shared some examples of arrowheads and artifacts she has found as an amateur archeologist with gifted students from Las Cruces who visited Ruidoso last weekend.



TAGGED for a three-year pilot program, these children are "extremely talented" students being observed in a gifted program in the Las Cruces school system. The fifth graders were guests at La Junta Guest Ranch last weekend to hear local author Eve Ball and Virginia Spall, an amateur archeologist, tell of their experiences.



EVE BALL, noted author on the Apache Indians, shared of her stories about the Indians with 56 gifted students from Las Cruces, who visited Ruidoso last weekend as guests at La Junta Guest Ranch.

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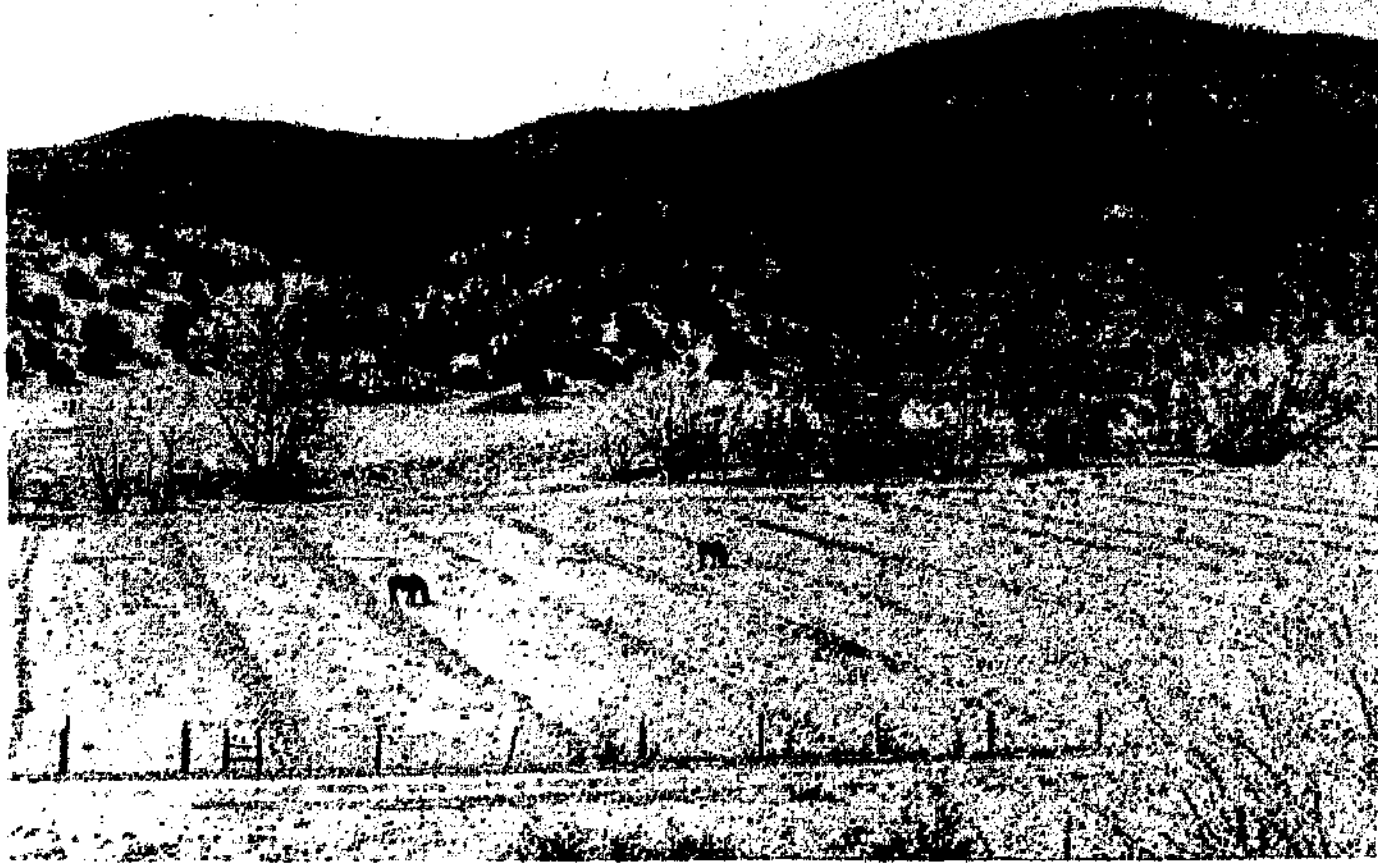
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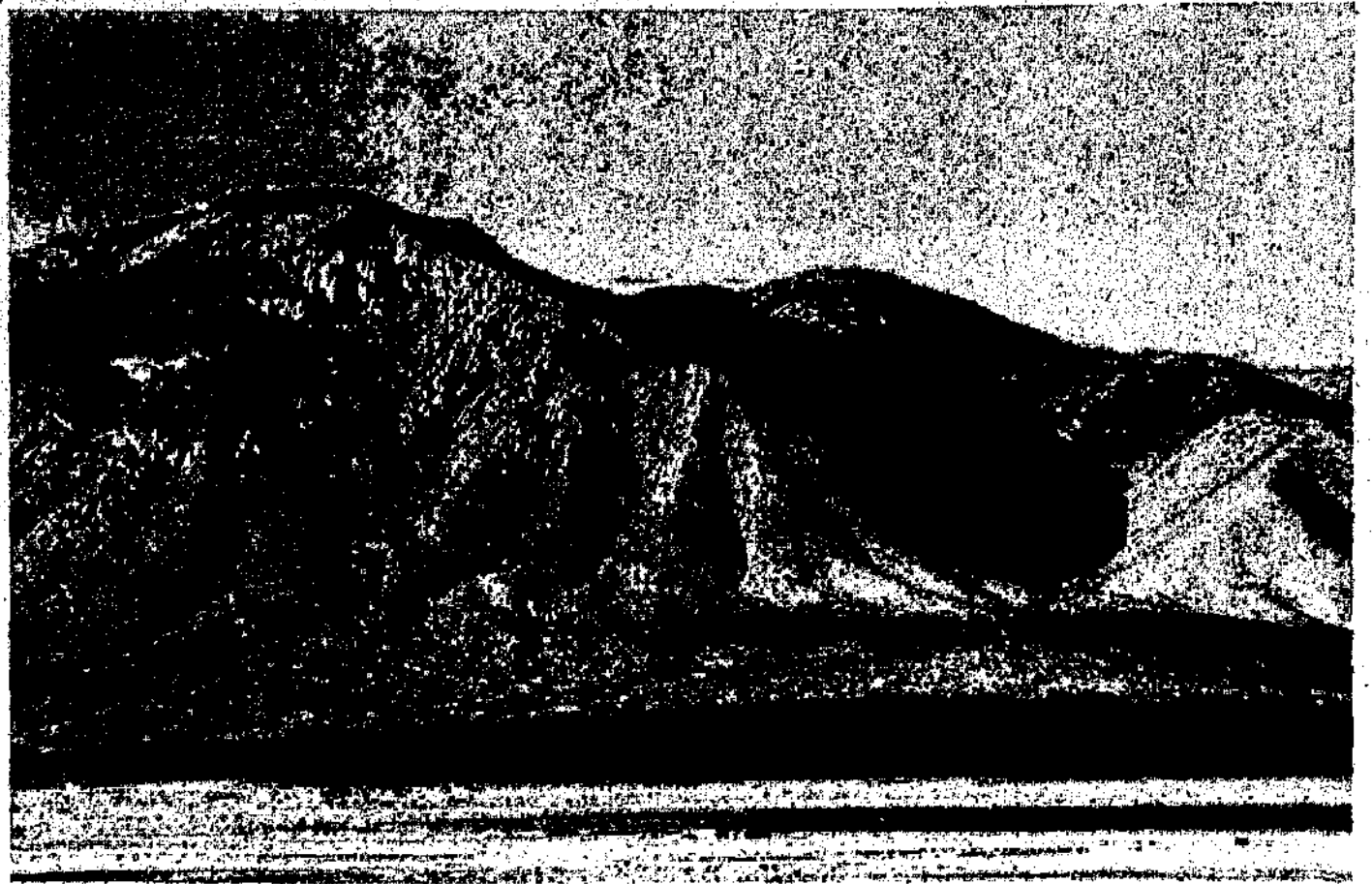
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HORSE COUNTRY — Idyllic scenes like this greet travelers along U.S. Highway 70's winding route through the Hondo Valley.



A RANCH HOME is dwarfed by Carrizo peak as late afternoon shadows lengthen. Visitors to Ruidoso may enjoy the contrasts of the desert landscape which a scenic drive through Lincoln county will provide.

A scenic drive produces memorable photographs

New Mexico has been called the land of enchantment for many reasons, not the least of which is the stunning variety of spectacular scenery to be encountered throughout the state.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the South Central Mountains, where with Ruidoso as a base, the traveler may easily plan one or a series of driving tours offering limitless possibilities for memorable photographic efforts or simply the pure enjoyment of observation.

Such tours may be routed to include some of the more well-known attractions of the area, but those who love to meander through hill and dale with no particular destination will be equally satisfied by the array of landscapes available in the vicinity.

If winding mountain roads and sweeping views of forested mountains are a first priority, take part of a day to make the 12.5 mile trip up the ski resort road.

That road, otherwise known as New Mexico 632, turns up the mountain from Highway 37 at Alto. The state Highway Department is currently stabilizing and resurfacing this road, with completion expected June 1. Summer visitors will thus be able to enjoy not only the views from the lookout points, but a smoother ride as well.

Spreading out across the horizon from this vantage point will be the Capitan Mountains to the north, the flat green expanse of Fort Stanton Mass, the village of Ruidoso nestled in the lower peaks, and the Hondo Valley fading into the distance

directly east. Let's hope you didn't forget your camera.

But even if you make that regrettable mistake, take comfort in the fact that you may have increased your understanding of how "primitive" cultures could hold this mountain sacred.

Descending from the peak will give you a second glance and perhaps a different perspective of the scenes you observed in your ascent.

Taking any other route from Ruidoso offers a sharp contrast to the ski area road. You might want to turn north toward Capitan on Highway 37, for a closer inspection of some of the areas you just saw from mountaintops.

Several choices await you, as you approach the Bonito Lake road. To see the "pretty lake," stay on 37 by turning west at Angus, then keep to the left — you can follow the signs.

Alternatively, you could continue straight north to Capitan, on what has now become New Mexico 48. In Capitan, perhaps best known as the birthplace of Smokey Bear, is a state park honoring that famous citizen, as well as restaurants and shops you might want to visit.

But, let's back up . . . you're considering where to go from the 37-48 intersection. It will involve some rough riding at slow speeds, but for a view that is well worth the bumps, take Highway 37 toward the village of Nogal.

As you approach the edge of Nogal mesa, there'll be a rest stop on the north side of the road. We recommend you park your vehicle here, so you can take some time to drink in the view of the Tularosa basin unfolding before you. It is particularly dramatic in early morning or late afternoon, when the light may intensify the muted colors of the desert and the ridges

beyond.

If you wish to explore the desert lands, continue down toward Carrizozo. Once there, you may turn north on Highway 54 to find the ghost town of White Oaks, some 14 miles distant. Heading directly west will take you to the Valley of Fires State Park, one of the most recent lava flows in the country.

Or you might wish to turn south on 54 and venture to the Three Rivers Petroglyph site, which is located about 30 miles from Carrizozo, almost equidistant between that town and Tularosa.

Take another day to explore still another route which takes you from Ruidoso east on Highway 70 to the Hondo Valley. Make the trip on a day when the sky is partly to mostly cloudy, especially if you want to capture the soft hues on color film. As you proceed down the valley highway, you'll pass numerous carefully maintained fruit orchards. The apples won't be in season until fall, but you'll find a few stands open and offering honey, cider, homemade jellies, jams and other treats.

Take Highway 380 west at Hondo and proceed toward Lincoln, where you'll probably want to stretch your legs with a walking tour of this unique village, which consists of numerous restored historical buildings, museums and galleries. Refreshments may be found at the newly restored Wortley Hotel.

Another scenic area tour will lead you through the Mesalero Apache reservation, located on Highway 70 west of Ruidoso. Take time to tour the Apache's museum, located near the community center. Continuing down Highway 70 through the colorful valley will bring you into the southern portion of the Tularosa basin.

As you approach Tularosa, you'll be rewarded with a view of the famous White Sands, another must for visitors to this section of New Mexico.

For a truly spectacular drive, head south on Highway 70 and take Highway 24 up the mountain to Cloudcroft. Just cruising through the village is a memorable experience. A very beautiful

drive is available by pursuing the curving road from Cloudcroft to Sunspot, a trip you'll never forget. The ride down the mountain, from Cloudcroft towards La Luz will offer breath-taking scenery, plus photographic opportunities beyond your wildest dreams.

As you may have surmised by now, the scenic delights of this southeastern section of New Mexico are limitless, and every road from Ruidoso leads to — enchantment.



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See the rugged, beautiful Malpais

Malpais: The Badland. The words conjure up visions of the outlaw West — and of a place where survival demands the utmost fortitude.

Such land cannot be tamed, but in Lincoln County, it has at least been preserved, in all its geological splendor — at Valley of Fires State Park, just west of Carrizozo on Highway 380.

Indian legends hold — and scientific knowledge confirms — that the malpais was once a valley of fire. One of the youngest lava flow areas in the continental United States, it spans a width of five miles and a depth of 70 feet in some sections.

Survival here would be difficult for humans, but numerous species of wildlife and desert vegetation flourish, and comprise a major part of the park's attraction for visitors.

The park includes picnic and camping areas, fireplaces, shelters, restrooms, drinking water and an equipped playground. The most fascinating aspect of the park, however, is the nature trail which cuts a winding path through the rugged black lava.

Informative brochures are available at the start of the trail, which provide detailed information about some of the life forms which inhabit the area, as well as explaining some of the geological events which created the valley of fires.

The reason for the term "malpais," will become evident to visitors who leave the trail, which is not a recommended course of action. The basalt rock is highly resistant to erosion, and the 2000 years of exposure to the elements has done little to smooth its jagged edges. If you simply cannot resist stepping off the trail, it would be wise to protect ankles and feet well and to remember that even heavy shoeleather is no match for this harsh ground.

Along the trail, the visitor will find markers denoting such plants as Four-Wing Saltbush, the Walking Stick cholla cactus, Wright Silttassel, Spanish Dagger and Saguaro.

With a little luck, or proper timing, one may also catch a glimpse of some of the wildlife residing here. An extensive study of the area by Dr. Lora M. Shields of Highlands University identified many such creatures: badgers, skunks, coyotes, ring tailed cats and spiders, some of which have adapted a darker coloration, helping to insure their survival.

Shields also found a species of small fish at Malpais Springs, descended from salt

water fish which frequented the area when it was a part of the ocean floor.

A number of other rodents and reptiles have survived here, too, and some birds nest in the jagged hollows of the lava.

Quail, dove, roadrunners, towhees, warblers and sparrow are here, as well as golden eagles, marsh hawks, ravens and turkey vultures.

But in the midst of enjoying wonderland of flora and fauna, don't forget to look closely at the massive rippled rock forms. Seemingly frozen in motion, their stolid appearance belies their fiery, molten past.

Malpais: the Badland. It offers lessons in biology, a glimpse into the geological past, and a scenic retreat of unique beauty — not to be missed.



MOLTEN LAVA left swirling formations such as these at the Valley of Fires State Park, located a few miles west of Carrizozo. The flow is more than 40 miles long and up to eight miles deep in some areas.



Visit the Three Rivers Petroglyphs

Lovers of mystery — and anthropology — who find themselves in the South Central Mountains of New Mexico are in for a rare pleasure within minutes of Ruidoso — the Three Rivers Petroglyph site.

This recreational site offers a paved access road, six family picnic units with shelters, camping, drinking water, and a wealth of opportunity to speculate on the motives of the early inhabitants of this particular part of the Tularosa basin. A trail has been carved by the site developers up a rocky ridge where, sometime between 900 and 1400 A. D., members of the Jornada branch of the Mogollon Indian group left hundreds of symbolic carvings on the surfaces of the rocks.

The designs are varied; there are animal and human figures and faces, as well as geometric designs, the meaning or purpose of which has never been determined by modern scientists.

Those "experts" have determined that the Mogollon people were hunters, farmers and traders who used stone tools to carve the figures here.

But their meaning remains a puzzle, although speculation continues. The more popular theories hold that they may have been religious or clan symbols, historical depictions, graffiti, popular art, or even an early "billboard," to advertise the available wares.

The 1,400-foot trail at the petroglyph site takes about 45 minutes round trip, or longer if one stops to examine or photograph some of the individual stones,

or to rest on the benches provided midway. The view from the ridgetop is remarkably dramatic, with Sierra Blanca, the sacred white mountain, rising in the east, and the mellow hues of the desert basin flowing into the pale blue mountain ranges in the distant west.

The inspiration for these graven images may seem no mystery at all to the observer of the surrounding landscape. It is a site reminiscent of the "place of power," described by the Yaqui sorcerer don Juan in Carlos Castaneda's "Journey to Ixtlan."

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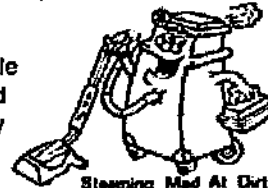
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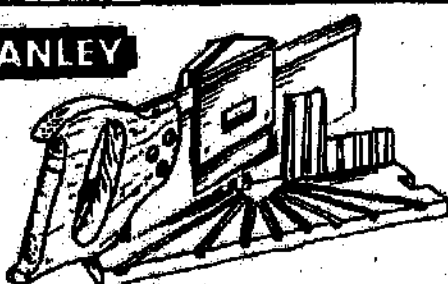
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I am proud to join the Ruidoso Downs family as the track begins its thirty-fourth season. And I am looking forward to another prosperous summer in every respect.

Let me take time to review our usual highlights. First and foremost there are our All-American Futurity and All-American Derby, the world's two richest horse races. For this year only, the Derby will surpass its two-year-old sister in purse money.

We are expecting to hand out over \$1,500,000 in this season's Derby while the Futurity purse is \$1,280,000. The dramatic increase in the value of the Derby attests to the success of our excellent quarter horse racing program.

We will not stop here. Beginning next year there will be a \$1 million ceiling placed on the Derby and the Futurity ceiling will be raised to a staggering \$1,530,000 with the winner collecting \$528,000. And making its debut in 1982 is the All-American Gold Cup. Based on the progress of the Derby, the Gold Cup could have an initial purse of over \$300,000. Adding to the success of the Derby is the fact, starting this season, it will be televised live throughout the Western states. The All-American Futurity, of course, will again be televised nationally.

Of course, let's not forget

the remainder of the Triple Crown races for quarter horses. There's the \$535,000 (est.) Kansas Futurity and \$500,000 (est.) Rainbow Futurity to complement the \$225,000 (est.) Kansas Derby and \$255,000 (est.) Rainbow Derby. Then there's the \$100,000 World's Championship Quarter Horse Classic. Also, our All-American Select Yearling Sale continues to be the quarter horse industry's most prestigious sale.

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But before the first horse steps onto the track this season, major improvements in the facilities will have been completed. The racing surface has been renovated for the second

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Ruidoso Downs fans have been faithful to us over the years and we are delighted, as always, to have you join us for another record season. On behalf of the Board of Directors of Ruidoso-Sunland, Incorporated, I welcome all fans and horsemen to the cool pines of Ruidoso this summer for great racing.



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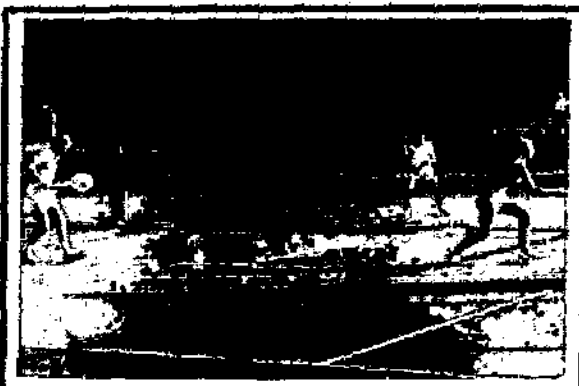
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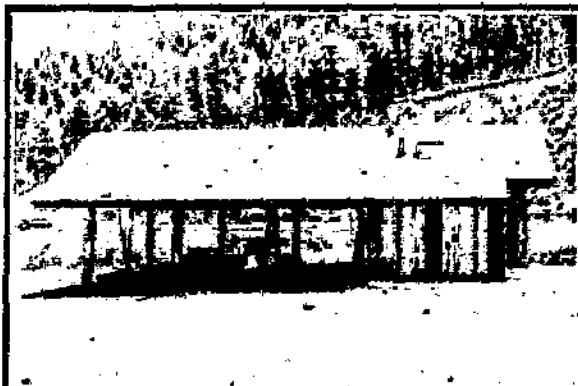
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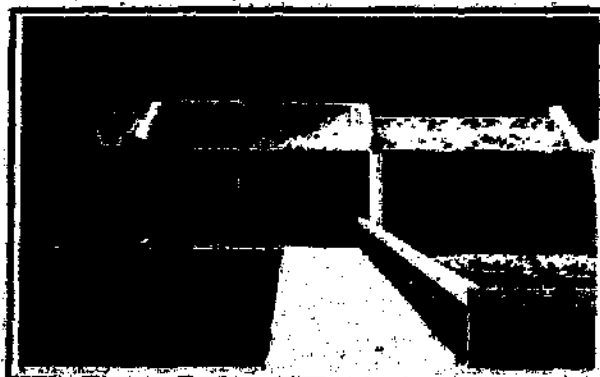
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JOCKEY ALEX BALDILLET JR.

A jockey collects lots of lumps from bush track to the big time

BY DICK ALWAN

For four years, Alex Baldillet Jr., took all the lumps which go with being a bush-track jockey in the Texas flatlands.

But he was smart enough to know when to come in from the cold. Now he's regarded as a brightly shining star among Southwest jockeys. He's even toying with the idea of taking a fling at some big league tracks out West — such as Santa Anita.

Fans who've seen Baldillet ride at Sunland Park, or Ruidoso Downs, or the New Mexico State Fair, figure he's a typical 21-year-old with the world on a string.

Originally a quarter horse specialist in rough and tumble competition at non-part-mutuel tracks, he made the switch to thoroughbreds when he shifted to organized racing in New Mexico about a year ago. But he hasn't forgotten any of his early lessons, and reaffirmed that point recently when he guided Jet View to victory in the finale of the \$107,231 West Texas Futurity at Sunland.

"I rode at the bush tracks since I was 16," Baldillet said in a soft monotone. "It's a cold, hard life out there. It's mean. You can't let anyone run over you. You have to get tough. You have to fight back. You've got a lot of inexperienced riders in those races, and anything can happen — including a lot of accidents."

When Baldillet talks about accidents, he doesn't mean a charley horse or a sprained ankle. He's talking about big ticket items — the kind that put you in a hospital room, staring blankly at four walls and a ceiling. He said: "I've had one arm broken, a leg broken, both collar bones broken. I've also had a lung collapse, and a lot of bumps and bruises, and a lot of close calls. When you ride at the bush tracks, you're taking your life in your hands."

One of his most unpleasant episodes occurred in 1978 at Weatherford, Texas. "We were behind the starting gate, getting ready to go in, and I got to feeling dizzy," he said. "As soon as the race was over, I passed out, and I didn't wake up for three days."

The blackout, he said, resulted from a lot of work, a lot of pressure, a low blood count. The fact he was single, spending a lot of wee hours at local nightspots, didn't help any. (He's married now, with a three-month-old baby girl called Destiny, and his days of after dark revelry are over, he said.)

Born in Dallas, Texas he soon discovered racing was in his blood. It was a family trade, passed down by his father, who rode and trained for the King Ranch, and handled a string of horses at Ruidoso from 1971 to 1973. Included among his pop's horses was Dancer's Queen, who

made the All-American finale in 1973 and ran seventh as a 40-1 longshot.

When Alex was old enough to climb atop a saddle, he began lopeing and galloping. That was at Hillsboro, not far from Dallas. At the age of 16, Alex began riding at bush tracks in Texas and Oklahoma, winning more than his share of futurities and derbies. For a 12 month period in 1977 and 1978, he racked up some 80 wins, and became the nation's second leading rider at non-part-mutuel tracks.

As this success began to pile up, so did the battle wounds. "I've had horses break their legs and go down," he said. "Frequently, I got pushed over the rail. I spent a lot of time in casts when I was 17 and 18."

At first, his mom tried to talk sense to him. Why put up with all that beating? Afterwards, when she saw he really had a talent for this sort of thing, she encouraged him to stick with it. Not that he needed any encouragement. Even when he was flattened out in hospital rooms, or hobbling about in casts, there was no thought of quitting. "There was nothing else I could do that would make me happy," he said. "The competition of the races — and the thrill of winning — it gets to you."

If he needed any special incentive, perhaps that came in 1978 when he won the Triple Crown Futurity at Columbus, Texas. He got the job done with Mary Mito. The gross purse was a nifty 60 grand or so. Since 1977, he'd been teamed up with Nerrel Bruney, a quarter horse trainer he'd met in Dallas. Last spring, when Bruney headed to Ruidoso Downs, Baldillet decided it was time to make the jump.

"Since I was 16, I'd been getting offers to go to Ruidoso," he said. "But I didn't want to go until I was ready to do some good. I wanted to take my time and get things figured out."

At first, it was a tough situation. "Nobody knows you, you're just another face," he said.

But things took a change when Leonard Martinez, a jockey agent, took him on as a client. Before the summer was out, he'd logged about 26 wins. His work included a victory in the Rio Grande Stakes aboard Sankraut. Then it was over to Albuquerque, where he was nosed out for the jockey championship by Joe Martinez. Late this season he was in sixth place in the Sunland standings and was Sunland's leading apprentice.

Among the top-of-the-line trainers he tells for are Chuck Mattox, Bill Leach, Frank Thompson. He gets enough work — handling six or seven mounts in a typical race day.

He'll be back at Ruidoso this summer. "I'd like to win one of those big races up there," he said.

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Photofinish cameraman has tough job

BY DICK ALWAN

George Taylor is one of those bright young men you always find working at a racetrack. Not one to spare any words, always hurrying about, he appears to be, down to his bootstraps, a fellow with a mission in life.

He's only 23, and far too young to be plagued by nightmares. It's the race of nightmares which afflicts anyone in showbusiness. Actors, frequently awake in the dead of night, palms sweating, a cold and trembling child in their very souls. It's the same horrible nightmare—you walk on stage and can't remember your lines. There you are looking over a sea of expectant faces, and your mind is dead. Blank. Zero. No words.

With George Taylor, it's the same nightmare, but the scenario is a bit different. A race is being run, either at Sunland Park or Ruidoso Downs. Somehow, George is too far away from the photo finish camera. He makes a run for it, scrambling up the stairs to the grandstand roof. "In these dreams," George tells you, "I'm in a race with the horses, and usually I lose."

Obviously, George is no jockey. He's the fellow who operates the photo finish camera. It's a fairly simple routine, especially with the new Omega equipment (which cost \$14,000 per camera). But the responsibility is awesome. There's only one way to goof up—and that's to miss getting the finish of the race on film. Such a gaffe is the cardinal sin of the business.

"So far, it's never happened to me," he said. Still, that doesn't keep those nightmares away. As a matter of fact, any operator who runs the camera, even on a temporary basis, tends to get a case of troubled sleep.

The new photo finish equipment, George will tell you, is so smart it practically runs itself. And it's as dependable as windy weather on Sun Bowl day. In the 2½ years since the Omega cameras have been in use at Sunland and Ruidoso, there has been no

failure in either the main camera or the backup camera. More impressive, though, is the fact both cameras always agree, right down to a hundredth of a second.

That was one of the problems with the previous system. The two cameras didn't always see eye-to-eye. One was always 1/100th of a second behind the other. Since George's photo finish equipment is used to time such landmark events as the All-American Quarter Horse Futurity at Ruidoso Downs, his employer, Criterion Films, decided to go ahead and get the best that money could buy.

George's immediate bossman, Cy Leland, is the smart fellow who figured out those super accurate Omega devices could be adapted to horse racing. The cameras were originally designed to clock any kind of athletic contest from a walking event to a marathon. In fact, it's the equipment now used at the Olympics. Sunland Park and Ruidoso Downs are the only tracks using the devices for timing horse races.

The two cameras are positioned one stop the other. Both are powered by a 12 volt battery, so that if the house current fails, that's no factor. Each has its own on-and-off switch, to eliminate any snags from a possibly faulty switch.

Since the cameras are automated, and do their own developing, all George has to do is put the film in and turn a few switches at the right time. The 35 mm film is about 4 to 5 inches long. All he needs to do to get the proper timing for any horse in the race, is to line up each nose with the printer at the bottom of the film. No brain power, no careful calculation is required. There you have it, right down to 1/100th of a second.

There are two settings, one for a quarter horse race, the other for a thoroughbred race. Thoroughbreds travel about a length in a fifth of a second. Quarter horses go even faster. The reason for the different settings is this: the photo finish camera, unlike normal cameras, doesn't use "stationary" film. The film moves horizontally at a speed in ratio with the horses. There is no shutter, but a tiny slit

surveyed to be right on the finish line. Anyway, you wind up with a strip of film, with horses in relation to one another as they hit the finish line. This strip, in a thoroughbred race, is about 8 to 10 inches long.

Before a race is run, George throws a switch to activate the "printer," that revolving drum you see at the base of the pole on the finish line. This drum puts some pertinent facts on the film: such as the date, the name of the track, the race number. All this to make sure each strip of film is not confused with another.

As soon as the race is over, the Omega equipment is cranking out the film developed. Quickly, it can be projected onto a screen in the stewards' room, and the stewards eyeball the finish to decide which horses finished where, or to determine whether a deadheat exists.

Some of the resolution can be lost in projection, but that's no problem. In big time, George produces an 8x10 print, and runs it down to the stewards, and they can scrutinize the finish with an even closer eye.

Just to make sure the stewards can see everything there is to see, there's a mirror image. This comes from an oblong mirror positioned on the photofinish pole. It gives the stewards a view from the inside rail, and helps sort out a set of noses. Only rarely, George said, is a horse's nose hidden from both angles. In that case, it's a judgment call on the steward's part.

George admits his job is not very complicated. Nor is it difficult. "But you've got to be sure you don't screw it up," he said. "It's your responsibility to get every race on film."

As far as he's concerned, one race is like another. He doesn't get too excited whether the horses are running for a \$3,500 purse or a \$1 million prize. Still, even the most automated of jobs have their high points. A triple deadheat, for example. The grandest oddity of all? "A four-way tie in the All-American Futurity," George said. If that ever happens, George Taylor would sleep like a baby.



GEORGE TAYLOR is the man responsible for Ruidoso Downs and Sunland Park. It's the accuracy of the photofinish pictures at type of job that tends to produce nightmares.

A-A Futurity purse to be \$1,530,000

The All-American Futurity at Ruidoso Downs, already the world's richest race, is getting even richer.

That's the word from general manager Finlay MacGillivray, who reports the gross purse for the All-American Futurity is being increased from \$1,200,000 to \$1,530,000.

"The new purse structure will go into effect with the 1981 running, and should add even greater prestige and stature to one of the greatest events in racing history," MacGillivray said.

Nominations for the 1981 All-American Futurity closed January 15, 1980.

Under the new structure, the winner of the All-American will collect a dazzling \$328,000. The current first place purse is \$440,000. The increase is \$88,000.

Second place will be worth \$212,000, as compared to the current \$178,000. The new figure for third is \$99,500, a hike of \$14,000. Here are the other purse shares in the revised setup: 4th—\$70,000; 5th—\$64,000; 6th—\$51,500; 7th—\$48,200; 8th—\$46,000; 9th—\$44,400; 10th—\$42,000.

The amount of money to be dished out in the nationally televised grand finale is \$1,230,000, as compared to the current \$1,030,000. Both figures include \$30,000 in

nominating and breeding awards.

The new total of \$1,530,000 covers the three consolation races. The First Consolation goes from \$145,000 to \$174,000; the Second will be increased from \$72,500 to \$97,000; the Third gets increased from \$32,500 to \$39,000.

The bottom payoff slot in the All-American Futurity picture is 10th place in the Third Consolation. Currently this position is worth \$2,500. Under the new setup, it'll be increased to \$3,000.

The new purse structure will be created by raising the "ceiling" on the All-American Futurity by \$250,000. The total funds generated by the All-American is now in excess of \$3 million. Of this, \$1,280,000 is set aside for the Futurity, the "overage" is directed into the following year's All-American Derby.

This overage has reached the point where the All-American Derby is also in the millionaire's club. The last running (in 1979) produced a gross purse of \$1,027,200. The 1979 winner, Dickey's Fireman, collected \$369,520.

In 1980, the All-American Derby carries a projected gross purse of \$1,250,000—which puts it only \$30,000 short of the All-American Futurity.

But this "parity" will be adjusted, according to the new format which takes effect in 1981 and balloons the All-American Futurity up to that gross pot of \$1,530,000.

Yearlings nominated for the 1981 All-American Futurity January 15, 1980 will also be eligible for the 1982 All-American Derby and the 1983 All-American Gold Cup. The Gold Cup, restricted to four-year-olds, offers an estimated purse of \$350,000.

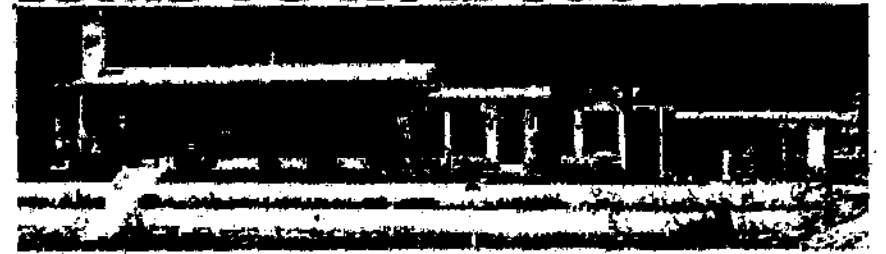
The distance of the Futurity, the Derby and the Gold Cup is the classic 440 yards.

Another change in the Futurity format, starting in 1981, is a hike of the late penalty payment. Currently, the late-penalty fee (which comes due June 15, less than three months before the running of the Futurity) amounts to \$4,250. The new figure is \$12,500.

If all regular payments are made, the total invested in nominating and sustaining payments for the Futurity remains at \$2,500. Here's the nominating schedule for the 1981 All-American Futurity: \$50 by January 15, 1980; \$100 by March 15, 1980; \$150 by June 15, 1980; \$250 by October 15, 1980; \$300 by December 15, 1980; \$400 by March 15, 1981; \$500 by June 15, 1981; \$750 to enter the trials.

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Being a jockey used to be different

BY DICK ALWAN

In the early days of racing in the Southwest, it was often a case of one man matching his quarter horse against the one owned by the fellow down the road.

Folks would turn out from all around and there was usually enough greenbacks riding on the outcome. It was a combination picnic, sporting match and Sunday afternoon gathering. It was also a red letter day on your community affairs calendar.

There's been many odd happenings in these country showdowns, but the screwiest of all could have been the one that took place nearly 30 years ago at the old fairgrounds near Duncan, Arizona. As Jim Curry now recalls the incident, it almost sounds like a page out of the Joad family chronicle before they loaded up their flat bed truck for the trip to California in "The Grapes of Wrath."

Jim, 67, has been in the racing business for the past 35 years. As a young man fresh out of high school, he kicked off a rough-and-tough career as a jockey, and rode throughout the Southwest, and had his hand in plenty of match races. He rode his

last race in 1952, then took up training the next day, and that's what he's been doing since. He's been a top-level trainer at Sunland Park almost since the track first opened in 1953.

Jim isn't the kind who needs much prodding to get a conversation going, but all you have to do is ask about racing in the old days, and Jim — talking in the easy-flowing way of a cowboy philosopher — can get you spell bound in a hurry. He's a man who obviously loves the pioneer days of Southwest racing. "Racing was just a fun game back then," he said. "Everyone seemed to enjoy the races. Now it's more like a business."

If you were a jockey in those days, you could have used a crash helmet and a steel vest. Without the video patrol, the riders often got in a tug-of-war down the backstretch, or around the turn for home. The basic rule was this: anything goes, pretty much, until you reached the homestretch and got within eyeball range of the stewards and placing judges. There were plenty of spills, and plenty of fist-fights in the jockey room.

Anyway, it was back in the early 1950s

when Jim was doing a lot of riding for George Cooper (currently another leading trainer at Sunland). The two were based in Arizona, and Cooper had a quarter horse filly called Nellie C. She wasn't a world champ, Jim said, but "she was honest and she could run straight."

A fellow who owned a hardware store in Duncan got to thinking he had a horse who could lick Nellie C., so negotiations began for a match race. The only rub was this: Cooper didn't have any cash to put up, and this other fellow was a little short on coin of the realm. Jim wasn't much help either. Except for a few bucks, he was pretty well out of funds.

But negotiations began, and it took a couple of weeks to get the deal together. The man with the hardware store showed up with a truckload of household equipment — a washing machine, console radio, toaster, coffee pots, and who knows what else. With the price tags on each item, it looked like he was ready to put on a sidewalk sale.

Cooper came to the fairgrounds with five head of cattle in his truck. So it would be the merchandise against the livestock. In

addition, there was \$40 put up against a gold watch. "It was a big event," Jim said. "Half the town turned out. It was almost like a big auction was being put on."

Farmers from around the Duncan area showed up to do a lot of side betting.

The distance was 330 yards, and the race was to be run "open score." Which means there was no starting gate. "A man would be at the starting line with a flag, and the horses in the race would come galloping or trotting toward the line," Jim said. "When it looked about even, he'd holler 'go' and drop the flag, and you'd be off."

But it usually took a long time to get a fair start. "I've seen them stay there for an hour," Jim said. "By then, the horses were sour, and hot, and pretty anxious."

But this time, it only took two passes at the starting line, and the race was on. "We got the lead at the first jump," Jim said. "There was no catching us. We were about a length in front when we reached the finish."

Jim and Cooper were elated over the win, but when they went to collect the merchandise, the hardware man wasn't exactly taking defeat with a smile. "You wouldn't have beaten me if we'd gone more than 330 yards," he growled. Then, struggling toward the merchandise in the truck, he said: "Alright, you won it. You can take it off the truck yourselves."

The scene, with the grumpy hardware man and his losing merchandise, was "kind of comical," Jim said. So far as Jim Curry was concerned, the affair, and the way it turned out, was a big thrill. "I also made \$40," he says. That was back in the good old days, when \$40 was \$40.



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The racing surface at Ruidoso Downs Race Track has been renovated once more in anticipation for another record breaking season this summer.

"We've spent more money to insure that the track is in as good or better condition than it was last year," announced Ruidoso-Sunland president W. L. "Sunny" Edwards.

In 1979 the track was completely re-leveled and resurfaced at a cost of almost \$60,000. This year the base was checked and low spots eliminated. Then a new sub-base and cushion were installed.

"We've got the base well-established now," Edwards said. "With the new sub-base it should be even better."


Last year's overhaul was a complete success, according to Ruidoso officials. "It was fantastic how well the new track worked in the beginning, and it stayed that way all season," Edwards said. "We didn't have a complaint about the track all season. A lot of the credit has to go to track superintendent Connie Madrid."

Approximately 3,000 cubic yards of sand from the Orogrande area were trucked in for the new surface. This year's improvements cost approximately \$35,000, according to Edwards.

Other improvements to the track facilities include a new water line to the grandstand and Jockey Club area as well as a remodeling of the track kitchen.

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Claiming horses do win races

BY DICK ALWAN

Horsemen at Ruidoso Downs can be expected to keep the claiming box pretty well stuffed this season.

The claiming box, in fact, does a land office business at any race track. For example, take the recent Sunland Park season. After the first 62 race days, 176 horses swapped barns via the claiming method, and the total cash outlay amounted to \$446,600. The average price was \$3,105.60.

On a typical three day racing weekend at Sunland this past season, the amount spent through the claiming box, ranged from a low of \$9,000 to a high of nearly \$70,000.

All of which goes to show what a prominent position the claiming horse occupies in racing. Without him, in fact, it would be tough to put a racing program together. The handicap and allowance horses hog most of the spotlight, but the claimer is the front line trooper of the business. We'd guess half of all races run are for claimers.

Briefly, the system works this way: every claiming race has a price tag fixed to it, and every horse entered in a claiming race is theoretically offered for sale at that price. At Sunland, the claiming price extends from a bottom of \$2,000 up to 10 grand or so.

Ingenious invention that it is, the claiming race is designed to keep one horse from winning everything in sight. It also forces the trainers to do the sorting. For example, if a horse has a street value of \$5,000, no trainer in his right mind would put him in a two grand claiming event. Obviously, other trainers would pounce on such a bargain with both fists.

So if a trainer likes such-and-such an animal in such-and-such a race, and is backed by an owner with sufficient cash, he goes over to the claiming box before the running of that race and sticks in his claiming card. As soon as the starting gates swing open, that animal is the property of the new owner. (But the new owner doesn't get any purse earned in the race.)

Buffalo Wooten, a long-time trainer in the Southwest and one of the top practitioners of the art of claiming, once put it this way: "The claiming route is the best route to go. You can check the horse's past performances. You can check how much money he's been making. If you're a good judge of legs, and you can tell what condition he's in, you can do alright for yourself. I'd say I've made a lot more good

claims than bad ones. In fact, I've never claimed one that was a real dud."

Although most claiming horses don't have enough running power and incentive to break out of the claiming ranks, there are plenty who do. In fact, some of the top stars in the Southwest raced in claiming competition, at least a time or two, before turning into running fools. There are many examples, but one of our favorites is Bottle A., the quick gelding who enjoyed such a high-gloss career under the colors of Jess Burner of El Paso, Texas.

November 21, 1971, Bottle A. winged home in a sprint covering six furlongs. He could have been claimed for \$4,500. Luckily, The God of Chance was looking

the other way, and Bottle A. stayed in Burner's barn. Before the 1971-72 season was over, Bottle A. had won six races, including the Springtime Handicap. But the gelding is best remembered for his allowance outing April 23, 1972 when he packed 121 pounds over the 5 1/4 furlong course and stopped the clock in 1:02 3/8 seconds. That established a track record which still stands.

Not one to let the grass grow under his feet, Bottle A. remained a top staker horse for several years following his Herculean feat at 5 1/4 furlongs. During the 1973-74 season, he collected five wins, all in allowance company.



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The All-American Derby is being added to the telecast schedule at Ruidoso Downs, starting this year.

Like the All-American Futurity, it'll be a one hour show, reaching virtually every major market in the nation.

This means there'll be two national telecasts emerging out of Ruidoso Downs during a nine day period. The Derby, slated for Sunday, August 24, carries a purse estimated at more than \$1,250,000. The \$1,250,000 Futurity will be run, as usual, on Labor Day. The Derby and Futurity are the two richest races in history.

About 160 stations, representing just about every major market in the nation, will carry the shows produced by the All-American Network. These markets, according to Network officials, will include New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Denver, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Miami, among others.

The potential audience for each telecast is projected at between 30 to 40 million viewers. Ruidoso general manager Finlay MacGillivray had this observation: "With national exposure of this magnitude, there's little doubt the All-American Futurity and Derby will continue to generate tremendous beneficial effects, not only for Ruidoso Downs and the State of New Mexico, but for the entire quarter-horse industry as well."

All leading two-year-old stars of 1979, including All-American Futurity winner Pie In The Sky, and the Rainbow Futurity winner, Strakin Six, are eligible for the 1980 Derby. As a result, the Derby telecast figures to command considerable attention.

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Trainer Chuck Maddox carries on, beating the odds

BY DICK ALWAN

Chuck Maddox is one of those bigger-than-life El Paso Texans, the man who's done everything — and done it well. If they ever get around to making a movie of his life, Rock Hudson would fill the bill.

Or better still, Chuck Maddox could play himself. He's a tall, good looking gent in Stetson and Tony Lama boots. He's got a big, pearly smile, an easy going way, and his picture would look perfect on a political poster.

He'd also be right at home in a full color magazine ad, showing off those supple Tony Lama boots and western wear.

Chuck is just as comfortable in a corporate board room as he is in the stable area at Sunland Park and Ruidoso Downs. Besides directing a 24 head string of race horses, he's also maestro of the Charran Ranch, a 12 acre layout in a particularly choice section of El Paso's Upper Valley.

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Certainly, Chuck Maddox's main occupation these days is race horses. But when the day's most pressing obligations have been tended to, he also looks after Charles W. Maddox Enterprises, a tidy operation which takes under its wings such items as land, building, horses and cattle.

About those Tony Lama magazine ads — that's just a favor Chuck and his family like to do for old friends. Chuck and his wife, Lorann, and their two children, Matt, 12, and Autumn, 10, don't mind jumping into a whole array of Tony Lama outfits to pose for the cameras. "We've been friends of the Tony Lama family for 35 years," Chuck said.

A charming guy down to his bootstraps, Maddox was once taken by political persuasion, and ran for office. El Pasoans

selected him a county commissioner, and he served from 1974 to 1978. It turned out to be far more stress and strain than he had imagined. "It was quite an experience," he said, smiling widely — meaning that the idea of getting the county judge and four commissioners to agree on anything is pretty rough. "I would not," he said, "be interested in again serving as a political officer."

But when it comes to civic service, Chuck Maddox is no slouch. He's been associated with the Southwestern International Livestock Show and Rodeo for the past 32 years. In recent years, he's been the chairman of the board and chief executive officer, and every February, you'll hear Chuck in a media blitz, exhorting El Pasoans to get out to the rodeo.

Like any tall Texan of imposing stature, Chuck is a Texas Ranger. His complex background also includes a stint as a member of the board of Sunland Park.

With roots that go deep into Southwest racing, Maddox was the organizing force behind The Race Horse Farm, a 37 acre layout adjoining Sunland Park. His partners in the venture were George Raudach, Jack Curlin, Max Prestidge Jr., Dorrance Roderick Jr., R. L. Butchofsky and Jay Taylor.

The Race Horse Farm opened the day before Sunland Park went into business in 1959. Around 1971, the operation was sold to the current owner, Gordon Howell.

But before we get into Maddox's career as a trainer, we should point out some pertinent background details. Originally from Pecos, Texas, he first came to El Paso in 1947, as a 22-year-old cadet

Lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps. After getting a degree in economics and labor relations at Texas A & M University, he went to work in the engineering department of the El Paso Electric Company. Twelve years later, when he decided to move on to other horizons, he was assistant to the executive vice president, W. V. Holli.

Maddox then switched to El Paso Moving and Storage Company and eventually became sole owner. In 1968, he sold that enterprise, and formed the Maddox-Harvey Building and Investment Company. Since then, his various properties have been merged under that umbrella firm of Charles W. Maddox Enterprises.

Around Sunland Park and Ruidoso Downs, Maddox's reputation as a boardroom kingpin isn't that well known. But his reputation as a top owner and trainer certainly is.

A few years ago, Maddox paid \$10,000 for a half interest in the colt, Clean Up Spot. Shortly afterward, the colt won the Fall Futurity at Sunland, and later, the Texas Derby, and Maddox wound up selling his half interest for \$60,000.

Earlier in his career, Maddox, in partnership with Max Prestidge Jr., owned two standouts in New Mexico racing — Tudor Peace and Peaceful Request. Another Maddox product was Tough Peace, a daughter of Thorny Peace who was named New Mexico Horse of the Year in 1968. She won about \$38,000 — which was a good hunk of dough back in those days.

Peaceful Request got his turn as New Mexico's top thoroughbred about a year later. Ask Maddox to name the greatest horse he's ever trained, and he'll tell you:

"It's a tossup between Peaceful Request, Clean Up Spot and Tough Peace."

Maddox was also the guiding hand behind Royal Counsel, winner of the Sunland Park Handicap last spring. He also orchestrated the success of Alice From Dallas, winner of the Texas Derby and other events. The fast breaking quarter horse, Charge Rocket — who averaged over a 100 speed index in his last five races — was another Maddox student.

A few years ago, Paso Peace was a leading handicap sprinter, setting three or four track records. He was another Maddox disciple.

But all hasn't been easy for Chuck Maddox. For example, there was the time he was ruled off when one of his horses

produced a bad test. But the case was dropped when it turned out Maddox was in a hospital room at the time, unconscious for 11 days. That was in 1972.

The cause of the illness didn't really surface until 1978, when the medics discovered a blockage in his bile duct, between the liver and the small intestine. With only an eight percent chance of pulling through, Maddox was rushed to Houston in the El Paso National Bank's private plane.

After the operation he weighed in at a scrawny 142 pounds. Now he's up to a robust 202, and can chuckle over that eight percent survival rate the doctors had given him. Which really shouldn't be much surprise. Chuck Maddox has been beating the odds all his life.



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Lead makes horse racing exciting

BY DICK ALWAN

Recently, a winning horse at Sunland Park was disqualified when it turned out the animal, through an oversight, wasn't packing sufficient weight.

By "weight" we don't mean the kind that comes from calories. We're not talking about pizza and French fries and too many Big Macs. We're talking about lead slabs, about an eighth of an inch thick and maybe 2-3 inches long. They come in pound and half pound sizes and slip into a cloth-and-leather lead pad, which goes between the horse's shoulders and the saddle.

So why does a horse have to lug lead weights, in addition to a jockey, and a saddle, and whatever else? The answer: to slow him down, ever so much — and theoretically keep him from winning everything in sight.

So when this oddball situation popped up at Sunland a few weeks back, track officials agreed it was one of the rarest events in racing. There was no precedent, at least in this part of the country, for a horse to get in a race with less than his assigned weight. But a freak occurrence took place at Santa Fe in the Achievement Stakes, when the winner lost some weight slabs, and had to be disqualified.

All of which got this writer thinking about the concept, theory and mechanics of weight. Basically, things work this way: the lead weights are kept in the jockey room, obviously in the "lead box." Before a race, the jockey valet prepares the saddle, and sticks in the right amount of lead to get the jockey at his assigned weight. The jockey picks up his saddle and lead pad and weighs in on the scales in the jockey room. The clerk of scales then verifies the weight.

After the race is run, the top four jockeys weigh out near the winner's circle, under the watchful eye of the paddock judge. Since a rider can lose some body weight during a race, he's allowed to check out no more than two pounds lighter than he started.

If the track happens to be wet, and a lot of mud is flying, a jockey can pick up as much as three pounds. But this extra weight most likely isn't as much of a negative factor as having all that mud hitting jockey and horse in the face.

Still, the more weight you ask a horse to haul the slower he'll run. During a recent quarter horse racing conference in Denver, an M.I.T. professor spoke on the subject, having calculated that 12 pounds, in a quarter horse race, would be the equivalent of one length going 440 yards. A rule of thumb theory among thorough-

bred is that a pound means a length. But numerous imponderables can't be factored into the professor's calculations. Obviously, some horses are more adept at packing weight than others.

A good example in Southwest racing was Master Sails, who stashed through Ruidoso Downs and the New Mexico State Fair a few seasons ago. In 1975, Master Sails won the 870 yard Brigid Handicap under 132 pounds. Three days later, he stretched out for the Ruidoso Mile and won under 128.

A week later, he was in the 870 yard Governor's Handicap at the State Fair, laboring under 132 pounds. "At the top of the stretch we were next to last," said his jockey, Jeff Thrasher (now Sunland's identifier and patrol judge). "I could feel him struggling under the weight. But we won by a nose."

Asking a horse to carry 132 pounds here in the Southwest is like expecting him to walk the water in the infield lake. So it's that more staggering when one reviews weights which have been carried at big league eastern tracks. For example, take the 1970 Interborough Handicap at Aqueduct in 1970. Ta Wee, as a four-year-old filly, won under a stamptey 142 pounds — which surely amounts to a modern record.

In the 1978 Marlboro Cup at Belmont Park — at 1 1/8th miles no less — Forego successfully supported 137 pounds. In 1975

and 1976, Forego won the Brooklyn Handicap at Belmont under 132 and 134, respectively, but his cross was too much to bear in 1977 and he finished second. He had 137 that time.

Tom Fool, as a four-year-old in 1963, won the Brooklyn Handicap under 136. As we recall, he either set or approached the track record for 1 1/4 miles.

When you stuff the lead pad so generously, is it worse than having the weight as part of the jockey's body? Which brings us to the "live weight" versus "dead weight" theory. There's no clear cut agreement, since many top riders — such as Willie Shoemaker — check in light (around 104) and consequently have to pack plenty of lead.

Charlie Isles (now racing secretary at Santa Fe) was a feathery 85 in his racing days. But he got around having to carry a lot of lead under the saddle by wearing a special vest, with slots to hold bee-bees and such. The idea was to spread the weight around, and make it move with the horse, supposedly making it more "live" than "dead."

When you put extra lead on a horse's back, does that by itself discourage him? Not at all, according to Richard Lidberg, Sunland's racing secretary and a one-time jockey. "He's not even aware of any extra weight," Lidberg said.

Not until he starts running, at least, and fatigue catches up with him. When that happens, it means those lead slabs are doing their job.

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Jet Deck, an immortal among great quarterhorses — the greatest, maybe

BY DICK ALWAN

Who's the greatest quarter horse of all time? That's a tough question. There's been so many good ones. And better ones are coming along every year.

Still, when you start discussing the horse you might put at the highest point of the pedestal, the one who comes to mind most readily is the immortal but ill-fated Jet Deck.

Even though it's been some 17 years since Jet Deck last zipped down the straightaway, there's many an old timer who'll swear he was the fastest thing he'd ever seen. Gentle by nature, Jet Deck would turn into a demon on the racetrack, a hard fighting blast of speed and courage.

Bill Thomas, a long-time official at Ruidoso Downs and Sunland Park, put it this way: "Of all the quarter horses I've seen run, there's never been anything like Jet Deck. I remember a trial race at Ruidoso. Jet Deck's rider, Charley Smith, didn't have his feet in the stirrups, but the gates opened, and Charley was off balance. He couldn't ride Jet Deck. He just put his arms around his neck and held on. Jet Deck began running, with Charley holding on for his life. Would you believe it? Jet Deck just missed by a nose. It was the greatest demonstration of raw courage and running ability I've ever seen."

Wilbur Stuchal, the man who trained Jet Deck — and the man who counseled J. B. Chambers of Littleton, Colorado to buy the colt in the first place — once described the horse this way: "Jet Deck has a real good disposition. He likes to run. He's had trouble several times getting started. Getting bumped at the gate for instance. But Jet Deck overcomes it."

Originally purchased by Chambers for \$6,500, and looking "like nothing but a long neck with a pot belly," Jet Deck grew from

a scrawny runt into a magnificent running machine, and finally, into probably the most revered sire in quarter horse history.

When Jet Deck wrapped up his running career in 1963, his record stood at 23 wins, four seconds and two thirds from 31 starts. He'd earned \$209,823, which made him, at that point, quarter horse racing's biggest money maker. (His fattest paycheck was the \$93,265 which came from the Los Alamitos Futurity in 1962.) In 1962, he was named the nation's champion two-year-old quarter horse. The following year, he was voted the world champ and champion three-year-old. Numerous other national titles were placed on his proud head.

If his track record weren't enough, the sweet-tempered colt also had what horsemen love to crow about — a thing called "meticulous breeding." Sired by Moon Deck out of Miss Night Bar, the colt was a grandson of both Top Deck and Three Bars. As Stuchal once put it: "This makes Jet Deck the grandson of two of the greatest sires in quarter horse racing history."

Luckily, Jet Deck had the capacity to duplicate his talent in his sons and daughters. His progeny could fill a racing Hall of Fame. Topping the list is another immortal, the well-known Easy Jet. The colt ran out \$445,721 to become the sport's top money maker (at one point). Easy Jet turned into a legendary sire. Currently, he's the creme de la creme, boasting the sport's top stud fee of \$20,000. Since Easy Jet can serve anywhere from 80 to 100 mares per season, that gives you an idea as to the kind of bucks we're talking about.

Jet Deck produced a long list of stakes stars — a list we don't have to go into. But we might mention Flaming Jet and Jet Comanche, just for starters. If we're

properly reading the 23 page printout from the American Quarter Horse Association, Jet Deck sired 580 horses, who started 8,523 times and earned nearly \$8.8 million (back when a dollar was a dollar). In short, Jet Deck set one breeding record after another.

But just as Jet Deck was reaching his full prominence, and his real monetary value, the colt's life was mysteriously taken. His murder remains one of the great puzzles in quarter horse racing. At his death August 28, 1971 Jet Deck was

owned jointly by Chambers and Bud Warren of Perry, Oklahoma. The stallion was standing at Warren's farm in Perry. A long time Warren employee, Dean Schultz, discovered Jet Deck dead in his paddock.

Warren, who was deeply attached to the stallion, later described his reaction this way: "All I could do was just stagger a little bit."

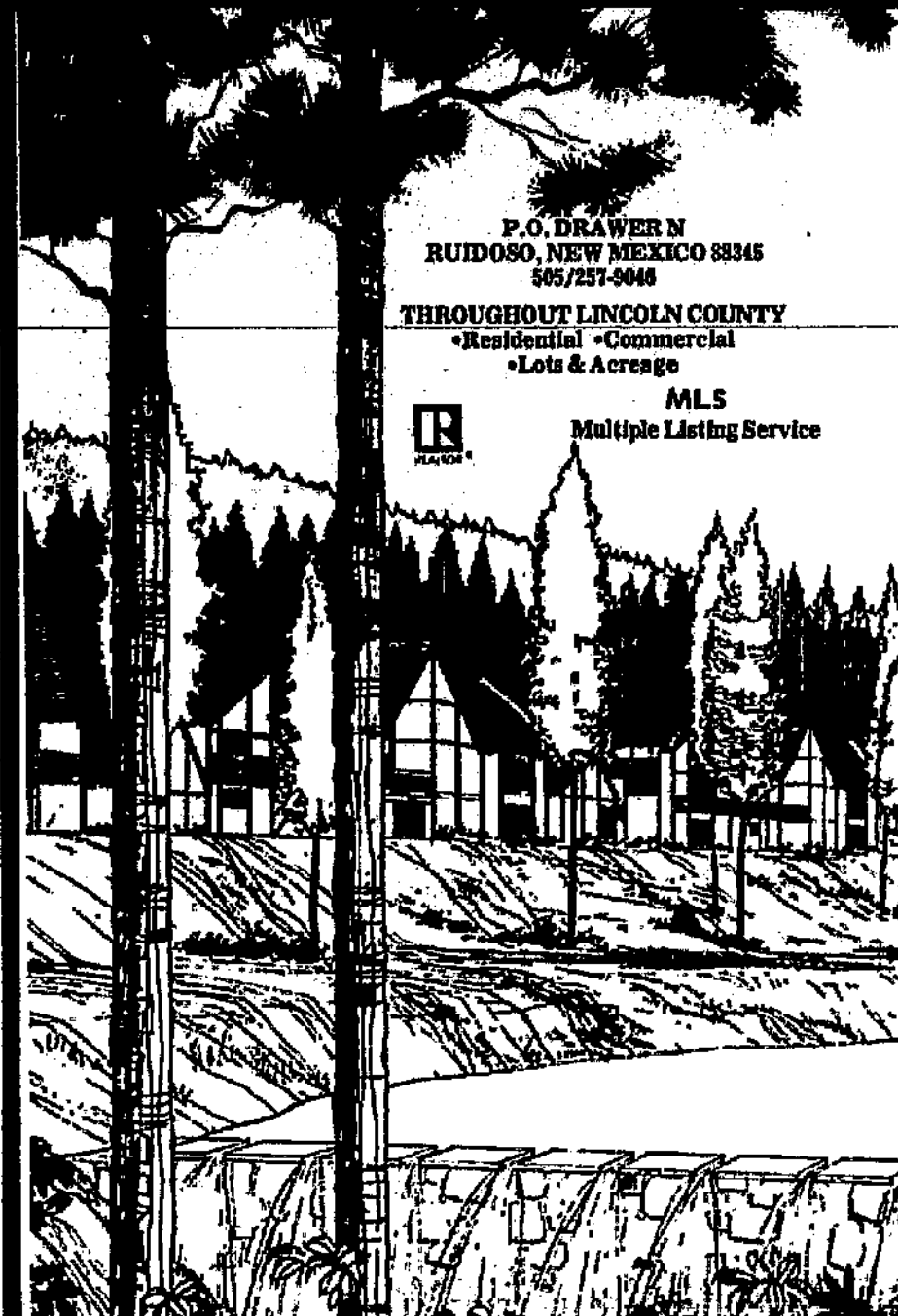
The dead stallion was taken to the Oklahoma State University School of Veterinary Medicine for a post mortem. A member of the OSU staff suspected

something was wrong after smelling a peculiar odor. The pathologist tediously skinned the jugular vein and "discovered evidence of a foreign substance around and within the vein." Laboratory tests showed the stallion had died from a massive overdose of barbiturates. Tire tracks, and foot tracks, were found on the road leading to and from Jet Deck's paddock.

The next shock came when the insurance company, holding a \$25,000 policy on the stallion, refused to pay off. The company

claimed "intentional murder" was not covered in the contract. The case went to court, and was decided in favor of Chambers and Warren. But \$25,000 was small potatoes. At the time of his death, Jet Deck's worth was conservatively estimated at \$1 million.

There's been much speculation as to Jet Deck's assassin, but no one has ever been charged, and the matter has long been closed. So Jet Deck seems destined to remain a kind of awesome but mysterious legend.



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All-American Derby purse steadfastly approaching \$1,500,000; winner's share of the 1980 Derby could be staggering \$525,000

The 1980 stakes schedule at Ruidoso Downs is shaping up as an embarrassment of riches, with the All-American Derby steadfastly moving on course toward a remarkable purse of about \$1,500,000.

That would make the Derby the richest race in turf history, even surpassing its world-famed two-year-old counterpart, the All-American Futurity.

With the Futurity restricted by a built-in ceiling, the total purse for the Labor Day classic is \$1,200,000 (including the three consolation races, plus \$0 grand in nominating and breeding awards).

The amount of money dished out in the nationally televised grand finale is \$1,030,000, according to general manager Finlay MacGillivray. "This year, there'll be a slight adjustment in the purse breakdown," he said. "The winner's purse will be increased from \$437,500 to \$440,000."

In 1981, MacGillivray also noted, the All-

American Futurity purse goes through another format change, with the total purse swelling up from \$1,300,000 to \$1,530,000. The amount to be handed out in the grand finale becomes \$1,330,000.

The winner's slice gets a solid boost up to \$525,000.

A major part of the new All-American format is a \$1 million ceiling on the Derby — starting in 1981.

So if the Derby reaches \$1,500,000 or so this season, that situation will prevail only once. Starting in 1981, the Futurity once again will be back in the top perch, so far as the world's richest horse races are concerned.

The amount of cash already on deposit for this summer's Derby is \$1,130,485. This is an increase of some \$200,000 over the cash on hand last year at this time, when 215 head were eligible. The 1979 Derby finally topped out at \$1,027,000. (Last

year's All-American Derby became the second race in turf history to surpass the million-dollar level. The first was the All-American Futurity.)

Right now, 200 three-year-olds are eligible for the 1980 Derby. The list includes Pie in the Sky, last year's All-American Futurity winner, plus Streakin Six, the All-American favorite and the Rainbow Futurity champ. Dorothy Dillard, Ruidoso nominations secretary, also notes that all major stars of last summer's two-year-old division are pointing toward the 1980 Derby.

In order to remain eligible for the 1980 Derby, a payment of \$300 was required February 1. In addition, there's a \$500 fee to enter the trials. No supplemental nominations are permitted.

The winner's slice for the Derby is 25 percent of the gross purse. So if the total jackpot hits \$1,500,000, the victory share will amount to a staggering \$375,000.

So far as this year's All-American Futurity is concerned, it's another case of cash coming in at a record clip. Dillard reports 1,975 head are still eligible, and the kitty is loaded down with \$1,133,525. That's a gain of \$220,925 over the same point a year ago, when 677 head were in the running, and the case on deposit stood at \$912,700.

The 1979 Futurity finally generated a total of \$2,347,265. Since the ceiling is \$1,200,000, the funds carried over into this year's All-American Derby amounted to \$1,068,765.

Last year, there were 28 late supplemental nominations at \$5,250 each, and 19, at an even later date, at \$14,250 apiece. So the total income from supplemental

nominations was \$445,730.

This year, there's a change in the late supplemental nominating schedule. So it remains to be seen, Dillard said, whether horsemen will respond with the same cash-quick pace. Starting this year, there's only one way to make the All-American Futurity trials on a late nomination. That's by a \$10,000 payment June 15 (plus \$750 to enter the trials).

The basic implication of the current All-American Futurity purse build up is this: the All-American Gold Cup, which debuts in 1982, could easily pass the \$300,000 plateau. The Gold Cup is restricted to four-year-olds, and will serve as a glittering addition to the All-American Futurity and Derby. The Futurity, of course, is limited to two-year-olds, while the Derby is strictly a three-year-old event.

The idea is that a quarter horse could run in the Futurity, the Derby and the Gold Cup in succeeding years.

If current trends continue, the 1980 All-American Futurity will generate around \$2,550,000. After \$1,200,000 is taken out for the 1980 Futurity, this leaves a carryover of some \$1,350,000 for next year's All-American Derby.

Since the 1981 Derby will be limited by a \$1 million ceiling, that leaves a starting fund of \$288,000 or so for the initial running of the All-American Gold Cup in 1982. Additional payments come due, and should swell the purse over \$300,000.

Dillard notes that it's a long way down the road from now to the 1982 All-American Gold Cup, and she's not going out on a limb to predict the Gold Cup purse. "At this point, though, the situation looks excellent," she said.



BOB AT THE MIKE—When racing returns to Ruidoso Downs this week, Bob Dudich will be kicking off his 20th season as track announcer. Dudich has long been regarded as one of the top announcers in the nation—especially when it comes to a quarter horse race.

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Ruidoso born jockey eyes goal of A-A Futurity ride

While not simply an overnight success, 18-year-old apprentice jockey Jimmy Hunt suddenly attracted the attention of Sunland Park partons with some impressive one day riding performances during the just ended meeting.

Born with a riding whip in hand, Hunt has exhibited a natural ability to enter the winner's circle from his first ride. And with each victory he gains more maturity and confidence, realizing the potential others have for him.

"I've had a lot of great riders and he's shown me more in the last two months than

a lot of them, said Hunt's ardent agent, Don Rausch. "I've never been so enthused over a rider in the last seven, eight years and I've had some of the best."

Twice in the first six weeks of 1990 Hunt has won three races in one day, including a successive hat trick that was highlighted by the 1 1/4 mile Westside Claiming Stakes. In his best display, Hunt captured four races on one card to set a seasonal precedent. The meet's leading bug boy also earned three Jockey-of-the-Week titles through February 17.

The rapid success, however, hasn't

scarred Hunt's boyish yet felicitous appearance. "I've been getting some pretty good horses and just got lucky," Hunt said. Riding on recognized tracks since he turned the legal age of 16, Hunt has expanded his strong quarter horse foundation to thoroughbreds. Along the way he has recovered from three injurious spills to ride again with no second thoughts of fear.

Hunt literally started by falling off at the tender age of four when his father, Willie, gave him a 50 inch Shetland pony named Smokey for his birthday. "I got dumped a hundred times," said Jimmy, in reminiscing about the days he single handedly broke Smokey.

While Jimmy was struggling with Smokey, his father was winning the 1965 Sunland Fall Quarter Horse Futurity aboard Fancy Charge. Willie and his younger brother Don rode match races for their father in the Will Rogers country of Oologah, Oklahoma as youngsters. Both developed into respected Southwest jockeys as Willie won the Kansas Futurity twice and Don, who generally received a leg up on thoroughbreds, captured the Ruidoso Derby and Ruidoso Mile in 1969 on Running Sam.

Jimmy's inherent talent blossomed soon after being born in Ruidoso on the nomadic jockey trail. When Willie was in the off season breaking colts, Smokey and his budding apprentice were there.

"I'd go up there every time with Dad to the gates," Jimmy said. "We'd usually get his colts going pretty good because Smokey could really leave the gate."

Hunt took the guise of a Little League jockey when his grandmother stitched him some miniature silks and Willie shortened the girth on a racing saddle. "Heck, I had the whole works," said the pleasantly reticent Hunt.

With Hunt slinging the leather like a pro, Smokey won a 75 yard county fair dash when Jimmy was five. Soon Jimmy and

Smokey were a constant shadow to Willie and his stock on the bush tracks.

"In the mornings I'd gallop that sonofagun all the time," said Hunt. "They wouldn't let something like that happen nowadays and I never got to do it at Ruidoso."

When he turned 10 Jimmy began galloping the easier mounts for his dad and began composing his own riding reverie when his older brother Billy began riding for the retired Willie.

Seven years older than Jimmy, Billy had to learn the trade empirically on the bush tracks and has since developed into a national turf figure. His tally includes victories in the Dash for Cash Futurity, Kindergarten Futurity and World's Championship Quarter Horse Classic.

"I really liked to watch him ride," said Jimmy in an admiring tone, remembering when Billy established the fastest qualifying time for a futurity. "I was just as happy as he was."

The following six years Hunt was always near the track, still dreaming of being a jockey. Then the breakthrough came on his 16th birthday in the summer of 1977. He rode his first recognized race at a Farr Meadows, New York quarter horse meeting and won.

"I was nervous at first but Dad had me on a good horse," said Jimmy, admitting a lot of pressure was relieved with a first out winner.

But Hunt's auspicious beginning was marred two rides later when his mount broke down, throwing Hunt to the ground. He was out for four weeks with fractured vertebrae but returned to ride almost 20 winners in the short remainder of the meeting.

It would be the first of three injurious spills Hunt would suffer. "Every time I've gone off it's always knocked me out and did something to my back," Hunt said, noting his next two spills would come in each of the next two summers at La Mesa

Park near Baton. "I never felt anything until I woke up."

In between spills Hunt settled into a routine. He divided his time between riding in Colorado and New Mexico, going to school where he graduated with a solid 3.4 average, and breaking colts at home, in Eureka, Kansas. On the track Hunt won the Colorado State Fair Derby and placed third in two other popular Colorado quarter horse stakes races.

It was also in Colorado where Hunt rode his first thoroughbred when a pair of trainers were looking for riders. "I really wasn't interested in riding thoroughbreds then," Jimmy said. "Now they're both fun if you're on a good one."

When Hunt came to the last Sunland meeting, he had already proven himself on quarter horses. But his thoroughbred knack might have been questioned, even with Rausch's perseverance.

"At first we were riding thirty and forty-to-one shots. Trainer Paul Smith gave us a chance and realized Jimmy could ride," said the inquisitive Rausch. "Mike Welch and everybody has since fell in, quarter horses and all. Mack Yates and John May, prominent owners, seem to think he's one of the best young riders they've ever seen around and I do too. He's really got me enthused."

"I've improved a lot since I first started," Jimmy said. "And I've still got a lot of improvement to go. You learn the little things you can't pick up galloping or working horses in the morning. When you start winning races it seems to help. Don has really helped me a lot also."

Hunt was up on Smith's Mandate To Tryst and paced the gelding perfectly to a wire-to-wire victory after the gelding had been turned out for the previous four months.

"He couldn't have ridden Court Star any better," Welch said. "It's getting to where he can tell more about the pace and gain a sense of timing. He knows how much he's using his horses."

With no apparent weight problems, Hunt should be in the saddle for enough years to reach one of his highest personal goals—to ride in the All-American Futurity at Ruidoso Downs. He would also like to enroll in college and prime himself for an administrative position in racing after retiring.

For the present, though, Hunt would like to win 30 races, a figure he thought was a little high considering his recent arrival at Sunland.

He reached that objective easily before losing his bug in May and now has his sights set on more demanding goals.



NUMERO UNO AND DAD—Jimmy Hunt, Sunland Park's leading apprentice, chats with his father, Willie, before riding. Hunt is one of Sunland Park's top 10 riders this year. He is following in the footsteps of his father, who won the Kansas Futurity twice. Jimmy, however, is expanding his talents to thoroughbreds this year.

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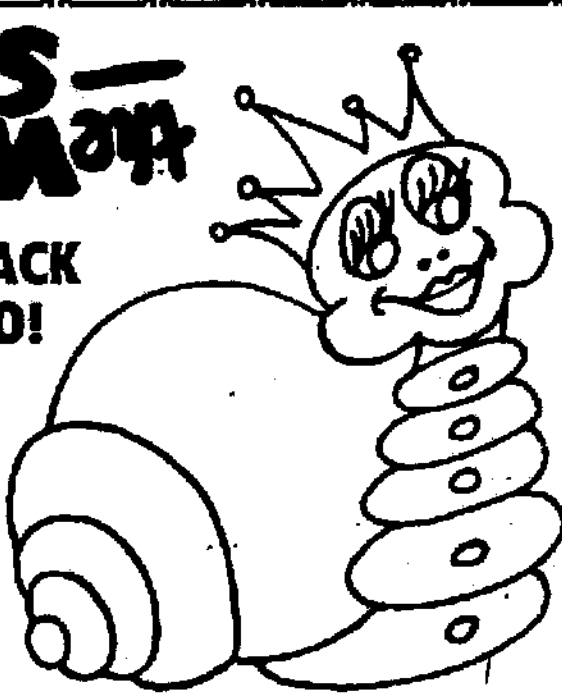
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About \$50,000 is being spent at Ruidoso Downs in installation costs for a computerized totalisator system. The equipment, leased from the American Totalisator Co., will be operating when the 1980 season kicks off on May 10.

The automatic system, called the Duplex Totalisator, is designed to sharply reduce the length of time a patron spends waiting in mutual lines.

Under the new system, one totalisator machine can handle any variety of tickets of the same denomination. For example, a patron need go to only one window to make a wager to win, place or show. At the same window, he can also bet the quinella, the daily double or the Big Q.

The only limitation is that the \$2 window can handle only \$2 wagers, the \$10 window is restricted to \$10 wagers, and so on.

Mutuels Manager Jerry Knott adds this observation: "The big benefit to the fans is that the wagering lines become balanced

out, and each line is shorter." Generally, it boils down to the fact one mutual machine can do the work of four machines under the previous system — all of which provides a far more streamlined mutuals operation.

"At the cashiers' windows, it's the same system in reverse," Knott said. "Any cashier will be able to cash any ticket in a given denomination. In effect, the Duplex provides 'one-stop' buying and 'one-stop' cashing."

The system, under Knott's direction, debuted in New Mexico last fall at the State Fair meeting in Albuquerque, and was extremely well received by the fans. A new wrinkle, which caught on well at Albuquerque, was the advent of \$5 wagers in the quinella and daily double. They'll also be available at Ruidoso.

When Sunland Park, Ruidoso's sister track, kicks off the 1980-81 season in October, the new Duplex Totalisator will be in operation at that facility also.

Finlay MacGillivray, who's been manager of the New Mexico State Fair since 1958, takes over as general manager of Ruidoso Downs with the start of the 1980 season.

Born in Socorro on August 10, 1918 to rancher parents, Mac learned early about responsibility. He had two brothers and one sister, and all of them shared in the various ranching tasks.

The family moved to southeastern Colorado for a time, and later settled permanently in Santa Fe, where Finlay graduated from high school in 1936. He went on to graduate from New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell in 1938, then completed his final two years of formal

education at the University of New Mexico in 1940. He graduated with a BA degree, a major in economics, and a sterling record as a varsity football and baseball player. It was in his senior year that he was named "Little All-American" as a quarterback for the Lobos.

He served in the Pacific theatre in World War II, flying bombing missions against the Japanese. Midway in the war, he was transferred back to the States, to assist with training new recruits and for a while, was assigned to the Pentagon. Mac ended his military career in 1945 with the rank of major.

He came home to New Mexico, went into business and got married. For the next

several years, he was a partner with an uncle in the operation of Comer Oil Company in Albuquerque.

Under his direction, the State Fair experienced considerable growth: Paid attendance leaped ahead, the pari-mutual handle at the racetrack zoomed upwards, cash premiums were steadily increased, several new buildings were erected and many others remodeled and improved. Numerous national livestock shows were staged, off season use of the grounds skyrocketed and the management of the operation was streamlined.

Mac is married to the former Molly Gerhart of Santa Fe. The couple has three

sons. He is a member of several organizations: Rotary Club, Masonic bodies and Shrine, Presbyterian Church, Four Hills Country Club, Lobo Bonet Club, New Mexico Letterman's Association, American Livestock Show Managers' Association, Rocky Mountain Rodeo Association, and the International Association of Fairs and Expositions. He was a member of the UNM Board of Regents from 1964 to 1966, and during that time served two years as president of the board.

Mac's hobbies run to outdoor activities — golf, fishing and hunting.

Sunland's All-American Sale to surpass purse projections

Sunland Park's All-American Sale Futurity, scheduled to debut this fall, is a clinch to surpass original purse projections.

That's the word from general manager Finlay MacGillivray, who noted that the 400 yard dash for quarter horses carried an estimated purse of \$125,000 when it was first announced last spring.

Included in that figure was \$50,000 in added money — \$45,000 from the All-American Sale at Ruidoso Downs and \$5,000 from Sunland Park.

A key condition of the race is that a horse, in order to be eligible, must have been entered in the previous year's All-

American Select Yearling Sale at Ruidoso.

A total of 713 head was catalogued for last summer's All-American Sale. Of these, 235 were nominated to the Sunland All-American Sale Futurity at a fee of \$300 each. That put the starting kitty at a whopping \$70,500.

Only one other fee remains. That's a \$300 tab to start in the trials.

The new futurity will provide two major objectives for quarter horses at Sunland in the fall. The other is the long-established Sunland Fall Quarter Horse Futurity. The two races will dovetail perfectly, MacGillivray said.



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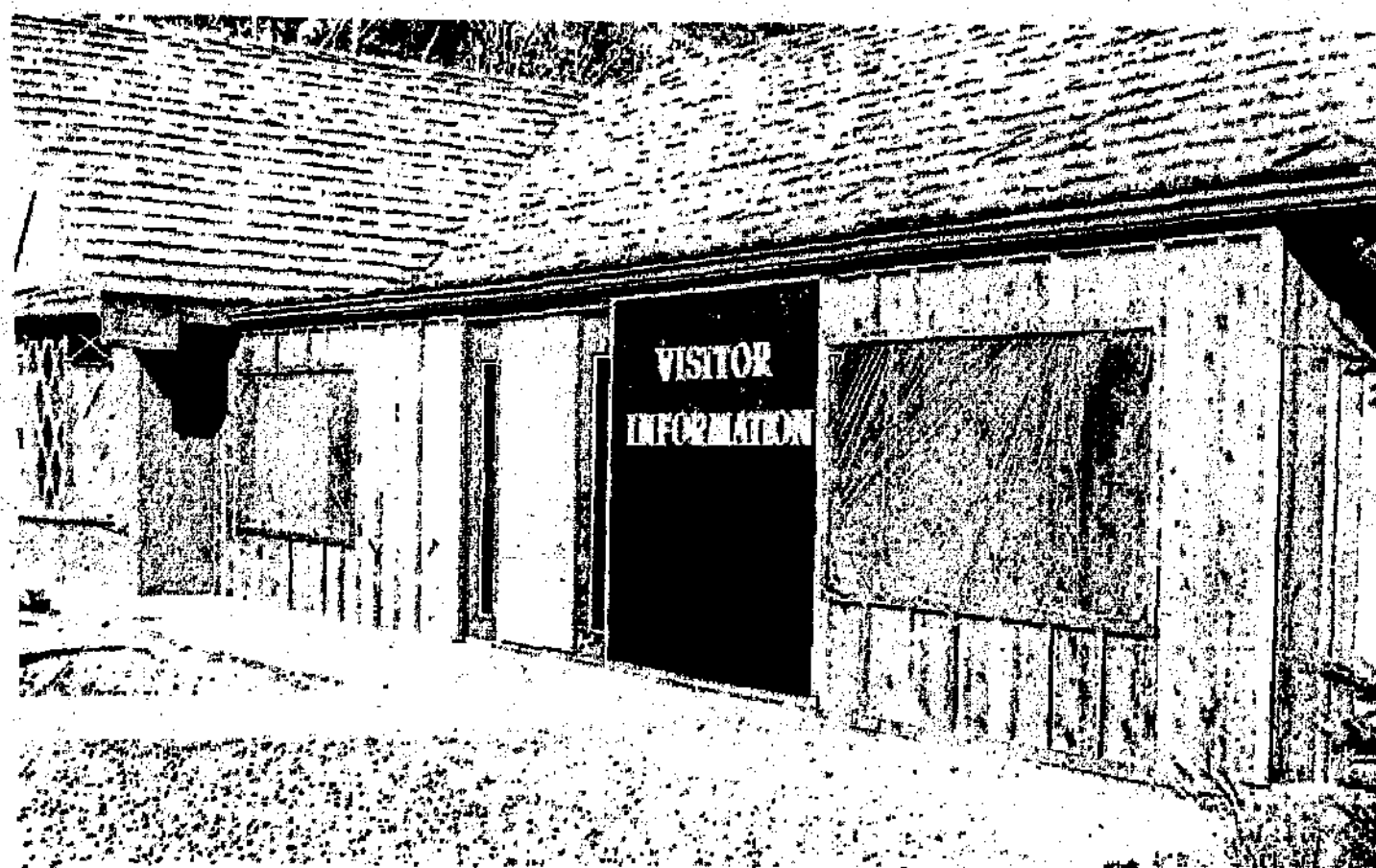
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C-C lists season's highlights

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, which boasts a membership of 348, has scheduled several special events for visitors to the area this summer, according to Ed Jungbluth, executive director of the Chamber.

July 25-27 is perhaps one of the most successful Chamber weekends, featuring the Ruidoso Art Festival, entering its ninth year of existence. The festival, which offers artwork and crafts for every need and taste, is also easy on the pocketbook. For a small one-time gate fee, anyone can spend three days viewing work of 96 fine artists and crafts people from the entire Southwest. Past years have seen many mediums represented, including watercolors, oils, pastels, photography, china painting, woodwork, painting on mirrors and stained glass. Crafts represented included puppets, knitting, paperweights and handmade pottery.

All items are for sale at fair prices. Another attraction at this year's festival will include several food booths featuring native Indian fry bread, Mexican food, soft drinks, popcorn and ice cream, among many other items.

For the first time, the Ruidoso Art

Festival Committee will have live entertainers featured in many ongoing programs throughout the weekend. It all happens at the high school parking lot under five circus tents, providing protection against the weather.

The annual Cadillac Party, a major fund raising event for the Chamber, will take place this year at the Inn of the Mountain Gods August 20. This event is highlighted by specially prepared libations and gourmet food, in addition to dancing the night away to a name band. Only 165 tickets are available to this event and more information can be obtained at the Chamber offices.

Although the horse races end on Labor Day, the fun continues through two more activities which promise fun for everyone.

On September 28, the Mule Races, sponsored by the Ruidoso Mule Skinners Association, will kick off their second year at Ruidoso Downs Race Track. This three-day event offers race fans another opportunity to enjoy the cool pines and great scenery of Ruidoso while enjoying the thrill of mule racing.

The fall colors of Ruidoso and surrounding Lincoln National Forest are welcomed during the week of October 1-4

with the Aspencade Motorcycle Convention and all the events that coincide with it.

The fun begins October 1 with the start of another Motorcycle Convention and continues through October 4 with a huge parade down Sudderth. Following the parade, a series of activities will take place in one of the village's parks, including a barbeque and entertainment by those participating in the parade.

A highlight of this year's Aspencade activities will be a static display of airplanes owned by the Confederate Air Force, which will be set up at Ruidoso Municipal Airport October 3.

Saturday, during the parade, the Air Force will perform a "flyover" program for parade-watchers, which promises to be a one-of-a-kind event.

"We hope our many summer visitors will take time to attend any and all of these activities we have planned," Jungbluth said.

He also encouraged visitors to stop in at the Chamber offices, located at Sudderth and Two Rivers Park, to pick up information on scenic tours, historic sites, motel accommodations and other ongoing activities in the area.

Red Flag Fire Alert protects you

The Committee for Insuring Ruidoso's Environment (ComFIRE) was organized in January, 1978 to coordinate efforts of many groups which work daily to prevent major fires from occurring in the area.

ComFIRE has grown in its two year history to include personnel from the United States Forest Service, New Mexico Department of Forestry and private individuals interested in lowering fire danger for Ruidoseans.

The ComFIRE plan was written with a Red Flag Fire Alert program in mind. Under this program, when extreme fire danger exists, red flags would be displayed throughout the area by cooperating businesses and companies, making the danger more visible to everyone.

When a Red Flag Fire Alert is called, conditions must be very vulnerable to fire. Wind velocity, high temperatures and low humidity are the main factors which contribute to high fire danger, according to Steve Makowski, Fire Management Officer for Smokey Bear Ranger District. Makowski, working with officials from the State Department of Forestry, determines when fire danger warrants a Red Flag alert, and both call cooperators to have them display red flags and magnetic signs on company vehicles.

Ruidoso experienced only one Red Flag Alert last year, May 7-9, and during that three day period, the fire whistle sounded only once. That fire was quickly doused and Makowski said the Red Flag program generated great interest in obtaining more cooperators and informing the public about the dangers of fire.

"From the start, we have had the very best in cooperation from the Ruidoso community. We got operating funds to begin our programs from the Board of Realtors; we have more than 100 cooperators within the village who display the red flags, and we have many people who are asking for evacuation maps," ComFIRE chairman Herb Brunell said.

ComFIRE produced four maps of the Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Alto areas, which show alternate evacuation routes out of those areas in case a major fire threatened any area. These were distributed all last summer from cooperators' businesses and door-to-door in some neighborhoods. "This proved to be a successful project," Brunell said.

ComFIRE's biggest project in 1979 was the production of a film which explained the Red Flag concept, cooperators and how a Red Flag Fire Alert is called and then ended. The film was produced in conjunction with KENW-TV in Portales and has been shown several times in Ruidoso.

Copies of the film have been shown to the Southwest Fire Council, an organization of state and federal agency people involved in fire management techniques and other

fire related programs.

Others requesting to see the film are national forests in New Mexico and Arizona, where Red Flag programs are being organized, fashioned after the local program.

ComFIRE also developed a slide show outlining the program, which has been used as a means of educating the public. Several sets of this program are being made for wider distribution, according to Brunell.

ComFIRE plans to place collapsible evacuation signs on signposts which are now being installed within Ruidoso. These would reinforce information provided on the evacuation maps already distributed.

ComFIRE has ordered stickers bearing their logo which will be sold as a money-making project. The stickers say "I

Support ComFIRE" and can be displayed on any window.

ComFIRE was instrumental in getting a class six rating for the Ruidoso community volunteer fire department. The rating is given by the National Fire Insurance Board. Ten is the worst rating and the lower the rating, the better it is for a homeowner buying insurance.

"We feel one of the best successes of our whole ComFIRE program has been its acceptance by the community and that widespread acceptance which has spread throughout this state and Arizona," Brunell said.

ComFIRE plans to show the locally produced film soon, with dates and times to be announced, and will continue to advocate cleaning up around homes to lower fire danger.



EVACUATION MAPS, distributed by the Committee for Insuring Ruidoso's Environment (ComFIRE) are still available at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, village hall and fire stations in the area. Pictured with the maps are Rich Seeley, left, ComFIRE member, and Herb Brunell, ComFIRE chairman.



KEITH KOLB, left, headed a two-man crew in Ruidoso last April to film a program detailing the Red Flag Fire Alert plan which is used each fire season in Ruidoso. Kolb is employed

by KENW-TV, Portales, and is shown above with Herb Brunell (back to camera) chairman of the Committee for Insuring Ruidoso's Environment.

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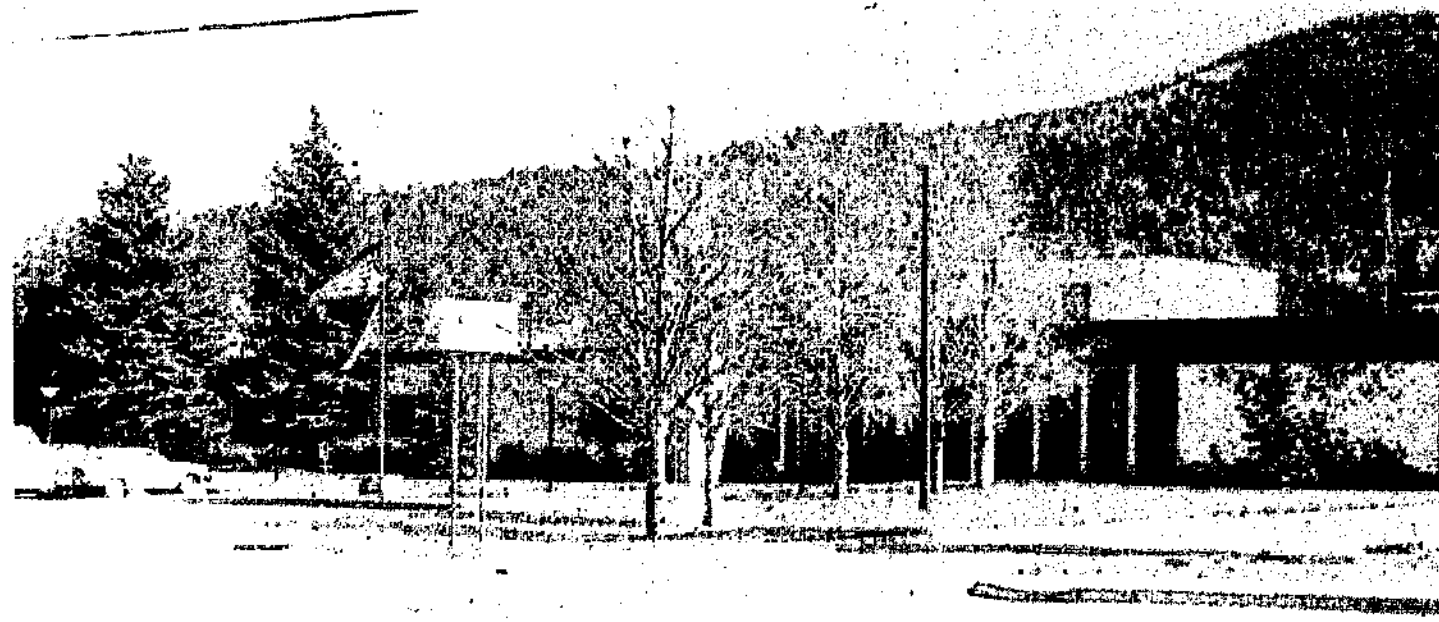


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The Ruidoso Hondo Valley Hospital, located in the 200 block of Sudderth in Ruidoso, serves all of Lincoln County with a 38 bed facility and many services considered beyond the scope of a small hospital.

Administrator Ken Moore said hospital employees, which number about 100, "are very excited about the future of the facility" and constantly strive to "maintain the best and most pleasant care possible for our patients."

Moore said the Ruidoso hospital works closely with physicians in Capitan, Corona, Carrizozo and the Hondo Valley to insure that excellent care is made available to all county residents.

Moore outlined several areas of health care which have made the local hospital one of the best small hospitals in the state. They include:

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physicians. Specialized laboratory work is handled quickly in the hospital's labs, including X-rays, which will be improved by the addition of new X-ray equipment and a new radiologist who has been contracted through Presbyterian Hospitals.

In addition to ambulance service for patients in emergency situations, the Women's Hospital Auxiliary provides transportation to other hospitals and laboratories when that need arises.

Moore said the work of the Auxiliary, or "Pink Ladies," goes much farther than providing transportation. The women operate a highly successful thrift shop in midtown which is open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Pink Ladies have become one of the most active organizations of that type within New Mexico, and have presented the hospital with more than \$13,000 to purchase new equipment in the past.

Another function performed by the Pink Ladies and the hospital staff is the highly successful cancer screening clinic, which has been recognized statewide for its preventive measures. The ladies operate the clinic every Thursday and local doctors donate their time to check people for

signs of cancer.

The hospital staff includes six medical doctors and one osteopath and the medical staff has recently approved the addition of a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology.

The six doctors include one board certified family practitioner and doctors who can perform general, vascular and thoracic surgery. They are supplemented by radiologists and one pathologist.

Room capacity includes one for isolation, five private rooms and sixteen double occupancy. Other features at the hospital are a fully equipped emergency room, which is "unusually well equipped for a hospital of this size," Moore said. That room is monitored 24 hours by trained emergency staff persons and an emergency room doctor is on call around the clock.

Acute care facilities are available with complete monitoring devices, which are constantly being updated, Moore said.

THE CAST ROOM has been termed the largest in New Mexico by Moore, which he attributes in part to the sport of skiing. Moore added that the orthopedic work in the Ruidoso facility is probably more abundant than for some specialists, also due in part to skiing mishaps.

Another emergency service is access to the MAST helicopter, mainly employed to take patients in need of facilities only provided in the largest hospitals. The MAST helicopter usually transports local patients to El Paso, Texas, Moore said, and usually makes weekly trips to Ruidoso during the summer.

Moore said the hospital has done "a complete turnaround" since he assumed the administrator's duties. Moore said he recognizes the importance of retaining quality personnel and reinforced this belief by awarding the largest pay increase ever to the staff since his arrival.

"Our salaries are comparable to those in Albuquerque for registered nurses, lab, X-ray and management personnel," Moore said.

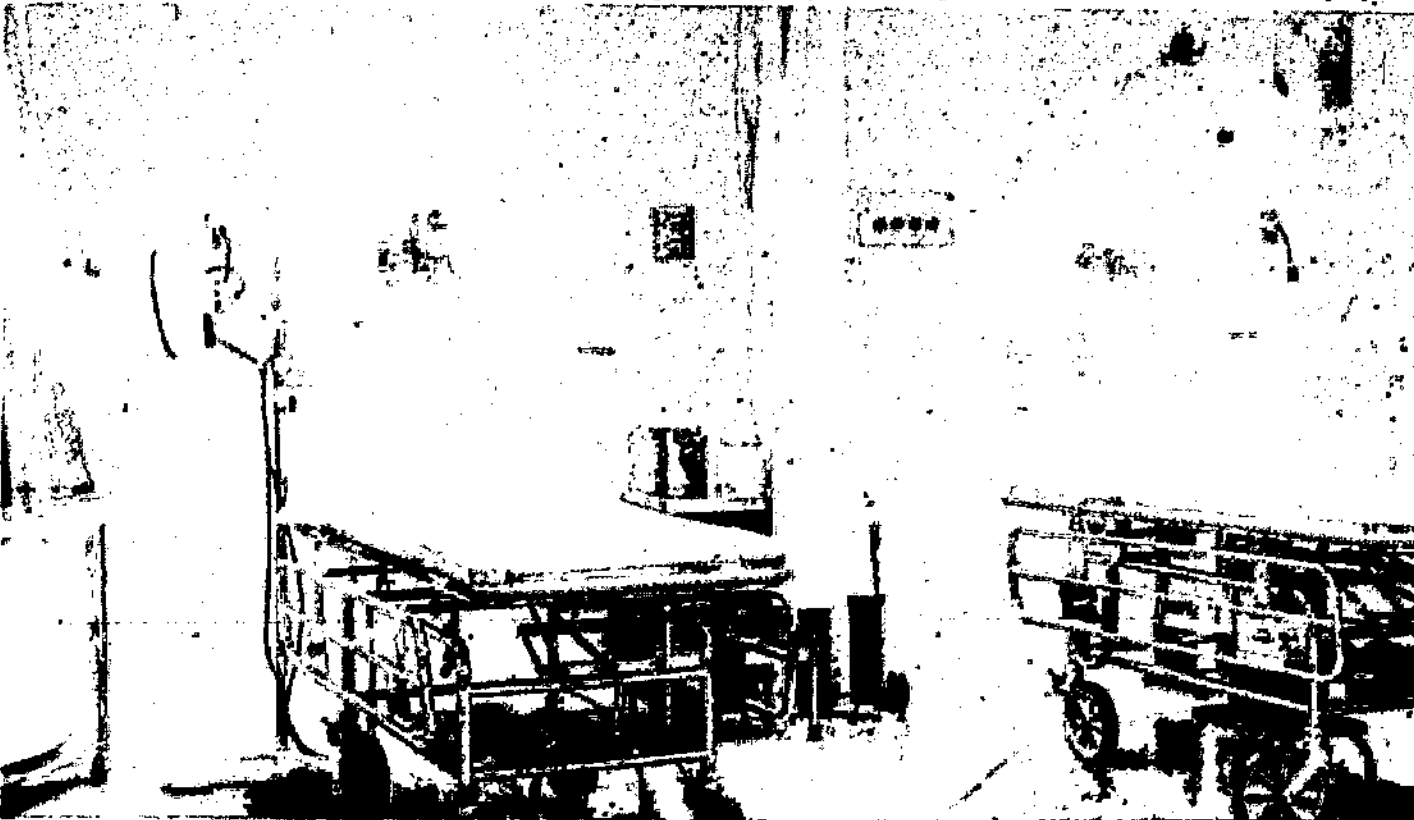
The results of this increase and one of the best benefit packages in the state has produced a "great foundation for growth" with a more stable employment situation than ever before, Moore added.

In addition, management at the hospital are now participating in seminars to make for better relations with employees.

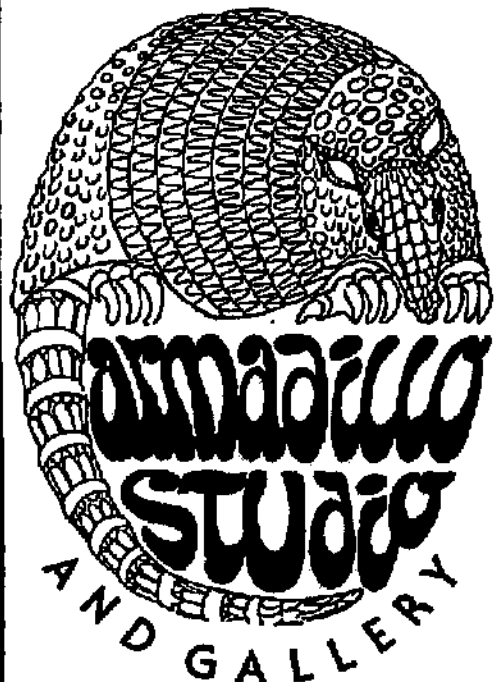
"All this leads to a pleasant atmosphere for the patient and that's our priority," Moore said. He said the staff can see the results of these changes in returned patient questionnaires which give the hospital very high marks, on the average.

"Service to the patient is the one thing we have the most control over and we are trying to make the patient's stay as comfortable as possible," Moore said.

In an emergency, telephone 257-7365 for the Emergency Services section of the Ruidoso Police Department. An ambulance is always on standby at that number.



THE EMERGENCY ROOM at Ruidoso Hondo Valley Hospital is open 24 hours and manned by personnel trained for emergency care. A doctor is always on call to handle all emergency cases.



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The Ruidoso Ambulance service reorganized July 1, 1979 into its own department and includes four highly trained staff persons who are certified as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's), first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation techniques. They also have personnel qualified to teach those classes, and staff members are cross-trained in firefighting techniques, business management and law enforcement.

Head of the department is Ross Schwarz and staff members include Patricia Lanelli, Bill Kennedy and Paul Holcomb. Two ambulances are on call full time and one additional "off road" unit is available to reach areas not accessible to standard ambulances.

Schwarz said his team works very closely with the United States Forest Service on all types of operations and assists White Mountain Search and Rescue when they are called into service.

All local ambulance vehicles carry life support capabilities including oxygen, suction, varieties of splints, bandaging, intravenous supplies, portable stretchers and extrication equipment to open vehicles involved in accidents.

The community recently acquired, through a local charter service, capabilities to transfer any patient by air anywhere on the North American continent. This service has been used frequently in the past to transport patients to other New Mexico hospitals and some to Texas hospitals.

The village ambulance service is tied into the MAST system (Military Assistance to Safety and Traffic) based at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas which is used only in emergencies. The helicopter service is usually called by the Ruidoso Rondo Valley Hospital for transportation of critical patients to the other hospitals, Schwarz said.

New radio equipment, added to the "first call" unit in December, allows EMS technicians to remain in direct contact with the doctor and emergency room of a hospital at all times when answering a call. The radio is usable within a 45 mile

radius of the hospital and a portable radio transmitter that works in conjunction with the radio maintains communications with the ambulance up to a distance of 10 miles.

"Another feature of the service is that all units maintain constant radio contact with law enforcement agencies, doctors and hospitals in much of New Mexico and Texas, thus insuring all ambulance patients of the finest, and fastest, medical service available," Schwarz said.

Ambulance service to outlying areas of the county not covered by the Ruidoso EMS is covered by volunteer EMT's who maintain constant contact with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office through the use of pagers. The pagers were added to county services in early December in an effort to improve communications and response time for the ambulance.

EMT's working in outlying areas live in Carrizozo, Capitan, Corona, Hondo and the Bonito-Alto area.

Two EMT courses were taught in the county the past year, with 24 graduates. One, sponsored by the Ruidoso Alturas Club as a community service project, was taught by Dr. David Rouleau in an effort to build a network of EMT's throughout the county.

The other, taught by Schwarz, trained potential EMS staff persons as well as provided schooling for others in the area involved in general rescue operations.

All these factors have combined to make Lincoln County one of the best covered areas within New Mexico with regard to emergency care, according to Rouleau.



RUIDOSO AMBULANCE CREW members include, left to right, Ross Schwarz, Patricia Lanelli and Bill Kennedy. Not pictured is Paul Holcomb. The four provide professional emergency care with funds provided by the village of Ruidoso.



RUIDOSO'S AMBULANCES are very well equipped, according to department head Ross Schwarz. The ambulances are provided with the most updated emergency care units available.



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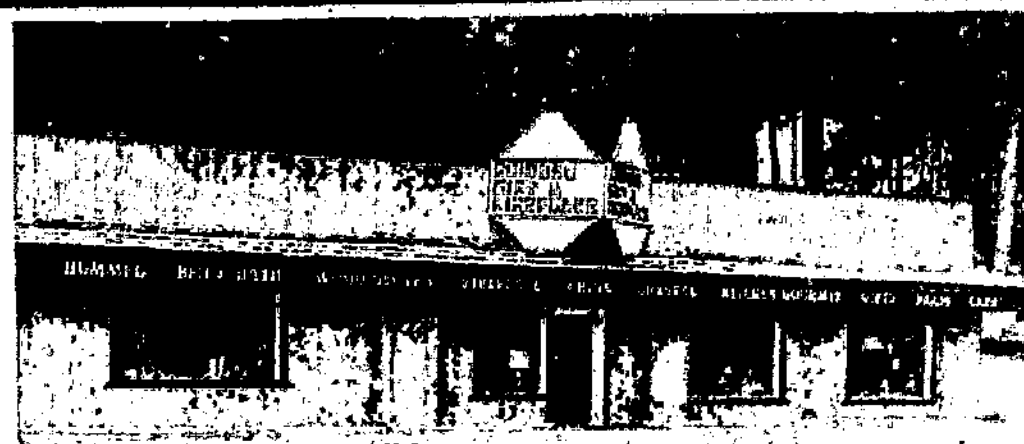
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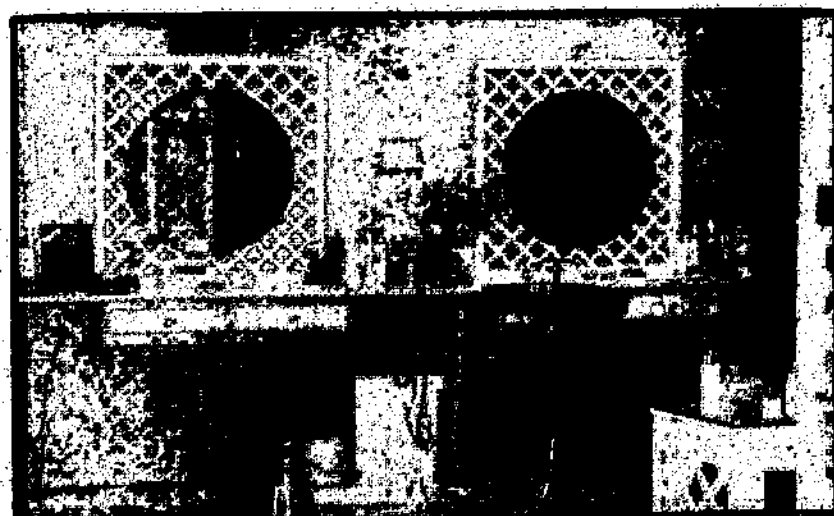
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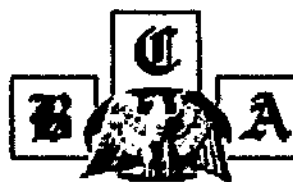
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The slopes of Sierra Blanca offer fantastic skiing for expert or tyro



Ruidoso is rapidly becoming the home of one of New Mexico's fastest growing, most popular ski resorts — Sierra Blanca, owned by the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

Despite high gasoline prices, a relative lack of snow and higher lift ticket prices, the resort did record business in the 1979-80 season, selling 200,000 lift tickets, 14,000 more than the previous high. There must be a reason.

Manager Roy Parker attributes the resort's success to his mountain crew and the area's snow maintenance equipment.

"I think we've proved we can have a good season even if it isn't a banner year for snow," Parker said, "with our snow equipment."

The area has equipment specially designed to maintain the 30 miles of trails, and machine grooming keeps the trails in

fine shape.

"That enables us to keep the slopes in good condition," Parker said. And good conditions keep people coming back.

One of the chief reasons for the added number of skiers has to be the Captain triple chair lift, which began operating this winter. It has a capacity of 1,000 skiers per hour, which shortened lift lines considerably.

There are 24 trails on the mountain, 15

for beginners and intermediates and nine for top-notch skiers. To become a top-notch skier requires considerable practice, of course, and there's no better place than Sierra Blanca for that.

The resort has an excellent ski school, with classes for all levels, and many instructors are bilingual for the convenience of non-English speaking visitors.

There are several unusual programs at Sierra Blanca, including the Handicapped Skiers Association, headed by Diana Person. Person and her staff teach handicapped skiers, including blind and amputee skiers.

The success of the program is substantial — several of Sierra Blanca's handicapped skiers placed high in national competition this year.

Another program, the Junior Ski Racers, is an organized league spanning the nation. Ruidoso's skiers compete in the Rocky Mountain Division, and several of the Sierra Blanca athletes competed nationally, and one skied in the Junior Olympics held in Vermont.

A division of the Junior Ski Racers is the "Hot Tot" program, which teaches youngsters ages three to five to ski.

Generally, the area gets about 175 inches of snow a year, but this year only 135 inches was recorded. But it didn't affect things at the resort any, in fact, business boomed. The restaurant at the area can handle six to seven hundred diners at one time, and the ski rental shop does a booming business.

(In case you've never skied before but want to try Sierra Blanca, you don't need to invest a fortune in equipment. You can rent whatever you need from the area, or any of the ski shops in the village. There are nearly 20, with all the equipment you'll need.)

Sierra Blanca offers the finest skiing in the area, and ranks among the best in the state and the Southwest.

But for those who think Sierra Blanca might be a little too much to handle, there is Ruidoso Ski and Recreation Area, located further down the mountain.

It is not as challenging at Sierra Blanca, but is oriented toward beginners and has a first class ski school. This area doesn't receive quite as much snow as Sierra Blanca, but that's little problem because it has snow-making equipment.

Ruidoso Ski and Recreation Area is a wise investment for the first timer skiers, and is much easier to get to.

Whichever you choose, both areas should be easier to get to this winter. State Highway 532, known locally as "ski area road," has suffered through several long winters and was marred with chuckholes and other damage.

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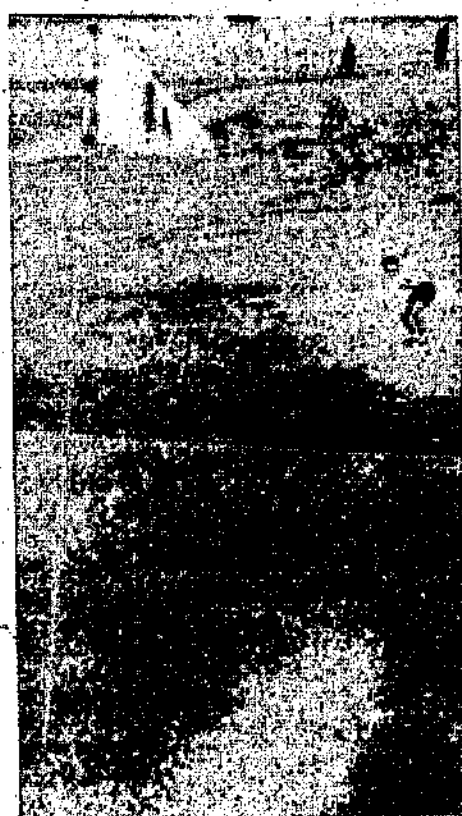
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The tennis is great here

There are a large number of tennis courts in Ruidoso, but unfortunately, many of them aren't open to the public.

But don't despair, tennis buffs — there are plenty of courts available, with surfaces ranging from fast to slow, and there's even night tennis.

One of the nicest things about Ruidoso tennis is the weather. You can work up a good sweat, but the real threat of heat prostration isn't as likely as you'd find elsewhere in the Land of Enchantment. But sunburn is still a threat, so take precautions.

There are public courts maintained by the Village of Ruidoso. Located on Sudderth Drive at the middle stoplight, there are four courts, which are lit at night. No reservations are required and there is no fee.

In Ruidoso Downs, there's a basketball-tennis court, which is available for tennis on a permanent basis. Reservations aren't necessary, and it's located just off Highway 70.

Sierra Swim and Racquet Club has eight tennis courts which have just been resurfaced and refenced. Although the

courts are for members, the club is now offering a special non-resident membership, good for three months.

For an entire family, the fee is \$200, and a single person is \$150 — and that entitles you to use all facilities, including the racquetball-handball courts, and the swimming pool.

Details are available at the club, which is located off White Mountain Drive. Turn at Cousins' on Highway 37.

Courts should be reserved, and club pro David Bryant offers lessons. The well stocked shop offers complete facilities and gear.

The highlight of the summer will be the June 3 Racquet Club Tennis Open, and the July 4-13 Rocky Mountain Pro Tennis Tournament. For more information, call 257-5176.

The Inn of the Mountain Gods has six tennis courts and two platform tennis courts, open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Night playing is available, but by reservation only.

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Sierra Swim and Racquet Club has a large pool, a wading pool, a Jacuzzi and a sauna for its members, and non-residents can get a special membership this summer.

It's good for three months, and one person is \$150. A whole family's summer membership is \$200, and those memberships are full club memberships, which means they can use the tennis courts and racquetball courts as well. Call 257-5176 for details.

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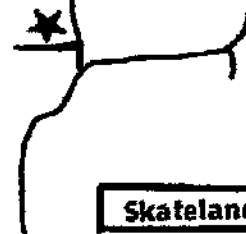
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For a colorful change of pace in your summer activities, keep a sharp lookout for the posters announcing Indian Pow Wows and dancing contests at the Mescalero Apache Reservation, on Highway 70.

Then there's the fast paced action of the rodeos at Mescalero, in the fabulous rodeo arena. Some of the toughest stock in the Southwest comes out of the chutes, with up and coming cowboys, destined to make names for themselves on the national rodeo circuit, spurring their mounts high on every jump. Some of the arena's best ropers make sensational times on the calves, a snaky, slithering bunch, that run flat out to force the cowboy into his best effort.

The huge grandstand, at the arena, is covered, offering both rodeo fans and Indian dancing viewers more in comfort

than in any other arena in this area.

In connection with the action at Mescalero, there are displays of Indian jewelry and other crafts, as well as booths serving food delicacies, many being traditional fare of the Mescalero Apaches.

The Indian dances attract competitors from across the nation, offering spectators the opportunity to note the difference between Northern and Southern Dances, as well as the cultural differences in the elaborate costumes worn in competition by men, women and children. Costumes of the men, particularly, vary from full ceremonial war bonnet regalia to the clothing and headgear employed when hunting game or when the tribes of yesteryear were on the attack.

Keep an eye open for two outstanding ceremonial events, the Puberty Ritual for Mescalero Apache maidens and the Dance

of the Mountain Gods, of cultural and religious significance to the tribe, performed only at night, lit by the flickering flames of a huge bonfire, centered in the ceremonial arena.

The Tribe imposes restrictions on cameras at the dancing arena and photographers must have the tribal permits to take pictures.

Arranging your schedule to take in the Indian dances and rodeo action at Mescalero will be the change of pace that will become one of your cherished memories of your visit to Ruidoso and the South Central Mountains of New Mexico.

With the bonus being, you'll have gorgeous color photographs of Indian costumes, and rodeo action, that'll afford you the privilege of reliving every beautiful moment of your Mescalero experiences at your leisure.

The fishing's fantastic

Although New Mexico doesn't have a reputation of being a fisherman's paradise, the fishing is very good.

And especially in Ruidoso.

There are several excellent lakes and streams which offer a variety of fish, ranging from rainbow trout to brook trout and bass, depending on what you're fishing for.

And, even if you don't catch any fish, the scenery's great. The avid fisherman might not care, but the casual fisherman would be wise to take a camera along.

A strong pair of legs is about the best piece of equipment any fisherman in this area can own, since boating is forbidden at all but on a lake, and the streams available are all too small for a boat.

So, with that in mind, here is a list of the more promising waters:

Bonito Lake — Located 15 miles from Ruidoso off highway 37 (just follow the signs). It's one of the top fishing waters, especially for rainbow and cutthroat. There are also brook and brown trout, and the lake is regularly stocked. The lake is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., and yes, you probably will get into serious trouble if you try to fish there before or after those times.

But the scenery is beautiful, and you might spend as much time looking around as you do fishing. It's mighty hard to waste a day at Bonito, but avoid it on the weekend, because it's usually crowded.

Alto Lake — Only three miles from Ruidoso on highway 37. It has rainbow and some very large, very crafty bass. It too is open only from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., and there are other regulations posted.

Rio Ruidoso — The fast moving river flows right through the village, and is stocked every other week. Rainbow are generally what you'll catch, but there are also brownies and brook trout. You will probably have to ask a landowner for permission to fish at the best spots, but generally they're more than gracious to let you try your luck.

Carrizo Creek — This small stream runs alongside Carrizo Canyon Road, and offers rainbow, browns and cutthroat. Again, you should probably ask permission before fishing, 'cause you might be trespassing.

Rio Hondo — Located farther down the valley, just about anywhere off highway 70. Find a landowner who will let you fish, and you'll probably hook yourself a rainbow or a brown, or even a scale-tipping black bass.

For all the above waters, you will have to have a New Mexico fishing license. Two waters, however, do not require licenses — Rainbow Lake and the Mescalero Apache Tribe lake.

Rainbow Lake just might have the largest fish in the area. And it's the place to go if you really want to catch fish. All equipment is provided — pole, line, hook, bait, even someone to take the fish off the hook.

There's a catch, of course — you pay for the fish, at 20 cents an inch. But you get some good eating, and it's a blast for the kids, especially those who haven't caught fish before. And you can show them what a trout looks like, if nothing else.

The tribe's lake is fairly large, and they have guides who will show you to the best spots. It is also the only area lake that permits boating.

To fish there, you must have a tribal permit, which can be obtained in Mescalero, or at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. Strict adherence to the rules is strongly advised.

For most fishermen, salmon eggs, float bait, corn, worms and junks will prove to be best bets for success, but don't use live bait (for example, minnows). Live bait is prohibited in area waters by state law.

The new fishing season began April 1, and almost without exception, anyone who fishes here must have a New Mexico fishing license. Fishing without one — and getting caught, of course — will probably mean a heavy fine.

Licenses are available at over 300

locations statewide, and the fees help keep various wildlife programs in operation. So don't fish without one.

For state residents, a license is \$7.50, and non-residents must pay \$15.00. Around here, you may as well buy it with a trout validation, which adds \$4 or \$5 to the cost. (You can buy a regular license and have it stamped later, which will allow you to fish for trout, but that will cost you either \$4.25 or \$5.25 more.)

Children under the age of 12 need no license, but youngsters ages 12 and 13 and oldsters over 65 licenses are \$1.25, with a \$4 trout validation charge. Out of state residents above age 12 must purchase an out of state license, which with trout validation retails for \$20.50.

There are other licenses available, such as one and five day licenses, and handicapped persons' licenses. Check the 1980 fishing rules brochure for details.

There are also new bag limits this year. Sixteen trout is now the bag limit, with eight rainbow, cutthroat or salmon total included in the 16. (In other words, if you catch eight rainbow — or any combination of those three fish totaling eight — you can keep fishing for brook or brown trout only. Or if you have eight brooks, keep fishing, because you can have 16 of those or eight rainbows.)

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Ruidoso schools offer diversified education

Ruidoso Municipal Schools offer students a diversified education with emphasis placed on learning basic skills and realizing self-worth, according to school officials.

Superintendent Pat Valliant, said he feels one of the reasons the local school district is so good is because of personnel.

"From the board on down to the part time employees, we have a great staff," Valliant said. "If we're successful, the reason for that success is our two-way communication."

"I think we have some of the finest teachers in the state. They have the ingredients that good teachers need—compassion, dedication and willingness to work, both with fellow teachers and administrators."

The district is comprised of four schools, Nob Hill Elementary (K-2), White Mountain Elementary (3-5), White Mountain Middle School (6-8), and Ruidoso High School (9-12). Each school has its own principal and some share staffs.

Don Weems, principal at Nob Hill, said one of the strongest programs offered at the elementary school is the parent volunteers. Each day several parents offer their time to listen to children read individually, help with crafts and other projects so teachers can have a better student-teacher ratio.

"It's really wonderful to see so many parents take an interest in our schools this way," Weems said.

His sentiments are echoed by White Mountain Elementary principal Mike Gladden, who said parent volunteers and parent-teacher conferences, held four

times a year, are proof of their concern.

White Mountain Elementary was built in 1968 and Gladden said the building is a "great example of how much the kids care. It shows amazingly little wear for its years," Gladden said.

Teachers at both White Mountain Elementary and Middle Schools stress "making the children feel good about themselves." Teachers do that very well and while we expect very definite things from the kids, we try to encourage them to be individuals as much as we can," Gladden said.

The good self concept idea is continued through middle school in conjunction with trying to offer students alternatives. "We try to provide for special needs of these kids. We are not there yet, but we are constantly working toward that goal. We stress basics first and try to build on the strong elementary programs," Sid Miller, Middle School principal, said.

High School principal Tom Hansen said a major change made at that level was the computerized registration used for the first time in September, 1979. The program

proved itself out, with only a few mix-ups.

Hansen also praised his staff, saying that through cooperation, the high school aged students are able to select curriculums for 70 different courses. "Our teachers have sacrificed time and are using every skill they have to offer such a variety," Hansen said.

Hansen said the freedom he has been given by the Board of Education and Valliant has made the expanded programs possible. "The spirit of cooperation is here every day," Hansen said.

A comprehensive language/reading skills program, which covers skills in these areas repeatedly over the first eight years of schooling, was developed four years ago by the teaching staff.

Although the concept has not had time to be tested out, early results are very good, showing that students are learning more skills better than ever before.

All school personnel readily admit that, while the schools sound like the perfect place to work and attend school, "we don't take it for granted because we know how lucky we are," Gladden said.



WOODEN AIRPLANES were one of many crafts projects completed in kindergarten this year, with the help of a parent volunteer. Pictured are three youngsters with their finished products, left to right: Nelson Cardenas, Nikki Sheppard and Jaylen Chavez.



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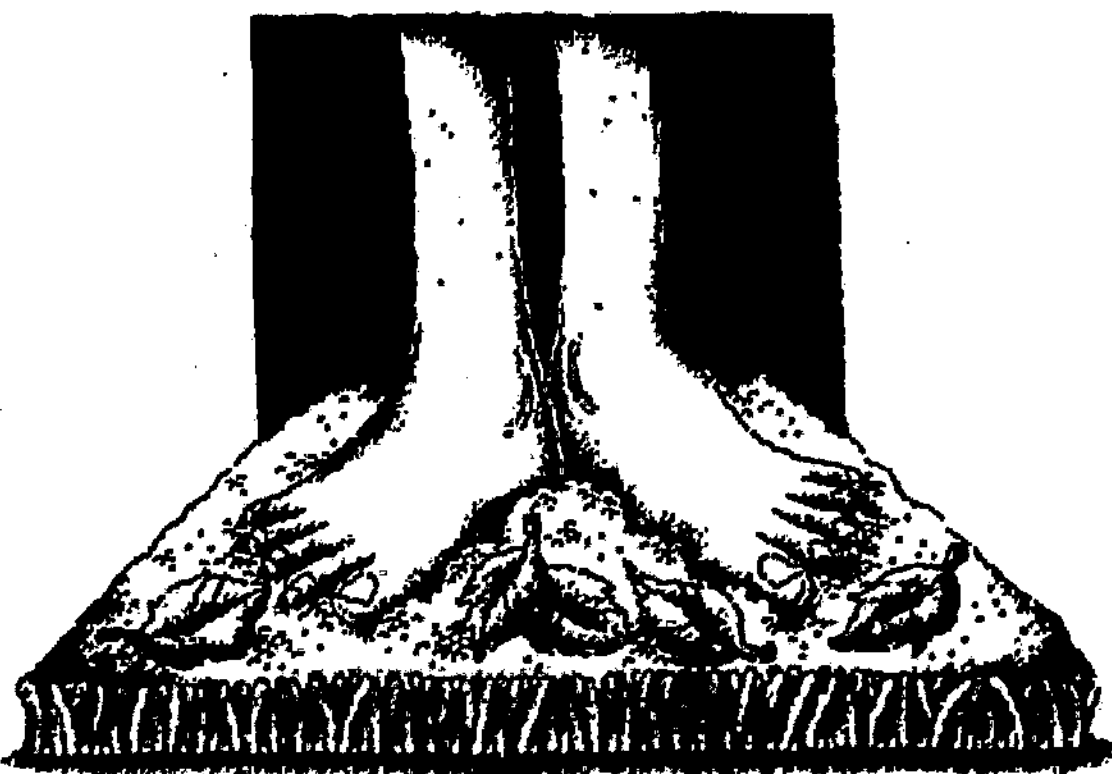
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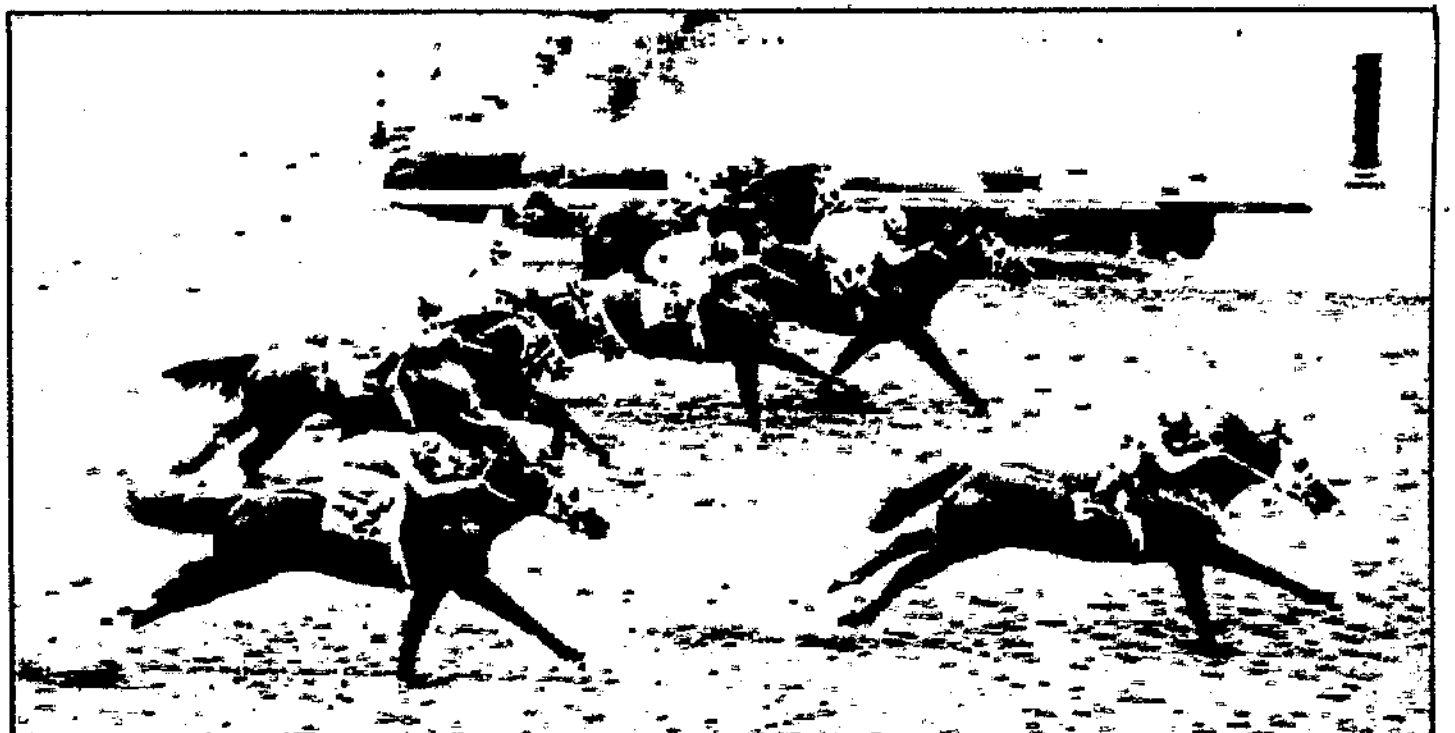
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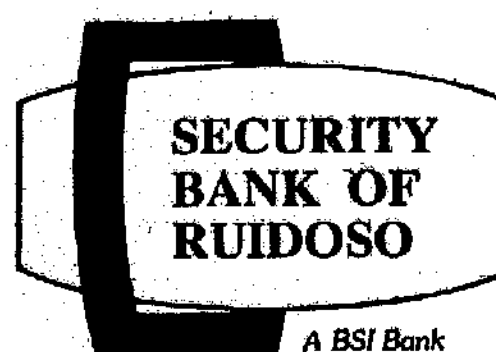


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RGA director Blake Starr said four two week sessions will be offered. Dates are June 2-13; June 30-July 11; July 14-25; and August 18-28.

"All classes will be scheduled based on demand," Starr said. "Team workouts are planned for the morning sessions, and beginning through advanced classes will be in the afternoons."

All sessions will be in RGA's 5,000 square foot facility. The building, which served as the Ruidoso High School gymnasium for many years, is fully equipped for instruction.

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Starr is a national certifier for the United States Gymnastics Safety Association and has 10 years of teaching and coaching experience.

A member of the United States Gymnastics Federation (USGF), Starr instructs all levels up through Class One. He also instructs all levels of compulsory exercises, including the new 1980 USGF National compulsory routines.

Tuition for each two week class session is \$12.50 per student. Families with more than one student in the program will receive a \$2.50 discount for each additional student.

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EACH AUGUST, the Lincoln pageant grounds, above, are the site of a reenactment of the "Last Escape of Billy the Kid," from the old Lincoln courthouse. Local townspeople portray the principals involved in the Lincoln County War.

Billy the Kid lives!

You've heard of Billy the Kid. Everyone has. His picture and his antics are even the high interest point of one pub in England.

Right here in Lincoln County, at Old Lincoln Town, on Highway 880 between Capitan and Hondo... Billy the Kid lives!

The pageant, "The Last Escape of Billy the Kid," plays every year the first weekend in August. This year's dates are August 1, 2 and 3.

As the pageant unfolds you'll see the Kid, as he rides, as he pursues the cause of justice, as he builds his reputation, and lastly, as he makes his spectacular escape from the Lincoln County Jail. Adding to the excitement are those moments of blazing gunfire scenes, of the action that occurred during the Lincoln County War.

For a bonus, visit the old court house, where the Kid was held in jail, see the bullet hole from the Kid's gun, in the wall at the bottom of the stairs, just one of many shots he fired in making his last escape.

No question about it, seeing The Last Escape of Billy the Kid, happening where it actually happened, will be an experience that you will never forget.

The production is presented in a new amphitheatre, authentically representing the buildings in Lincoln County that were so much a part of the Kid's life.

The all-local cast is directed by professionals, with the action mimed as the tale unfolds.

Another action filled feature of Old Lincoln Days, each August, is the Pony Express Race, 41 miles across country, through the mountains from White Oaks to Lincoln, with the riders carrying United States mail, emblazoned with the Pony Express Race golden seal, as actual mail carriers for the duration of the race. The run takes approximately two hours and there have been some very close races, including a dead heat finish.

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Extra attractions during Old Lincoln Days include an old time fiddling contest and an arts and crafts fair, with some of the area's best known artists exhibiting their work in booths along Lincoln's main street.

Do plan on arranging to take in Old Lincoln Days and the Last Escape of Billy the Kid. The experience will linger with you and give you a real punch for the stories of your vacation in Ruidoso and Lincoln County, you'll be regaling your friends with as you continue your life back home.

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The world's fastest mules race here

Some of the nation's top running mules, the fastest, raced last year at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

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Mules have a tendency to do the unexpected. Something in the nature of the beasts.

No one ever makes a mule do what a mule doesn't want to do.

That's what makes mule racing and arena events interesting to spectators.

The mule racing at Ruidoso Downs Race Track last October was conducted exactly as the horse races. Gates, starters, timers, photos, everything the same as if the horses were running, except it was mules coming out of the gates, surging toward the finish line.

There were plenty of \$500, \$750 and \$1,000 added purses. That kind of money interests mule owners and jockeys. The resulting action, with known racing mules, Flip Wilson and Maude being two examples, interests the spectators.

Though pari mutual wagering isn't

permitted here on mule races, this doesn't dim the interest of fans. This is partially due to spectators before the races during which the merits of one mule are compared to the possibilities of others. Most exciting interludes.

The Ruidoso Downs Mule Skippers, sponsors of mule racing here, are well into planning to stage even bigger races the last weekend in September, than those held last year.

Mule racing here is being organized so that Ruidoso Downs will become the world's Mule Racing Capitol. When the talk is about \$5,000, \$10,000, \$20,000 purses for one mule race, perhaps more, that kind of money attracts mule breeders. Mules that can run fast enough to make quarter horses get out and seat, race for that kind of money.

Keep an eye open and an ear alert for word as to what's happening in mule racing at Ruidoso Downs. A weekend at the track, watching the mules run, could well be one of the most interesting experiences of your life. With one bonus being, you can never second guess a mule.



Search and Rescue team here

The White Mountain Search and Rescue (WMSR) organization, based in Ruidoso, has been in existence three years and works with other groups, as well as independently, to provide support, manpower and skilled rescue workers during emergencies.

WMSR is recognized as part of a state system of search and rescue operations, and so is entitled to use of any state resources, if they are needed, according to Dave Wilson, spokesman for the group. These resources could include state-owned helicopters, specialized search and rescue teams and state personnel.

The local search initiator working for the state is Kent Waller, state highway patrolman, who works closely with WMSR members Rex Skellett and Dave Travis, search coordinators for the organization. All are trained by the state and are responsible for search operations and determining whether a search is necessary, according to Wilson.

Numbering 60 members, WMSR takes advantage of each member's special talents when a search is undertaken. In addition, each WMSR member has been trained in first aid procedures and the club sponsors its own workshops, formal classes and critiques of past missions to keep themselves updated and ready for emergencies.

WMSR assisted in a number of searches in 1979 and the club's treasury was boosted by a fund drive in 1979, which received help from Ruidoso State Bank, Security Bank, Chavez County Savings and Loan, Pioneer Savings and Loan, Ruidoso Downs Race Track, Ruidoso Downs Jockey Club and many anonymous donors.

Proceeds from one Rotary Enchilada Dinner were channeled to WMSR to help provide more equipment. The Ruidoso Noon Lions and Don Dale also participated in the fund drive, according to Travis. "Some of these helped thank you go out for the first time. We are very grateful for

this support," Travis said.

WMSR has obtained use of a computer owned by the school district for use during searches for downed aircraft in conjunction with WMSR direction-finding equipment.

Searches completed by WMSR in 1979 included the following:

—A search for two skiers on the west side of Sierra Blanca.

—A search for downed aircraft which was found on Carrizozo Peak and the evacuation of three victims.

—Search and rescue of a seven year old boy above Bonito Lake.

—Search and rescue of a 2½ year old boy in the Capitan Mountains.

—Assisting the Mescalero Apache Tribe and Bureau of Indian Affairs officers in a search for a nine-year-old hunter on the reservation.

—Assisted in the rescue of victims of a downed aircraft which crashed in the village and provided guard for the plane through the night. Similar assistance was given for a downed helicopter which crashed near Fox Cave.

—Several members flew a short mission looking for an aircraft reported down on the east end of the Capitan. The craft was eventually found east of Tucuman.

—WMSR was alerted for 12 other operations which were never executed.

Wilson urged people in the area to leave word with someone when going into the wilderness areas of the national forest, or when and where you plan to hunt, fish or camp.

"We can be much more efficient if we have a general idea of where the person might be lost. We're only human, though; we need something to go on," he said.

The club welcomes new members and every person can contribute to the total cause. He said donations from businesses, civic groups and individuals have given the organization enough support to become an effective search and rescue unit.

Join the motorcyclists here during colorful Aspencade

Ruidoso's annual Aspencade Motorcycle Convention, held during the Aspencade observance, has gained worldwide renown, with cyclists riding here from every corner of the nation and several foreign countries.

The main reason for this extreme interest is the personal efforts of one man: Til Thompson, organizer, director and promoter of the Aspencade Motorcycle Convention.

At the 1979 convention delegates rode their cycles from Florida, New York, Washington and California, and all contiguous states; from many Canadian provinces, and, with the help of an ocean liner, from England, Switzerland and other countries in Europe.

One of the highlights of this motorcycle convention is the tremendous trade show, featuring every major manufacturer of motorcycles, and displays of every riding accessory or clothing item made. The cycles on display vary from the smallest two-wheeler to tri-cycles, featuring every comfort, that'll set you back \$20,000, \$30,000 or more.

The convention climaxes with the motorcycle delegates, thousands of them, displaying their machines at the kickoff for the annual Aspencade Parade, sponsored by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. The cycles precede the parade down Sudderth Drive, moving in orderly unison, giving the spectators lining both sides of Sudderth and Mechem for miles, ample opportunity to see not only the cycles, but the colorful costumes worn by the riders.

During the week's convention activities, Thompson arranges tours of area attractions, including luncheons and dinners. At convention headquarters, the Chaparral Motor Hotel in Ruidoso Downs, each day is highlighted by contest events for registered delegates as well as informational meetings and bull sessions on

any and everything pertaining to motorcycling. And there's always plenty of activity in the "Tire Kicking Room", where coffee and conversation hold sway at all hours.

Thompson is expanding the convention activities this year — September 28-October 5 — to mark the tenth anniversary of the Aspencade Motorcycle Convention. "Everything will be just as exciting as before," Thompson said, "and, with the addition of the anniversary action, this year's Aspencade Motorcycle Convention will be our biggest and best."

Chili cook off set

A group of chili fanciers, who gather often to sample their fiery concoctions, are making plans to bring a Chili Cookoff, fully sanctioned by the International Chili Society, to Ruidoso in September.

The local group, the Sierra Blanca Chili Appreciation Association, is spreading the word that a chili cookoff is planned for September 27, next, and response indicates there may well be 1,000 contestants keeping a watchful eye on their pots as their chili simmers.

The local winner will be eligible to enter the state cookoff in Las Vegas, with the state winner going to the national finals in Tropic, California.

Prize money at the nationals is a cool \$35,000, not bad for cooking up a batch of hot chili.

The action is shaping up so that folks in the Ruidoso area at that time can mingle with the chili cooking contestants, get in on plenty of fine eating and then have a great time at the mule races.

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White Oaks charming ghost town with a past

It was a thriving little metropolis of its time, the big city of Lincoln County, with a population of 2,500 mostly God-fearing upstanding citizens.

Today, it is Lincoln County's most famous ghost town, located off Highway 54 about 12 miles northeast of Carrizozo.

According to southwest historian C. L. Sonnichsen, in the introduction to Morris Parker's White Oaks memoir, this attractive town, nestled in a valley between the Capitan and Jicarilla Mountains was "in truth, a pretty civilized place, with churches and schools, literary societies and dramatic clubs, educated immigrants from the east, gentlemen and ladies who knew their way around the world ... It sounds almost too normal and healthy to be true."

The other side of life in White Oaks, in the 20 years preceding the turn of the century, was the feverish pitch of the mining operations which produced over \$4,500,000 in gold ore. At the height of this period, \$35,000 was extracted in just two days.

The economic lifeblood of White Oaks also brought danger. Tragedy struck the town more than once, with mine fires, first at the South Homestead mine, then at the famous Old Abe.

The mines began to decline as the 20th century approached. Surprisingly, it was not that decline which brought about the demise of the settlement.

White Oaks' fate is actually attributable to the shortsightedness of the more

prominent citizens in their dealings with railroad entrepreneurs.

The White Oaks people refused to grant a free right of way to the railroad officials, who were plotting a route from El Paso to Santa Rosa and points northeast.

As Parker explains in "White Oaks — Life in a New Mexico Gold Camp, 1880-1900," the town leaders had become convinced that conditions of grade and location would force the railroad to pass through their town.

While they waited for offer of payment, the railroad people studied the map, and decided to establish a new town — the present location of Carrizozo. The rails bypassed White Oaks, insuring its death.

Today in White Oaks, crumbling adobe and Victorian mansions dot the landscape, along with the few other remaining structures, including the schoolhouse and the two story bank building.

In the tiny Cedarvale cemetery, a mile from town, are buried such notables as W. C. McDonald, an early governor of the state, and Susan McQueen Barber, known as the "Cattle Queen of the Southwest."

A handful of residents still live here, sharing their town with ghosts, memories and legends which have remained.

Even as a ghost town, White Oaks has achieved an immortality of sorts — it lives on in the minds of the few who can still remember its heyday, and those founding pioneering types who still reside here.


As Parker put it, "What it is — it is.

What it is was remains a pleasant memory in the minds of those who lived there before the turn of the century. To us oldsters who remember those good, golden

days at White Oaks, the dreams of better times ahead for that particular spot remain vivid — perhaps more so as the years go by."



IN WHITE OAKS, one of the few commercial buildings left standing is this structure, formerly used as a bank. Visitors should not attempt to enter any of the buildings, since many are dangerously deteriorated, and a number of homes are privately owned.



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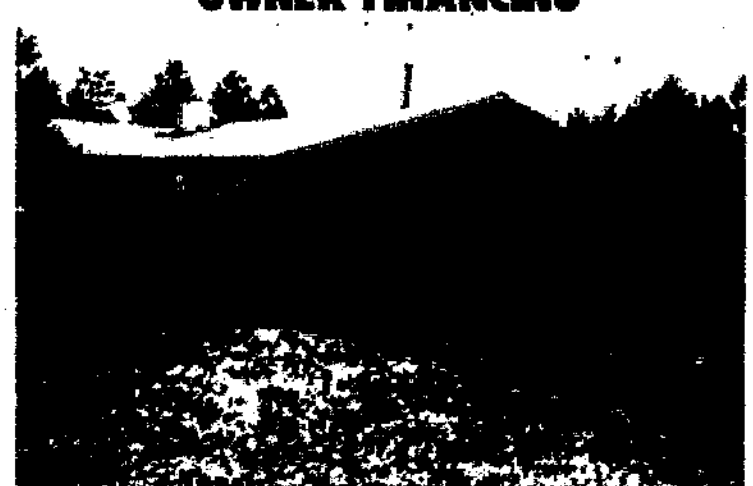
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That single thoughtless moment brought tragedy in the form of a fire which destroyed 17,000 acres and nearly a million feet of saleable timber near Capitan Gap. It also brought international acclaim to one of its survivors — a five pound bear

cub with scorched paws, who was rescued from the blaze by district game warden Ray Bell.

Today, a New Mexico state park honors that cub, who, under the new name, "Smokey," went on to become the living symbol of fire prevention for the Forest Service.

Smokey Bear Historical State Park, located on Highway 390 in Capitan, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily and offers a variety of informative displays, landscaped grounds which tell a story in themselves, and the original log cabin Smokey Bear museum, which was built by the people of Capitan to honor their most famous former resident.

The main display area of the new building, completed last June, follows the curving contour of the structure. A stroll through the area first introduces the visitor to a replica of a burned forest and explains the devastation which can result from carelessness.

From that point, the visitor is lead through a chronological outline of Smokey's life, which is tied to major national events occurring during his lifetime.

Along with Smokey posters and comic books are nostalgic reminders of those days: old electric radios, hula hoops, photos of Elvis Presley and the astronauts' moon landing.

A favorite among younger visitors is the life size statue of Smokey at the end of the time line display. Push a button on his handy shovel, and Smokey moves and begins to talk about his favorite subject — fire prevention.

A theatre room near the center of the main building is used to screen films about Smokey, as well as fire prevention and other ecological topics. Films are generally shown on the hour, depending upon demand.

Landscaping of the grounds of the park is continuing, with plans for an informative depiction of several of the life zones which exist within a close proximity to the park. Eventually, a stream system will also wind its way through the park grounds.

Inside the little log cabin museum, built in 1950, Smokey memorabilia abounds, including early photos of the cub with local residents who provided for his care. A new addition to the displays is the original artwork which adorned the aircraft which took Smokey to his home at the National Zoo in Washington, D. C. Smokey souvenirs and tee shirts are also available at the museum.

The cheering crowds which turned out in the midst of a rainstorm to greet Smokey's arrival in Washington marked the

beginning of a long and illustrious career.

Smokey became so popular that he was assigned his own zip code and three full time secretaries to handle the 140,000 pieces of mail he received annually.

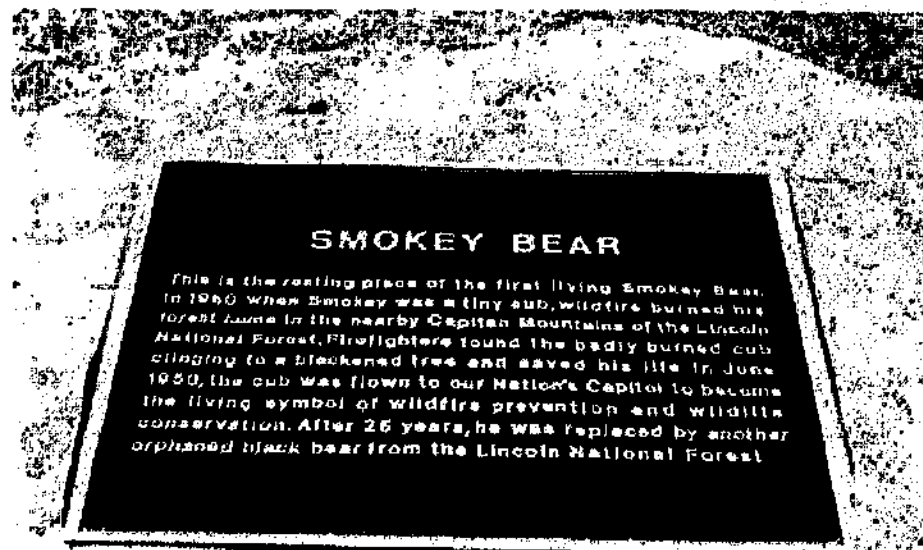
In his 20 years of service, Smokey is credited with saving the United States government more than \$16 million in fire losses while reducing the occurrence of wildfire by about two-thirds.

Upon his death in 1976, Smokey was returned to Capitan, where he was buried

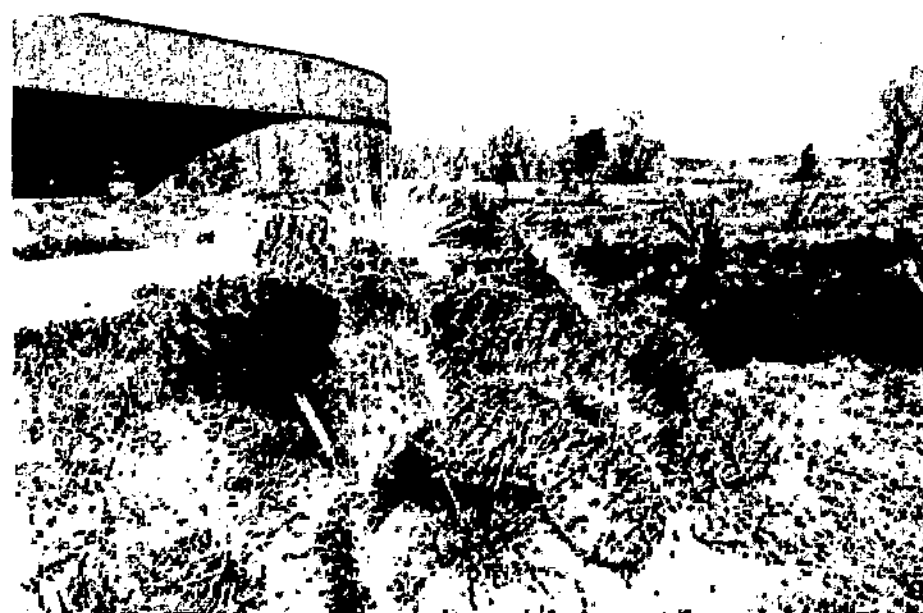
at the park under a special stone monument with a commemorative plaque.

Another bear cub, rescued from a blazing forest fire, has taken Smokey's place at the National Zoo, but to the people of Capitan, the memories of the original Smokey live on.

So, as you pass through the land of Smokey's birth and enjoy the parks department's tribute to the bear — "Remember, only you can prevent forest fires."



THE FINAL RESTING PLACE of the original Smokey Bear is marked by this monument at the Smokey Bear State Park in Capitan, just a few miles from his birthplace in the Lincoln National Forest.



THE GROUNDS of the Smokey Bear State Park are being landscaped with native plants from the various life zones which exist within the state. Shown above is a cactus specimen and volcanic rock from the "malpais" area near Carrizozo.



ORIGINAL ARTWORK by Will Schuster adorned the side of the aircraft which took the original Smokey to the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. in 1950. The work is now part of a display at the Smokey bear log cabin museum in Capitan.



UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE of Smokey, superintendent Sandy Henson oversees the day to day operations of the park.



AT THE LOG MUSEUM, Willie Hobbs signs in visitors and sells Smokey souvenirs. The little museum was built by the people of Capitan as a memorial to their most famous native son, and was incorporated into the state park, which opened in 1979.

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