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Water commission okayed

The village trustees Tuesday evening unanimously approved the formation of a water commission to be charged with the responsibility of averting future water crises.

Acting in the absence of Mayor Lloyd L. Davis Jr., the trustees named, as commission members, the mayor, the four trustees and an undetermined number of other members to be appointed by the mayor.

The commission's first meeting will be at noon, Monday, September 8, in the multi-purpose room of the Ruidoso Public Library.

The action stemmed from two recommendations by trustee George White, offered as measures to combat the village's water problems:

— Establish a water commission empowered to determine the amount of a bond issue, either revenue or general obligation, necessary to build a dam. Funds from the bond issue would be used only for the construction of a water reservoir or dam.

— Advise the Planning and Zoning Commission that the trustees would not approve the annexation of any more land, or accept any more subdivisions, until the water situation is stabilized to provide for the needs of present users. The trustees took no action on this recommendation.

Trustee White, in speaking of the need for a dam, said:

"We should return to the Eagle Creek site to build a dam to hold 300 million gallons of raw water, not the one billion gallons the original dam was to hold." He said that the smaller dam would be ap-

proximately three times the size of Alto Reservoir.

"This dam would be two years away at the earliest," White said, "but we should begin work immediately to provide it, as Forest officials have advised me, based on existing records, that dry summers indicate dry winters."

"Forest officials also advised me that, if we can impound it, the six cubic feet per second of surface water we're entitled to from Eagle Creek will protect us from water shortages for the next ten years."

White, a member of the Eagle Creek Inter-community Water Users Association, advised the trustees that the association "has our line of credit," on providing water to Ruidoso and that the

village will soon have to buy water at a "cost of at least \$75,000 a year."

Capitan, White said, will soon have to start paying Alamogordo for water "borrowed" from Bonito Lake and that Eagle Creek will have to "start pumping water into Alamogordo's pipe line next year."

Another factor in the need for water for Ruidoso, White said, is that "Fort Stanton is entitled to 100,000 gallons daily out of Eagle Creek," with their allotment having first preference.

"We should go to Alamogordo," White said, as an alternative suggestion, "to see if we can buy Bonito Lake. The upkeep of the transmission lines is getting costly and Alamogordo might sell it to us."

"If we can buy Bonito, which holds one billion gallons, we'd easily be able to pipe the water to Ruidoso by connecting into the Alamogordo lines, which are in good shape."

"Alamogordo paid \$40,000 for Bonito. Let's see what they'll sell it for."

White then said that "there isn't enough water rights that we can buy to provide us with the water we will need. We need some action and need action immediately (to provide more water) as the situation is critical."

Trustee Benny Coulston, after talking about the need for another bond issue, and that steps should be taken to determine the

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Water bond fund: \$1 million

Village officials have released figures showing that \$1,035,000, including interest earned on the \$5 million general obligation bond issue passed in October of 1975, remains in that fund.

The bond issue was approved "for the purpose of constructing, enlarging, improving and extending the water systems and other matters related to."

Major expenditures from the water bond fund to date, with all figures rounded off, include:

Mapping and Systems Evaluation \$ 4,500
Photogrammetry and Aerial Mapping 25,830

New Main	
Upper Canyon	151,000
Alto Lake	
Aeration pump	4,800
Cherokee Well pipeline	142,000
Water shop and laboratory	33,000
Gavilan plant improvement	6,700
Gavilan Canyon new main	256,000
Alto treatment plant	1,051,000
Alto transmission main	331,000

Eagle Creek Dam total expenses	685,000
Other distribution system improvements	148,000
Eagle Creek well	33,500
Kingswood reservoir and pipeline	521,000
Alto pumping station	268,000
5,000,000 gallon Alto water tank	853,000
Setting of pump at Eagle Creek	28,000

The expenditures from the \$5 million in bonds total \$4,540,000.



IF LOOKS COULD KILL . . . County Public Health Nurse Hazel English would have been in big trouble Monday. To find out why, see story and photos, page 9.

DECA sets seafood sale

A truckload of seafood will be in Ruidoso August 22, 23 and 24 at Gibson's parking lot, under the sponsorship of the Ruidoso Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) Chapter.

Seafood can be picked up at Gibson's parking lot between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., all three days. Order blanks giving detailed information about the seafood are available at Gibson's, Ruidoso State Bank, Security Bank, KRRR Radio, White's Auto, The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, Cablevision of Lincoln County and Ruidoso, Hollywood Station and Ruidoso Downs Post Offices.

DECA sponsor Eddie Parker said the chapter will receive 25 cents for every pound sold, including walk-up sales made while the truck is in town.

He said that because the sale is being held in the summer, many DECA students are working and could not handle the amount of pre-sales they did in April.

By Wednesday afternoon, when Parker called in the pre-sale order, about 300 pounds had been ordered. "We will order enough additional seafood for those that want to wait and buy it right off the truck," Parker said.

Parker is basing his order on the amount and types of seafood sold before, which amounted to nearly 5,000 pounds. "We are not able to get the king crab legs this time, but we have added an extra large jumbo shrimp to the order blanks," he said.

Profits from the sale will be used by the DECA chapter to defray expenses in-

curring when they attend the annual state leadership conference in Roswell, the State Career Development Conference (CDC) in Carlsbad and the National CDC in Anaheim, California, in June, 1981.

Types of seafood offered include pink salmon steaks at \$2.90 a pound, silver salmon steaks at \$4.50 a pound, whole pink and silver salmon and smoked pink and red salmon, ranging in price from \$2.60 to \$4.20 a pound.

Also offered are halibut center cut steaks for \$4.50 a pound; walleye fillets, \$2.25 a pound; red snapper fillets at \$2.25 a pound; cod fillets for \$2.60 a pound and ling cod steaks at \$2.50 a pound.

Alaska snow crab is \$3.40 a pound, scallops come in a five pound box at \$6.50 a pound, and four types of shrimp are offered, ranging in price from \$5.75 a pound to \$9.50 a pound. Extra large lobster tail, 16 to 20 ounces each, are \$10.90 a pound.

Seafood batter mix is available again at \$2 for a 1 1/2 pound portion. Seafood is packaged in two to eight pound bags.

The total price of each order is subject to the weight of each package of seafood purchased, and seafood is paid for when it is picked up. The prices do not include sales tax and are subject to change.

"We weren't planning another sale until October but because of popular demand we invited the truck back," Parker said.

He added that the DECA chapter will probably have another major sale in October and possibly use it as their Pepsi Learn and Earn project which will be placed in state competition next March.

School board airs gym usage

BY CHARLOTTE FELLERS Staff Writer

Use of the two Ruidoso school gymnasiums may become more limited than before because some school officials claim the newly resurfaced middle school gym floor was scratched beyond repair by a group using it this summer.

The district resurfaces both the middle school and high school gymnasium floors every summer, a task which takes a total of four weeks, including drying time. Bud Craft, maintenance supervisor for the district, told the Ruidoso Board of Education Tuesday that "if we could quarantine the floor for two weeks after resurfacing, we could alleviate the problem" of damaging it.

Craft and C. L. "Bones" Wright both claim the Ruidoso Sertoma Soccer Association (RSSA) held a clinic in the White Mountain gym in July and allowed children attending to walk on the gym surface with street shoes, thus scratching it.

"That is not true," according to Sid Miller, middle school principal. "Those kids did not have their shoes on."

In fact, Miller said Wednesday morning, "That floor is in the best shape it's ever been in before the start of school." He added that "the soccer people are the best people we work with," and said the RSSA waited two weeks before using the gym.

Miller said he thinks some janitorial staffers "got angry" when the RSSA used the gym this summer, adding they were "lazy" and did not want to do additional cleanup work in the gym after the soccer clinic ended.

"It is not ruined," Miller said. Wright said that while he did not physically inspect White Mountain gym,

he saw the high school floor the day it was finished and "it looked brand new."

Both gymnasiums are used by many different groups in the village, with the high school gym receiving the most traffic. Tom Hansen, high school principal, said keys are issued to coaches, maintenance personnel and some teachers who need

them. Hansen added that if a group asks him for a key to use the gym for a few hours, he tries to accommodate them but personally, he said, he would like that to change.

"Our gym should be used exclusively for and by the high school students. We should not have concerts and magic shows in

there. Board policy says the gym should not be used without a coach in there," Hansen said, but added he does not strictly enforce that rule because once he tried to and the board failed to "back me up."

Hansen said he "could be very selfish with it but it's not going to make the

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Ruidoso billboard plan possible

The Lodgers Committee of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, meeting Tuesday, learned that they may be able to erect advertisement billboards in other parts of the state in order to bring more traffic to Ruidoso.

Robert Rutledge, Beautification Unit Supervisor for the New Mexico Highway Department (NMHD), met with the group to outline laws regarding placement of different types of signs and annual costs for each.

Rutledge said a logo signing program is "strictly for the traveler — to inform him of gas, food, lodging and camping facilities," and the cost is \$150 for the first year's permit, then \$100 per year in rent.

Another type of sign program is informational signs, which is still in the

experimental stages in Lordsburg, Truth or Consequences and Santa Rosa.

Rutledge said Ruidoso is probably most interested in another type of sign — one that is placed within 1,000 feet of a business which operates at least six months a year, and is on unzoned commercial property (outside city limits) or zoned commercial or industrial property (within city limits).

These signs, Rutledge said, can be up to 1,200 square feet in size, can be lighted and "you can advertise anything you want." The state earns \$5 per side for each such sign within city limits.

Rutledge said many areas exist where signs could be erected and suggested the committee "appoint someone to search these places out to find legal areas."

Ed Jungbluth, executive director for the

Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, said the "cost per person is pretty low, when amortized over a period of years." He called the sign campaign "cheap advertising."

Rutledge left copies of applicable laws regarding such signs, and lodgers will study those regulations before taking any actions.

Jungbluth said he applied to the state for matching money to cover costs of producing a slide show which could be taken to state fairs in surrounding states, travel shows and conventions.

Lodgers appointed Robert Finley, La Junta Guest Ranch, temporary chairman, and accepted the resignation of Dale Seybold, representing the Inn of the Mountain Gods, who is moving to Dallas.

Cadillac Party offers many prizes

People attending the 1980 Cadillac Party, sponsored by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce as a fund raiser, may not drive off a new car but could carry off other merchandise.

executive director Ed Jungbluth.

Merchandise donated includes: A Peter Hurd framed print donated by the Artisan's Shop and Gallery; a Mimi Jungbluth print donated by Jungbluth with framing donated by the Artisan's Shop;

A Gordon Snidow print, donated by Snidow with framing donated by the Artisan's Shop; a wood carving donated by Ernie Roche; a Gary Myers artist's proof

with framing donated by The Bear Claw Gallery; A Pronto cafe espresso coffee maker donated by Village Hardware and Paint Company; three one gallon bottles of Cutty Sark scotch donated by Ben Lanford; a weekend vacation for two donated by the Inn of the Mountain Gods; a season ski pass donated by Sierra Blanca Ski Area and Roy Parker; and a Lincoln Fox bronze donated by Fox and Jon Denny.

Downs airs sewer hookup

A few residents of Ruidoso Downs will be "given a break" in the process of installing the new village sewer system.

The trustees agreed Monday night to allow y-shaped "stub-outs" to be connected to the main sewer lines in those areas where the main pipes are being placed more than 12 feet deep.

The move was suggested by contractor Joe Kosimor of Consolidated Constructors of Farmington, who pointed out that once the system is complete, those particular residents would have difficulty finding a

local plumber or contractor with the equipment and capability to make the necessary excavations. Cost of the operation will have to be borne by the residents.

Trustee Bob Power opposed the action, saying it discriminated against those who would be hooking up to the lines in the shallower areas. Those residents will not be able to take advantage of having the work done while the sewer line trench is still open, he said.

Other trustees present, Harold Mansell

and Lois Beavers, along with mayor Norman Wheeler, took the opposite position. While they agreed it wasn't technically "fair," the alternative of allowing no stubouts would be equally discriminatory.

"We simply can't do it for everyone," Mansell said.

Kosimor advised the trustees that he would rather not install any stub-outs, because extra labor and time would be

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C-C's promotions funded

The Ruidoso Lodger's Tax Committee (LTC) Wednesday agreed to recommend funding of advertising and promotional expenses by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce for the coming year, for an amount not to exceed \$3,500.

The committee will recommend that the promotional expenses, which include printed information and its distribution, long distance telephone calls, postage and so on, be documented and itemized quarterly for presentation to the com-

mittee and ultimately, the village trustees.

In making the request, president Sheila Harris said the Chamber "stands head and shoulders over any other organization in promotion and advertising of the area, simply because of its visibility." She added that the professional staff of the Chamber is not paid through Lodger's Tax funds, but that their presence was an added benefit in decisions on promotional efforts.

Harris also said the Chamber is

probably the most consistent organization which helps fill lodging establishments in the area.

The LTC also voted to grant a request by Tim Thompson for \$2,500 to be used for promotion of the annual motorcycle convention, which he sponsors and organizes during Aspencade.

Mike Radziewicz advised the committee members that Thompson is thinking of

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CADILLAC PARTY TICKETHOLDERS who don't drive home a new car may end up with one of the items pictured. From left, a Peter Hurd framed print; Gordon Snidow framed print; Mimi Jungbluth framed print; wood carving by

Ernie Roche; and artist's proof by Gary Myers. Also pictured are a coffee maker, Lincoln Fox bronze, weekend for two at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, season ski pass and three one gallon bottles of scotch.



Library's periodical list reduced by budget slash

BY CHARLOTTE FELLERS
Staff Writer

Budget cuts in the Ruidoso Public Library's annual allocation have caused the staff of the library to discontinue many subscriptions Ruidosians are used to seeing on the shelves, according to Marian Elzi, head librarian.

Elzi said 19 subscriptions are being dropped when renewal notices come due in September, because the subscription budget was cut from more than \$1,200 last year to \$500 this year.

Elzi said she hopes people in the community who wish to make a contribution to the library will do so in the form of a magazine subscription. "I feel periodicals are worthwhile," Elzi said, adding that while a subscription is not a book, it will be appreciated as such.

Most discontinued periodicals do not cost over \$20 a year, and those interested in donating a subscription can call the library at 257-4335 to obtain exact prices.

Elzi said that even though 19 magazines and journals are being discontinued, "the list of remaining subscriptions represents \$1,000 for subscriptions. We're borrowing from the book budget to pay for some of these," she said.

Elzi said subscriptions cost \$1,225 last year, and money could be saved if

renewals could be made for up to three years; however, she is only able to re-subscribe for one year on all periodicals, realizing no savings.

Discontinued subscriptions include American Baby, American Girl, Book Digest, Boy's Life, Cricket, Hornbook, Horseman, Library Journal, Motor Trend, Motorcycle, Newsweek, Portfolio, Persimmon Hill, The Saturday Evening Post, Sunset, Tennis, U. S. News & World Report, World Tennis and Art.

Elzi said the following new subscriptions were added: Time, New Mexico Magazine, Gourmet and Art in America. She hopes to add Forbes, Geo and Life magazines, but may not be able to afford all of them.

"We're still debating about Better Homes & Gardens, Ladies' Home Journal and Ski," Elzi said.

She added that "we're getting rid of many of our professional journals, but we, at the library, want people to know that the library is giving up things too — such as Library Journal, Book Digest and Hornbook," all of which are used by the library staff.

Elzi said the \$500 periodicals budget must also cover a copy of the updated New Mexico law statutes, a yearly purchase, and newspaper subscriptions.

"Each individual subscription doesn't cost that much, but when you total them

up, they do," Elzi said. She said the cutbacks are tough to make because "the magazines are really used a lot."

Elzi also announced a change in the policy for issuing library cards which was necessary, she said, "to try and cut down on book losses."

In the future, library patrons must present proper identification, such as a driver's license, utility bill, and so on, to insure that they are the person applying for a library card. Regular patrons must have an address within the county, and out of state patrons without a card, visitors, temporary residents and others must place a deposit with the library if they wish to borrow materials.

"We've been pretty flexible and haven't been as careful as we should be to make sure the information we've been getting on applications is accurate," Elzi said.

Fees charged to non-county residents will equal 50 to 75 percent of the total cost of materials borrowed, Elzi said. "We have to keep the price high enough so if the item is not returned, the majority of the replacement cost is already on deposit," she said.

Elzi said the library has lost so many books in the past "that even if we did nothing but replace lost books, we would never get them all replaced because some are already out of print."

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community very happy." He said if use of the gym is restricted, use of all school buildings, including classrooms for night courses which are held nearly every evening, should also be restricted.

Mike Gladden, White Mountain Elementary principal, said that gym is not used as much but should be loaned only to organized groups or activities and someone should be responsible for the care of the gym.

"It would be nice if we could clean them and let them sit. But I think it's good public relations to allow using them," Gladden added.

The board directed the administrative staff to develop a new policy for use of the gyms. "Whatever you come up with, this board will back you," Wright said.

RESURFACING of the school parking lots will be done after bids are received. The board accepted a bid last fall but postponed the job until the downs were replaced at the high school parking site.

The downs are now in place and Wright said the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce has agreed to pay the additional cost over last year's bid for resurfacing the high school lot, "since it was their fault we didn't do it," Wright said.

The downs were installed at the high school so tents could be erected once a year to house the Chamber sponsored Ruidoso Art Festival.

The board also:

- Approved a budget increase of \$52,160 to provide ancillary services for special education.
- Agreed to allow a two week basketball

clinic to be held next July 4-7 in the high school gym, under the direction of Weldon Drew.

- Accepted a bid of \$2,164.85 from Western Office Equipment to purchase three standard Remington and two electric Remington SR191 typewriters.
- Approved price increases for the school lunch program. Adult lunches will cost \$1.25 and student lunches will now cost 75 cents.
- Hired Pebble Moore, special education teacher, and accepted the resignation of Melinda Bates, Title I teacher at White Mountain Middle School.
- Approved the inventory report for 1979-80.
- Agreed to allow the high school gym to be used September 8-10 for a concert by a national religious group. The group must use drop cloths and a portable stage.

Post office flag pole collapses

The flag pole at Ruidoso's main post office fell down about 1 a.m., Thursday morning, blocking two lanes of traffic on Sudderth Drive.

Police reports indicated the pole had apparently rusted through at the bottom, causing the fall. Traffic was routed around the area until the pole could be removed.

Lodgers group meets Tuesday

The Ruidoso Lodgers Association will meet Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., in the multipurpose room of the Ruidoso Public Library.

"This will be an informative meeting and we urge every member to attend," Linda Flack, secretary, said.

Fireside Inn reports cash loss

Ruidoso police are seeking a thief who reportedly took about \$650 from the Fireside Inn on Sudderth Drive, sometime after closing Tuesday night.

The thief apparently gained access to the building through a window. A pane was reported missing, although no glass or debris was found in the area.

Festival given grant funding

The village of Ruidoso has received a grant of \$2,000 in cooperative promotional funds from the New Mexico Commerce and Industry's Travel and Tourism Division.

The grant application was made on behalf of the Ruidoso Summer Festival, the group which brought the Fort Worth Symphony to Ruidoso earlier this summer.

San Country U. S. A., a regional promotional organization of which the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce is a member, was awarded \$3,600 in project funds at the same time.

Reagan group office to open

Ruidoso's headquarters for The Americans for Reagan will open Friday at 11 a.m., in the Lee Ware office, a rock structure, at Sudderth and Riverside Drive.

Festivities being planned include band music from a decorated flatbed truck.

"We'll also be enrolling volunteers to work in the Reagan campaign," volunteer Maureen Ware said, "and we invite everyone interested in Reagan's campaign to visit our local headquarters at Friday's opening."

Correction:

A July 7 "Salute to Chamber Members" on Pappy's Friendly Taxi Company, stated the firm provided "pickup at any location in Lincoln County and delivery 'anywhere'."

"There was a misunderstanding," Coons said, "our actual pickup radius is within 25 miles of Ruidoso, though we can deliver a fare anywhere, Salt Lake City, New York City, you name it."

C-C's promotions

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discontinuing the convention after 1981 because of lack of cooperation from some local individuals and village officials.

"There is a large group," he added, "working to prove to him that we are for him and are willing to help him."

LTC member Slover Cape suggested that if Thompson does discontinue the promotion, that a group of lodgers might form a committee to take over the task. Chamber sponsorship of the event was also discussed, and executive director Ed Jungbluth said that idea was "very feasible."

The committee also approved a request from the Chamber for a one-time advertisement in the special skiing supplement published by New Mexico Magazine in their October issue. Jungbluth advised that a magazine staffer had indicated that the local ski areas would be receiving more editorial coverage than in past issues.

Water commission okayed

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cost of a smaller dam said, "There is no such thing as water costing too much, even if it's a dollar a glass."

The consensus opinion of the trustees was that there was a chance Borito Lake could be bought for less money than it'd require to build a dam on Eagle Creek.

In other action the trustees:

- Approved the budgeted item permitting a designated police officer to attend an Investigative and Forensic Hypnosis Course at Texas A&M in Bryan.
- Approved hiring a full time assistant village librarian at \$4.30 per hour until January 1, 1981, at which time the hiring will be subject to review.
- Authorized village attorney Ron Harris to proceed with legal action to enforce the \$200 per day penalty against contractor McCormick Construction Company, El Paso, Texas, on the

Kingswood pipeline and reducing station.

- Accepted the bids of Bowles and Edens of El Paso, \$13,077.38; Alamogordo Pipe and Supply, \$19,472.79 and Kernco, Albuquerque, \$1,283.12 for water fittings and appurtenances for the water department inventory.
- Were advised that Cece Sudderth has been elected as the village employee representative to serve on the Personnel Board.
- Authorized architect Jim French to issue a work order on the new administrative building to execute the loan agreement with Farmers Home Administration, and to sell bonds in the amount of \$800,000 to construct the building.
- Approved the Tract 1 Replat of the Driver Tract; a replat of Block 2, Wingfield Addition and a replat of Lots 5, 6 and 7, Block 2, Palmer Gateway, as ap-

proved by Planning and Zoning.

- Instructed Harris to investigate the abandonment of a driveway on Redwood Drive, Ponderosa Heights, to free the village from the responsibility of maintenance.
- Authorized village clerk Jim Hine to request that State Highway Department engineer Ralph Smith, Roswell, bring a sample of the proposed rumble strip material for examination by the trustees, prior to installation on Sudderth Drive.
- Advised Marion Gayden that he could park his semi-truck on village property east of the Ruidoso Library overnight and that trucks could park there during the day for a limited time.
- Agreed to meet with local contractors and utility company representatives, tentatively on August 18, to discuss the provisions of the new ordinance establishing fees for street cuts.

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needed to insure against hairline cracks and leakage around seals. He said such problems might make it more difficult for the system to pass stringent federal regulations regarding airtightness of the pipes. He said he would install the stubouts in the deepest areas, however, because he understood the problems which might arise if installation was delayed. Less than 20 Downs residents would be affected by the measure.

Under the new regulation, the village clerk's office will be notified by Kosimor of the residents affected, and the village will act as a collecting agency for the required funds.

Under the proposed sewer rate ordinance, also discussed at the meeting, Downs residents will not be allowed to tap into the sewer system "during the warranty period," which extends one year from the date of system completion. The Downs system is expected to be complete in early 1981.

No hook ups to homes will be allowed until after the Regional Wastewater Treatment plant is completed, and

operational, sometime in April or May of 1982.

The trustees also approved an ordinance raising monthly water rates by 50 cents per month for all users. The proceeds will cover the cost of repayment of a loan from the state, used to make emergency water improvements in one section of the village. After the loan is paid, the 50 cent extra charge will be automatically eliminated.

A budget increase to allow the state funds to be accepted was also approved by the council.

In other business, the trustees tabled consideration of a letter from the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce which advised that, based on the number of village employees, their Chamber dues had been raised from \$75 to \$100 annually.

The matter sparked a discussion of "what benefit" the Chamber is to the

village. Beavers expressed the opinion that the Chamber was of no benefit to the community, since "we're already so advertised without it."

Mansell and Wheeler countered that they were sure the village "derived some income" from the advertising and promotional efforts, but "it's hard to put a dollar value on it," Wheeler said. He added that the Chamber is currently operating "as fine as it ever has in the history of the Chamber."

Most of the trustees said they felt the \$180 figure was "a little steep," and Mansell speculated that "Either they went in the hole (last year) or they're planning big things."

The motion to table the matter came from Powers, who said he felt the council should take more time to weigh the "pros and cons" of Chamber membership.

Upper Canyon group to meet

The annual meeting of the Ruidoso Upper Canyon Association is scheduled at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, in the Ruidoso Public Library.

Mescalero tribal lands exempt from game laws

The 10th United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Denver, Colorado, ruled Wednesday that the state of New Mexico's fishing and hunting laws can not be enforced on the Mescalero Apache Reservation — with the ruling applying to Indians and non-Indians.

Further, people who have left the reservation, after committing wildlife

violations, cannot be prosecuted under Wednesday's ruling.

The state had appealed a district court ruling that non-Mescaleros were exempt from state laws while on the reservation.

The tribe was praised by the district court for increasing the reservation's elk herd from 13 in 1968 to about 1,200 at the present time.



THE LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR will take place August 20-23 at the fair grounds in Capitlan. Lee Payne, 10, will be among the local youngsters exhibiting animals in the livestock competition. He is the son of Curtis and Beverly Payne of Capitlan.

PEOPLE

Baker/Wells patio ceremony Monday

Debbie Baker of El Paso, Texas, and Scott Wells, of Los Alamitos, California, will be married August 18 at 8 p.m., at the Inn of the Mountain Gods in a patio ceremony.

The bride to be is the daughter of Harold Baker of Pomona, California, and Della Baker, of El Paso.

Wells is the son of Ted Wells, of Alex, Oklahoma and Coke Wells, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Wells is a trainer and races horses at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and in California.



DEBBIE BAKER AND SCOTT WELLS

GOP Women's art show and auction Friday

An art show and auction, sponsored by the Lincoln County Republican's Women's Club, will feature the works of New Mexico and Texas artists Friday, at 7:30 p.m., in the Ruidoso Jockey Club.

The display will include several types of painting, print making and sculpture.

Area artists include: Peter Hurd, San Patricio, original watercolor and signed prints; Lincoln Fox, Alto, bronze sculpture; Michael Hurd, San Patricio, watercolor; Walter Rawley, Ruidoso, bronze sculpture; Linda Miller, San Patricio, oil; Dorothy Bell Knapp, Glencoe, paintings; Gary Myer, Ruidoso, prints; Lawson Smith, Ruidoso, sculpture; Kevin Wolf, Capitlan, wood carving and Tom Knapp, Glencoe, bronze.

Viewing will begin at 7:30 with the auction starting at 8:30.

Native Plant Society meets Saturday

The New Mexico Native Plant Society's first statewide meeting will be Saturday at 10 a.m., at the Fourth of July Canyon west of Estancia in the Manzano Mountains.

A field trip highlights the agenda, as well as a potluck luncheon. Leaders in the field of native plant study will be in attendance.

"There will be things of interest to gardeners, and we hope to get a local group for Otero, Chavez and Lincoln Counties following this meeting," Bill Mayfield of Bent, said.

Mayfield said information about native plants will be available at the Ruidoso Garden Club's flower show, which will be at the Ruidoso Public Library August 20 and 21.



SORTING RIBBONS for the upcoming flower show chairman; Joyce Walker, Bonnie Richardson, club president; Nita Winniford and Shirley Neuhaus.

Flower show set August 19-20

"Take It E's-Z" is the theme for the 1980 Standard Flower Show, sponsored for the tenth year by the Ruidoso Garden Club. The show will be in the multi-purpose room of the Ruidoso Public Library from 2:30-8 p.m., August 19 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., August 20.

Masseys note fiftieth anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Crew Massey, Ruidoso, observed their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, with an open house at the Adult Recreation Center.

The sponsors were the couple's children, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harrison, Salina, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collins, Lawrenceville, Georgia; Dr. and Mrs. Earl Alderman, Atlanta, Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Massey, Mt. View, California and CWO 4 and Mrs. Don Massey, recently returned from Guam.

Other out-of-town visitors included seven grandchildren, two great grandchildren and Mrs. Massey's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Tappan of Marionville, Missouri.

Entertainer at Coffee House

Janice Friedrich of Lovington, New Mexico, will be the featured entertainment at the Flah Market Coffee House this weekend.

Friedrich is music director of the Gospel Light House in Lovington. Her husband and children will complete the program of musical religious entertainment.

The Coffee House will open Saturday at 7 p.m., and will be closed Friday.

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"Emphasis on..." is the theme for the design division, with special awards given for use of three colors in a display, distinction and creativity.

Theme for the sponsored group category is "Enthusiasm" with special awards given in education and junior achievement.

A sweepstakes award, which will include all categories, will be given to the person with the most blue ribbons.

Entries to be judged will be received from 7-10 a.m., the day of the show. All exhibits must be removed between 4:30 and 7 p.m., August 20.

School registration set

Children attending Ruidoso schools for the first time must pre-register Monday through Friday at Nob Hill Elementary, White Mountain Elementary and White Mountain Middle Schools.

Offices at all three schools will be open to register new students from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3:30 p.m. New students must bring immunization records and report cards from their previous school. New kindergarten students who did not register last spring should also bring their birth certificates.

The 1980-81 school year opens September 2 and principals announced supplies each child should bring to school:

— Kindergarten children, one box of

eight crayons, round point scissors, two primary pencils (large husky), a small bottle of white glue and a school supply box (or cigar box).

— First graders, a box of eight crayons, three number two pencils a medium sized bottle of white school glue, a hard rubber eraser and a large box of tissues.

Second graders, eight crayons, four number two pencils, one pair of sharp pointed scissors, a large bottle of glue, a hard rubber eraser, a school box and a large box of tissues.

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RC&D backs mill levy increase

BY GWYNETH JONES
Staff Writer/Photographer

The South Central Mountain Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council Tuesday accepted two new project measures requested by Mary Rich of Carrizozo, who chairs the group's committee on Health, Aging and Housing.

Rich asked the group to look into the availability of federal funds to supplement home health care services available in both Lincoln and Otero Counties.

The existing services, operated by Verna

Adams in Lincoln County and Pat Wade in Otero County, provide home nursing and some housekeeping assistance for elderly persons and invalids. Rich said her committee recommended looking into the expansion of the services, especially in the housekeeping assistance area.

The council also agreed to promote, as a group, passage of the 2.9 mill levy for Lincoln County, which will be placed on the general election ballot this November.

The proceeds will provide for expansion of the Ruidoso Hospital's facilities and staff and for salaries for a physician and assistant for the Carrizozo Health Center,

which also provides outreach service to Corona.

The council also was introduced to Carol Robertson, special assistant to David King, secretary of Finance and Administration for New Mexico. King was unable to fly to the meeting as planned, because of adverse weather conditions.

Robertson, who will be taking Tom McCalmont's place as the state representative on the local RC&D council discussed the functions of the Governor's Rural Development Council, which David King co-chairs. She said the council was currently attempting to implement an investment strategy for rural development, with funding priorities to be derived from that strategy.

That council was to meet today to receive initial committee reports on such priorities, she said.

Robertson also fielded a question about the likelihood of King's seeking to be chosen to replace representative Harold Runnels.

"He's thinking it over, but no decision has been made," she said. "It's such a complex issue that it's hard to predict."

RC&D chairman Clem Weindorf reported on his recent trip to Washington, D. C., to testify before the Senate committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, in support of the pending bill which would insure funding of local RC&D councils. The committee is chaired by Senator George McGovern, who is sponsoring the bill.

Weindorf and representatives from other states were all allotted five minutes to give a prepared presentation and those preceding him were "all saying just about the same thing."

When Weindorf's turn came, he left the stage area to walk into the senate hearing room to shake McGovern's hand and thank him personally for his support of RC&D councils. He went on to testify that local RC&D councils are effective "grassroots organizations" which "just need a permanent legislative mandate and funding."

The council also heard committee reports on the progress of other project measures, with some classified as completed and others recommended for continued exploration. A few of the projects were recommended for abandonment as antiquated or unfeasible.

One of the projects discussed at length involved funding for the Carrizozo golf course. Carrizozo mayor Manuel Hernandez advised that about \$75,000 to \$90,000 would be needed each year to maintain the facility. He advised that a meeting with a representative of the Department of the Interior had been arranged to discuss sources of funding, and that local residents had been corresponding on the matter with the New Mexico congressional delegation, state government and other agencies.

The next meeting of RC&D was set for October 7 at the Alamogordo Holiday Inn.

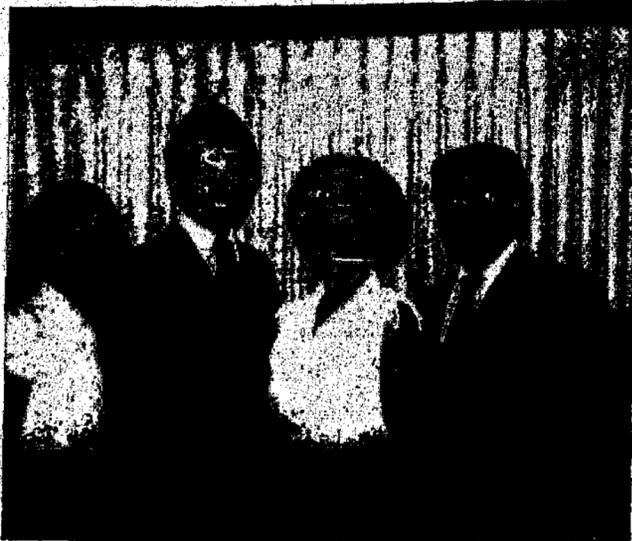
Bellon singers appearing here Friday night

The Ralph Bellon singers will be featured at the Full Gospel Business Men's International meeting Friday at 7 p.m., in the Ruidoso Public Library multi-purpose room.

The Bellons have shared their love for music and Christ in a ministry to many churches in Mesalero, Alamogordo, Clovis, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. They include Ralph and Janice Bellon, their daughter, Sherris and her husband Doug Markham.

The Markhams have spent time in Bible school and have traveled in singing groups across many states. Sherris Markham's ministry to the deaf, using sign language, adds to their program. The couple reside in Wichita Falls, Texas, where both are involved in church work.

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DR. NICK JACKSON, 33, has joined the staff of Ruidoso Hondo Valley Hospital. A radiologist, he earned his undergraduate degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock and was awarded his doctorate from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. He and his wife Deborah moved here from Austin, Texas, where Jackson was employed at Fort Hood Army Base. As radiologist, he will perform special X-ray procedures and interpret all radiographic films.

Inspiration performers set schedule

Inspiration Corporation's "Little Kids of the Kingdom" will perform five times in the Ruidoso area August 15-17.

Their first performance will be at the Full Gospel Businessmen's International Friday at 7 p.m., at the Ruidoso Public Library's multi-purpose room. Saturday night's show can be seen at Ruidoso Care Center at 8 p.m., followed by a performance at 7:30 p.m., at the Fish Market Coffee House.

Mountain Christian Fellowship will host the group Sunday at 10 a.m., during regular worship services. The group will close their schedule at 3 p.m., Sunday, at Camp Sierra Blanca.

The children's performing group is a branch of the non-profit, inter-denominational music and drama day camp sponsored by Inspiration Corporation. Children, 4-11 years, participating in the day camp include Jouanna Stanfield, Cindy Loofer, Kristin Underwood, Becky Lynch, Judy Grigo, Amy Pallo, Jeremy Lane, Timmy Wadley, Leslie Morell and Patia McManis.

Fire damages

Downs home

A fire at a residence at West and D streets in Ruidoso Downs Wednesday night caused damage to carpeting and two mattresses, according to Downs police.

No one was at home when the fire broke out, although it was speculated that the blaze might have been caused by a cigarette. The resident discovered the fire on returning home. No injuries were reported.

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48 hopefuls make first day of practice

Warrior football season is officially underway

BY MARK BAGBY
Sports Editor

Darrel Stierwalt and his coaching staff greeted 48 football candidates on a drizzly Tuesday morning — the first day of fall practice for the 1980 Warrior campaign. "We're missing about 25 people right now," Stierwalt said. "We've got some kids still on vacation, that sort of thing." Among the departed are Bill Husey, an offensive-defensive lineman; Ronald Bell, offensive lineman; Darriush Rad, defensive end; and Byron Wright, linebacker. One of the players not present has moved to Louisiana. Peter Batton, who had all but nailed down a starting tight end job, in spring practice, moved to Baton Rouge earlier this summer. "We expect everybody who isn't here to be in sometime this week," Stierwalt said. The missing players face a handicap when they do show up — players must spend five practice days in shorts and helmets before they can don pads. The

Warriors will put pads on Monday. Although some players are missing, the ones who are here now are "taking practice pretty well," Stierwalt said, despite the grueling two-a-day workouts. "We had a real good spring," he said. "The kids seem to be more intense about what they're doing. I think they're excited. I know I'm excited, and so is my staff." He wasn't too excited about the rain though. "I woke up this morning (Tuesday), looked out the window and said, 'Aw —. This is just like last year.' But we have to practice anyway." The rain, combined with recent sod work at the football field, forced the workouts to be moved to the White Mountain Middle School practice field. "We tore up our field a little more than I had expected, so we came out here. I like it out here. They have nice facilities, and (mid school coach) Terry Wharton and (school principal) Sid Miller have been real kind in letting us use it.

"I hope we get to stay out here until the first game, 'cause we need to stay off our field as long as possible." The first week of practice is primarily devoted to conditioning, which has undergone something of a change over last year. This year, players are split into groups according to position for pre-practice warmups. "It goes a lot faster that way than doing it all together," Stierwalt said. "We got the same stretching done in less time." Which means more time for practicing the game of football. "We had such a good spring, we've been reviewing plays already," he said. "We've got our base defense in and we've been working on our offense. We've got quite a bit of our offense in already." The Warriors need extra work on offense, because they'll be using the "looks simple, but isn't" Wishbone-T. "We're running it pretty well already, but we've got a lot of work to do," he said. "Our offensive backfield is our strength right now, since we've got some experience there, plus they went to the Oklahoma Sooners football camp earlier this summer. They learned a lot there."

Right now, although it's very hard to say for sure, the starting backfield would seem to be Scott Neal at quarterback, Russ Pior at fullback, and Ricky Dennis and Steve Benway at the two halfback spots. In backup roles are Billy Woodul at quarterback and Chris Lopez at fullback. "They're all doing super jobs, even this early," Stierwalt said. The defensive backfield and linebacking corps seem to be in fine shape too, he said. What's giving the coaching staff fits is the lack of depth in both offensive and defensive lines. Graduation hit those ranks awfully hard, and folks like Jay Raulerson, Godfrey Enjady and Mark Boggs are difficult to find replacements for. Currently, a lot of experimentation is going on, Stierwalt said. "We're trying various people in those spots," he said. "The ones we have back are good ones, and one summer weight program has paid off. Lon Nunley, for instance, weighs about 180 pounds, and he's benching 265. A lot of our guys last fall were lifting 160, 170. "But we've got a lot of young linemen we've got to get mature and ready to go — quick. But if we get the line to come along

the way I think it can, we'll be in good shape there." The kicking game is not being emphasized until next week, he said, "because we have so much work to do in other areas." He added, "Practice seems a little ragged because we have some new kids coming along, and it takes them a while to learn new terminology and the way we do things. "But I'd have to say we're looking good, but you always look good in shorts. We won't know what we have until next week

when we put on pads. Then we'll find out who can play." First action for the Warriors will be an August 28 scrimmage with El Paso Cathedral here, which, due to a new state ruling, is the only scrimmage allowed before the start of the season.

Sportin' Life

... a column of opinion ...

by

Mark Bagby



(First off, this doesn't have anything to do with sports.)

The misus and I were on our way back from Albuquerque when a state vehicle passed us, and I got a quick glimpse of the bumper sticker on the back — the one that says "If I exceed 55 or the posted speed limit, please call 1-800-..." and that's all I saw, 'cause he was moving too fast to get the rest of it.

Well, Dee and I were in our little fuel economy-type car, and if you've ridden in such a vehicle, you know we weren't speeding — there's no way. (Heck, the speedometer only goes to 85 miles an hour anyway.)

But I did get the license number — so if anyone has that toll-free number, the license is OF-8146. And how about a plea to make the phone number on those stickers a little more readable?

Jack's back to the front

Jack Nicklaus is, without a shadow of doubt, merely the greatest golfer who ever lived. Two months ago, he was a has-been, someone you wouldn't give the time of day, the type of fella you'd think about spitting on. "Ya bum," you'd mutter at the sight of this down and out EX-great.

(That's the great American game, you know, picking on the big guy who's down.) Then he roared back and set a record by winning the United States Open.

Now, incredibly, he wins the PGA Championship by seven shots, a tournament that in 62 years of play has never been won by more than four shots.

So now, he has tied Walter Hagen's record of five PGA wins; joins Gene Sarazen and Ben Hogan in being the only men who won the PGA and United States Open in the same year.

Wow! And Nicklaus is tickled pink. He said, "I'm a considerably better player than I was 10 years ago. I'm a better player now than I've ever been. I accomplished tying the record. When you tie a record, then the objective is to break the record. So my next goal is next year at Merion, to win a fifth United States Open."

After that, he's looking to break the British Open record. Truly one of the most incredible comebacks in sports history. Way to go, Jack.

Yawn

One of the most boring things I can think of is pre-season professional football games.

I can't stand to watch 'em. Players you've never seen get out there and knock heads, and it's dull, dull, dull.

The only relief I can get from these games is the knowledge the season is not far off.

Awright

Post-season college football play will certainly be different in 1981 ... University of Southern California won't be in the Rose Bowl, and that's almost a first.

Southern Cal and four other Pacific 10 schools have been declared ineligible for post-season play, the National Collegiate Athletic Association decided earlier this week.

That pleased me immensely.

For some reason — I'm not sure why — I have never liked Southern Cal, also known as USC. I don't know why, but golly, every time I turned on the tube, there was USC and Johnny McKay, and it made my blood boil. (McKay I liked well enough, but his team, forget it.)

Now it's John Robinson I don't like, and I still don't like his school. Down with the Trojans is what I say.

Big bucks

Didja see the piece on the syndication of Easy Jet in Sunday's El Paso Times? (Easy Jet won the 1968 All-American Futurity, and was owned by Walter Merrick. A guy named Willie Lovell was the winning jockey.)

Now Easy Jet is owned by Buena Suerte Ranch near Roswell, which is owned by Merrick, Harriett Peckham and Dr. Leonard Black.

A fella named Don Tyner, an agent, put together a deal because he felt Easy Jet was underinsured. (Through artificial insemination, Easy Jet serviced 200 mares last year, at \$20,000 each. Wow! And his offspring to date have earned over \$10 million. Insurance on such a horse is costly, more than three people could easily pay.)

So, they decided to sell shares of Easy Jet — 50 of 'em at \$600,000 — each. And each shareholder gets four breedings per year, which are his to do as he will, including sell. (Tyner guesses the breedings, currently at \$20,000, will go to say, \$50-60,000.)

The syndication deal makes the deal on the thoroughbred Spectacular Bid look like peanuts — he was syndicated for a "mere" \$22 million.

All these numbers just make my head spin. It's comforting to know some folks aren't too concerned about inflation. Now if I could only join their ranks.



PAM GRAVES

RUSS VERONDA and other Warrior hopefuls listen intently to an opening day talk by head coach Darrel Stierwalt. Rain greeted the 48

players who came out, but it hasn't dampened their enthusiasm any, Stierwalt said.

The Ruidoso News SPORTS

Graves new assistant gym coach

Ruidoso Gymnastics Association (RGA) has hired an assistant teacher-coach to help coach Blake Starr with his duties.

Pam Graves, a fairly new Ruidoso resident, assumes her job duties Monday, taking over all classes while Starr is on vacation.

"I'm really looking forward to teaching here," she said. The Amarillo, Texas, native has been teaching about three years, starting in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She has a Parks and Recreation degree and taught in a summer program in Tulsa.

From there, she and husband Jay moved to Paducah, Texas, where she taught 70 youngsters the art of gymnastics and also dance.

"I'm also a dance instructor and very interested in the choreography of the floor exercise and balance beam, that sort of thing," she said.

She brings a total body concept into her teaching. "Physical fitness means you exercise the body, mind and spirit," Graves said. "Gymnastics is a very good sport for teaching that. Children have to learn to

control their bodies and minds, and because gymnastics is such an individual sport, they learn more, and faster."

Besides teaching the final two weeks of the summer, she will teach beginning and intermediate classes, coach Class Four competitors and help Starr with his advanced classes.

She and her husband are the parents of a two year old boy, Jathan, who, she said, is already learning gymnastics.

Warrior Boosters

have meeting tonight

The Warrior Booster Club will hold a special meeting tonight at 7:30 in the teacher's lounge of Ruidoso High School.

Plans for the upcoming hamburger fry, slated for the August 28 football scrimmage with El Paso Cathedral here, will be discussed.

Parents of Ruidoso High youngsters are invited to attend.

White Mountain schedules grid meeting, practice

White Mountain Middle School (WMMS) football practice begins with a pre-season meeting August 19 at 6 p.m., in WMMS gymnasium, coach Terry Wharton said.

Actual practice does not begin until August 21, he said, but all prospective players for the upcoming season should attend the August 19 meeting.

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Real Estate

By Realtor Mike Welfer
DEVON DEVELOPMENT, INC.

FIRST-HOME MYTHS
A national study done by the Chicago-based Family Housing Bureau dispels a lot of myths about the buying of first homes. Here's a few:

MYTH: First-time home buyers have been driven out of the market by escalating costs. **FACT:** The survey showed that 44% of today's home buyers are first-time buyers.

MYTH: Young people cannot afford homes anymore. **FACT:** Eighty seven percent of first-time buyers are younger than 35 with the average age being 28.

MYTH: Costs for single-family homes have risen so sharply that most home buyers are turning to

MULTI-FAMILY SOLUTIONS. FACT: Ninety percent of first-time home buyers choose single family homes, 7% condos and only 3% choose multi-family homes.

MYTH: Most home buyers now spend more on mortgage payments than the recommended 1/4 of total income. **FACT:** One quarter of the current crop of first time buyers fall into the 1/4 rule of thumb category. Another 53% are even more conservative spending 20% or less of total income for shelter payment.

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DARREL STIERWALT tells his charges what he expects out of them "both as football players and as young men" in an opening day pep talk.

Soccer signup still in progress

Youngsters ages 5-18 can still sign up for Little League soccer, according to league director Butch Grantham.

Pre-registration for the upcoming fall season was last week, but anyone who wants to play may still sign, he said.

"We had a lot of youngsters out of town, visiting relatives or on vacation," Grantham said, "so we extended our registration."

All players, regardless of league ex-

perience, must register, he said. Registrations will be accepted at Morgan's Mountain Sports on Highway 37, and the fee is \$10.

Players who have not participated in the Ruidoso program must bring proof of age with them, and all signees must be accompanied by a parent.

Parents can register their youngsters if the children do not accompany them, Grantham added, but proof of age of new players must be presented.

Martinez wins in motocross finals

Brother Martinez of Ruidoso Downs won the 83 cc modified bike division in the

Yamaha World Motocross Championships in Ponca City, Oklahoma, August 6-10.

Martinez entered four categories but won in only one.

The 15-year-old Martinez is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Martinez of Ruidoso Downs and El Paso, Texas.



BROTHER MARTINEZ

Adult soccer league slates "soccer day"

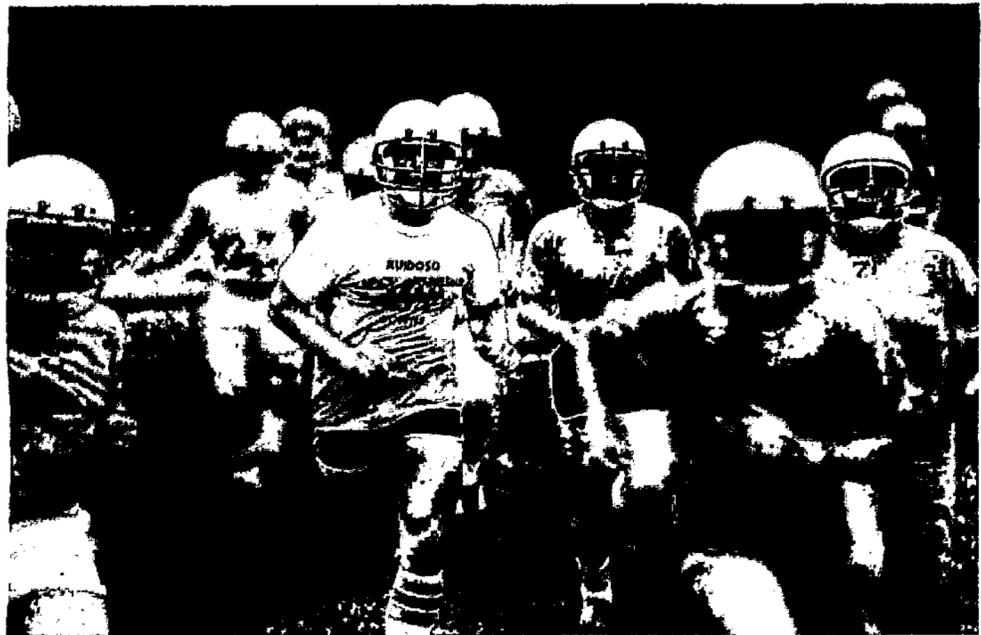
Ruidoso's adult soccer league's "day of soccer" a week ago was a success, league head Butch Grantham reports.

So, the league is having another one this Sunday at 2 p.m., on the soccer fields near White Mountain Schools. The day is designed for all past players — men and women — and anyone interested in playing in the fall.

Teams will be chosen and impromptu games will be played, Grantham said.



ANYBODY SEEN that contact lens? No, seriously, Chris Wynn is taking part in a torturous drill known as "the bear walk."



RUN, RUN — These Warrior line candidates will cover a few miles before summer practice is over.



BOOM — Gene Reeves prepares to put his foot into the ball during opening day of Warrior football practice. Reeves is shooting for a receiver's spot as well as the punting chores.



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Men's softball league standings

Final standings:

American Division	
1. Mescalero Chips	13-3
2. Village Jewels	13-3
3. Lane's Western Wear	10-4
4. NoNames	8-8
5. Cardinals	5-11
6. Service Contractors	3-13
National Division	
1. Dial Electric	13-3
2. PLS	13-3
3. Runners	7-9
4. Forest Service	6-10
5. Sierra Blanca Outlaws	3-13
6. Green Acres Bandits	2-14

(Note: Mescalero Chips and Dial Electric finished the regular season in sole possession of first place by virtue of divisional play records, even though they tied teams with overall identical records.)

Here are the pairings for the league tournament, which begins tonight at 8:30 with a doubleheader:

Mescalero Chips versus Green Acres Bandits; NoNames versus Runners.

Friday's games: Sierra Blanca Outlaws versus Village Jewels; Cardinals versus PLS.

Tuesday's games: Lane's Western Wear versus Forest Service; Service Contractors versus Dial Electric.

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Hospital, Health Center, mill hike on fall ballot

A mill levy which would generate an estimated \$150,000 to the Ruidoso Hondo Valley Hospital (RHVH) and about \$30,000 to Carrizozo's Health Center, will be placed on the November general election ballot.

RHVH administrator Ken Moore said the levy increase would be raised from the current 1.5 mills to 2.9 mills, and would provide working capital to expand health care services, including expansion of the physical plant, addition of departments and addition of equipment.

Moore said RHVH is in the process of recruiting an orthopedic specialist, recently hired a radiologist, and hopes to expand the physical therapy department, laboratory, radiology and pathology departments.

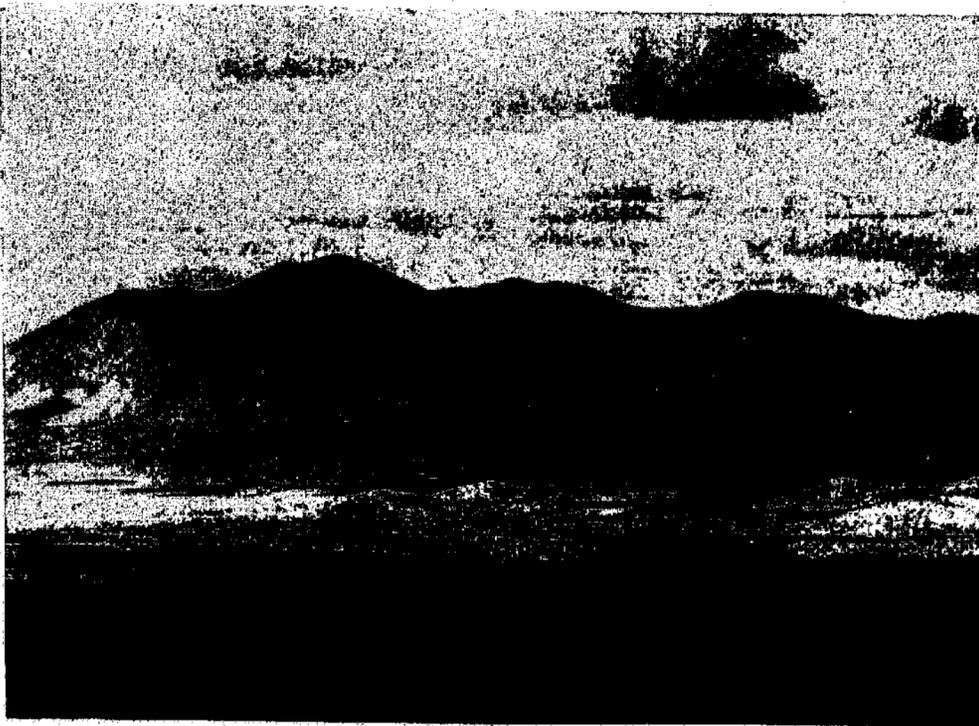
He said RHVH has outgrown its storage area and if expansion occurs, the staff and number of beds at the facility will also increase.

Moore said an energy audit is being conducted which will help determine the feasibility of installing some solar heating devices. General maintenance of the fire alarm system "is necessary to stay current and provide a measure of safety for patients," he said.

"What we are looking at with the mill levy is going past that point," Moore said, "to provide a higher level of care to

people." Moore added that the hospital staff "really feels obligated to the community to provide the highest level of capabilities. We're blocked right now by the physical plant size which becomes critical when you're dealing with sick people." "The money people put into the mill levy definitely comes back to them," he said. The communities of Ruidoso, Capitan, Nogal and the Hondo Valley would be assessed 1.9 mills while Carrizozo and

Corona would be taxed a one mill. A physician and physician's assistant would be staffing the Carrizozo Health Clinic, if the levy increase is passed, and the clinic would be tied into RHVH for referrals, Moore said. Moore said he anticipates the organization of an advocacy committee with broad community interests represented, to help educate the public about the importance of passing the mill levy.



A PAVING PROJECT on Highway 37 through Nogal is nearing completion, which means more

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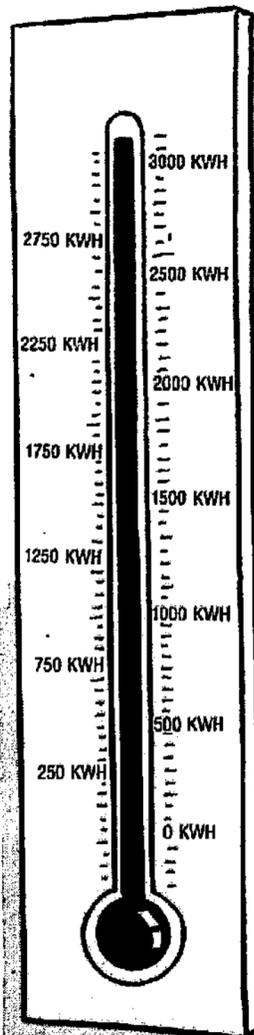
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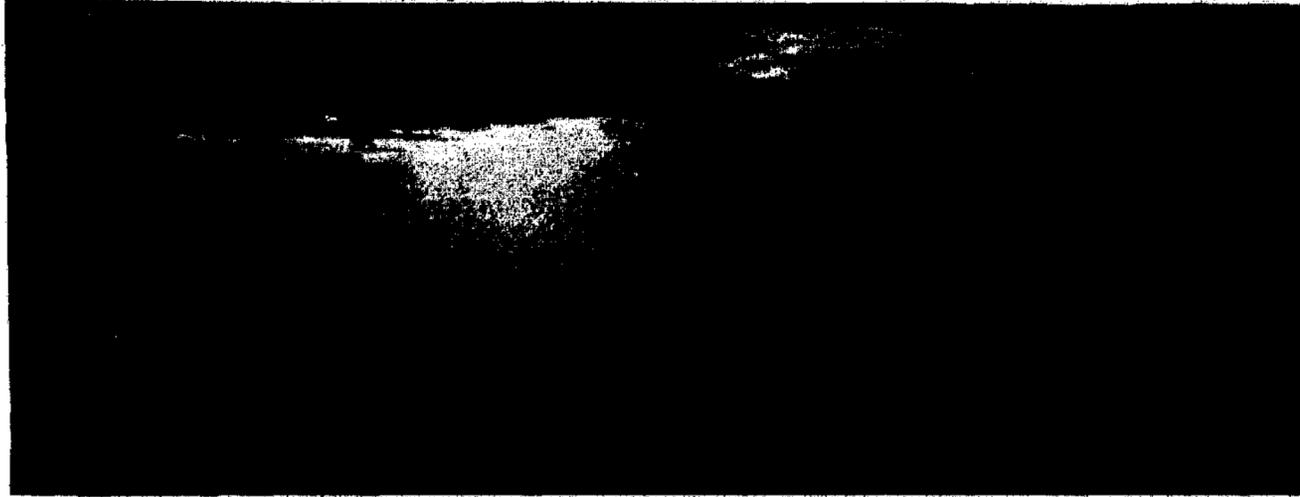
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UNITED STATES SENATOR PETE DOMENICI receives a letter of commendation from Len Ripka, director of the National Taxpayers Union (NTU), the nation's oldest and largest organization lobbying on behalf of the taxpayer. Senator Domenici was commended for voting down appropriations on the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Project, a project which has been called "a callous waste and reckless misuse of taxpayers' money" by the NTU and other organizations.

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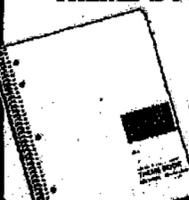
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"ARE YOU SURE this doesn't hurt?" Cody Pickett, 2½, finds some comfort in a thumb and a blanket, but regards his mother (Kim Pickett) suspiciously as he waits for immunization.

POLIO VACCINES are probably the most enjoyable part of the immunization clinic — they're flavored and taken orally. County

public health nurse Hazel English administers a dose to Cody as his mother watches.

Free immunization clinics give kids their 'best shot'

One of the many functions of the Lincoln County Health Services Office is the immunization of local children against disease.

There are several factors in the increasing success of the local immunization programs. The first of these is the diligent effort of public health nurse Hazel English, who conducts free outreach immunization clinics throughout the county.

English estimates that about 80 percent of all Lincoln County children have had or are now receiving their required immunizations — a remarkable achievement considering the transient nature of the population and the remoteness of some segments of that population.

Helping to achieve that high percentage rate is the fact that county parents "have cooperated beautifully," English said. Another plus is the fact that the law requiring immunizations for school age children now "has teeth," and is being more strictly enforced, she added.

Children who are transferring into county school districts are given six weeks in which to provide immunization records. If this is not accomplished, they are "disenrolled."

Diseases for which immunization is required include diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, measles, and rubella (German measles). Mumps vaccine is not required, but is recommended.

Children with normal health may begin receiving their first immunizations at the age of two months, but those who did not receive the vaccines at that age may "catch up" before they begin the first grade.

Clinics are held each month in the various communities, according to the following schedule:

First Monday of month, Carrizozo, at health office in courthouse, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

First Wednesday of month, Capitan School, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

First Thursday of month, Hondo School, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Second Monday of month, Ruidoso, White Mountain School, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Second Wednesday of month, Corona School, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult, who should bring past immunization records if available.

The county health office also offers well baby clinics, family planning services, blood pressure screenings and follow-up work on suspected rabies cases, and diagnosis and some treatment of sexually transmitted diseases.

They also provide educational services, through written and videotaped materials and perform referrals for Crippled Children's Services.

"We stress preventive medicine," in all the work, English said. They occasionally get to do some "medical detective work," she added, including investigation of food poisoning cases.

Anyone desiring more information on the immunization clinic or other services may contact the office in Carrizozo at 648-2412.

Photos and text by Gwyneth Jones



OUCH! The necessity of immunization is hard to explain to the tiny ones. Above, Ryan Bagby, the son of Dee and Mark Bagby, responds to the surprise of the injection.

"WHAT DID I EVER do to you, lady?" comforted by his father, News sports editor Mark Bagby, Ryan gives Hazel English an

indignant glare, following his immunization.

Wilderness Wisdom

with Wayne Calloway

Dear Wayne — I have been a bass fisherman for years, and almost without fail, use live worms for bait. I've done so for many years and never really thought too much about it, but recently some of my fishing buddies have brought on a tinge of guilt. Most of my friends are confirmed artificial lure fishermen and they constantly badger me about fishing with worms being unsportsmanlike, and a sign of an unskilled angler.

Foolish as it may be, their chiding has caused me to wonder a bit if live bait really is sporting. Not that I catch more fish than they do. Sometimes maybe, but not a great deal more.

What might your opinion be? Would you be caught fishing with a worm? Glen H., New Jersey

Dear Glen — I rarely use live worms for fresh water fishing simply because I prefer artificial lures. When salt water fishing, however, I almost always use worms or some other form of natural bait. On the occasions when I have used worms in fresh water, I experienced no guilt feelings, and I don't know why there should be any. Maybe your friends would really like to use worms but can't bring themselves to handle the ozy little critters. At least that could be your version of the argument.

Fishing is, I believe, a very personal experience. Just as people are different, what they get out of fishing differs also. For me, it is a communication with nature, a time for meditation and relaxation, rather than a test of personal skill. That's not to say I don't like to catch fish, but it isn't a contest in which my mental well being is decided by the number of fish on a stringer. Yet, there are those who are unhappy unless the day's catch fills a six foot stringer. But that's their problem.

I think it is quite challenging to experiment with different lures or baits to find what will tempt a certain fish at a given time, but it's a personal challenge, not an open competition with 50 million other anglers. If you like to use worms, why not? They are by far the most popular and traditional bait ever to adorn a hook.

In this area, I would appreciate any help you can offer. Ken C., West Virginia

Dear Ken — There are a great number of variables involved when considering converting entirely (or nearly so) to wood heat, and many of these are dictated by your individual situation. First, we'll look at one that seems universally important. That is how much can you save? Before we can burn wood, we must have a stove. Varieties and prices span a large gap, but a minimum factory stove of good design, installed, is probably about \$500, but you had better plan to spend more. It is not uncommon for \$1,000 to be a closer figure. That's assuming you already have a chimney of good condition that can be tapped. If you don't have one, or if yours needs work for safety sake, the cost for this alone is quite substantial.

Now that we have our stove installed, we need wood. An average cord of fully seasoned white oak or hickory is roughly equal to 145 gallons of oil or 3,700 kilowatt hours of electricity. So, if oil is \$1.00 a gallon, you can pay \$145 per cord, or if you heat with electricity at five cents per kilowatt hour, you can pay \$188 per cord before you achieve like costs. Obviously, to save money you must buy wood at less than these costs, or cut it yourself if you have an available source. If you cut your own, you must put forth considerable effort, because it is truly work. And you must have a saw, and something with which to nail the wood. So, figure these into the cost.

Now we have the wood, we can burn it. Keeping the stove well fed is a daily chore for someone, and removing and discarding ashes is another chore of less frequency. Consider this routine a necessity.

A wood stove that is properly installed and attended to is relatively safe, but you must put forth a conscious effort to keep it so. Whether wood burning will save you money or not depends upon the facilities you already have available, and upon the price you place on your time and effort.

Send questions to: Wilderness Wisdom, P. O. Box 237, Pittsville, Maryland 21850.

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Inside The Capitol

by Fred McCaffrey

SANTA FE — One department of state government has always been handled in a most gingerly manner. It's the Employment Security Department (ESD), where you go to collect unemployment payments and get help in finding a job when you're out of work.

The reason such legitimately snooty folks as legislators have not stuck their noses into this operation a little more is that it is almost entirely funded by the federal government. Though it is in every respect a state agency, the Department of Labor puts up almost all of its money — which gives them, not New Mexico lawmakers, the right to say how things will be done, when and by whom.

That was evident at last week's meetings of the Legislative Finance Committee, where some members asked questions which indicated they were not at all sure how ESD operates or exactly what it is it does.

But the questions indicated a new line: The state will be taking more interest in this operation than in the past.

They will be especially interested in staffing, and Eric Serna, Cabinet Secretary in charge of ESC, who did not bother to attend the budget hearing in Santa Fe (his offices are in Albuquerque), would be well advised to get himself ready for that interest.

The folks who did show up for this hearing seemed a little unclear about how many employees they really did have. The Department of Labor measures everything in terms of "staff years," a quaint method of counting. (With its implication that getting anything done will take years and years, it may not be entirely inappropriate for a swollen bureaucracy.)

Last year, ESC cut about 40 people from its payroll. An effort to cut more caused

such howling that the bosses worked out a way to get some of those designated to be fired moved over to the CETA.

That's not tough to do. Though most citizens are not aware of it, the Governor has his own little share of CETA jobs and operates a special office just to handle this sort of unofficial patronage. (It's called GOETA, one of the ugliest acronyms around — pronounced Go-Eat-A.)

Observers here get the impression that particular operation is about to come in for some legislative scrutiny too.

In other words, legislators are more and more inclined to say, "If you're part of state government, you come under our purview. Just because we've let you alone in the past doesn't mean we're not going to take a good hard look at you from now on."

That's a move which has been a long time in coming.

Look for more action on complaints about those federally funded housing programs in San Miguel and Mora counties. With \$42,996 of program funds "unaccounted for," as investigation has demonstrated, somebody is going to have to be called to account. With the United States Senate investigating what went on there, you can expect some legal charges to be filed when sufficient evidence has been gathered.

Like the programs mentioned above, one of the two operations in the North that got into trouble was another of those combined federal-state deals, which sometimes seems to make the possibility of mischief considerably stronger. Programs at which money is just shovelled by the government often end up with problems, since those who operate them tend to develop a cavalier attitude toward all those bucks.

We hear some New Mexicans are in pretty stiff trouble on this one.

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Yours and Ours

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Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

I wish to express sincere appreciation for the wonderful care given my mother after a fall in which she sustained a fractured hip. Her progress to date can be attributed to the proper initial aid by the Ruidoso EMT's which was both proper and considerate.

Transportation to our Midland Hospital via the Lincoln County Ambulance was

also excellent.

Yvonne and Rusty Lanell will always be remembered by my mother and me for their expertise in transport and especially for their unselfish and dedicated service.

How fortunate for the residents and tourists to have such kind and competent emergency help!

Eilmore Chase

Clipped comment

BACK AT THE RANCH

We're just real proud that Governor Bruce King has come right out in public in favor of hiring a foreman for the good ol' state prison who might hang around at least for a couple of fall roundups.

And it's encouraging to read that Bruce is talking about going outside the home corral to look for someone to ramrod the mess down there in Santa Fe that's been developing for the past ten years or so. Right now they've got the hands busy building new fence around the bunkhouse so Bruce can bring back those strays that wound up on other ranches after the big stampede last February.

While they're doing that, though, Bruce is looking for a new foreman for the outfit and when he says he wants a young fellow who'll hang his saddle on the bunkhouse wall for "ten years or even 15 or 20 years," our head honcho is making sense.

It was really startling, too, to hear Bruce make such a profound announcement as "We do need continuity in the prison system." Since we've had four foremen in the last five years, it's understandable why the herd gets restless and even the greenest greenhorn could figure out you've gotta have "continuity."

We still sort of suspect that when Bruce announces his decision, the stagecoach pulls in and the new foreman steps down

he's going to be some Santa Fe politician — but we're hoping otherwise. The big problem is no really professional cowhand is going to want to get mixed up with those roughriders who meet every year at the ranch headquarters in Santa Fe and decide how to spend the year's take off the squatters up north, the oil barons down south and the miners out west, not to mention the city slickers back in Washington.

A really good foreman is going to cost more than \$150 a month and beans and that's about what the roughriders seem to think the job is worth. They don't seem to care whether or not the foreman knows which end of the cow the hay goes in — just so he doesn't burn up too much hay, spend too much money on the bunkhouse roof and get too loose with Bruce's money on payday.

To run the ranch right, they've got to pay the foreman top wages, give him the horses and hands to do the job and leave him alone as long as he seems to be doing the job. We might even have to pay him more than we pay the governor, but then the ranch is pretty run down and it's gonna take some talent and hard work getting it running smoothly again — and you have to pay for talent and hard work. That's why we may have to pay the foreman more than the governor. — The Rio Grande Sun, Espanola

editorial

We believe New Mexicans should immediately launch an intensive letter writing campaign to Governor King, urging the appointment of Dorothy Runnels to complete the unexpired term of the late Congressman Harold Runnels.

Dorothy has stated she is one hundred percent in accord with Harold's philosophies and his credo — the combination of which resulted in his being elected to five terms, with opposition ranging from token to unopposed.

Letters supporting her appointment should be addressed to: Governor Bruce King, State Capitol, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503.

We further believe that as a Congresswoman, Dorothy Runnels would carry on in the tradition that the voters of the Second Congressional District have wholeheartedly voiced in their support of Harold.

Sufficient support for Dorothy's appointment would also forcefully bring her desire to serve New Mexico to the attention of the Democratic Central Committee, who will name a candidate for Harold's post August 23. Can't be anything wrong with voicing strong support for Dorothy in letters to Governor King. — CD

Stuph & Junk

... by

Cale Dickey



JACK CRACKS BACK

Talk about playing cracking good golf ... Jack Nicklaus won the United States Open two months ago ... Sunday he ran away with the Professional Golfers' Association championship ... making it two out of four majors this year ... and that's a 500 pace ... which ain't bad ... especially for a golfer who was being tagged by sportswriters as over-the-hill.

Way I've read it ... Jack was a little perturbed about his golf game ... and got to checking into why he wasn't playing as well as he knew he could ... and he found he'd developed a hitch in his get along ... something in his swing that wasn't right ... and he made it right ... and now he boasts seventeen major titles ... which'll give Tom Watson and Andy Bean something to shoot for ... as well as any other golfing greats, present or future, who one day hope to replace Jack as "The Greatest Golfer of All Time."

But Jack's attack to get back into the winner's line at the pay table will give him greatness as a sports immortal ... he'll forever be "the greatest" ... just as is the Bambino ... and you can always ask Roger Maris or Hank Aaron for a "that's how it is," statement.

Kinda makes you wonder what Jack'll do in the next five years ... who knows, maybe he'll be a serious competitor for ten more ... and with two of golfing's greats ... Trevino's "He's unbelievable," ... and Player's "What he's done is incredible," ... as but two tributes paid to Jack after his big win Sunday ... maybe it'll be a spell before his successor is in the spotlight.

Course, in upcoming matches, Jack'll be the man to beat ... and he'll have his brilliant moments ... and take his lumps ... but it'll be a few moons until he's the "sentimental favorite" ... and when the day comes that he does leave the pro circuit ... think of the havoc he'll wreak ... and the trophies he'll claim ... battling it out for the Senior's Championship ... like maybe in the year 2,000 ... and beyond.

Yep ... everyone loves a winner ... and Jack's earned the right to be a beloved winner ... but it's one of the greatest accolades an athlete can receive, when it's his fellow competitors as are laying the praise on, ... 'cause when it's the losers as does the praise, it's from the heart.

A COLUMNIST'S WOES

One term that used to be heard in cattle country ... anyhow up north in North Dakota, where there's a head or two roaming the range ... when it came to sudden problems ... was ... "And then the calves got out."

Well ... there's good ol' boy Dan'l Storm ... who raises a head or three of cattle himself ... and who has water, snow and ice problems ... especially when he direly needs to ford the creek to fetch his "Silver Lining" or "The Dreamer" into The News before deadline time ... but the other day he done come a cropper of a real lulu ... almost even better'n the last time ... when he was "drouth" bound ... 'cause Dan'l up and phoned in that he'd not be able to deliver his column on time ... 'cause ... "one of my cows got out" ... and, 'cording to Dan'l, he was so petered out ... from running the hillsides ... and dales ... and fording the creek, 'n all to round the critter up ... that he just didn't have the strength to drive his old pickup across the rocky ford as leads to town.

Seems to me he'd save a lotta leg work ... and avoid a buncha short of breath attacks ... if'n he'd get Solo Vno onto his dog house ... and up and at them there wandering cows as gets outta the fence.

Can't hardly wait to see what next ill befalls good ol' boy Dan'l.

STRICTLY BANKER TALK

Buncha bankers'll meet at the Inn of the Mountain Gods October 2-4 ... with a groupa big shot bankers from lotta places doing the talking ... on such topics as "Depository Institutions Deregulation and Monetary Control Act" ... "Interest Rates, Inflation and the Economy in the 1980s" ... and "How a Seasoned Director Reads Bank Financial Statements" ... and them's probably just the highlights.

And, by jinkies, it's gonna cost them bankers \$350 each just to listen to them topics ... which is a lotta bread ... but it'll probably make them more dough than a baker handles getting ready for a big rush ... and what'll you bet, after they get all that learnin', your friendly banker'll still talk about loans and interest and stuff using them funny words.

BRIEF BIT: Life'd be a lot simpler if'n a shoe string'd break when you were in the process of untying your shoes ... CD



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Retiring Into the Racing Business



Bingo Osmon says if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. And that is exactly what he has done since his retirement.

The 70-year-old Warren, Ohio, resident has been trying to talk his grandson Butch out of the race car business for years. But, since he has been unsuccessful, he has gone along with it—literally. Since his retirement five years ago from the United Telephone Service, Bingo has been helping out Butch full time. Butch is a former Pro Comp champion of the International Hot Road Association's Winston Challenge

Series. And he keeps his grandfather hopping.

Bingo runs errands to the airport to drop off and pick up new car parts; he drives the trailer to and from racing sites; he serves as part of the crew at the race.

"I do all sorts of things like chasing parts, carrying fuel jugs and driving the rig when everyone needs sleep," says Bingo. "It sure beats wasting away in Florida. I enjoy the traveling, and I especially enjoy being around the younger people at the races."

Bingo says they have put 50,000 miles on the trailer in the past two summers. And, he points out, Butch does his racing only on weekends because he holds a full-time job in the steel industry.

"In my years of working, I had no quitting time," Bingo says about his active life. "The doctor told my family not to let me sit down after I retired. And since then, they are always finding something for me to do."

"I enjoyed some fishing in Florida, but we missed all the family we had in Ohio and the pace down there was too slow," he continued. "I'd rather be doing

what we're doing and enjoying it."

Bingo, who got his name after someone mispronounced his CB handle of "Big O," says he did not want to retire at age 65 after 35 years of climbing poles for the telephone company. He was a repair-and-trouble man and would sometimes work as many as 1,300 overtime hours per year. His wife Helen, 63, recently retired from the General Motors Plant.

"This retirement is a rough deal, trying to find something to do," says Bingo. But he seems to have found his niche in the racing business.

"We might work four to eight hours at the shop at home sometimes and then drive all night to get to a race," he says. "But I enjoy keeping busy, I really do."

Even Helen gets involved in her grandson's business. She has joined the Osmon team on the road several times since her retirement. "She would go to every other race," explains Bingo. "She gets as much a kick out of it as I do."

The Jane Addams Center, a food co-op on North

Broadway in Chicago, has been in the business of low prices for about a year and a half. It has more than 50 members and deals in dairy products, fruits and vegetables. Every other Thursday the co-op gives their members a break and sells their products at lower than store prices. Seniors pay only three dollars a year for membership and, as members, they pay no sales tax on their purchases.

If you have seen advertisements for inexpensive hotel rooms in Florida, make sure you check into them carefully before traveling that way. Some hotels say they rent a certain number of rooms to seniors at special rates. But many travelers are left stranded or paying higher prices. The advertised accommodations are often sold in advance or are not available for other reasons. One Better Business Bureau suggested going through the travel section of the *New York Sunday Times* and looking for the special rates—and then hiring a travel agent in the South. □

'The American Farm' photo exhibit scheduled at Albuquerque Museum

Residents of New Mexico will have a special opportunity in August and September with the opening of an exhibit entitled "The American Farm" at the Albuquerque Museum August 18.

"The American Farm" is a unique display of black and white photographs from the mid-19th Century to the present. The exhibit will run through September 21, which means that people attending the New Mexico State Fair will have an opportunity to visit the museum.

This traveling exhibition was mounted by the California Historical Society and is sponsored by the Albuquerque Museum, the Bernalillo-Sandoval County Farm and Livestock Bureau and made possible by a grant from the New Mexico Humanities Council.

From the first time a plow broke American soil into furrows, observers have noted the importance of the farm in the development of the United States.

Among those who have watched and documented the farm, its land and its people, were the photographers armed with cameras which were as rudimentary as their subject.

Scheduled concurrently with the exhibit will be several slide lectures and presentations of one film documentary. On the day of the exhibit opening Dr. T. Lindsey Baker will speak on "Wind Mills and Agricultural Equipments in the South-

west" at 2 p.m. Dr. Baker is the Associated Curator of History at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, Texas.

At 3 p.m., the same day, Austin Hoover will present "A Brief History of Agriculture in New Mexico." Hoover is the director of the Rio Grande Historical Collections at the New Mexico State University.

August 17, Dr. James C. Moore, director of the Albuquerque Museum, will speak on

"Agriculture in American Art," at 2 p.m.

The museum will also present showings of "American Images/Farm Security Administration (FSA) Photographs — 1935-42," a documentary of who recorded the grim dustbowl period of the FSA photographers. These hour-long showings are scheduled at 2 and 3 p.m., August 24, 31 and September 7.

All lectures and film presentations will be conducted in the museum auditorium and are free to the public.

Public transportation grants to be available

A new federal grant administered by the state Highway Department will make \$111,000 available in a five-county area comprising Chaves, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln and Otero counties to assist in the development and operation of local public transportation programs.

The funds earmarked for this area are part of a \$724,318 grant to assist in the planning, establishment and operation of public transportation systems in rural and small urban areas throughout the state.

The Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District will administer the fund allocations for this area. Ivan Hall is the district staff member coordinating the local program. He can be contacted at the district office, Post Office Box 6639, RIAC, Roswell, N. M. 88201, for information and a copy of the program guidelines.

The grant money is available to state agencies, local public bodies, Indian tribes, non-profit organizations and both public and private operators of public transportation services.

Guidelines allow funds to be used for capital outlay, operating expenses and technical assistance costs.

Capital outlay includes purchase or lease of vans or buses, accessory equipment such as wheelchair ramps, and real estate directly affecting the quality or

quantity of the service to be provided. The grant provides 80 percent of capital outlay money required. Local sources must provide the remaining 20 percent.

Operating expense grants are funded on a 50-50 basis. Fuel, replacement parts, employee salaries, licenses, insurance and administrative costs can be paid from these funds.

Technical assistance money can pay for driver and mechanic training and studies of local transportation needs. This phase of the program does not require local matching funds.

Agencies or individuals in this five-county area wanting to apply for capital assistance or operational funds should submit a letter of intent to the development district before August 29. Grant applications must be received before November 14.

The advance planning section of the Highway Department's general office in Santa Fe will handle all requests for technical assistance grants. Letters of intent and applications should be sent to Ron Forts of the planning section at Post Office Box 1149, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503.

The deadlines for letters of intent and applications for technical assistance grants are the same as those for other parts of the program.

Foresters adding caves to protected list

A list of 35 undeveloped caves has been added to those already under the protective wing of the Lincoln National Forest, for the mutual protection of both the caves and cavers.

Tom Davis, Guadalupe District Ranger, said the caves were added to the list because of the growing number of Forest visitors who are interested in undeveloped cave exploration.

"A cave can only stand so much traffic

without some of its formations being damaged," Davis said, adding that the only reason for the Forest's now requiring a free permit to enter the caves is so the number of cavers can be regulated for the caves' protection, and that inexperienced cavers can be given a few pointers on safety and cave exploration, for their own protection.

Most of our cave visitors are experienced and usually come with an organized group, Davis said, but a lot of inexperienced people are interested in caves too. And some of the later group don't realize that a visit to an undeveloped cave is not like a stroll through Carlsbad Caverns.

New cave explorers applying for a permit to enter one of the district's 80 caves are screened by the district's cave specialists. Experienced cavers are given a list of the district's general cave management rules, a list of the hazards in the individual cave they plan to visit, and a list of the equipment they will need, when their permits are issued.

Applications for cave permits on holiday weekends must be turned in six weeks in advance and for ordinary weekend or weekdays, two weeks in advance. For more information, contact the District office at Alamogordo.

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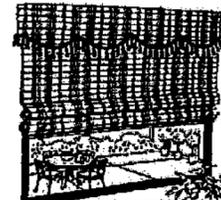
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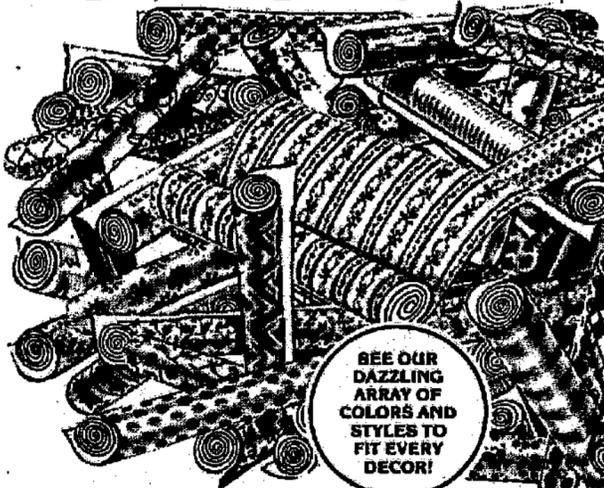


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Youngsters had a fun time at the Ruidoso Library Monday afternoon



OVER AND BACK goes Tresa Halbrooks in the gymnastics portion of the library's fun fair, held Monday afternoon. Assisting is Charlotta Stewart.



THE RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY was the place to be Monday afternoon as young participants in the summer programs gave their parents and friends an opportunity to see what they had accomplished. These three found a good vantage point for the gymnastics exhibition.

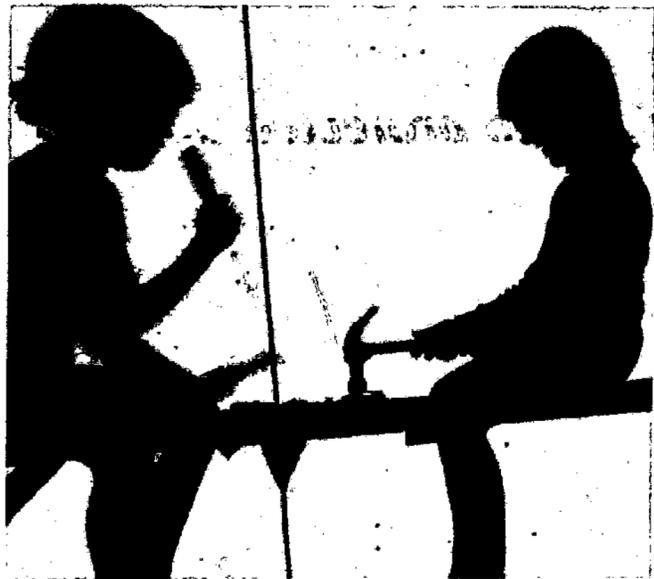


THIS LITTLE GIRL was probably the most attentive spectator at the fun fair at Ruidoso Public Library Monday afternoon. Not only did she demand a front row seat, she even went backstage to see how it's done.

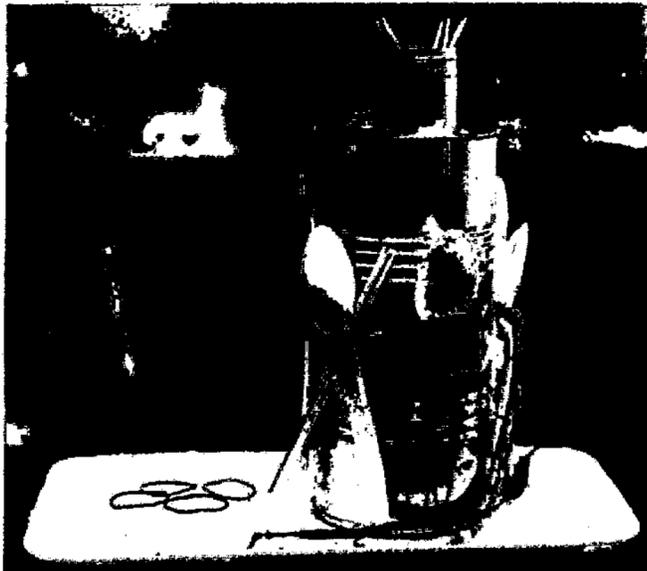
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ELVES PERFORMED good deeds during the shadow play. These two were constructing footwear in the enactment of "The Shoemaker and the Elves."



IT'S EASY to figure out what this unusual sculpture really is — a toothpick holder! It was created by one of the children participating in the summer activities program at Ruidoso Public Library.



BRAD BELL, left, proved Monday that he is a blossoming magician when he poured orange juice into a hat (he borrowed from a member of the audience, no less) and later, to the surprise of some audience members, returned the hat to its owner with not a drop of juice to stain it. He is being assisted by Blake Starr, who taught magic in the Ruidoso Public Library's summer activities program.



YOU MIGHT NOT look too great in the morning, but just be thankful you don't look like this little lady, one of the puppets featured in a puppet show at the fun fair Monday at Ruidoso Public Library.



A CAPACITY CROWD attended the Fun Day activities at Ruidoso Public Library Monday afternoon.

Wilderness Wisdom

with Wayne Calloway

Dear Wayne — At the end of last year's hunting season, I zipped my shotgun into a newly acquired carrying case and set it in a corner until the next season. I used the case for storage because I don't have a guncase and I thought it would afford protection from dirt and dust. When I opened the case this season, I was shocked that the gun had rusted in several places. What might have caused this? Jerry T., Alabama

Dear Jerry — As you now know, a zippered gun case should be used only to transport your firearm. When a gun is zipped into one for long periods, the moisture inside can't escape, and temperature changes can cause condensation; all of which spells trouble to metal. It might seem that the fleece-lined and similarly lined cases would offer good protection against rusting but, actually, these are the biggest contributors toward it.

If you insist on storing a gun in a zipper case, choose one that has been treated to prevent rusting and be sure your gun is well-cleaned and oiled before zipping it away.

Dear Wayne—I am planning to drive to Wyoming for an antelope hunt next season. I'm not foolish enough to assume that I will bag one, but optimistic enough to think I might. Since I'll be several days away from home, I'm wondering if the meat can be kept satisfactorily in dry ice for two or three days. — Bradford R., Pennsylvania

Dear Bradford—No problem. Dry ice is extremely cold, often below -100 degrees F. Since it evaporates instead of melting, you won't be bothered with slush and water. If you pack the meat properly in the ice, it will be frozen solidly upon your arrival home. You may, however, need to add more ice during the trip. Incidentally, don't handle dry ice with bare hands. The extreme cold can freeze and damage the skin tissues.

Dear Wayne — I occasionally get the urge to buy a canoe for family outings and there is present a used 12-foot aluminum one for sale in the neighborhood. It seems in good condition and, although I'm not certain, the price sounds reasonable. Do you think one of this size is adequate for family use? Is there anything in particular I should look for when inspecting the canoe? Howard W., Illinois

Dear Howard — I don't know how many there are in your family or how many might pile into the canoe at once, but I think you would do well to locate a larger one. Maybe one of 15 or 16 feet. The 12-footers are very limited in passenger space and carrying capacity and, unless they are the sleek, narrow solo canoes (which the aluminum ones usually aren't), they are bulky and inefficient. A 15 or 16 foot one weighs only a little more and the rewards in capacity and paddling efficiency are considerable. You might even consider an 18-foot one if your family is large and loading it isn't a problem.

When checking an aluminum canoe's condition, keep an eye out for loose or sheered rivets and deep dents. Either will indicate past abuse and potential problems. Slight dimples and dents are almost unavoidable in an aluminum hull, and their significance is little more than cosmetic. If you're really interested in superior performance and handling, there are many hull designs to choose from, but that's another story.

Dear Wayne — I would like to try to catch a young whitetail fawn and raise it as a pet and be able to study its habits. My folks say I wouldn't be able to trap one and, even if I did, it would probably die. Is this true? If not, could you tell me how to trap one? Tony D., Wisconsin

Dear Tony — Sorry, no. I happen to believe that a fawn is entitled to live out its destiny in the wild. Exceptions to this would be if it was hurt or separated from its mother and facing starvation. Even then, I feel it should be returned to the wild as soon as it's able.

Besides, it is a violation of the law in most states to keep a wild animal in captivity unless you have a permit to do so.

Dear Wayne — It seems that my part of the country has more than its share of mosquitoes, and I know of nothing that can ruin a backwoods outing quicker than these pesky varmints. Rather than surrender to them, I usually smear on repellent and go fishing anyway, but I don't really enjoy getting all buttered up.

For a while now, I've been seeing a couple of different ads pop up for a supply of pills that supposedly ward off mosquito bites if taken daily. While I am very tempted, I'm not convinced that they will work. I also wonder if they are safe, as advertised. Would you know anything about them? Ray M., Florida

Dear Ray — I've been planning to try these tablets to check their effectiveness, but I haven't. So, I don't know. Nor do I know if they are safe for consumption because I'm not sure what is in them. But I like to believe that I have a fair idea of their basic ingredient.

I have heard from more than one source over the years that Vitamin B tablets are effective mosquito repellents. When taken daily, or at least starting a few days in advance of an outing, the body emits an odor that is offensive to mosquitoes, but not to humans. Vitamin B tablets are very inexpensive, and supposedly quite safe because the body rids itself of excessive amounts rather than storing them.

If my hunch is right, your local supermarket can supply you with an equally effective oral mosquito repellent at less cost, but then, I'm not sure. I am, however, going to pick up a supply very soon. Nothing beats a test.

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The Silver Lining

BY DANIEL AGNEW STORM

Mid-Summer Evening Serenade

Along about August the seventh, we passed the half-way mark of the season of summer with the first day of fall arriving on September twenty-four.

On the night of Saturday, August nine, after a rose and golden display of clouds moving through the sky on the northeast wind during the sunset and the gloaming — after this glorious signal of good things on the way, about nine o'clock here came the heaviest rain of the year, splashing through the darkness over hill and dale, causing the dreaming world to awaken and rejoice.

The next day the new grass had turned the fields and meadows into glowing carpets of light green all adorned with rain jewelry sparkling in the sun which shone bright and dim above the gently moving clouds.

Then just at dusk on the evening of Monday the eleventh what was that sound, so familiar in the summer evenings of years past? Sure enough, it was the evening serenade of the crickets down among oaks, walnuts, box elder, wild cherry and wild grape vines at the water's edge.

What with the rains arriving so late, the record heat and drought, you had forgotten about these little troubadours of the summer evenings. How welcome their music falls upon your ear, more sweet than ever reaching us so late, and after such a dry early summer. Ernest McDaniel tells me the true name of these enchanting little musicians is "Snowy Crickets," because they keep on singing and strumming their harmonious little chords until the snow flies.

The Misty Morning
Now, on August twelve, we know that the Snowy Crickets were singing. It was the song of the misty rain, for morning broke with the fresh smell of gentle mist drifting through the vale. And now at midday, the gentlest of rain is falling all in the mountain world brightening the smile on the face of Good Mother Earth.

Early this morning the two little calves left here around the house were running and jumping, beside themselves with delight at the fresh rain and the delicious food, the new grass.

Now out on the green carpet of the little meadow south of the house, Whitley Ford, the little calf with a lot of white in his coloring, is stretched out soaking up the misty rain. And the littlest calf, Valentine Kid, is under the Blue Bird tree, chewing his cud just like a great big bull.

I think I have told you a little about the calf, Whitley Ford, that I named after the great pitcher of the New York Yankees.

Little Valentine Kid is the pride and joy of the calves of this year, and one of the favorite calves in the history of the Storm Ranch. We will have a few words about him next time or so.

Misty Weather Great For Apples And Wild Flowers

There is something about this misty rain that favors the apples. They seem to inhale the moisture and other elements of the rain through their skin, wonderfully gaining color, flavor and size.

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Jockey/Trainer of the week

BY MIKE MAGDA

Gary Sumpter, the busiest rider on the grounds, rode six winners over the weekend to earn Jockey of the Week honors. Shirley Montgomery saddled five

winners to pick up the Trainer of the Week title.

Sumpter scored five of his wins in the All-American Futurity elimination trials Thursday and Friday. Included in his tally

were the Daily Double races Thursday. Sumpter then added a victory Sunday to wrap up the title.

Winning five races over the four day weekend were Joe Martinez, who extended his overall lead, and Jackie Martin, who moved up in the standings as did Sumpter.

Sumpter was aboard one of Montgomery's four winners Thursday. It was the first time any trainer had saddled four winners on one day. She ended her total with a solo victory Friday. Overall, Montgomery qualified seven horses to the August 22 time trials for the All-American.

Sumpter leads the jockeys with 331 mounts this season. His closest foe is Joe Martinez, who goes into the upcoming weekend with 296. Martinez is the leading rider with 46 wins on the season, seven more than Martin who moved up from third to second with 39 victories. Richard Bickel dropped into third with 36 wins followed by Sumpter with 34.

Moving back into the Top 10 was Jerry Nicodemus, who scored four wins and now holds onto last place.

Bob E. Arnett maintained a seven race padding over William F. Leach in the overall trainer standings. Both had two winners over the weekend. Arnett leads with 28 victories while Leach has 21. Montgomery moved from eight to third place and trails with 18 wins. A group of five trainers follow with 15 wins each.

Racing continues today and extends through Sunday with full quarter horse and thoroughbred cards. A stout group of three-year-olds head the six furlong feature today. Friday's card will be dominated by 440 yard trials for the \$1.5 million (est.) All-American Derby. Stakes winners of over \$100,000 like Denim N Diamonds, Jaimie Jay, Pie In The Sky, Rocket Jet Bug, Thats Raney, Merridoc, Pa Pa Wheelie and Sages Belle Star are eligible to enter.

Saturday's card includes trials for the Ruidoso Thoroughbred Futurity over six furlongs. The \$25,000 (est.) Ruidoso Thoroughbred Derby is set for Sunday.

First post each day is 1 p.m.

Jockey/Trainer standings

STANDINGS
[Through Sunday, August 10, 1980]

JOCKEYS					
	Sts.	1sts	2nds	3rds	Win Pct
Joe Martinez	298	47	38	47	.158
Jackie Martin	209	39	16	34	.187
Richard Bickel	238	36	28	25	.151
Gary Sumpter	331	34	30	38	.103
Pedro Benitez	197	30	22	25	.132
Larry Byers	218	28	25	25	.128
Leroy Coombs	211	26	26	24	.123
Darrell Blevins	299	26	33	31	.087
Charles Mueller	135	21	19	18	.155
Jerry Nicodemus	111	20	12	15	.180

TRAINERS					
	Sts.	1sts	2nds	3rds	Win Pct
Bob E. Arnett	144	28	22	22	.194
William F. Leach	158	21	18	18	.133
Shirley A. Montgomery	121	18	20	13	.149
Elmer L. Shepard	116	15	19	16	.070
H. C. Werner, Jr.	132	15	15	19	.114
Clifford C. Lambert	120	15	13	18	.125
Gerald E. Marr	94	16	13	9	.160
E. Jolly Driskill	44	15	5	9	.341
Roger Fagan	110	14	14	8	.127
Rex D. Brooks	88	14	11	10	.159
H. Don Farris	88	14	10	16	.159

WINNING POST POSITIONS

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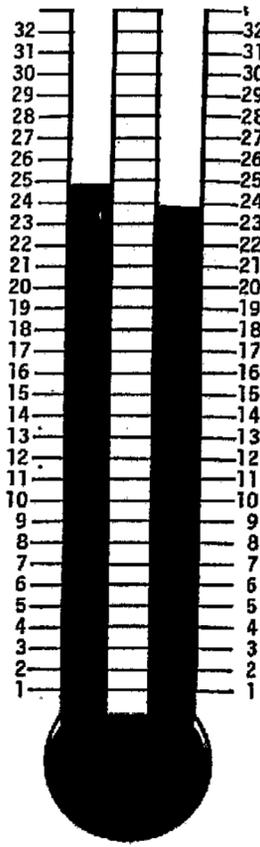
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Ruidoso Downs Hoofbeats

BY MIKE MAGDA

THERE WERE VERY few upsets Thursday and Friday in the elimination trials for the upcoming \$1.28 million All-American Futurity. Nineteen trials over 440 yards were held each day with the top three finishers advancing to time trials August 22. There the 10 fastest horses will move on to the \$1,000,000 final Labor Day. Three consolation are also slated for the 11th through 40th fastest horses to distribute the remainder of the gross purse. The All-American will be nationally televised to almost 40 states and over 100 major market areas.

SIXTEEN OF THE 18 favorites each day moved into the second round of qualifying. There were six winning favorites Thursday with 11 winning favorites Friday. The two biggest upsets of the weekend involved the runnerup and third place horses in the recent \$20,000 Skool Dash For Cash Futurity. Baby Hold On, an impressive daughter of Dash For Cash, went off at 3-5 but broke poorly. She ended up seventh. Six Fols, a 2-1 pick, was the winner. Kita Salls, the third place finisher in the West Coast Classic, was an even money pick and also finished seventh in that trial.

TWO 1-8 FAVORITES won with impressive showings. Mighty Deck Three, winner of the Rainbow Futurity, captured his trial by over three lengths and returned \$2.20 across the board. Clever Bug, the Kansas Champ and runnerup in the Rainbow, also paid \$2.20 to win after an easy 1 3/4 length win Friday, but was a little more generous with a \$2.40 place payoff.

EASY JET was the dominant sire with 16 offspring advancing to the time trials. The World Champion had 30 two-year-olds in the trials. Ten of 16 moved on from Thursday's action while six of 14 advanced from Friday. Included in Thursday's program were two races where Easy Jet offspring took first and second. Overall, Easy Jet won six races in the trials. Easy Six, a deceased son of Easy Jet, followed his sire with seven qualifiers while Henspen (a thoroughbred) had six. Raise Your Glass and Pass 'Em Up, both thoroughbreds, had five qualifiers each.

TWENTY-EIGHT of the 114 qualifiers were purchased in the 1979 All-American Select Yearling Sale. Heading the list is Shake It To Em, the record \$100,000 seller who finished second to Jet View, a \$12,500 purchase, in the 29th division. Quick Wrangler, a \$4,700 purchase, is a recent stakes winner and also qualified. Here are the remaining purchases: Born Runner, \$13,000; St. Rain Bar, \$5,000; Yama Hauler, \$8,000; Miss Easy Six, \$23,000; Easily Noble, \$44,000; War Sea, \$4,700; Gwen Rocket, \$16,000 (repurchase); Dean City, \$7,600; Sound Venture, \$40,000; Mighty Pass Em \$37,000 (repurchase); General Te, \$13,500; Manly Morris, \$11,500; Rocky, \$18,500; Miley Secret, \$37,000; Mystic Eye, \$6,000; Ivory Crockett, \$80,000 (repurchase); Fals Strip Deck, \$5,500; Mike Latana, \$20,500; Matty Mito, \$3,300 (repurchase); Chincheta Chick, \$4,200; Viva Six, \$20,000; Soul Long, \$75,000; Another Aton Bug, \$45,000; and Max Capri, \$50,000 (repurchase).

JACKIE MARTIN was the leading jockey with 13 qualifiers. He advanced five the first day, then dominated Friday with eight qualifiers. Included in Friday's tally were victories in the daily double. Jerry Nicodemus and Willie Lovell advanced eight horses each while Gary Sumpter was aboard seven qualifiers. H. Don Farris and

Shirley Montgomery led the trainers with seven qualifiers each. Montgomery scored four wins Thursday and one Friday. Roger Fagan and H. C. Werner Jr., each advanced five.

IN OTHER TRIAL NOTES: the season's first sloppy track was listed Thursday after a mid afternoon storm. It came during the 13th and 14th races. The track was listed as muddy early Friday, then changed to heavy and good later in the day. The fastest time of the 38 winners was 22.10 seconds, turned in by Sinful Soul in the sixth race Thursday. The first foal of World Champion Easy Date, Another Date, finished fourth in the 32nd division and just missed qualifying for the time trials. Some of the top West Coast riders, including Danny Cardoza, Kenneth Hart and Steve Treasure, were in town for the trials. Joe Ober made his first start since May 23 when he injured his ankle at Los Alamitos in a starting gate accident. Joe taken off his mounts Thursday after a starting gate accident in the 10th race broke his ankle.

THERE WERE EIGHT minus show pools during the trials, costing the track a total of \$11,004.24. The biggest loss occurred in Thursday's 11th race where Mighty Deck Three won. There was a total of \$25,623 bet to show on the popular gelding in a \$3,298 pool. There was a minus pool of \$5,056 in that race. Clever Bug's victory Friday set up a minus pool of \$4,922.78. Other minus pools centered around Easily Smashed, Mystic Eye, Jet View, Tiny Gay Bug, Sudden Dash and Easy Hemp.

A TRIO OF PRO FOOTBALL players had winning interests in the trials. My Kids Trouble, a colt owned in part by Joe Marconi of St. Charles, Illinois, won the 16th race Friday. Marconi played fullback for the Chicago Bears and Los Angeles Rams and was the leading rusher for the Bears when they won the World Championship. His partner is Bill Gahberg. Pass Em Jet Star won the sixth race Friday for Mel Blount and Joe Greene of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Both are still playing for the Super Bowl champs.

IN STEWARDS' RULINGS: —Trainers M. Dookey Guinn, Johnie A. Goodman, Ronald L. Kling, Bill G. Pounds, Matt L. Baker, Steven W. Rothblum, Bill R. Weger, Jeffrey A. Chambers, George Scott Wells, Wilma Daly, Leo D. Wood, Blaine Schavaneveldt, Larry D. Mallock and Thomas A. Riley were fined \$50 each for entering a horse without first obtaining an owner's license.

—Jockey Agent Charlene G. Manuel was fined \$25 for being in a restricted area following the 12th race August 7.

—Jockey Willie G. Lovell was fined \$25 for failure to have his chin strap fastened during the post parade.

WITH THE RUIDOSO HANDLE booming the way it is, another purse increase goes into effect. The latest will cover the four days in the upcoming weekend (August 14-17). Basically, it'll be another \$200 boost for most races. Not counting trials, the minimum purse becomes \$2,500. Top allowance horses will be running at an amazing purse of \$5,000. Further purse increases are being considered for the remaining two weeks of the season.

THE DAILY WAGERING average has now inched up to \$458,453 and continues solidly on course toward an all time record. At this point last year, the average was \$435,824. The current figure is a gain of 7.49 percent. Wagering-per-race now stands at \$38,512 from 880 races, up 10.58 percent over the \$33,017 per-race average from 728 races at this time last year. Over the weekend, the four day betting total was \$2,658,218 for a stunning daily average of \$664,054. It was the best weekend total—not counting holidays—in the track's history. Saturday's handle of \$734,139 was second best for the season. The per race average was \$61,178. A total of 24,517 visited the track over the weekend. This was a gain of 22.27 percent over the 20,051 headcount for this weekend last summer.

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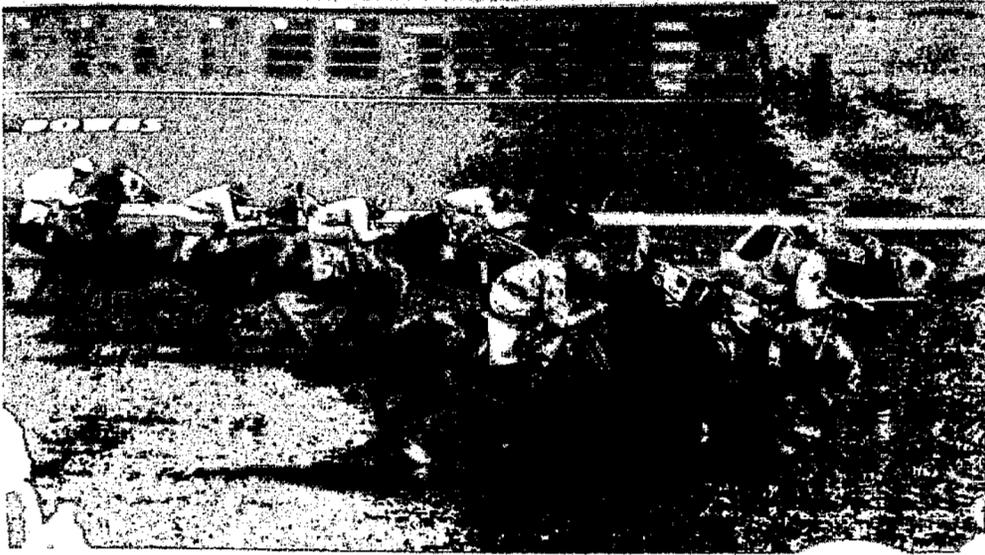
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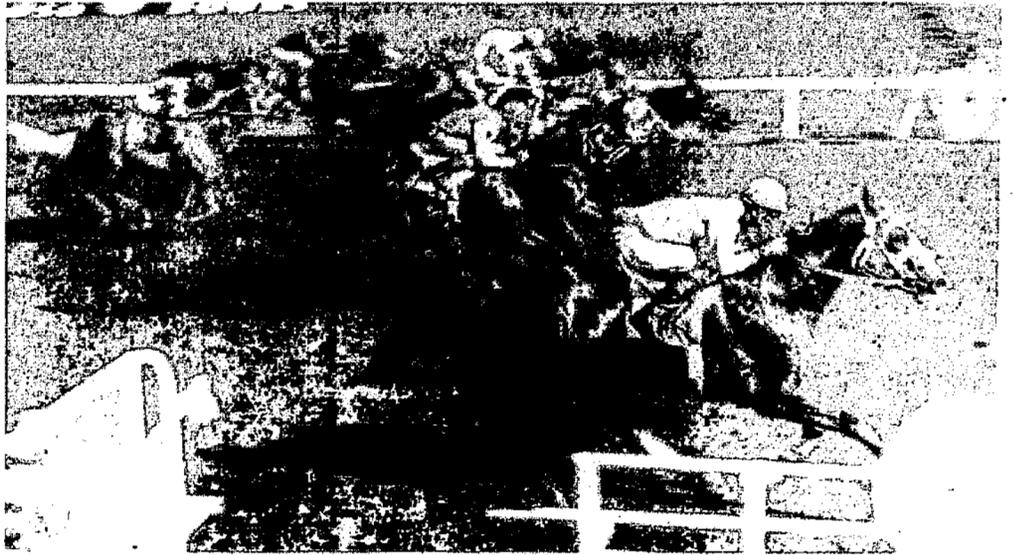
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A NOSE IN FRONT—Kennys Sam, owned by Ray Mallnski of Duchesne, Utah, rushes to an upset win in Saturday's first division of the Three Bars Handicap at Ruidoso Downs. Jay Lewis is in the saddle. The Three Bars covered 400 yards.



HE'S IN OVERDRIVE—Overdrive Junior, a gelding owned by Platte Valley Petro Energy of Denver, Colorado, is clearly in front at the finish of the second division of the Three Bars Handicap at Ruidoso Downs. Don Knight rode the winner.

Current records at Ruidoso Downs

SEASONAL FASTEST TIMES (Through Sunday, Aug. 10)

4 furlong — 45.1, No Manners, Sunday, June 29.
 5 1/2 furlongs — 1:07, Ghost Light, Sunday, June 15.
 6 furlongs — 1:14 3/5, Country Cal, Friday, July 25.
 6 1/2 furlongs — 1:20.4, Saurkraut, Friday, July 4.
 7 furlongs — 1:29, Dandy Binge, Sunday, July 13.
 7 1/2 furlongs — 1:38, Bruce The King, Sunday, June 8.
 1 mile — 1:45, Incredible Image, Thursday, June 12; Black At The Wire, Friday, July 25.
 1 1/16 mile — 1:52.3, Country Fever, Sunday, July 6.
 350 yards — 18.09, Mystic Moon Dust, Saturday, June 7.
 400 yards — 19.94, Mighty Deck Three, Sunday, July 20.
 440 yards — 22.00, Alamitos Feature, Sunday, July 27.
 550 yards — 27.81, Red Quarter, Friday, August 1.
 870 yards — 46.45, Bartonville, Saturday, May 17.

MUTUEL HIGHS AND LOWS

High win — \$176.00, Swingsational, Friday, May 16.
 High place — \$207.80, Swingsational, Friday, May 16.
 High show — \$32.50, Swingsational, Friday, May 16.
 Low win — \$2.20, Mighty Deck Three, Friday, July 3; Thursday, August 7; Clever Bug, Friday, August 8.
 High Daily Double — \$636.00, Cheap Table/Centennial Kid, Saturday, August 9.
 Low Daily Double — \$4.40, Native Tea/Rule The Deck, Friday, June 27.
 High Big Q — \$29,600.00, Just One Wink/Scatta Buck, Frosty Jimmer/Efficient, Sunday, June 8.
 Low Big Q — \$57.20, Jet View/Alot Quleker, Whizzer Smith/Mr. Boone Bug, Thursday, June 26.
 High Quinella — \$1,285.00, Swingsational/Champs Ms Dividend, Friday, May 16.
 Low Quinella — \$3.00, Sunday's Night/Dutch Luck, Thursday, June 19; Pajero Chlco/Ivory Crockett, Thursday, August 8.



SPEED TROPHY—Rita Danely collects the victory ornament after her gelding, Thirty Five, demolished the \$13,950 Ruidoso Speed Handicap by eight lengths. Thirty Five is trained by Rita's husband, Fred (second from right). The jockey is Charles Mueller. Dean Turpitt, the long time starter at Ruidoso, made the victory presentation.

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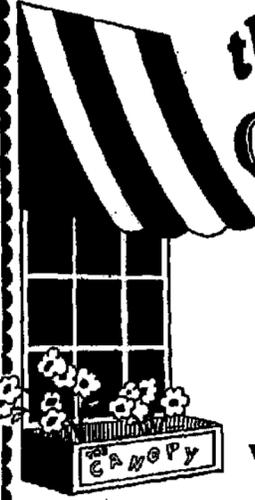
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BARBARA ORTIZ — horse racing's in her blood

Barbara Ortiz qualifies as a horse racing fan

BY CALE DICKEY
Ruidoso News Editor

The petite, perky and perceptive gray haired lady you see sitting near the nurse's office at Ruidoso Downs Race Track — she's the closest thing to a permanent fixture there — was first smitten with a love for "The Sport of Kings," 30 years ago in Ruidoso when she watched her first racing program at Hollywood Race Track.

Since that fateful Saturday, August 5, 1950, she's followed the ponies with intense pleasure — missing the action only when it has been impossible for her to attend.

"I'm a regular fan," she said. "I love it. I go all the time."

She's a handicapper. Does the whole bit, including studying the Racing Form. "I do have my favorite jockeys and trainers that I like to bet on," she said, "but I handicap the horses too. Sometimes I hit them, sometimes I don't, but that's the way it goes."

As to how she fares at the mutual windows, she grinned, then said, "I do pretty good on the ponies. I never hit any big ones — oh, once in a while, but not too many. But I have a lot of fun."

Her daughter, Barbara McCoy, is a Ruidoso Downs Race Track employee, working a quinella window. Of her mother, McCoy said, "I see her all the time," at the track.

Her introduction to horse racing was accidental. She and her husband, the late Joe Ortiz, "just happened to be in Ruidoso, drove here from Freeport, Texas, just to look the town over. We went to the races and I've been going to the races ever since."

She and her husband moved to Ruidoso in 1956. "Joe was chef at the Navajo Lodge and I was the waitress. I went to the races all the time. It was in my blood — and still is."

When it comes to betting on the jockeys, her favorite is Jack Wallace, and she also likes Gerald Marr. "They're so jolly and friendly," she said, "and I really enjoy talking with them."

In talking about her favorite trainers, she said, "Bob Arnett was a trainer here in 1950, when I saw my first race. He's still a trainer here and is Number One in my book."

"I also like Carl Woolen, he's a trainer I've watched a long time."

"Then there's Cliff Lambert. I like him as a trainer. I was there the day he won the first All-American Futurity. That was in 1959. Rode Galobar. Won by a half length. He didn't win much money, but he sure rode a great race." (The total purse for the 1959 All-American Futurity was \$129,686 with the winner's share being \$64,843.)

She's much interested in this year's All-American Futurity running Labor Day. "I have my own ideas on who will win," she said, "but I'm not talking about it."

"What I'm doing, though, is rooting for the people who are here all the time — the trainers and jockeys who are always here — the people that are the track."

"Just maybe, this year, one of our regular trainers and a regular jockey will be the winner. I hope so."

As to the future, Barbara Ortiz said she'll "not miss any more races than I have to . . . horse racing's in my blood . . . and I like it."

And if you want to stop by her chair — just outside the nurse's station door — next time you're at Ruidoso Downs, take a moment to talk racing with this gracious lady. Ask her some questions about racing here — especially after 1956 — she knows what has happened, and there's a likelihood she knows what's going to happen.

Then there's her cherished memento — the program at Hollywood Race Track of Saturday, August 5, 1950 — she just might whip it out to show you she's been following the ponies here 30 years. And more than likely she'll say, "They didn't race for much money then. The races were for just \$200, plus five percent of the mutual handle. But were they ever fun to watch."



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THIS TATTERED, faded, racing program from Hollywood Race Track, August 5, 1950, is Barbara Ortiz' cherished memento of her indoctrination into the thrills of horse racing. Since that first race, she's been a regular at Ruidoso Downs and doesn't figure to miss out on any of the action for many years to come.

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