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News now has hotline for tips

The Ruidoso News now has a hotline that people can call 24 hours a day with news tips. The hotline number is 257-1122. When no one is in the office, people can leave messages on the recorder.

Carrizozo School Board candidates in debate today

The 11 candidates for Carrizozo School Board will face off in a community forum at 6:30 p.m. today, Jan. 29. The debate will be held at the Otero County Electric Cooperative building, 513 12th Ave., in Carrizozo. People in the audience can submit written questions for the candidates after their two-minute opening statements. Karen Haughness of the ENMU-Frio program will moderate.

Candidates' views in Friday's paper

The Ruidoso News will print information about school board candidates in this Friday's paper. Interviews and/or stories about debates for candidates in all Lincoln County school districts will be included. Stories on bond issues will also be printed. The school districts hold elections on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

Earth Day meeting Friday in Alamogordo

The first planning meeting for the Annual Community Earth Day Fair is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31 at the AFOTZ Zoo Education Building on White Sands Blvd. next to the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce. The meeting is open to all who are interested. Bring your ideas. The Earth Day Fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 19. The event is again being coordinated by the Tularosa Basin Interagency Education Committee. For more information, call Anne Doherty at 479-6124.



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Basking Beast

April the donkey finally gets to relax her old bones on a spot of dry ground under a tree, now that Ruidoso's snow is melting away. April lives along U.S. Highway 70 West on the edge of town.

Capitan School Board member won't resign despite teachers' demand

by DIANNE STALLINGS
 Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The Capitan School Board has cleared member Freda McSwane of any district violations in connection with a recent complaint by the Classroom Teachers Association of Capitan that called for McSwane's resignation.

But members acknowledged some of McSwane's actions were inappropriate in the case involving a student accused of slapping a teacher.

The association (CACT) is drafting a reply to the board's response, which occurred Thursday, a little more than a month after the CACT called for McSwane's resignation.

"We will reply before the end of the week," said CACT President Dottie MacVeigh. "It will be real simple."

When the group lodged its complaint last month, MacVeigh said it appeared that on more than one occasion, McSwane had overstepped her duties and violated the board's code of ethics by ignoring the chain of command and intervening on behalf of a student.

McSwane appears to have acted on her own in situations where confidential information was involved and may have been disclosed, the CACT contended.

In their typed reply, board members said they understood how "it appeared inappropriate" to teachers when McSwane talked to a parent and the administration privately about an inci-

dent involving the daughter of a deputy, especially because the deputy was associated at the time with her husband, former sheriff James McSwane.

"This incident illustrates the problems that can arise from a board member acting or purporting to act, alone, particularly when such action appears to be taken on behalf of an individual constituent," the board wrote in its formal response to CACT's complaint. "Although Mrs. McSwane believed she was acting to protect the district against a legal threat, there were alternatives that would have constituted a better practice and that would have not created the unfortunate perceptions and suspicions that have now arisen.

"Mrs. McSwane has expressed to the board her recognition of her mistakes in the matter and her regret at having taken actions that created perceptions and suspicions tending to discredit her and the board."

To avoid a recurrence, the board drafted a policy to clarify the appropriate line of communication among board members and the administration, "both in relation to each other and in relation to school district constituents, including parents and employees."

The new policy will be based on more objective standards, board members stated.

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Williams will introduce governor's gambling bill

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
 Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Ruidoso's state representative, Dub Williams, said Tuesday he has been asked to introduce Gov. Gary Johnson's gambling bill on the House floor later this week.

The 80-page bill contains video gambling provisions for racetracks, fraternal groups and charitable organizations, plus revised casino compacts for Indian Nations.

It also contains revenue sharing agreements based on "net drops" — the amount earned after winnings are paid out, Williams said from Santa Fe Tuesday.

"There are always going to be points of contention and debate," Williams said of the bill, adding he's sure there will be amendments made after it hits the floor.

Johnson is suggesting horse racetracks give the state 15% of their net drop in 1997, 20% in 1998 and 25% in 1999.

Fraternal and charitable clubs would pay 15% of their net drop. Indian casinos would pay 3% of the first \$4 million net win, 5% of the next \$6-\$10 million, and 8% for gains of \$10 million or more.

Tribal leaders have expressed disagreement about how much they should pay to the state.



Dub Williams

"I'm not sure we're at the point yet of (knowing) where the money will go," he said. "We'll definitely discuss it when it's on the floor."

Williams, calling from Santa Fe Tuesday, said he learned last weekend of the privilege Johnson bestowed on him.

"I had suspicions I'd be that person," Williams said.

That hunch is based on Johnson's "knowing my interest in the matter and knowing I want to get it resolved, and of course, being a Republican," he related. Both houses are controlled by Democrats.

"I don't mind carrying it," Williams added. "I just want to see it get into the process and see what we can do to get it done at the beginning of the session."

Parsons' daughter among selections to replace him as 12th Judicial District judge

by DIANNE STALLINGS
 Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Three Ruidoso attorneys, including the daughter of retired district court judge Richard A. Parsons, have been recommended to the governor to fill Parson's empty chair.

The 12th Judicial District Nominating Commission met Jan. 22 in Alamogordo to review 14 applications for Parson's Division III seat for Lincoln County, headquartered in Carrizozo. The position handles serious adult crimes as well as all juvenile cases in Lincoln County. The pay is \$75,443.

Former Ruidoso municipal judge Charles E. Hawthorne and attorneys Karen L. Parsons and Marc Prelo were recommended to Gov. Gary Johnson for Parson's division. Their names were made public Monday.

The commission also reviewed applications for a District I vacancy created in the November election when Judge Sandra Grisham in Otero County didn't get enough votes to keep her job.

Although Grisham submitted her name for consideration in Division I, she was not among the three recommended — but her husband was.

The names sent to Gov. Gary Johnson for Division I are:

— James Waylon Counts, who was appointed when the fourth judgeship was created in the 12th Judicial District, but lost his bid for election to that post in 1994;

— Wayne A. Jordan, Grisham's husband, who ran unsuccessfully for the fourth district judge's post when it was up for election two years ago;

— and Jerry H. Ritter, who is with the district attorney's office in Alamogordo.

Johnson has one month to pick one of the three judges for each post, or the choice passes to the chief justice of the state Supreme Court.



Charles Hawthorne



Karen Parsons



Marc Prelo

Other judge followed relative, too

If Karen Leigh Parsons is chosen to replace her father's seat, it wouldn't be the first time one generation in a local family has succeeded another in a judicial post.

Ruidoso Magistrate Judge William Butts, a former state police officer, succeeded his father-in-law Jim Wheeler as

"I never saw him (as a judge). I couldn't practice in his court so I couldn't tell you what the differences or similarities might be."

KAREN PARSONS
 DISTRICT JUDGE CANDIDATE

said Monday. "In general, I've heard he handles people with a great deal of respect, so that will be similar."

However, Parsons said she will not handle docket calls on Saturday as her father has in the past.

"I will have a different style, I'm certain, because I'm a different person," Parsons said. "But I can't get more particular than that."

A partner since 1978 in the law firm of Parsons, Bryant & Morel, she previously practiced with her father from 1978 to 1985 and with Ronald G. Harris from 1985 to 1987.

The majority of her practice has focused on family issues, including divorce, child custody, adoption, estate planning, probate, real estate, personal injury, wrongful death, general civil litigation and in the last five years, medical malpractice.

She listed limited experience in criminal and juvenile cases and noted only one trial in front of a jury, although she tried about 24 civil cases in front of judges. In her summary to the commission, Parsons said she has the temperament to be a good judge and views the position as one of a public servant.

Hawthorne's experience

Charles Hawthorne said he hopes to create a different atmosphere in district court if Johnson gives him the judgeship.

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Retiring District Court Judge Richard Parsons (right) with Assistant District Attorney Viola Rhodes and assistant DA investigator Leandro Vega.

Judge

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"I think I can create a more cooperative atmosphere over there," Hawthorne said. "I have been a trial lawyer for the entire 24 years in practice and I had some really big cases appealed up to the supreme court and court of appeals and won all but one of them."

"I think I have a really good feel for courtroom and trial work. I tried my first case six months out of law school and had a steady trial practice ever since. I learned in a town down in Texas with bunch of older trial lawyers, and they schooled me in the right way to try lawsuits."

"I think (Richard Parsons) had mostly an office practice" before he was a judge, Hawthorne said. "It's my feeling, he didn't have a very good feel for how trial practice is for private attorneys and I think I can make the court more trial oriented."

He decided to submit his name after being approached by several businesspeople and attorneys from Chaves and Otero counties, and receiving encouragement from local attorneys, Hawthorne said.

Hawthorne practiced law in San Angelo, Texas, then built and operated White Mountain Abstract and Title Co. in 1978-1984. He practiced law from 1979 until he was elected

Ruidoso municipal judge seven years ago. He served in that position for five years and then was defeated for re-election two years ago by Mike Line.

"I have tried six jury cases in New Mexico and Texas in the last six years," Hawthorne said. "I have tried at least 60 other cases to the bench in the last six years including almost every type of domestic relations case, juvenile matters, real estate litigation, landlord-tenant disputes, criminal cases, debtor-creditor disputes, litigation involving racehorses and appeals from State Racing Commission decisions."

Prelo's bid

Prelo is no stranger to Lincoln County, although he moved his practice here one year ago from Albuquerque after a 30-year absence. He was raised on the Mescalero Apache Reservation in Otero County, which abuts Ruidoso. Although he is not Mescalero, members of his family have married tribal members.

"I'm at a stage in my career where I have the time and can afford to do it (be a district judge)," Prelo said. "My experience and background give me a lot to offer

the community.

"I think my background in a general practice is perfectly suited to this court, because the cases run the gamut."

Prelo received his law degree in 1966 from the University of New Mexico, served in the U.S. Navy in 1956-58 and went into private practice in 1967 after acting as law clerk to U.S. District Judge H. Vearlo Payne in 1966-67.

He also has served as assistant district attorney for the 2nd Judicial District, assistant attorney general for the state and as assistant federal public defender.

Prelo said he feels honored being selected as one of three to be recommended from a field of "very highly qualified candidates."

But he thinks his ability to be impartial and to listen, combined with decisiveness would be good qualities for the court.

"I don't know if my court would be different from Judge Parsons, but it would be a court for the people and their counsel," Prelo said. "It would be there to serve the people. I would treat everybody with respect and dignity."

Capitan

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"Such criteria will provide board members clearer guidance in the future in identifying conduct that should be avoided as inappropriate," board members wrote.

The proposed policy states that the authority of the board lies with the board as a whole and not with individual members of the board.

Other points covered in the proposed policy are:

- Individual board members should avoid direct involvement in administrative matters, and should

refer them to the administration; the superintendent is the contact person for all communications and distribution of information between the board and the administration;

- the board's objections and concerns should be communicated from the board to administration exclusively through the superintendent;

- it is the superintendent's responsibility to bring administrative problems and concerns to the attention of the board;

- communications from principals and other administrators to

the board or to individual members should go through the superintendent.

principals shall summarize in a memo to the superintendent the substance of any discussion of school business with individual board members.

and while individual board members should be open to discussions with employees, parents or others concerning current or proposed policy matters, members should stay out of specific incidents in which they may be called on to render a decision later.

McSwane responds to teachers

Capitan School Board member Freda McSwane asked teachers Thursday to wipe the slate clean concerning their complaints against her.

In response to the Capitan teachers' complaint against her, McSwane read a letter summarizing her position.

"What I would ask of CACT is a compromise," McSwane wrote. "I agreed to run for my position on the board and agree to always act in a manner which was in the best interest of the school district and for

the children who attend Capitan Schools.

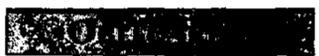
"I would like to continue my position on the board and would like to do so with your approval. I think that the only way for that to occur is for us to be able to resolve this matter and move forward."

McSwane, who was elected two years ago for a four-year term, asked association members to "wipe the slate clean" and she will work with the group to become a better board member.

Some of the misunderstanding

in the recent case was due to conversations being taken out of context, and the required confidentiality when students are involved, she said.

"It is my concern that in the near future, I will be able to speak with each of you individually if you still have concerns," McSwane wrote. "I pledge my full support to the school district and will take what I have learned and try to apply it. I will continue to accept your constructive criticism, as you are part of the check and balance of the district."



Thomas Williams

A graveside memorial service for Thomas Williams, 83, of Ruidoso, will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29 at Memory Gardens of the Valley Cemetery in Santa Teresa.

Mr. Williams died Sunday, Jan. 26, in El Paso, Texas.

Mr. Williams was a retired flight engineer with American Airlines and a member of First United Methodist Church of Ruidoso.

He is survived by a sister, Alice Carvajal of El Paso, Texas; and a brother, Howard Williams of Truth or Consequences.

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Federal law enforcement changes worry local ranchers

By DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Bureau of Land Management officials contend proposed changes in law enforcement regulations are designed to make the rules easier to understand.

But members of Lincoln County's Public Lands Use Advisory Council say the result of the changes will be to create a new federal law enforcement agency at the BLM.

"My feeling is that law enforcement in Lincoln County should come under the sheriff's office," said Lincoln County Commissioner Rex Wilson, who attended part of a meeting Monday morning in Carrizozo between the council and the BLM.

"It was much like all the meetings with those guys," Wilson, a rancher, said. "They look at it one way and we look at it another."

Council members will draft a response listing their specific

concerns about the changes to the county commission can approve them before sending a letter to the BLM, Wilson said. The commissioner served on the nine-member council until he was sworn into office earlier this month.

"They're going to try to tell us there are no changes, that they are streamlining what they already have," Wilson said. "That's true to a point, I'll give them credit for that. But there is some new language in there that we have to be very cautious of."

Howard Farman, spokesman for the BLM Roswell district that includes Lincoln County, said the proposal doesn't add any new law enforcement authority to BLM.

"They are attempting to clarify what's already there and what activities are prohibited on BLM land, and to consolidate criminal law enforcement provisions into one new section," he said.

Farman said part of the problem is that many people don't understand how BLM law enforcement works.

"It's not like the sheriff's office," Farman said.

BLM rangers are used as educational tools to secure compliance. Their first interest isn't in writing citations, he said.

Some ranchers are worried that they will immediately be cited if a violation is discovered on land they lease from the BLM, he said.

"That's not how we have operated in the past and the proposal won't change that," Farman said. "The whole thrust with the BLM is compliance, and running out citing people wouldn't build the right atmosphere for that."

Public comments on the proposals will be accepted through March 7 by writing the BLM at Administrative Record, Room 4011S, 1849 C Street NW, Washington DC 20240.

Country Club construction extension request is delayed

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

The 2-year-old Country Club Village townhome project is still just a cleared piece of Cree Meadows Drive land with two partially built, boarded-up structures.

It was supposed to be completed more than a year ago, adding 77 townhouses and 15 condominiums to the local housing market.

But not even the streets, water and sewer lines required by the village are totally in place. The infrastructure work, bonded by \$487,063 that contractor Carl Kelley paid for the developer, had deadlines twice extended, with the last one expiring Dec. 31, 1996.

The bonded work is only 80% complete because the Texan developer Glenn Neans is bankrupt. His lack of payment to Kelley's crews caused the project to shut down about 15 months ago. And his lack of payments to Roy Crocker for purchase of the property put it into foreclosure on Dec. 17, 1996.

The project is still worth doing, Kelley says, and if he gets the financial backing he'd like to construct it.

He asked village councilors Tuesday for an eight-month extension to finish the infrastructure work.

But based on the recommenda-

tion of the assistant village attorney, councilors tabled the request until either Neans pays off the debts on the property, or until the first regular council meeting in May.

May was selected because the property was foreclosed on and Neans has until late April to buy it back. In the meantime, the court's decision to give control of the land back to Crocker is being appealed by Neans.

Kelley, who helped Neans by putting up the bond money for the infrastructure work, risks losing it if councilors decide against another extension in May.

Senators call for hearing on BLM law enforcement changes

U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici and three other Western senators Tuesday called for a Senate subcommittee to look into proposed criminal law enforcement rules for the Bureau of Land Management.

They asked Idaho Sen. Larry Craig, chairman of the Subcommittee on Forest and Public Land Management, to conduct an oversight hearing on the proposed rules.

"While I do not question the need for specific agencies to provide

law enforcement functions on federal lands, the current situation is causing confusion and concern among public land users and local authorities throughout the West," Domenici said.

People are telling Domenici, a Republican senator from New Mexico, that the proposed regulations are confusing and unclear.

The BLM wants to consolidate its criminal law enforcement regulations, which now are contained in separate sections of the

regulations dealing with recreation, cultural resources, minerals and other aspects of land management.

Some people think consolidation also may expand the BLM's law enforcement reach, Domenici said.

Joining him in the request for a hearing were Wyoming senators Craig Thomas and Mike Enzi, and Montana Sen. Conrad Burns.

The BLM controls about 12.9 million acres in New Mexico and about 520,000 acres in Lincoln County.

Judge dismisses White Oaks shooting charge

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

A felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was dismissed against White Oaks resident Paul Wetzel after a preliminary hearing in Ruidoso magistrate court last week.

But Wetzel still faces prosecution on a misdemeanor charge of carrying a concealed weapon in connection with an incident near his home Nov. 2.

David Dotson had accused Wetzel, a local minister, of firing over his head after seeing Dotson arguing with someone over the removal of equipment from the Lincoln Gold and Tungsten Inc. mining operation.

Dotson's father owns the mine, but a civil suit has been filed that disputes ownership of the property, according to testimony at the hearing.

Some of the 20-odd residents of White Oaks have said they are fearful after hearing stray gunshots during the night over the last several months, but none of the nighttime shots have been traced

by police. The Nov. 2 incident took place during the daylight hours.

Although Wetzel isn't involved in the civil lawsuit, "Paul was just trying to be a good citizen" and get license plate numbers for police, his wife Twyla explained Tuesday.

Before he left the house, Wetzel told his wife to alert the sheriff's office someone was needed if he fired some shots into the ground, Wetzel's attorney Adam Rafkin explained.

He shot into the ground when he saw the men arguing, Rafkin said.

"The bottom line was, there wasn't any evidence he had ever fired at anybody, aside from Dotson's testimony," Rafkin said.

Rafkin said his cross examination of Dotson called into question whether Dotson could have seen some of the things he had claimed.

Magistrate Judge William Butts dismissed the felony charge Thursday after hearing a state police officer agree that shots were fired into the ground. Officer Chad Davis testified he recovered the bullets and they were shot into the ground

at Wetzel's feet. He testified that some of the bullets hit rocks and disintegrated.

The incident occurred the same day a man was stabbed to death near Capitan, noted Rafkin. When his client called to report a dispute at the nearby mine, no deputies were available from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office to respond.

"He saw all this property that he understood was not allowed to be removed being removed" by Dotson, Rafkin said. "After calling the sheriff's department, they told him to go down there and get the license plate number of the vehicle being used to remove the items."

Conducting the investigation with Davis was Lincoln County Deputy Orlando Montes, who filed the felony and misdemeanor charges, Butts said.

The remaining misdemeanor charge stems from Montes' testimony, Butts said.

"The deputy testified that Paul Wetzel had a gun in a holster on his belt with his coat over it," Butts said.

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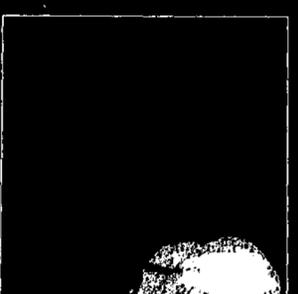
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Another view of what Wal-Mart's move means

Among the self-evident truths we like to talk about in America is the one about "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

We want to do things when and as we please, because that's what liberty is about. But somebody else in exercising their liberty might outrage our own sense of right and wrong. ("Feel free to exercise your dog, but not in my backyard.")

Such is the case with Wal-Mart as earth is turned on a hillside site in Ruidoso Downs preparatory to building the discount chain's first "super store" in New Mexico.

Wal-Mart is a major player. The village of Ruidoso estimates some \$500,000 per year in gross receipts taxes comes from Wal-Mart sales at the present store near the "Y." At a bit over 3.5% of sales for the village, that would translate into sales of upwards of \$14 million per year.

The much larger store to be built just over the frontier in Ruidoso Downs should generate much more in sales, and add an even larger chunk of gross receipts taxes to the Downs' municipal coffers.

Big win for Ruidoso Downs, big loss for Ruidoso. But Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs already are entwined; there are no boundaries on where people live and work. Wal-Mart's employee payroll will double when the new store opens, and those employees won't all be Downs residents. Payroll as a percentage of costs is much larger than the state's bite on gross sales.

Wal-Mart, as Mayor Jerry Shaw says, wasn't very sensitive to Ruidoso's situation. Might Ruidoso have tried harder? With \$500,000 per year at stake, we'll always wonder. Unless the Downs increases its local tax rate, Wal-Mart will be able to keep a bit more of total sales. In the move, Wal-Mart will keep prime Highway 70 frontage. It also will pay for the access off that highway.

The Downs has been Ruidoso's "poor relation" for a long time. A bit of good fortune now might just make things better for all of us down the road. The Downs, for example, might be able to develop its own (reportedly plentiful) water resources and sell some to Ruidoso...

The thing about liberty in America is that it benefits most whoever can exercise it to best advantage. Ruidoso's best bet now is to search for new opportunities, and perhaps establish a task force specifically to deal with big companies offering big opportunities.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A host of problems with village service

TO THE EDITOR:

Jim Alston's record on garbage collection still stands. In our area a four-family dumpster was 22 days. But we can't put all the blame on LCSWA. How about the village snow removal system. Who ever heard of spreading a little salt and sand on top of 10 inches of snow and expect it to disappear. Folks, you have to use plows. Like you do in all downtown areas and also uppercrust areas.

The mayor says to think where your taxes are going when you shop at the new Wal-Mart store. I've been wondering what my taxes have been for the last seven years.

I see in the paper they might annex land in the Highway 70 area. They say they can give them water and sewer quite easily. Hold it right there. I haven't been allowed to wash my own car for almost a year, and you are out looking for more customers. And mayor in case you haven't been to the lake since you dedicated the new treatment plant, the water level is about the lowest in seven years. But they have four car washes now. I forgot that's revenue.

I asked the Parks and Recreation director last July if she could get a load of gravel put in a large hole on the S.E. corner of the lake parking lot and she said she would put it on the list. I asked her if the softball fields were on the list the previous Sunday morning at 2 o'clock when village trucks and workers were hauling sand on overtime pay. And she said it was necessary because those softball tournaments bring in revenue and fishermen don't.

I have a hundred more stories on water departments and code enforcement but I'll quit for now by saying "Wal-Mart we have enough 'greasy spoons' in this town. Please bring in a Furr's cafeteria. The seniors and families will love you."

Andy Brode
Ruidoso

uncalled for.

Remember what the village of Ruidoso also does not have, Ruidoso Downs Race Track, Museum of the Horse, Ski Apache, Casino Apache, just to name a few. Needless to say without these tourist attractions there would not be much to Ruidoso. Appears that Ruidoso relies heavy on "non-village" entities!

Also remember Ruidoso had Wal-Mart for ten years and, under Mayor Shaw's guidance, the streets are still in bad shape and you still have no water!

Everyone should be proud that a store the size and magnitude that Wal-Mart is proposing is within a "stone throw of their front door!" Although saddened at the loss she should be thankful it is still in the area and support Mayor Hayhurst and the Village of Ruidoso Downs 100%, which apparently she does not!

It appears, Mayor Shaw, you will not be shopping at Wal-Mart!

Lynn Cleckler
Ruidoso Downs

Vote no on Ruidoso school bond issue

TO THE EDITOR:

We, the voters, are about to be called upon to vote on a new school bond amounting to \$8.5 million!

Since homeowners, business owners and property owners are the folks who pay for this, I strongly urge every eligible voter to take an hour or so of their time and vote in this election. I realize that bad weather and personal convictions keep some voters in, but this (as any election) is an issue that should not be decided by a handful of voters and will not be if you will just get out and vote.

I have owned a home in Ruidoso for 12 years and have seen my taxes steadily rise about 33% and I, for one, do not intend to stand by and see this bond pass without casting my "no" vote and without sounding the alarm to every voter I can. By law, these school bonds/issues must be voted on in February of odd number years, so please get out and vote — you shouldn't have to do this for another two years.

Lloyd W. Kenyon
Ruidoso

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Spring weather visits



The Dreamer
 DAN STORM
 COLUMNIST

Spring Visits Storm Vale In the Deep of Winter

This is being sent to you at high noon on Jan. 27 and will reach you on Jan. 29.

You look out over Blue Bird Meadow, now all golden grass under a bright sun in a blue sky, and remember that a week ago it was all glistening white particles of snow. Your eyesight wanders up and down the valley, and across the river to the sunny hillsides and there is no snow in sight.

Late December and early January brought us some of the coldest blizzards in 10 or 12 years. They were cold and wet snows that clung to the ground in spite of bright sunny days.

Then about a week or so ago, the wind began blowing in from the southeast, carrying warm air from the desert lands away over the mountains. This started the snow to melting in the sunny spots so that the road to the house became a testing ground for four-wheel vehicles. You drove through patches of snow, ice, mud and water.

But really and truly this made you glad when you remembered last summer with the sun almost blotted out by dust in the air, the forests full of fires, and the grass drying up.

Several days of warm southwest wind changed the picture from winter to spring.

Like we say, the snow is gone except for tiny patches hidden under the pines and cedars.

The tiny new blades of grass are showing in the moist places left by the melting snow; the apricot fruit buds are looking as if they are going to swell and try to bloom; and the buds on the

lilac bushes are swelling, showing the beginning of new leaves. A few birds of summer have flown in, including a rufous-sided towhee, a grosbeak and several house finches.

Happiness is in the Air

Little Savvy, the calf born back in May, has taken his little half-brother, Snowboy, under his wing.

You may remember Snowboy was born just before the big snow, on Jan. 7.

Yesterday I was driving down toward the Old Corral on my way out and, suddenly here came Savito or Little Savvy running through the pasture gate followed

by Snowboy. When they got onto the field, Little Savvy broke into a run and Snowboy followed.

Suddenly, they were in a full-speed foot race with Snowboy in the lead at the end of the meadow; two little cow children, full of the joy of life on this spring-in-winter day in the "Deep of Winter" in the Mountain Land.

Clouds Move In

Now at one o'clock, gray and white clouds are moving in from every direction on the mountain horizon, just to remind us that we are still in the season of winter.

Oftentimes these warm spells this time of year are "weather-breeders" which bring in a sudden blizzard. Therefore, do not wander into the wilderness without things to carry you through, and do not go alone, and let someone know where you are going.

Meanwhile, let us be grateful for the spring-like weather, and all our other blessings.

Where to Contact Your Lawmakers

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CARRIZO NEWSLETTER

by PAUL A. PAPPONI
Carrizozo Schools superintendent
1997. A brand new year and
with it comes thoughts of New
Year's resolutions.

Here at the Carrizozo schools,
many of us are looking at the New
Year with a new paradigm. We
have had the good fortune to be
involved in some very intensive train-
ing in "Character Counts" (charac-
ter education) as well as Steven
Covey's "Seven Habits of Highly Ef-
fective People."

In July 1992, the Josephson In-
stitute hosted an invitation-only
gathering of educators, youth
organizers, religious leaders, and
scholars who met for three days in
Aspen, Colo. They formulated a
document called the "Aspen Decla-
ration on Character Education."

The "Character Counts Coal-
ition" is a national and potentially
global effort to teach children the
Six Pillars of good character:

trustworthiness, responsibility,
respect, fairness, caring, and
citizenship.

The power of this program lies
in the fact that it can be taught to
children of all ages in every im-
aginable context. The specific meth-
od depends on the age of the partici-
pant and the setting. The goal is to
increase students' awareness of
their ethical obligations, increase
their commitment to the Six Pil-
lars, and increase their ability to do
the right thing.

This is achieved not only
through curriculum content, but,
more importantly, through
educators modeling the concepts of
the Six Pillars being taught.

New Mexico was the first state
in the nation to adopt Character
Counts. It has the full support of
Governor Johnson and U.S. Senator
Pete Domenici.

"The Seven Habits of Highly Ef-
fective People" is an approach

based upon the bestselling books by
Steven Covey. This book/training
provides the foundation for such ac-
tivities as: restructuring, empower-
ment, total quality management,
and strategic planning.

The "Seven Habits" approach
teaches us that we must establish
the qualities of character. The
habits represent the true test of our
commitment to effectiveness in our
personal and professional lives.
When a school district is properly
aligned, its strategy, structure, and
systems embody and express the
shared vision and values of its
people and community.

Our New Year's resolution for
the Carrizozo Schools is to attain
true alignment for our district,
through an emphasis on character
education and the Seven Habits at
all levels. With this alignment, all
individual actions will then contrib-
ute to the attainment of a quality
education in a principle-centered
environment.



Playing around

Carrizozo's McDonald Park (better known as Spider Park) is even more fun to play in now that it's been spruced up with several improvements, including a playground, benches, lamp posts, and sidewalk. Krista Padilla is on the "spider." The Carrizozo Action Team did volunteer work.

FFA alumni meeting Jan. 30

The FFA alumni meeting will be
at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30 in the
ag shop.

The meeting topic is the invita-
tional judging contest.

WHO'S NEW, WHAT'S NEW

Marlowe and Barbara Sharpe
spent a week with their daughter
Paula at Longview, Texas.

Becky Yambor was visited by
her son Jason, from Bowie, Md.
during the Christmas holidays.

FFA has advanced to state contest

The Carrizozo FFA Parli-
amentary Procedure Chapter
Team advanced to the state contest
Jan. 21.

The team consisted of Keri
Shafer, Robert Shafer, Katie
Hightower, Mollie Hightower,
Briton Goad, and Eldon Offutt.

AROUND TOWN

by Carrizozo Newsletter Staff
Carrizozo High School gradu-
ate Mary Jane Ferguson, now
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine,
was the interviewee in a recent
Vamonos section of *The Ruidoso
News*. Daughter of Wally and
Anne Ferguson, Mary Jane
earned a name for herself as an
honor student, athlete, FFA mem-
ber and more, before weathering
the grueling education to become
a DVM. She is now working with
Dr. F. Lynn Willard and resides in
Ruidoso. She is often the DMV

on Tuesdays at Dr. Willard's
weekly clinic in Carrizozo. We
are proud of you, Dr. Ferguson!

Tiffany Brienne Vega, 7 lbs., 6
oz., was born Nov. 8 into the fam-
ily of Kenneth and Theresa
(Guevara) Vega. Brothers Kenny,
5, and Casey, 2, say she has dark
hair and blue eyes and yes, she is
pretty. Tiffany celebrated her first
holidays with maternal grandpar-
ents Tommy and Martha Guevara
and paternal grandparents Richard
and Flora Vega.

Belated 69th anniversary congrats

by Staff
On Thanksgiving Day, Mr. and
Mrs. Hipolito Chavez of
Poluadera celebrated their 69th
wedding anniversary at the home
of their daughter and son-in-law,
Mela and Jake Herrera of
Carrizozo. Mr. Chavez is 98
years old and Mrs. Chavez is 89.

Helping them celebrate were
grandchildren and great-grand-
children Tom and Shirley and
Tom and Matt of Killeen, Texas;
Rosanne and Amanda of Las
Cruces; Joe, Monica, Joseph and
Claudia, also of Las Cruces (Joe
and Monica also celebrated their
wedding anniversary). Visiting

from Alamogordo were grand-
daughter Sylvia and husband
Buddy and a grandson, Don; and
grandson Tom and fiancée from
Detroit, Mich. Both anniversary
couples received a blessing from
Father Dave Bergs at the Herrera
home.

Hollis honored with retirement party

by Barbara Langley
Carrizozo Newsletter Staff
Employees of Otero County
Electric hosted a retirement
potluck in honor of Richard
Hollis on Dec. 30 at the OCEC
building in Carrizozo.

Richard began working for
OCEC Feb. 1, 1974 and retired
Dec. 31, 1996.

Richard worked as a ground-
man with lineman Buckley
Zumwalt the 23 years he was
employed with OCEC. Buckley,
on behalf of all OCEC employ-
ees, presented Richard with a set
of golf clubs and a golf bag.
Buckley also concocted a hand-
made golf club with an electrical
cord and plug attached to it.

Richard and Julia, a retired
teacher's aide and school librari-
an, raised five sons in Carrizozo,
and have been very active at First
Baptist Church and in the com-
munity. They have purchased a
home in Memphis, Texas and
moved there on Jan. 4. Julia is
teaching literacy classes and they
are remodeling their home.

Those teams consisted of Mary
Beth Bond, John Serna, Adrian
Goad, Abel Avila, Lane Dixon,
Brandon Langley, Pat Hightower,
and Matt Offutt.

Briton Goad
FFA Reporter

EDUCATION

Class helps teachers teach students with learning problems

A one-credit-hour workshop
called "Classroom Modifications for
Teaching Students with Learning
Problems" (I/ED/SED/SPED
493/593) runs Feb. 1 and 8 at East-
ern New Mexico University-
Ruidoso.

If you are puzzled about that
student with a difference that you
haven't quite figured out, the class
will help you learn how to find the
missing piece. Participants will be
actively involved in learning in-
novative strategies for teaching
students with learning problems in
the classroom.

This short course by Dr. Sherrie
Bettenhausen will be conducted at
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on two Saturdays,
Feb. 1, and Feb. 8, at Eastern New
Mexico University and will be
broadcast to the ENMU ITV sites
in Artesia, Clovis, Cannon Air
Force Base, Hobbs, Roswell and
Ruidoso. Cost for this short course
is \$99.85/undergraduate or
\$107.85/graduate.

Register by contacting the Office
of Extended Learning at ENMU at
505/562-2165 or 1-800/537-LERN
(toll-free in New Mexico only).

Ruidoso, Capitan students on ENMU dean's honor roll

Four graduates of Ruidoso High
School and two graduates of

Capitan High School are among the
460 Eastern New Mexico Univer-
sity students named to the 1996 fall
semester dean's honor roll.

The Ruidoso students, listed by
classification and major, are:
Rosalinda Baeza, junior, general
studies; Rebecca Bland, senior,
elementary education; Jackie Roe,
freshman, undeclared; and
Mandelyn Sodd, sophomore, ac-
counting.

The Capitan students, listed by
classification and major, are:
Angela Romero, junior, Spanish;
and Julian Romero, senior, English.

Haddad named to NMMI dean's list

Cadet James B. Haddad, a high

school freshman at New Mexico
Military Institute in Roswell, was
named to the superintendent's list
for academic achievement during
the first semester of the 1996-1997
school year. Cadet Haddad is the
son of Anne and Mike Reveley of
Alto.

To qualify for the superinten-
dent's list at NMMI, a student
must earn a grade point average of
3.50 or better on a scale of 4.0,
carry a full class load, and have an
A in department.

NMMI is a state-supported, col-
lege preparatory high school and
two-year junior college with an en-
rollment of about 850. Scholarship
endowments currently total more
than \$1.5 million.



Top notch

Fourth graders from Ruidoso's White Mountain Elementary who
received the principal's award for the second 9 weeks are (front
row, left to right) Matthew Johnston, Caydee Swanner, Leo Her-
rera, and Christina Montes. Second row — Katie Hall, Matt El-
licott, Vanessa Evans and Mia Sanchez. Third row — Robert Gon-
zalez, Elnor Taylor, Vanessa Armendariz, Jose Bonilla, Mag-
dalena Rasales and Jaime Valenzuela. Fourth row — Chris
Beck, Caydee Merrill, Jerry Balderama, Klara Cornelius,
Larissa Siders and Taylor Force. Back row — Ervyn Herrera,
John Kaydenzine, Diana Pardo, Jasper Riddle, Jennifer Lucero
and Adrian Ramirez.

RUIDOSO SCHOOL MENUS

Breakfast and lunch menus are listed below for both elemen-
tary and high school cafeterias. Menus are subject to change.
The Ruidoso Municipal School District follows the nutrition
guidelines set forth by the National School Lunch Program.

MON Feb. 3	TUE Feb. 4	WED Feb. 5	THU Feb. 6	FRI Feb. 7
Elementary cafeteria BREAKFAST: hot oatmeal or cereal; toast; chilled fruit; milk LUNCH: sloppy joe orrito; french fries; pork-n-beans; fruit; milk	Elementary cafeteria BREAKFAST: scrambled eggs or cereal; toast; juice; milk LUNCH: crispy tacos or chicken enchiladas; spicy pinto; tossed salad; spice cake; milk	Elementary cafeteria BREAKFAST: pancakes w/syrup or cereal; toast; chilled fruit; milk LUNCH: Taco Bell fiesta burrito; tater tots; chilled fruit; milk	Elementary cafeteria BREAKFAST: biscuit & gravy or cereal; fruit; milk LUNCH: steak/fingers or all-American sub; tater tots; carrot sticks w/franch; jello; milk	Elementary cafeteria BREAKFAST: breakfast pizza or cereal; juice; milk LUNCH: warrior burger; french fries; hamburger trimmings; chilled fruit; milk
MON Feb. 3	TUE Feb. 4	WED Feb. 5	THU Feb. 6	FRI Feb. 7
Expressway cafeteria BREAKFAST: waffle w/syrup or cereal; banana; milk LUNCH: lemon pepper chicken; mixed vegetables; dinner roll; tossed salad; fruit	Expressway cafeteria BREAKFAST: donuts or cereal; juice; milk LUNCH: BBQ on a bun; baked beans; tossed salad; fruit; cookie	Expressway cafeteria BREAKFAST: pancakes w/syrup or cereal; fruit; milk LUNCH: spaghetti w/meat sauce; garden salad; fruit; garlic bread	Expressway cafeteria BREAKFAST: french toast sticks or cereal; juice; milk LUNCH: footlong chili cheese dog; tater tots; baked beans; fruit	Expressway cafeteria BREAKFAST: biscuits & gravy, sausage or cereal; fruit LUNCH: cheese and beef enchiladas; spicy pinto beans; tossed salad; fruit; cake

A glimpse into Lincoln County's past, compiled from local newspapers by Polly E. Chavez.

Ruidoso News Jan. 31, 1947

Ruidoso Derby Trials To Be Run May 18 at Hollywood Park: Twenty-one of the most promising two-year-olds in the Southwest have been entered for the Ruidoso Derby Trials...

announced this week by Tommy Hicks, promoter of the racing event. Nine of the entries are by Texas owners...

The Derby trials at Hollywood on May 18 will be run in heats of four horses each. The winners of each heat will then run in the Ruidoso Derby at Hollywood Park 80 days later...

OFFICIAL RECORDS

The following information was obtained from Ruidoso police and public records.

TUESDAY, DEC. 31: An \$800 window on a 1991 Dodge van was broken by an unknown object as it was parked outside a Skyline Drive residence...

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1: A 15-year-old Ruidoso girl was arrested for a \$200 window at a party after allegedly hitting a 20-year-old man with a beer bottle...

A garage at 2714 Suddarth Drive was pushed over sometime overnight. Police were unsure if it was pushed by vandals on foot or a motorist...

THURSDAY, JAN. 2: A 1978 Dodge pickup truck was broken into at a residence on Suddarth Drive...

THURSDAY, JAN. 3: A 1978 Dodge pickup truck was broken into at a residence on Suddarth Drive...

A violent Tanager Drive stabber house was found broken into, with a \$50 window broken and open.

An Austin, Texas man found the rear window of his vehicle broken at the 1200 Western Drive parking lot...

Main Road resident Jim Brown was cited for improper handling of fire after police said he was seen dumping a discarded fire extinguisher in the living room...

A Junction Road vacation home was found entered and damaged by vandals who broke two windows and a light fixture...

MONDAY, JAN. 5: A \$200 window at the 1009 Mechem Drive was broken after being hit by a snowball packed with gravel...

A 17-year-old Pecos Drive boy was arrested at the 721 Mechem Drive for a Supermarket after stealing five packs of Marlboro cigarettes...

A \$300 window at the 1009 Mechem Drive was broken after being hit by a snowball packed with gravel...

A 20-year-old Sutton Drive woman attempted suicide around 11:30 p.m. by cutting her arm with glass...

A \$300 Diamondback mountain bike chained to a tree was stolen from outside a Suddarth Drive residence.

RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

WEDNESDAY High... 49 Low... 15



Mostly sunny

THURSDAY High... 46 Low... 17



Mostly sunny

FRIDAY High... 50 Low... 18



Partly cloudy

WEATHER ALMANAC

Table with columns: Ruidoso Readings, High, Low, Precip. for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday.

Table with columns: Regional-Wednesday, High, Low, Forecast for Albuquerque, El Paso, TX, Lubbock, TX, Midland, TX.



Weather data courtesy of meteorologist Cam Moore KBIM-TV

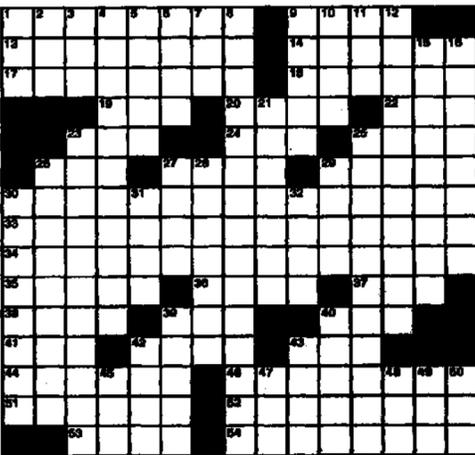


STARDATE: When darkness falls the big dog Canis Major, lit by dazzling white Sirius, appears in the southern sky...

NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0524

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE: SHAN POLIC GMAI, POLA IRELA RAGE, EYES NEELY AREA, WASTRELS SYSTEM, LERS STAT, PIGSTY TPOPLAS, JTO HOAR ELS, SERB BETTE RIBS, ARMA ONES VAT, GASTORN USHERS, YIKI ONNA, VERLAS ABLATIVE, ARAB 75PSE ODEA, REMA ARES HERR, YJPS SAKES SEAN

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-800-420-6656 (70¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 60 years: (800) 762-1885.

Live Music

'OPEN THE GATES,' Martha Laureline Curran — 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1 at Calvary Chapel of Ruidoso, 433 Gateway Center, Suddarth Drive, Ruidoso. Free concert to celebrate Martha's new release.

THE COFFEE POT, 606 3rd St., Tularosa, (805) 885-8282 — Saturday evening, music and dinner. 1 block east of Catholic church. Look for the pink windows.

CREE MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB, 301 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso, 257-2733 — 5:30 p.m. Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Randy Jones on his guitar. Randy plays a variety of music, from country to blues.

GALLOPING TORTOISE, 682 Suddarth, Ruidoso, 257-2911 — 4-7 p.m. Sundays, Randy Jones and friends perform a variety of music.

HOLLYWOOD INN, 2239 Hwy. 70 W., Ruidoso Downs — Live music 7-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights.

IN-ESPRESSO-BLE COFFEE HOUSE, Suddarth Drive, Ruidoso — 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1 music by Jay Silverman and Bob Banhaegel.

INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS, Mesalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141 — Dan Li Ka Dining Room — Piano dinner music 6-10 p.m. every night with Bill McClain Monday and Tuesday. Dave Gray Wednesday-Sunday. Bill Gross plays vibraphone for Sunday brunch noon-3 p.m. Apache Tee — Ron Turner 6-10 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, Jan. 29-Feb. 1.

INCREIBLE SALOON, N. Hwy. 46, Alto, 338-4312 — Live music on weekends.

MARIE LAVEAUX NIGHTCLUB, 1214 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 258-5764 — Different rock and roll band every weekend, performing Friday and Saturday nights.

MESCALERO NIGHTCLUB, 1 mile north of the Inn of the Mountain Gods, next to Cafe Mesalero, 257-6896 — 8 p.m. — close Friday dance music with DJ. No cover. 9 p.m. Saturday, Standup Comedy Showcases. Three comedians, great laughs. \$3 cover.

SCREAMING EAGLE LOUNGE, Enchantment Inn, Hwy. 70 west, Ruidoso, 378-4081 — 8 p.m. — close Thursday through Saturday, Korl plays a variety of music from the 1930's and beyond.

THE TEXAS HOUSE, 2811 Suddarth, Ruidoso, 257-3508 — 7-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 24-25, Doug Fuqua on keyboards.

WIN, PLACE & SHOW, 2516 Suddarth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9982 — Live country music 7 nights a week, 8:30 p.m. — 1:30 a.m.

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE, 2535 Suddarth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9835 — 8 p.m. to close every Thursday - Sunday, DJ, no cover.

PARENTING THE YOUNG CHILD, 'The behavior of young children,' Public Meeting Room, Ruidoso High School — 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4. The second of seven sessions led by Dr. Birgit LaMothe, geared to those who deal with infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers. The course is free and no registration is needed. For further information call 257-6149 or 264-2781.

NOMINATIONS FOR WOMAN OF THE YEAR DEADLINE — 5 p.m. Friday, January 31. Nomination forms are in today's paper. Mail them to The Ruidoso News, P.O. Box 128, Ruidoso NM 88345 or deliver them in person to 104 Park Avenue. Nominees must be a resident of Lincoln County. Only one nomination per person.

LAND RAFFLE, Take An Association — 40-acre parcel of land just outside the village of Lindrin, 50 miles northwest of Lordsburg, the home of George O'Keefe. Tickets cost \$50, with proceeds to benefit TAA debt reduction fund. Tickets are available by mail, T.A.A. 133 El Paso St.

What's Happening

MORENO VALLEY WRITERS' GUILD WRITING CONTEST — Adult and youth categories. For rules and entry form send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Moreno Valley Writer's Guild, P.O. Box 2000, Angel Fire NM 87710. Contest entries must be postmarked no later than Saturday, March 22.

LINCOLN COUNTY FOOD BANK NEEDS VOLUNTEERS — If you are interested in helping out, please contact Gary Dean at Ruidoso Office Supplies, 257-2261 or Jennie Lantor, 257-5598.

GED CLASSES AND TESTING — Classes are offered 8:30-11:15 a.m. at the Nob Hill Early Childhood Center, Ruidoso; 5-8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at the Ruidoso High School; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Carizozo High School. GED testing is offered 8:30 a.m. the second Friday of every month at the ENMU office, 709 Mechem Drive, in the Sierra Mall. Cost is \$20. A pretest is required before taking the GED test. For more information regarding the GED classes, pretest or test contact the ENMU office at 257-2120 or 1-800-934-3688.

CASINO APACHE, Carizozo Canyon Road, Mesalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141 — slots, live blackjack, and poker tables. Open daily.

RUIDOSO DOWNS SPORTS THEATER, half-mile east of race track, off Hwy. 70 on Service Lane, Ruidoso Downs — simulcast racing throughout the week. Call 378-4431 for races and times.

CARRIZOZO SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29 at the Otero Electric Building. The audience can submit questions in writing to the 11 candidates.

EARTH DAY PLANNING MEETING — 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31 at the Alamogordo Friends of the Zoo education building, White Sands Blvd., next to the Chamber of Commerce. The Earth Day Fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 18. This meeting is open to everyone. For more information call Arne Doherty at 505-478-8124.

LINCOLN COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY — Monday, Feb. 3 at K-Bob's, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso. 6:30 p.m. social hour followed by 6:15 meeting. The speaker will be Pat Ortiz. No reservations are necessary.

NATURAL FOODS CO-OP MONTHLY ORDER MEETING — 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3 at the First Christian Church, Hull and Gavilan Canyon roads, Ruidoso. No membership fee. Inexpensive whole foods. For more information call 338-4518 or 257-3418.

LINCOLN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY — 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4 in the hospital conference room.

SCENE BYWAYS COMMITTEE — 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4 at the Ruidoso Village Hall.

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP) — noon Thursday, Feb. 6 at the Ruidoso Senior Center behind the library, Junction Road. The meeting is open to the public.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, Perfect Health Therapeutic Massage, 1204 Mechem, Suite 11 — Now open now forming. Please call 378-7018 for more information.

PFLAG SUPPORT GROUP — Anyone interested in starting a Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays support group please call 257-4064 for information.

STORYTIME AT THE RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY — 2 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons. 10-11 a.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. Friday, 10 a.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. Sunday. Storytime, crafts, and more. Free. 2-3 years old and up. Sign up at the library.

Movies

SIERRA CINEMA, 721 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 257-6444 — 'The English Patient,' 'Twenty Hills Ninja,' 'Turbulence,' 'The Hills.' Call theater for show times and ratings.

Theater

MOSCOW FESTIVAL BALLET, University of New Mexico, Popejoy Hall, Center for the Arts, Albuquerque, 505-277-3824 — 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, 'Giselle.' Tickets are \$46, \$40, and \$35. Tickets are available through ProTix by calling 1-800-905-9315; at UNM ticket office; or main entrance to UNM bookstore at Central and Cornell Streets.

'YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU,' Roswell Community Little Theater, 12th and Virginia streets, Roswell — An amusing Depression-era play which provides an evening of entertainment for the whole family. Performances are at 8:15 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, Saturday, Feb. 1 and Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 6-8. A matinee performance is set for 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2. Reservations are required for all performances except Sunday, Feb. 2 and Thursday, Feb. 6. Reservations may be made by phoning 505-822-1982. Admission is \$7 for adults; \$3.50 for full-time students.

BILL EVANS DANCE COMPANY, Fleiking Center for Performing Arts, New York Avenue, Alamogordo — 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2. A concert of uplifting contemporary dance and rhythm tap featuring 11 dancers. Five places celebrate the glory of movement. Call 505-437-2202 for more information.

Museums & Galleries

THE ALBUQUERQUE MUSEUM, 2000 Mountain Road NW, near Old Town, Albuquerque, 505-243-7299 — Common Ground exhibition through 20-September. A unique section features a series of west-art landscapes by Albuquerque artist Wilson Hurley, on exhibit through May 11. Admission is free. Museum hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday; closed Monday and holidays.

EAGLE RANCH ART GALLERY, 7286 Hwy. 54/70, Alamogordo, 1-800-432-6666 — 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7. Reception to meet the artists of Mountain Majesty Workshops whose works are on display throughout February. The show features a variety of media from watercolor and oil to stone sculpture and Ukrainian eggs. Ruidoso oil painter Charles F. Pearson's character studies, landscapes and abstract art are on the display through the end of January. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. seven days a week, closed Monday and holidays.

JONBON GALLERY, UNM campus, 1505 Las Lunas NE, Alamogordo, 505-277-4867 — 'One if by land, two if by sea, three if by air...' on exhibit through Feb. 14. Features works which deal creatively with the elements of land, sea and air. 'Water Color' paintings on exhibit through Feb. 14. Enjoy colorful images that are not only beautiful and fun, but also educational. Museum hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 9-5 p.m. Tuesday-closed weekends. Free admission.

MAXWELL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, University of New Mexico, on University Avenue north of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Albuquerque, 505-257-4408 — 'Monks de Cochin: historical clay figurines and their present-day counterparts.' The exhibit on display through June 1, 1987.

MOUNTAIN LEGENDS GALLERY & BOOKERY, 516 E. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-8040 — 10 a.m. — 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. — 4 p.m. Saturday and four of the month.

MUSEUM OF THE HORSE, Hwy. 76, Ruidoso Downs, 257-1142 — 'SHOWING THROUGH MARCH 21, 2000 years of horse domestication, dress, and commandments from the collection of C. L. Bourke. Wild? Ruidoso's collection. Museum hours: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily, Tuesday-Sunday. The museum is located just east of Ruidoso Downs Race Track on Highway 70.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND SCIENCE, Dynamax Theater, 1901 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque, 505-841-2828 — 10 a.m. — 5 p.m., every hour on the hour through Friday, Aug. 29. 'Whales,' a 41-minute film documenting the migration of the world's largest mammals. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$4 for seniors and students; \$2 for children age 3-11; combination ticket to theater and museum is \$8 for adults; \$6 for seniors and students; \$3 for children.

RAKOCY ART AND HISTORY MUSEUM, 2906 Suddarth Drive, 257-6377 — 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday nights, Jan. 29 — March 6, oil and acrylic class. Register now, through ENMU community education program, 709 Mechem, Ruidoso, 257-2120.

SPACE CENTER, Alamogordo, 1-800-545-4021 — 'Electric space: exploring our plasma universe' opens Saturday, Feb. 1 and runs through April 27. The exhibit takes a closer look at the sun and how it can cause Earth's largest light show, the polar aurora, and examines key concepts in space physics. Through interactive exhibits visitors can explore the realms of our plasma universe.

Parks & Recreation

UNIVERSITY ART MUSEUM, UNM Center for the Arts, Albuquerque, 505-277-4001 — 'Mythical: It Jack Lieberman and friends' on exhibit through March 2. Street photographs and the poems they inspired. 'Sergueses and series: prints and photographs from the permanent collection' on exhibit through March 23. Artists explore the modular quality of prints and photographs to construct a series or sequence of images. 'French oil sketches and the academic tradition' on exhibit through May 18. Historically significant works of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries from a private collection. Museum hours: 9 a.m. — 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 5-8 p.m. Tuesday; 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Free admission.

UNIVERSITY ART MUSEUM DOWNTOWN, 516 Central SW, Albuquerque, 505-243-8244 — 'Landscapes: pastries by Olga de Amaral' on display until March 1. 'The School of the U' on display until March 28. This exhibition features the works of UNM Fine Arts Department alumni, who were graduated between 1940 and 1990. A gallery talk will take place at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1. 'Cupid and Other Winged Creatures' on display until April 12. Museum hours: 11 a.m. — 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Free admission.

BOSQUE DEL APACHE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE BIRDING TOURS — Saturday and Sunday guided tours and workshops in January and February. The outings are free, but are limited to 20 participants. For more information or to make reservations call 505-835-1825. The refuge is located eight miles south of San Antonio on Hwy. 1. Beginning birding workshop — 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, three-hour workshop. Birding the bosque — 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 and 22, three-hour session. General refuge tours — 1 p.m. every Sunday in February, two-hour tour.

RUIDOSO GYMNASIUM — Year-round boys and girls classes for ages 18 months through high school. For more information call 378-4861.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, 436-7405

PUNTRACKERS, 107 Carizozo Canyon Road, Ruidoso, 257-2276 — video game room.

FREE LINE DANCING LESSONS — 10-11:30 a.m. every Monday at the Ruidoso Senior Center, behind the public library at 501 1/2 Junction Road.

INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS ARCADE, Carizozo Canyon Road, Mesalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141 — Video arcade, pool tables, and more.

RUIDOSO ATHLETIC CLUB, 416 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso, 257-4900

RUIDOSO MORTUARY CENTER, 1504 Mechem Drive, 257-5841 — Saturday nights, 7:00-11:00 p.m.; Sunday nights, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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Ruidoso 49
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GIRLS BASKETBALL
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7A/Wednesday, January 29, 1997

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- Grizzlies face toughest 3A tests Saturday

SPORTS SHORTS

New youth baseball organization looking for area directors

A 30-year-old amateur sports organization is looking for area directors in the state for its newly formed youth baseball organization.

Interested individuals must have a strong baseball background and an intense desire to further youth baseball.

The parent organization has a nationwide distribution network and long-standing reputation. Directors will be compensated, and have the freedom to create and administer their own league and tournament programs.

Those interested must reside in the state. Contact Dana Gilmer at 505-452-8485 for more information.

SKI REPORT

The snow report for Ski Apache for Jan. 29, 1997:

Inches of new snow in past 24 hours: 1. Inches of new in past 48 hours: 2. New snow in last seven days: 5.

Snow base: varies from 38 to 60 inches on trails open.

Snow surface: machine groomed and packed powder. Number of trails open: 53 of 55, 96% open.

Lifts open: 11 of 11, including the Gondola, chairs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and two surface lifts.

Regular, non-holiday ticket pricing is in effect. Half-day tickets are sold for afternoon skiing beginning at 1 p.m. Call (505) 257-9001 for the latest conditions at Ski Apache.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29

Adult Softball

Players, coaches and umpires should attend a 6:30 p.m. meeting at the Ruidoso Village Hall to discuss the upcoming Parks and Recreation summer adult softball leagues.

THURSDAY, JAN. 30

Wrestling

NMMI at Ruidoso, JV at 6 p.m. and varsity at 7 p.m.

Basketball

Tularosa girls at Mescalero, 4 p.m. Tularosa boys at Mescalero, 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 31

Basketball

Cloudcroft girls at Capitan, 7:30 p.m. Cobre girls at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m. Capitan boys at Cloudcroft, 7:30 p.m. Hondo Valley boys and girls at Lake Arthur, 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 1

Bowling

Women's City Tournament at Ruidoso Bowling Center, 10 a.m.

Basketball

Hot Springs boys at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m. Fort Sumner girls and boys at Carrizozo, 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Hondo Valley girls and boys at Mesilla Valley, 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Ruidoso hosts the Ruidoso Invitational, 9 a.m. Teams participating include: Cobre, Deming, Goddard, Las Vegas, Robertson, Moriarty, NMMI, Roswell, Santa Teresa, School for the Visually Handicapped, Silver City, St. Michael's, and Tucumcari.

SUNDAY, FEB. 2

Bowling

Women's City Tournament at Ruidoso Bowling Center, 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 4

Basketball

Ruidoso girls at Santa Teresa, 7:30 p.m. Dexter girls at Capitan, 6:30 p.m. Capitan boys at Dexter, 7 p.m.

Warriors sneak a peak at district foes Saturday

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Of the dozen wrestling teams competing in the Ruidoso Invitational, Warrior coach Jerry Perry will cast a more scrupulous eye on three of them.

District foes Silver City, Cobre and Santa Teresa come to town Saturday, along with Deming, Goddard, Las Vegas, Robertson, Moriarty, New Mexico Military Institute, Tucumcari, St. Michael's and the School for the Visually Handicapped.

But the story within the story — or the meet within the meet — is the meeting among the four 3AAA schools at the invitational.

"This is going to be a great, great tournament," said an enthused Perry. "It's going to give us a true vision of what we're going to be competing against."

The wrestling begins at 9 a.m. Three mats will be going non-stop until the finals, which are slated for around 2:30 p.m. The invitational is on a tight schedule because the Ruidoso boys basketball team hosts Hot Springs for freshman, junior varsity and varsity games beginning at 4 p.m.

The 13-team affair represents the first time this season the Warriors might face a district opponent. Perry has caught glimpses of Cobre and Silver City, but has yet to see Santa Teresa wrestle.

The first-year Ruidoso coach is particularly impressed with Cobre, which he thinks is the team to beat for the district title. The Indians have depth in the weight classes, as well as toughness, he said. Perry predicts Cobre could be in the hard-ware hunt at the state meet.

Before the Warriors look to the weekend, they have to get past New Mexico Military Institute Thursday. The two teams face off for a dual meet in Ruidoso. The junior varsity team wrestles at 6 p.m., followed by a 7 p.m. varsity match.

Wrestlers regroup after disappointing performance

Last Saturday, Perry's troops rebounded from a poor showing Thursday.

The Warriors were spanked by Roswell, 54-12, Thursday in Ruidoso.

"I think one of our biggest problems was, we weren't mentally prepared for these guys," Perry said. "We weren't finishing our moves. We weren't attacking the attacking zones, and we were making really silly mistakes."

It was a different story two days later at the Roswell Quad meet.

There, the Warriors scored a dual match victory over Roswell Goddard, 39-30, battled tough against perennial Class AAAA powerhouse Carlsbad, and nearly turned the table on Roswell.

"I am extremely pleased with our comeback. These kids showed some true character," Perry said.

After their dismal performance Thursday, the Warriors took a "gut check" that night. They had a team meeting Friday, and took to the mat like a different team Saturday in Roswell, Perry said.

Several individual performances reflected that turnaround.

Richard Gray at 130 pounds rebounded from a tough loss to one of the state's best in Mike Ponce to defeat Justin Smith by points in the third period.

"Richard Gray is getting better and better every day. He takes the sport extremely serious. He learns from his mistakes, and he comes back with more intensity and more desire," Perry said of his sophomore wrestler.

Thursday served as a wake-up call for 160-pound Ruidoso senior Matt Ward.

"Matt decided after Thursday that we wanted to get after it," Perry said.

Ward recorded two pins at the Roswell



WRESTLE MANIA

Ruidoso's wrestlers host New Mexico Military Institute for a dual meet Thursday. Junior varsity wrestles at 6 p.m., followed by the varsity at 7 p.m. Then on Saturday, 12 teams pay the Warriors a visit for the Ruidoso Invitational. Saturday's action begins at 9 a.m. with the finals at 2:30 p.m.

Quad. He stuck Pan Kuermerie in second period, and did the same to Carlsbad's Daniel Wilcox in the first period.

Sophomore Jason Leadingham (171) scored a reversal of fortune with three seconds to go in the match with his Roswell opponent Saturday. Leadingham was on his back with time running out when his reverse scored the winning points. The victory came against the same foe who pinned Leadingham two days earlier. Later in the day, the sophomore Warrior beat Carlsbad's William McCormack with a pin in the first period.

Senior heavyweight Brad Beavers continued his string of solid wrestling. He pinned Carlsbad's Fabian Campos in the first period Saturday.

The Warriors had success versus the Cavemen from Carlsbad. Even though Carlsbad didn't have all of its first-team varsity wrestlers competing in Roswell, a victory over anyone off the defending state champion's roster is a feather in the cap.

'Zozo gets defensive

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Carrizozo's girls and boys basketball teams are three-fourths of the way toward completing their defense of the Grizzlies' home-court.

But their biggest challenge to finishing the first half of the District 3A campaigns undefeated is just ahead.

The Grizzlies host Fort Sumner Saturday in the last district home games for both squads. The girls play at 6 p.m. followed by the boys at 7:30 p.m.

The Carrizozo girls improved to 10-6 overall and 3-0 with 3A wins over Vaughn (83-32) and Mountainair (70-37) last Friday and Saturday. The Grizzly boys kept their half of the bargain with sweeps in their games against the Eagles (57-39) and Cowboys (57-45). Coach Gerald Horacek's boys are 7-9 overall and 3-0 in 3A play.

Quite simply, the Grizzlies need to win, Carrizozo coach Kim Padilla said of her team's showdown with Fort Sumner.

That's a tall task. Why?

"They are 11-deep. They are all talented. They just play fundamental basketball," Padilla said of the Vixens.

The Grizzlies will counter with Keri Shafer, Renee Rael, Amanda Najar, Mandi Baca and Naomi Vallejos. Three Carrizozo players average in double figures for Padilla. Freshman guard Rael has upped her average to 17 points a game, while Vallejos has slipped from the mid-20s to about 18 a game. But that's OK with Padilla, whose team is more balanced in scoring now.

Baca chips in 10 a clip to round out the top three scorers for the Grizzlies.

Carrizozo is healthy going into Saturday's game — physically healthy, but maybe not mentally healthy.

The Grizzlies have a definite mental block when it comes to Fort Sumner.

What does a coach do about it? Hypnosis? Shock treatment? How about self-help?

"You can give all the pep talks in the world, but unless we get over our mental blocks, we're not going to play with them," Padilla said.

Carrizozo has the week to practice handling the high-pressure, unrelenting Fort Sumner press.

The Grizzlies had success with Tularosa's press last week. Carrizozo avenged an earlier season loss to the Wildcats with a 55-54 win.

Carrizozo rallied in the fourth quarter to steal the game from Tulle. Up by two with less than 30 seconds in the game, Vallejos missed the front end of a one-and-one for the Grizzlies. Courtney Maynard tracked down the rebound and put it back in for a 55-51 lead. Tulle hit a three-pointer with five seconds left and called a timeout. On the ensuing Carrizozo inbounds play, the Wildcats came up with the ball and had enough time to put up what could be the winning shot.

How close was the last-second shot?

"It was close enough," Padilla said.

The Grizzly boys' play would have pleased the defensive-minded Bob Knight of Indiana University. Their play definitely impressed Carrizozo coach Gerald Horacek as well.

Unselfish play, confidence in the system and lots of good in-your-shoes defensive led the Grizzlies last weekend. They'll need a similar effort Saturday when they face Fort Sumner.

The Foxes have one of Class A's top scorers in freshman Larry Roybal. Roybal averages a nifty 22 points a game.

"We need to contain him and shut down their inside game," said the first-year Grizzly coach.

Carrizozo answers with senior guard Willie Silva, who scores 18 points, eight assists and six steals a game.

"We know that we're 3-0, but we also know that we have five more district games and four of those on one of the road," he said.

Ruidoso girls down STHS for first District 3AAA victory in three years

□ The Warriors' last 3AAA victory came against Silver in overtime

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

The last time the Ruidoso girls won a regular-season district basketball game, Deming, Socorro and Las Cruces Oñate were in the 3AAA, and the Ruidoso Middle School girls had just finished a perfect 13-0 season.

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

Deming and Oñate have since left the 3AAA for the Class AAAA level, and Socorro opted to play in District 5AAA this year. The Braves are fashioning an equally impressive record this year.

Now, many of those players who put together RMS' 13-0 season in 1994 are the same ones who snapped a 24-game district losing streak with a 51-39 victory over Santa Teresa Saturday. The last district triumph for Ruidoso came on Feb. 5, 1994, when it downed Silver, 41-40, in overtime.

"We didn't play particularly well," said Ruidoso coach Dwayne Rogers. "We had 26 steals in the game, and yet it was a 10-point game."

Still, the Warriors won, improving to 4-10 overall and 1-1 in 3AAA play.

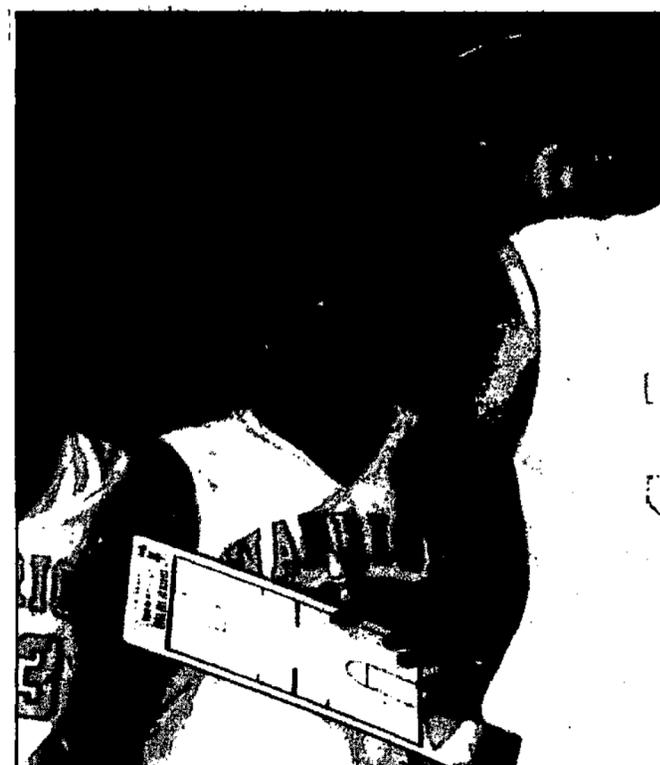
"The kids gave a good effort. We did what we had to do," Rogers said. "Sometimes you win ugly and you take it."

Ruidoso pulled away from the Desert Warriors in the second half. It doubled a four-point half-time lead by the end of the third quarter. Ruidoso then expanded it to double digits in the fourth.

The Warriors never could put away the visitors, but Santa Teresa never got closer than eight, either.

"We seem to be able to play with some late in the game with a 10 or 12-point lead," Rogers said. "We didn't let mistakes affect us. It was a hard game for us, but we got on the floor for loose balls. We outlasted them."

As Rogers feasted, the Warriors suffered a bit of letdown after



Under the direction of second-year coach Dwayne Rogers, the Ruidoso girls basketball team has snapped a 40-game losing streak and a 24-game district losing skid. The Warriors are 4-10 overall and 1-1 in 3AAA play. They host Cobre for a district contest Friday.

their solid effort against Silver that ended in a loss. The Warriors didn't have the same intensity going into the Santa Teresa game as they did when they took the floor versus Silver Jan. 18.

But the Warriors did expect to win Saturday, Rogers said.

"Our fundamentals are getting a whole lot better, and we have the right attitude," Rogers said. "We really expect to win when we play."

Had the Desert Warriors been better free-throw shooters, the Ruidoso losing streak might have continued.

Ruidoso came out aggressive, a little too aggressive for the referees. They whistled the Warriors for nine fouls to Santa Teresa's

five in the first half, putting the visitors into the one-and-one by the second quarter.

"We deserved them all," Rogers said of the fouls.

The Desert Warriors ended up making just 10 of 33 charity shots. Ruidoso finished five of nine from the free-throw line.

Bailey Bishop paced the winners with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Jana Morris added 10 points. Ruidoso dominated the boards. Apryl Figueroa and Mandi Lewallen garnered 10 cars-oms each.

"We're starting to play the way I've always envisioned us playing — even a year ago," Rogers said.

Ruidoso will try for its second district win Friday, versus Cobre.

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SMALL RANCH Arroyo, 720 wooded acres. Call Gilman Real Estate 378-4391.

FOR SALE BY OWNER High Sierra time-sharing, Ruidoso \$200,000. Call #16 (April) 2BDRM/2BA, sleeps 6. Call Rudy 1-800-239-0885.

TRIPLEX For Sale: \$85,000 approx. 1700 sq. ft. Great income property, located close to town. 605-523-1732

2 Real Estate Trades

WOULD LIKE TO TRADE town lot for land located in Nogal, Loma Grande area. Call 505-356-8772

3 Land for Sale

LAND FOR SALE - Honda area, four acres. Call 653-4591

5.5 & 7 ACRES On airport highway, level land, w/look on back of property, fantastic views. 1-512-357-2168.

4 Houses for Sale

FOR SALE BY OWNER 3BDRM/2BA on 4 1/2 fenced acres. Sun Valley Area. Live creek/pond, 2-stall horse barn w/water and electricity. Very private/secluded. \$171,000. 505-257-4311 for appt. Owner is licensed New Mexico Real Estate Agent.

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1994 FORD BRONCO 4x4, 5-sp., 100,000 miles, excellent condition. Call 257-5510.

SEASONAL BUSINESS

Over 10 years experience in seasonal business. Call 257-5510.

FAST FOOD BUSINESS

Fast food business in cool climate. Call 257-5510.

19 Autos for Sale

1976 SUBARU Station Wagon, 4-sp. Call 378-5416.

1991 HONDA Civic, low mileage, excellent maintenance. Call 257-5510.

1992 MERCURY Cougar XR-7 loaded, automatic, fast green. Call 437-5727.

1991 JEEP Wagoneer Call 257-5416.

1987 SEL AIR CHEVY 2-dr. hardtop, winter tires. Call 257-5510.

1994 Ford Taurus 4DR \$9000

1988 GMC Suburban \$7000

1984 Mazda RX-7 \$1500

1973 VW Custom Bug \$2500

1988 4x4 Dually 4-sp., aluminum wheels. Call 257-5510.

1994 RANGER XLT Supercab 4x4, 5-sp. Call 378-5416.

1992 CHEVROLET extended cab 271, 4x4, fully loaded. Call 257-5510.

1995 FORD XLT Extended cab, 51,000 miles. Call 257-5510.

1993 GMC 1/2 TON 4x4, 5-sp., large V-6 engine. Call 257-5510.

1984 CHEVROLET - 3/4 ton Suburban 6.7 liters, Diesel. Call 257-5510.

1987 SUBARU WAGON

4x4, super clean \$2750. 257-3180

DUMP TRUCK

95 Chevy one-ton, 4x4, turbo, diesel, 2 yard bed, 5 speed, 18K miles, like new, will take trade. 257-3180

21 Vans for Sale

1992 FORD AEROSTAR all wheel drive, loaded \$9,800. Call 257-5510.

1988 FORD CONVERSION VAN, 32,000 actual miles. Call 257-5510.

22 Motorcycles

88 KAWASAKI 484 MC runs great, looks great. Call 257-5510.

24 RV/Travel

33 FT. CARDINAL 5th wheel with slide, 1000 miles on unit. Call 257-5510.

1977 DODGE MIDAS 23 ft. motor home, generator, 71,000 miles, excellent condition. Call 257-5510.

1985 KIT ROAD RANGER 27 ft. travel trailer, built completely conditioned. Call 257-5510.

28 Pet & Supplies

YORKIE REGISTERED female, 10 weeks, \$475. Call 257-5510.

30 Real Estate

WOOD STOVES Fisher, free standing wood stove. Call 257-5510.

31 Household

10' QU. FT. almirah refrigerator/wine cooler, 4 yr old. Call 257-5510.

FOR SALE: Used green Whirlpool dishwasher. Call 257-5510.

Joyce's Antiques

New & Used Furniture, Mattresses, Used Appliances. Call 257-5510.

33 Antiques

The Barn 1/2 mile from "Y" Ruidoso Hwy. 70. Call 257-5510.

34 Arts

CREATIVITY IN 1997 Inspiration Available at GAIL'S FRAME OF MIND. Call 257-5510.

35 Sporting Goods

NEW INVENTION BACK MACHINE: The Back Revolution. Call 257-5510.

36 Miscellaneous

NUTRILITE SUPPLEMENTS Full line made from plants with carefully controlled conditions. Call 257-5510.

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PERFECT FOR VALENTINE'S 1-car diamond engagement ring. Call 257-5510.

1/2 KARAT Ruby men's ring. Call 257-5510.

HANDMADE BENCHES and chairs. Call 257-5510.

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38 Help Wanted

CASA BLANCA is accepting applications for all positions. Call 257-5510.

EXPERIENCED TELLER for Sun Standard, Ruidoso State Bank, Main Branch. Call 257-5510.

FULL TIME - Maintenance knowledge - in carpet and vinyl installation. Call 257-5510.

ELECTRICIAN: Apache Electrical Contractors is taking applications for electricians. Call 257-5510.

DESK CLERK & HOUSEKEEPER needed. Call 257-5510.

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42 Child Care

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LOT 21 OF FORT STANTON RANCH LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON JUNE 4, 1988 IN TUBE 510, SUBDIVISION DEPARTMENT OF LAND, CONSERVATION, EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD AND ANY OTHER ENCUMBRANCES.

The property may be inspected by calling the Tax and Revenue Department, District D, Alberto Butts, 824-5068 Ext. 115 for appointment.

Payment in full must be made in cash or by cashiers check immediately after the bid has been accepted. If no person offers the minimum price as determined by the Auction and Compliance Division Director or Delegate, the property will not be sold but will be re-advertised for sale at a later time. This bid is subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the public notice of sale in accordance with Section 7-1-47 N.M.S.A. 1978.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Region IX Education Cooperative Coordinating Council meeting Wednesday February 6, 1997 - 8:30 AM - REC IX Conference Room - 1400 Sudderth - Ruidoso, NM. The meeting is open to the public. Agenda items include: Audit review/approval, Medicaid in the Schools, JPA, GRADS Expansion, Council National Award of Excellence, in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. Questions are requested to contact Sandy Glasden, 257-2388, if public accommodations are needed.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Twelfth Judicial District Court, State of New Mexico, County of Lincoln.

WILLIAM C. HENDERSON and J.M. BROOK CORPORATION, Defendants.

AMENDED SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: WILLIAM C. HENDERSON and J.M. BROOK CORPORATION.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above styled and numbered cause of action has commenced and is now pending in the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

The general object of the action is a Complaint for Debt and Money Due as is more particularly described in the Complaint.

You are further notified that unless you file and answer or responsive pleading to the Complaint, on or before March 11, 1997, judgment will be entered against you by default and the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 6, 1997, Village of Ruidoso, P.O. Drawer 90, Ruidoso, NM 88345, filed Application No. H-272 with the STATE ENGINEER to permit to change location of well by ceasing the use of shallow well H-272 located in the NW1/4 4NE 14SW1/4, Section 36, Township 36N, Range 13E, East, N.M.P.M., and drilling a shallow well 12 inches in diameter and approximately 400 feet in depth in the NW1/4 4SW1/4 4SW1/4 of Section 36, Township 36N, Range 13E, East, N.M.P.M., for the diversion of up to 248.14 acre-foot per annum of shallow groundwater plus all water used in the State Engineer File 3039 for municipal use within the Village of Ruidoso.

The Old well is to be retained for possible supplemental use later.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, local municipalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities or institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The protest or objections shall be in writing and shall set forth the protestor's or objector's reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed in duplicate with Thomas C. Turley, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 88201, within (10) days after the date of the last out-

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that competitively sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Avenue), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 18, 1997, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids received after the above date and time will be returned unopened.

PROJECT NO. 98-2-RS-13-004: CONSOLIDATION OF NEW CARRIZOSO HEALTH CENTER

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make their final determination during a special commission meeting to be announced at a later date.

Complete sets of the bidding documents may be obtained at the office of the Architect/Engineer of Record, SHPC Architects, 115 Southwest Ave., Suite 100, Carrizozo, NM 88301. Call 505-255-0838.

This project is funded in whole or in part by a Grant from the State of New Mexico and is subject to requirements of the funding agency.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interest of Lincoln County.

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Luncheon & Style Show

"WOMAN OF THE YEAR"

Luncheon & Fashion Show:
Ruidoso Convention & Civic Events Center
Thursday, February 13

*Proceeds will benefit the ENMU Women's
Scholarship Fund.*

Tickets will be on sale at *The Ruidoso News*
from Friday, January 17 through Monday,
February 10.

Call Christine, Tony, Tiffany or Cathy
for more information.

257-4001

SALUTE TO WORKING WOMEN

FEBRUARY 13, 1997

Nominations form for Woman of the Year
(Nominees will be featured in The Ruidoso News special section)

Submitted by: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: (work) _____ (home) _____

Place of Employment _____

(Please detail below the reasons you believe your nominee should be
named woman of the Year for 1997. Include specifics as to your nomi-
nee's accomplishments and personal characteristics that sets her apart.)

We believe that _____ should be
named Woman of the Year because: _____

Please return to The Ruidoso News by Friday, January 31. (sooner if
possible).

Only original forms from the newspaper will be accepted.

THURSDAY

MORNING

- 6:00 (1) **Book of David** (1995) David Stern, Jon Polk. Six youths accompany a fugitive on his flight to Devil's Peak. (CC)
- 6:45 (1) **Down Argentine Way** (1940) Betty Gable, Don Ameche. An heiress tries to woo a wealthy Argentine home brewer.
- 6:55 (2) **Captain Mule and the Bomberboys** (1995) Martin Sheen, Kate Mulgrew. Three boys hold the country hostage with a nuclear bomb.
- 6:00 (1) **Frost** (1987) Gene Cerni, Eddie Barth. Students at a school for the performing arts learn of life. (CC)
- (2) **Club Paradise** (1994) Robin Williams, Peter Onorati. A Chicago fireman tries to save a run-down island resort. (CC)
- 6:30 (1) **Bye Bye, Love** (1995) Matthew Modine, Randy Quaid. Three fathers try to cope with their post-divorce lives. (CC)
- (2) **She the Bullet** (1975) Gene Hackman, Candice Bergen. Eight riders endure a 700-mile race across the Southwest.
- 7:00 (2) **The Whoopee Boys** (1996) Michael O'Keefe, Paul Rodriguez. Two New Yorkers enroll in a Florida swampland charm school.
- 7:30 (1) **Government Girl** (1943) Olivia de Havilland, Sonny Tufts. Wartime Washington crowds an automaker and his secretary.
- (2) **One Foot in Hell** (1980) Alan Ladd, Don Murray. A lecher holds a town responsible for his wife's death.
- (3) **Fast Forward** (1985) John Scott Clough, Don Franklin. A teen-age dance group goes to New York in search of fame. (CC)
- 8:00 (1) **D.O.A.** (1988) Dennis Quaid, Meg Ryan. A man seeks his own killer after taking a slow-acting poison.
- 8:15 (1) **Belman Forever** (1995) Val Kilmer, Tommy Lee Jones. Belman faces threats from the Riddler and Harvey Two-Face. (CC)
- 8:30 (1) **Omega Doom** (1986) Ripley Hunter, Shannon Whirry. A cyborg battles numerous enemies on a ravaged Earth.
- 8:45 (1) **Leonard Part 6** (1987) Bill Cosby, Tom Courtenay. An agent is brought out of retirement to battle a mad scientist. (CC)
- 9:00 (2) **A Month in the Country** (1987) Colin Firth, Kenneth Branagh. Two veterans spend a summer in the English countryside.
- 9:15 (1) **These Daring Young Men in Their Jeopardy** (1988) Tony Curtis, Dudley Moore. Rivalries in a 1,500-mile race to Monte Carlo in the 1920s.
- 9:30 (1) **Modern Problems** (1981) Chevy Chase, Pati D'Arville. A man is telekinetic after being dosed with nuclear waste.
- 10:00 (1) **The Trapper** (1988) Kris Kristofferson, Mark Moses. A rancher sets out to rescue a woman from a fanatic. (CC)
- 10:15 (1) **Grand Canyon** (1991) Danny Glover, Kevin Kline. A white lawyer befriends a black taxi driver. (CC)
- (2) **Silent Fall** (1994) Richard Dreyfuss, John Lithgow. An autistic youth is the only witness to a double murder. (CC)
- 10:45 (2) **Look Who's Talking** (1989) John Travolta, Kirstie Alley. An unwed mother's baby offers a running commentary on life.
- 11:00 (1) **See No Evil** (1971) Alie Farrow, Robin Bailey. A recently blinded woman is stalked by a killer.
- 11:05 (1) **Mellock: The Suspect** (1991) Andy Griffin, Nancy Stafford. Mellock's objectivity may be compromised by a client.
- 11:30 (1) **By the Light of the Silvery Moon** (1953) Doris Day, Gordon MacRae. Misunderstandings hinder a couple's marriage plans. (CC)
- 11:45 (1) **Sid School 2** (1994) Dean Cameron, Heather Camphill. A star and his cronies try to wreck an upcoming wedding. (CC)

AFTERNOON

- 12:30 (1) **Nobody's Fool** (1994) Paul Newman, Jessica

- Tandy. A 60-year-old handyman reveals in his irresponsibility. (CC)
- (2) **A Walk in the Clouds** (1995) Keanu Reeves, Alana Sanchez-Grijon. Two people fall in love while pretending to be married. (CC)
- (3) **An Affair to Remember** (1957) Cary Grant, Deborah Kerr. A sea cruise turns a playboy and an ex-rightish singer. (CC)
- (4) **Picking Up the Moon** (1984) Sam Parr, Elizabeth McGovern. Two high-school buddies have a final fling before enlisting. (CC)
- 1:00 (2) **Piacechio** (1978) Danny Kaye, Sandy Duncan. A marionette longs to become a human boy.
- 1:15 (1) **Spies Like Us** (1985) Dan Aykroyd, Chevy Chase. Two bumbling government workers enter a spy training program. (CC)
- (2) **You Gotta Stay Happy** (1948) Joan Fontaine, James Stewart. Romance blooms during a runaway bride's flight to California.
- 2:00 (2) **Hats for Kate** (1967) Antonio Sabato, John Ireland. Gold and vengeance unite two men in the desert Southwest.
- (3) **Cadillac Man** (1997) Robin Williams, Tim Robbins. A crazed husband confronts a womanizing car salesman.
- 2:15 (1) **First Knight** (1995) Sean Connery, Richard Gere. The evil Morgana threatens the peace of Camelot. (CC)
- (2) **Peggy Sue Got Married** (1986) Kathleen Turner, Nicolas Cage. A woman goes back to her senior year in high school. (CC)
- 2:25 (1) **Tommy** (1975) Ann-Margret, Roger Daltrey. A deaf, mute and blind boy becomes a modern-day messiah.
- 2:30 (1) **Beltrine** (1995) Harrison Ford, Julie Ormond. A chauffeur's daughter awakens love in a rich workaholic. (CC)
- 3:00 (1) **Made in America** (1993) Whoopi Goldberg, Ted Danson. A black woman leaves her sperm bank donor in a while. (CC)
- (2) **Raw Edge** (1956) Roy Calfoun, Yvonne De Carlo. A land baron's henchman plots to murder him.
- 4:00 (2) **Trapped in Paradise** (1994) Nicolas Cage, Jon Lovitz. Overly kind townspeople prevent bank robbers from escaping. (CC)
- 4:15 (1) **The Perfect Furlough** (1959) Tony Curtis, Janet Leigh. An Army officer wins a week in Paris with a movie star.
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- 4:30 (1) **Danette Cheeks in** (1996) Jason Alexander, Faye Dunaway. A flight instructor wrecks havoc at an upscale hotel. (CC)
- 4:45 (1) **Higher Learning** (1995) Omar Epps, Kristy Swanson. College freshmen are exposed to the pressures of society. (CC)
- 5:00 (1) **Bye Bye, Love** (1995) Matthew Modine, Randy Quaid. Three fathers try to cope with their post-divorce lives. (CC)
- (2) **Gay Palms** (1982) Voices of Judy Garland, Robert Gould. A group of French farm cats leads adventure in Paris.

EVENING

- 6:00 (2) **Home Improvement** (CC)
- (3) **NewsHour With Jim Lehrer** (CC)
- (4) **News** (CC)
- (5) **Prime News** (CC)
- (6) **News** (CC)
- (7) **MOVIE: The Big Trail** (1930) John Wayne, Margaret Churchill. A young trapper takes a job as scout for a wagon train.
- (8) **Jeopardy!** (CC)
- (9) **MOVIE: Bloodsport** (1988) Jean-Claude Van Damme, Donald Gibb. A wrestler wins a martial arts competition in Hong Kong.
- (10) **Travelers**
- (11) **Championship Rodeo**
- (12) **TV's Bloopers and Practical Jokes**
- (13) **Headline News** (CC)
- (14) **MOVIE: Born to Be Wild** (1995) Wil Horneff,

- Helen Shaver.** A Seattle teenager befriends a runaway gull. (CC)
- (15) **MOVIE: The Descentist** (1996) Nicole Eggert, Richard Grieco. A murdered agent is reborn as a high-tech criminal. (CC)
- (16) **Monsters**
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- (24) **Great Indoors**
- 9:05 (2) **MOVIE: Ice Castles** (1978) Lynn-Holly Johnson, Robby Benson. A skater with dreams of Olympic glory is partially blinded. (CC)
- 9:08 (1) **Local Forecast and Weather Features**
- 9:15 (1) **MOVIE: The Getaway** (1994) Alec Baldwin, Kim Basinger. Husband-and-wife thieves flee after a gangster's betrayal. (CC)
- 9:30 (1) **Computer Chronicles**
- (2) **Moneyline** (CC)
- (3) **MOVIE: The Perfect Furlough** (1959) Tony Curtis, Janet Leigh. An Army officer wins a week in Paris with a movie star.
- (4) **Headline News** (CC)
- (5) **MOVIE: No Way Back** (1996) Russell Crowe, Helen Slater. An FBI agent becomes caught in a war between rival gangs. (CC)
- (6) **TV Nation**
- (7) **Ricky & Bullyville**
- (8) **Hollicor Unvision Edicion Nocturna**
- (9) **Exploring America**
- (10) **Mist Savanna**
- (11) **WeatherScope**
- (12) **Sportscenter** (CC)
- (13) **Odd Couple** (CC)
- (14) **Urban Gardener**
- 9:38 (1) **Local Forecast and Weather Features**
- 9:45 (1) **MOVIE: Mo' Money** (1992) Damon Wayans, Marlon Wayans. Two con artists get caught up in a major credit card scam. (CC)
- 9:47 (1) **This Evening's Weather**
- 9:50 (1) **MOVIE: The Blues Brothers** (1980) John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd. Two musicians reassemble their blues band for a fund-raiser.
- 9:52 (1) **Local Forecast and Weather Features**
- 9:55 (1) **MOVIE: Lord of Illusions** (1995) Scott Bakula, Kevin J. O'Connor. A private detective runs afoul of diabolical cultists. (CC)
- 10:00 (2) **News**
- (3) **Rod and Reel**
- (4) **Tracy Takes On...** (CC)
- (5) **NewsNight**
- (6) **News** (CC)
- (7) **In the Heat of the Night** (CC)
- (8) **Movie Magic**
- (9) **Duke of Hazard**
- (10) **Rescue 911** (CC)
- (11) **Headline News** (CC)
- (12) **MOVIE: The Hunting Party** (1971) Gene Hackman, Candice Bergen. A vengeful rancher sets out to rescue his kidnapped wife.
- (13) **Duckman** (CC)
- (14) **Tick** (CC)
- (15) **Ghost of Wonder** Investigating the pyramids of Egypt; visits to the Boulder Dam and Australia's Sydney Opera House.
- (16) **Snorka**
- (17) **La Tocada**
- (18) **Earth Journeys**
- (19) **Lovelaine**
- (20) **WeatherScope**
- (21) **Bewitched**
- (22) **Furniture**
- 10:01 (1) **Talkin' (CC)**
- 10:05 (2) **Sleazeboss** (CC)
- 10:08 (1) **Local Forecast and Weather Features**
- 10:30 (1) **Tony Brown's Journal**
- (2) **Real Sex 16** Topics covered include a seminar that mixes food and sex, a wild convention for swingers and the annual "Miss Black Nude Beauty Pageant." (CC)
- (3) **Showbiz Today**
- (4) **Next Step**
- (5) **Headline News** (CC)
- (6) **Big Date**
- (7) **Saturday Night Live** (CC)
- (8) **Jeopardy!**
- (9) **Earth Journeys**
- (10) **WeatherScope**
- (11) **World Cup Skiing**
- (12) **I Dream of Jeannie**
- (13) **In Living Color** (CC)
- (14) **Willard Scott**
- 10:35 (1) **Real TV** (CC)
- (2) **Tonight Show** (CC)
- (3) **Married... With Children** (CC)
- (4) **Late Show** (CC)
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(1) Simon & Simon
(1) Cronika Remembers
(1) Prime Time Country (CC)
(1) 700 Club
(1) Headline News (CC)
(1) MOVIE: Digital Man (1985) Ken Olin, Kristen Dalton. A top-secret military weapon revolts against its creators. (CC)
(1) Knight Rider (CC)
(1) Police Matters
(1) Small Arms - Soft Targets Smaller bullets that fragment easier and do more damage, land mines and lasers.
(1) Scooby Doo Where Are You?
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(1) Dick Van Dyke
(1) In Living Color (CC)
(1) Working From Home
11:01 (1) Forever Knight
11:05 (1) Access Hollywood (CC)
(1) Cheers (CC)
11:08 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
11:15 (1) MOVIE: All Value Local (1993) Angel Aviles, Sady Lopez. Two Latino gang women try to sort out their lives. (CC)
(1) MOVIE: The Big Trail (1930) John Wayne, Marguerite Churchill. A young trapper takes a job as scout for a wagon train.
(1) MOVIE: Forbidden Games (1995) Jeff Griggs, Leif Kay Sterling. An investigator finds erotic danger while probing a murder.
11:20 (1) MOVIE: Children of the Corn III: Urban Harvest (1995) Daniel Cenny, Ron Mendez. Chicago falls prey to a Midwestern corn's evil powers.
11:30 (1) CNN Sports Illustrated
(1) Headline News (CC)
(1) Light of the Southwest
(1) Daily Show
(1) 2 Stupid Dogs
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(1) Hamilton Sports Adventure
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(1) Headline News (CC)
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(1) MOVIE: D.O.A. (1985) Dennis Quaid, Meg Ryan. A man seeks his own killer after taking a slow-acting poison.
(1) Light of the Southwest
(1) Public Policy Conference
(1) MOVIE: The Whoopie Boys (1996) Michael O'Keefe, Paul Rodriguez. Two New Yorkers enroll in a Florida swampland charm school.
(1) HomeLine
(1) Bugs & Daily
(1) Cristina
(1) EBC Travel Show Guide
(1) Dramatize
(1) Good Morning Forecast
(1) Sportscenter (CC)
(1) Happy Days
(1) Victory Garden

FRIDAY

MORNING

- 5:05 (1) Forrest Gump (1994) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright. A slow-witted Southerner experiences 30 years of history. (CC)
5:30 (1) Cries and Whispers (1986) Louise Lasser, Paul L. Smith. Two sisters-in-law fight their employer's wife. (CC)
(1) Under the Cherry Moon (1986) Prince, Kristin Scott-Thomas. A musician-gigolo falls for an heiress on the French Riviera. (CC)
6:00 (1) Gung Hui (1985) Michael Keaton, Gedde Wenzel. A man tries to lure a Japanese auto plant to his town.
6:30 (1) You Gotta Stay Happy (1948) Joan Fontaine, James Stewart. Romance blooms during a runaway bride's flight to California.
(1) Head Case (1980) Kurt Russell, Jack Warden. A job salesman tries to protect his late boss's car lot.
7:00 (1) Alex (1993) Lauren Jackson, Chris Hayward. An accident leads to a job on the Olympic swim team.
(1) Link Up (1989) Nancy Allen, Dean Cain. A woman battles her soul to become a commodities trader.
7:15 (1) The Damned Don't Cry (1985) Joan Crawford, David Brian. A poor woman rises to become a glamorous gang moll. (CC)
8:00 (1) (1) Malcolm X (1992) Denzel Washington, Spike Lee. Spike Lee's portrait of the late civil rights advocate. (CC)
(1) Whispers (1987) Michael Caine, Jacob Tierney. A boy's pet cat undergoes a remarkable transformation.
(1) Almost an Angel (1980) Paul Hogan, Elise Koles. A petty crook is convinced he has become God's messenger. (CC)
8:30 (1) Singles (1992) Bridget Fonda, Campbell Scott. Romantic crises abound for young adults in Seattle. (CC)
(1) Necessary Roughness (1991) Scott Bakula,

- Hector Elizondo. A 34-year-old former side a failing college football team. (CC)
8:45 (1) The Tarnished Angels (1957) Rock Hudson, Robert Stack, William Fastener's story of a Depression-era start-up.
6:00 (1) D.A.R.Y.L. (1985) Mary Beth Hurt, Michael McKean. A boy with a computerized brain escapes from an Army lab. (CC)
9:45 (1) Magic in the Water (1985) Mark Hamon, Joshua Jackson. A vacationing family encounters a legendary creature. (CC)
10:15 (1) Heavin Cali Walk (1978) Warren Beatty, Julie Christie. An angelic angel prematurely summons a pro football player. (CC)
10:30 (1) Top Secret Affair (1987) Susan Hayward, Kirk Douglas. A publisher falls in love with a man she must to run.
(1) Pontiac Moon (1994) Ted Danson, Mary Steenburgen. A father and son embark on a symbolic road trip in 1988. (CC)
10:45 (1) Treasure II: Afterthocks (1995) Fred Ward, Christopher Gartin. Giant subterranean worms surface at a Mexican oil refinery. (CC)
11:05 (1) Malleck: The Don (1995) Andy Gillin, Jose Ferrer. Malleck delenda's dying crime boss framed for murder.
11:30 (1) Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead (1991) Christina Applegate, Joanna Cassidy. Youths are left unsupervised when their caretaker expires. (CC)
(1) The Comedy of Terrors (1964) Vincent Price, Peter Lorre. A near-bankrupt mortician creates his own customers.

AFTERNOON

- 12:00 (1) Memphis Belle (1990) Matthew Modine, Eric Stoltz. A bomber crew flies 25 missions over World War II Europe. (CC)
12:15 (1) The Ladies' Man (1961) Jerry Lewis, Helen Traubel. A love-scorched man lands a job in a girls boardinghouse.
12:30 (1) The Cherokee Kid (1936) Sidnee James, James Cagney. A cowboy becomes a legendary gangster in the Old West. (CC)
(1) Short Circuit 2 (1988) Fisher Stevens, Michael McKean. A robot helps his co-creator break into the toy business. (CC)
1:00 (1) City Limits (1995) John Stockwell, Darrin Leno. Teen-age bikers of the future clash with corporate overlords.
(1) The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh (1977) Animated. Includes "Winnie the Pooh and the Honey Day." (CC)
2:00 (1) Asante Means (1984) Rosalind Russell, Forrest Tucker. An orphan becomes the ward of his bohemian New York aunt.
(1) The Brady Bunch Movie (1995) Shelley Long, Gary Cole. America's favorite sitcom family fights to save its home. (CC)
(1) Shadows of the Wolf (1993) Lou Diamond Phillips, Yoshio Akino. A young Eskimo violently opposes encroaching whites. (CC)
(1) Southwest Passage (1954) Rod Cameron, Joanne Dru. A bank robber and his lover join a west-bound camel caravan.
(1) Clifford (1991) Martin Short, Charles Grodin. A precocious 10-year-old wreaks havoc in his uncle's life.
2:25 (1) The In Crowd (1988) Donovan Leitch, Jennifer Ruyton. A teen-ager becomes a performer on a local TV dance show.
2:30 (1) (1) Forrest Gump (1994) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright. A slow-witted Southerner experiences 30 years of history. (CC)
(1) L.A. (1994) Meg Ryan, Tim Robbins. Albert Einstein tests his theories of relativity on his niece. (CC)
(1) Arctic Blue (1983) Roger Hauer, Dylan Walsh. A man and a captive trapper crash in the Alaskan wild. (CC)
4:00 (1) It Takes Two (1985) Kristie Alley, Steve Gutterberg. A young orphan swaps places with a wealthy look-alike. (CC)
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(1) Tommy Boy (1995) Chris Farley, David Spade. An underachiever struggles to save his father's company. (CC)
4:30 (1) Thunder on the Hill (1951) Claudette Colbert, Ann Blyth. A murderess takes shelter in a convent during a storm.
5:00 (1) Balto (1995) Voices of Kevin Bacon, Bob Odenkirk. Animated. A canine helps deliver medicine to sick Alaskans. (CC)
5:15 (1) Bang the Drum Slowly (1973) Robert De Niro, Michael Moriarty. A dying baseball player struggles to complete the season.

EVENING

- 6:00 (1) Home Improvement (CC)
(1) NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (CC)
(1) News
(1) MOVIE: Waiting to Exhale (1995) Whitney Houston, Angela Bassett. Four women share the joys and frustrations of romance. (CC)
(1) Prime News (CC)
(1) News (CC)
(1) MOVIE: This Earth Is Mine (1958) Rock Hudson, Jean Simmons. California vintners spar over the use of their grapes.
(1) Jeopardy! (CC)
(1) MOVIE: Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (1989) Rick Moranis, Matt Frewer. Four youngsters are accidentally reduced to bug size.
(1) Travelers
(1) Auto Racing
(1) TV's Whoopie and Practical Jobs
(1) Headline News (CC)
(1) MOVIE: First Degree (1995) Rob Lowe, Leslie Hope. A homicide detective counts a husband's business partner's widow. (CC)
(1) MOVIE: The Baby-Sitters Club (1985) Schuyler Fisk, Bre Blair. Seven young girls open a children's daycare camp. (CC)
(1) MOVIE: The Stranger (1995) C. Thomas Howell, Ed Lauter. A renege police officer is recruited by a secret society.
(1) NBA Basketball (CC)

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(1) Food Your Mind
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(1) 48 Hours
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10:18 (1) MOVIE: Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure (1989) Alex Winter, Anthony Michael Hall. Ted's wishes try to alter the future.
10:18 (1) MOVIE: The Sandlot (1998) Paul Giamatti, Jason Lee. A baseball team escapes from the hands of their owner.
10:30 (1) Sports News and Sports Alert
(1) News Tonight (CC)
(1) Larry King Live (CC)
(1) NewsHour

PET CORNER

These pets are currently up for adoption at Lincoln County Humane Society
Call 257-9841



Cinnamon is a five-month-old border collie/Australian shepherd mix, a combination of two highly intelligent breeds. She's playful and is looking for an attentive family. She loves kids, cats or anything that will play with her.



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POOP SCOOP

by DIANNE STALLINGS
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Last year a cruelty-free products campaign was launched by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

Ingrid Newkirk, PETA president, says the sad truth is that thousands of animals, including rats and mice, still die each month in tests for everything from new shampoos to deodorants, toothpastes and baby diapers, because "old-fashioned corporate policy makers and their lawyers refuse to change their cruel ways."

To say such tests are required by government regulations is "outright deception" Newkirk said.

"No law requires cosmetics, toiletries or household products to be tested on animals," Newkirk wrote in a news release. Europe is scheduled to outlaw cosmetics tests on animals on Jan. 1, 1998, she said.

Plenty of new cosmetics, toiletries and household products are entering the marketplace without animal testing, she said.

"Testing a product on animals does not insure its safety for humans," she said. "The only thing that animal testing guarantees is an agonizing life of isolation and confinement, and often terrible pain for countless animals. There is simply no excuse for this suffering to continue," she said.

In part because of the pressure from PETA and its supporters, nearly 600 manufacturers and retailers of cosmetics and personal health care products have signed PETA's Statement of Assurance that they will never test their products on animals, Newkirk said.

The names include Avon, and Revlon, Amway and Eberhard-Faber.

"A recent Associated Press poll found that more than 65% of North Americans said it was never right to use animals to test cosmetics."

If you would like a list of companies that still use animals in their testing, contact PETA at 501 Front St., Norfolk, Va. 23510 or call (757) 622-PETA.

Overweight cures

Just like humans, pets will feel more satisfied with less food, if they eat more slowly.

Prevention for Pets Magazine recommends dividing your dog's food into several bowls around the kitchen. That will necessitate taking a break to walk from one bowl to the next.

For cats, put the bowls into open paper bags. Your cat will have to walk from bag to bag, find the opening and crawl inside. It's fun and time-consuming.

- 5:20 ① 6-Day Planner
- 5:25 ① Local Forecast and Weather Features
- 5:30 ① Wall Street Journal Report
- ① Videos
- ① MOVIE: East of Sumatra (1953) Jeff Chandler, Marilyn Maxwell. An American faces angry natives when supplies fail to arrive.
- ① Field Trip
- ① People to People
- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Paid Program
- ① Headline News
- ① Grounding March (CC)
- ① Football Mix
- ① El Club de los Tigres
- ① Flavors of France
- ① WeatherScope
- ① Great Outdoors
- ① Fisher's Modern Life (CC)
- ① Backchat
- ① Urban Gardener
- 5:35 ① New Adventures of Captain Planet (CC)
- 5:38 ① Local Forecast and Weather Features
- 5:45 ① MOVIE: Man Trouble (1982) Jack Nicholson, Ellen Barkin. A misadventure on a boat in the Atlantic.
- ① News (CC)
- ① The Week (CC)
- ① U.S. Farm Report
- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Paid Program
- ① Headline News
- ① MOVIE: A Million to Join (1984) Paul Rodriguez, Fely Diaz. A poor entrepreneur is given a check for \$1 million. (CC)
- ① Adventure in Wonderland (CC)
- ① Home!
- ① ② Saturday Journal
- ① MOVIE: The Time of Their Lives (1948) Bud Abbott, Lou Costello. Two ghosts are stuck on Earth until they clear their names.
- ① Curious Planet
- ① Plain Science
- ① Trails for Travel With Bert Wolf
- ① Fun & Silliness
- ① WeatherScope
- ① Fisher's Hole
- ① Doin' (CC)
- ① Bongo
- ① Remodeling & Decorating Today
- 6:05 ① Finance
- 6:08 ① Local Forecast and Weather Features

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- 6:30 ① All Dogs Go to Heaven: The Series
- ① ② Wheel of Oz (CC)
- ① Timon & Pumbaa (CC)
- ① Minority Business Report
- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Paid Program
- ① Headline News
- ① MOVIE: A Fine Mess (1986) Ted Danson, Howie Mandel. Two dogs inadvertently win \$10,000 in a lead horse race. (CC)
- ① Amazing Animals (CC)
- ① Update News
- ① Trails for Travel With Bert Wolf
- ① Fun & Silliness
- ① WeatherScope
- ① Jimmy Houston Outdoors
- ① Regatta (CC)
- ① Batsan
- ① House Doctor
- ① Tar-Male
- 6:35 ① Local Forecast and Weather Features
- 6:38 ① MOVIE: It Could Happen to You (1994) Nicolas Cage, Bridget Fonda. A policeman and a waitress split a lily hotpot. (CC)
- 6:45 ① This Morning's Weather
- ① Local Forecast and Weather Features
- ① C-Bear and Jamal (CC)
- ① Designer's Landscape
- ① ② Treatment: The Bible in Animation
- ① MOVIE: The Man From Utah (1934) John Wayne, George "Gabby" Hayes. A tough cowboy matches wits with radio crooksters.
- ① The Book (CC)
- ① WWF Monday!
- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Paid Program
- ① One More Cast
- ① Headline News
- ① Really Wild Animals (CC)
- ① Ladies Man (CC)
- ① Circle Square
- ① Home Pro
- ① Addams Family
- ① Honeyloc Country
- ① La Playa Loca
- ① Travel in Europe
- ① MTV Jam Countdown
- ① WeatherScope
- ① Sportsman's Challenge
- ① Tiny Toon Adventures
- ① MOVIE: Project A-13 vs. Battles 1 & 2 (1990) Animated. A birthday girl links outer space adventure.
- ① Broken Family Publishers
- ① House Doctor
- 7:05 ① WCW Main Event Wrestling (CC)
- 7:08 ① Local Forecast and Weather Features
- 7:20 ① 6-Day Planner
- 7:25 ① Local Forecast and Weather Features

- 7:30 ① Big Bad Beetleborgs (CC)
- ① New Yankee Workshop (CC)
- ① MOVIE: Going Under (1991) Bill Pullman, Ned Beatty. Military jet cats attempt to sink a sub's maiden voyage. (CC)
- ① Project Looker (CC)
- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Paid Program
- ① Southern Outdoors
- ① Headline News
- ① MOVIE: The Sun of Us (1994) Jack Thompson, Russell Crowe. A young man and his loving father share a strong bond.
- ① Anikob's Animal Adventures (CC)
- ① America at Work
- ① Joy Junction
- ① Computer Man
- ① Doctor's Laboratory
- ① Travel in Europe
- ① WeatherScope
- ① Outdoors
- ① Tiny Toon Adventures
- ① Homebuilding Digest
- 7:38 ① Local Forecast and Weather Features
- 7:45 ① MOVIE: Nine Months (1995) Hugh Grant, Julianne Moore. Pregnancy throws a wrench into a man's easygoing lifestyle. (CC)
- ① This Morning's Weather
- ① Local Forecast and Weather Features
- ① Spider-Man (CC)
- ① American Woodshop
- ① Saved by the Bell: The New Class (CC)
- ① Sherwin's This Weekend (CC)
- ① MOVIE: The Lucky Texan (1934) John Wayne, Barbara Stanwick. Claim-jumpers frame a mine for murder.
- ① Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (CC)
- ① Baby Watchman's Good Fishing
- ① Paid Program
- ① Saturday Journal
- ① American Baby
- ① Headline News
- ① MOVIE: The Glass Menagerie (1958) Kirk Douglas, Jane Hynan. A faded Southern belle frets over her crippled daughter.
- ① People: A Biblical Celebration A girl and her grandfather explore the world's varied cultures. (CC)
- ① How the West Was Won
- ① World Wrestling Federation Live Wire
- ① Just the Facts
- ① ② Saturday Journal
- ① Gallagher: Melon Crazy More smashing good fun from pop comic Gallagher.
- ① Homebuilding
- ① Filmmakers (CC)
- ① Curious Traveler
- ① WeatherScope
- ① Fly Fishing the World
- ① Muppet Babies

- ① Otavango
- ① Fix It Up!
- 6:05 ① MOVIE: Gold of the Amazon Women (1970) Anita Ekberg, Bo Svenson. Explorers encounter a society of women deep in the jungle.
- 6:08 ① Local Forecast and Weather Features
- 6:20 ① 6-Day Planner
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- 6:30 ① Casper (CC)
- ① Great American Deserts
- ① Hang Time (CC)
- ① Style
- ① Baby Kipper's P.O.V. (CC)
- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Paid Program
- ① Fishing With Roland Martin
- ① Healthy Kids (CC)
- ① Headline News
- ① MOVIE: Sibling Rivalry (1990) Kirstie Alley, Bill Pullman. A woman's affair provides more excitement than she hoped.
- ① Backy's Barn
- ① Homebodies
- ① Scooby Doo Where Are You?
- ① Curious Traveler
- ① Singled Out
- ① WeatherScope
- ① Salt Water Sportman
- ① Muppet Babies
- ① Otavango
- ① Designer's Landscape
- 6:38 ① Local Forecast and Weather Features
- 6:50 ① MOVIE: The Wiz (1978) Diana Ross, Michael Jackson. A teacher takes a journey to an urban jungle called Oz.
- ① This Morning's Weather
- ① Local Forecast and Weather Features
- ① Goosebumps (CC)
- ① Historic Hotels of America
- ① Saved by the Bell: The New Class (CC)
- ① Inside the NFL (CC)
- ① Science and Technology West (CC)
- ① Bone Chillers (CC)
- ① Betty Boop
- ① Secrets of the Cryptkeeper's Haunted House (CC)
- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Paid Program
- ① Fisher's With Orlando Wilson
- ① Bugaloo
- ① Headline News
- ① Wild, Wild West
- ① Street Fighter (CC)
- ① Outplay's Village
- ① Saturday Night Live
- ① Homebodies
- ① Scooby Doo
- ① Top 12 Countdown
- ① Livestats
- ① Practical Guide to Europe

- ① Sports
- ① WeatherScope
- ① Walker's Coy Chronicles
- ① Beetlejuice
- ① Grizzly Adams
- ① Breaking Ground
- 9:08 ① Local Forecast and Weather Features
- 9:15 ① MOVIE: Chapter Two (1979) James Caan, Marsha Mason. A recent widower and a divorcee reluctantly fall in love.
- 9:20 ① 6-Day Planner
- 9:25 ① Local Forecast and Weather Features
- 9:30 ① Ernie Indiana (CC)
- ① Joanne Land's Help Yourself
- ① California Dreams (CC)
- ① College Basketball Weekly
- ① Gargoyles: The Goliath Chronicles (CC)
- ① Laurel and Hardy
- ① Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (CC)
- ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Paid Program
- ① Bill Dance Outdoors
- ① Livestats
- ① Headline News
- ① MOVIE: Miracle on 34th Street (1934) Richard Widmark, Elizabeth Perkins. A department store Santa claims to be the real St. Nick. (CC)
- ① Wing Commander Academy (CC)
- ① Gospel Bill
- ① Homebodies (CC)
- ① Jetsons
- ① Practical Guide to Europe
- ① Week in Rock
- ① WeatherScope
- ① Sportscenter
- ① Fun & Silliness (CC)
- ① Anti-Gravity Rooms (CC)
- ① Gardening by the Yard
- 9:38 ① Local Forecast and Weather Features
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- 9:55 ① Local Forecast and Weather Features
- 10:00 ① Life With Louie (CC)
- ① Your Organic Garden
- ① NBA Inside Stuff
- ① Educating Peter This Oscar-winning short film profiles the school life of a 10-year-old boy with Down syndrome. (CC)
- ① NewsDay (CC)
- ① New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh (CC)
- ① Popular Science
- ① College Basketball (CC)
- ① Soul Train
- ① World Class Cuisine
- ① In-Fisherman Television
- ① Sigmund and the Sea Monsters
- ① Headline News
- ① Spark
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 - SCHF News
 - Picket Fences
 - Simply Dallas
 - 11:05 Local Forecast and Weather Features
 - 11:08 Baby-Sitters Club (CC)
 - 11:20 T-Day Planner
 - 11:25 Local Forecast and Weather Features
 - 11:30 WRAC News
 - Joy of Peeking (CC)
 - Paranoid Today
 - To Be Announced
 - Hill Top TV
 - Headline News
 - MOVIE: Drop Zone (1994) Wesley Snipes, Gary Busey. A U.S. marshal pursues a gang of sky-diving criminals. (CC)
 - MOVIE: High Anxiety (1977) Mel Brooks, Madeline Kahn. A psychiatrist uncovers a plot to kill patients.
 - Flash Forward (CC)
 - Angels in the Flesh
 - Whose Line is it Anyway?
 - Home Pro
 - WeatherScope
 - Trailer Park (CC)
 - See Perfect
 - 11:38 Local Forecast and Weather Features
 - 11:50 This Afternoon's Weather
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- AFTERNOON**
- 12:00 Sweet Valley High (CC)
 - Junkies' Art Workshop
 - Meltrich
 - Your Health
 - College Basketball
 - Household
 - Motor Trend Television
 - MOVIE: Desperate: Avalanche at Devil's Ridge (1988) Alex McArthur, Rod Steiger. A cowboy framed for murder is offered a tempting deal.
 - Headline News
 - Tortolones (CC)
 - Carroll Lawrence
 - Comics on Delivery
 - Furniture to Go
 - SWAT Kats: The Radical Squadron
 - Nonstop Country
 - Orchid Man
 - Adventure Bound
 - WeatherScope
 - Senior PGA Golf
 - What Would You Do?
 - MOVIE: Seedpeople (1992) Sam Hennings, Andrea Roth. Alien invaders shatter the tranquility of Cornal Valley.
 - Life Goes On (CC)
 - Carol Duvall
 - 12:05 MOVIE: Orca (1977) Richard Harris, Charlotte Rampling. A killer whale stalks the fisherman who captures its mate.
 - 12:08 Local Forecast and Weather Features
 - 12:15 MOVIE: Singles (1992) Bridget Fonda, Campbell Scott. Romantic crises abound for young adults in Seattle. (CC)
 - 12:20 T-Day Planner
 - 12:25 Local Forecast and Weather Features
 - 12:30 Blossom (CC)
 - Quilt in a Day
 - Gymnastics
 - MOVIE: Making of Little Women A behind-the-scenes look at the latest film adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's classic novel.
 - Your Money
 - MOVIE: The Bad Seed (1956) Nancy Kelly, Patty McCormack. A mother's convicted her child's evil behavior is inherited.
 - Trucks and Tractor Power

- Headline News
- Ready or Not (CC)
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- Swing Connection
- Managing
- Wide World of Sports (CC)
- Headline News
- MOVIE: Who Framed Roger Rabbit (1988) Bob Hanks, Christopher Lloyd. A private eye tries to clear a cartoon star of murder. (CC)
- MOVIE: Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey (1993) Robert Hays, Kim Cattrall. Three pets set out on a wilderness search for their owners. (CC)
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- Popeye
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- Global G.U.Y.S.
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- 12:46 MOVIE: Soul of the Beast (1995) Debra Lynne, Michael Williams. Black baseball stars struggle to enter the big leagues. (CC)
- This Afternoon's Weather
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- MOVIE: Pirates (1978) Richard Dillman, Heather MacRae. Men-eating piranhas terrorize resort vacationers.
- Local Forecast and Weather Features
- T-Day Planner
- Local Forecast and Weather Features
- Swing Connection
- Managing
- Wide World of Sports (CC)
- Headline News
- MOVIE: Who Framed Roger Rabbit (1988) Bob Hanks, Christopher Lloyd. A private eye tries to clear a cartoon star of murder. (CC)
- MOVIE: Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey (1993) Robert Hays, Kim Cattrall. Three pets set out on a wilderness search for their owners. (CC)
- Headline News
- Popeye
- Florida
- WeatherScope
- Global G.U.Y.S.
- Gardener's Journal
- Local Forecast and Weather Features
- 12:46 MOVIE: Soul of the Beast (1995) Debra Lynne, Michael Williams. Black baseball stars struggle to enter the big leagues. (CC)
- This Afternoon's Weather
- Local Forecast and Weather Features
- Final Report (CC)
- Early News
- MOVIE: Family Perceptions (1988) Gary

EVENING

- Home Improvement (CC)
- Report From Santa Fe
- News
- MOVIE: Executive Decision (1996) Kurt Russell, He'Sory. A team of special agents must reclaim a hijacked airliner. (CC)
- Prime News (CC)
- News (CC)
- Jeopardy! (CC)
- MOVIE: National Lampoon's Animal House (1976) John Belushi, Tim Matheson. Delta House members try to save their reputation from a scandalous party. (CC)
- Come Fly With Me - Karri. Karri shares an understanding of physics makes possible the aerial stunts seen in the movies.
- Opry Backstage
- Bonanza: The Last Episodes
- Headline News
- MOVIE: Nine Months (1995) Hugh Grant, Julianne Moore. Pregnancy throws a wrench into a man's easygoing lifestyle. (CC)
- MOVIE: Jaws (1975) Robin Williams, Bonnie Hunt. A sinister board game pits its players in mortal jeopardy. (CC)
- MOVIE: The Mummy (1999) Brendan Fraser, Rick O'Neil. A mummy machine is possessed by a blood-thirsty demon. (CC)
- New Adventures of Robin Hood
- MOVIE: True Crime (1995) Alvin Karpis, Kevin Dillon. A teen-age sleuth catches onto a serial killer's trail. (CC)
- In Touch (CC)
- American Perspectives
- Comics on Delivery
- Operation
- Tan-Male
- Big Ticket
- Sabado Gigante International
- On the Loose in Wildcat Africa
- Music Video
- WeatherScope
- Water Games
- Kenn & Kat
- A-Team
- Aak Koby
- MOVIE: The Enforcer (1976) Clint Eastwood, Tyne Daly. "Duke" Harry Callaghan leads a team in San Francisco.
- Local Forecast and Weather Features
- T-Day Planner
- Local Forecast and Weather Features
- Mad About You (CC)
- Old Time Country Music
- Ballad (CC)
- CHOPPS Illustrated
- Model & Shot
- Wheel of Fortune (CC)
- Grand Ole Opry Live
- Headline News
- Leaves Linger
- Dieter's Laboratory
- On the Loose in Wildcat Africa
- WeatherScope
- All That
- Assassin's Intent
- Goading Around With Donald Duck
- Local Forecast and Weather Features
- Making of Pictorial: Behind the scenes look at the movie based on the popular comic character.
- This Evening's Weather
- Local Forecast and Weather Features
- Dupe (CC)
- Lawrence Walk Show
- Dick Mize (CC)
- Larry King Live (CC)
- MOVIE: Countdown Day (1993) Al Murray, Arnie MacDonell. A TV newscaster is trapped in a Feb. 2 live show. (CC)
- Pennsylvania
- Dr. Chris: Medicine Woman (CC)
- Black & White
- Star Trek
- Super Saballo & New President Jobs
- Headline News
- MOVIE: Caddy (1994) Tommy Lee Jones, Robert Redford. A TV newscaster is trapped in a Feb. 2 live show. (CC)
- MOVIE: Bonanza: The Last Episodes

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Eyestrain

If you suffer from headaches or blurred vision, you may have one of the most common eye problems in the U.S. today. According to a national survey, optometrists throughout the U.S. note that a leading reason people visit their eye doctor is eyestrain. Eyestrain is often caused by the eye's inability to focus due to aging and fatigue caused by excessive close-up work or imbalanced eye muscles. Symptoms may include headaches, eye soreness, eye irritation, blurred vision, and aching heavy eyelids.

If you believe you are susceptible to eyestrain, the most important next step is to consult your optometrist. Dr. Gutowski and Dr. Sonnenmoser can ensure that your prescription is correct (or that you might need corrective eyewear), and recommend new advanced lens materials which should help alleviate the problem.

1995) Alan Smithee, Tony Todd, Tim... brother is kidnapped by an evil...
7:08 Local Forecast and Weather Features
7:15 MOVIE: Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book (1994) Jason Scott Lee, Cary Elwes, Howard and his animal friends protect their jungle domain. (CC)
7:30 MOVIE: What Price Glory? (1952) James Cagney, Dan Dailey. A volatile captain and a loud sergeant clash in World War I.
7:38 Local Forecast and Weather Features
7:40 Gossip
7:45 Dennis Miller
7:47 This Evening's Weather
7:50 Style and Fish
7:52 Local Forecast and Weather Features
8:00 America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back (CC)
Austin City Limits
Profilers (CC)
World Today
Early Edition (CC)
News (CC)
Australia's Outback: The Vanishing Frontier
Cattle roundups in the Australian Outback are slowed by fierce weather, rugged terrain and sudden brush fires.
Gallagher Vocal Band: Back Home in Indiana
Performances by John Henz, Amy Lambert, Jessy Dixon and gospel legend Bill Gallagher.
Lonesome Dove: John's involvement with the Suga gang reaches a tragic climax; Loretta's affection for Gus is tested when he is reunited with old flame Cass Allen.
Headline News
MOVIE: Stencopier (1995) Anna Nicole Smith, Richard Gere. A helicopter pilot must save hostages from a madman. (CC)
MOVIE: Under Siege 2: Dark Territory (1995) Steven Seagal, Eric Bogosian. A former CIA agent battles terrorists on a hijacked train. (CC)
MOVIE: The Member of the Wedding (1997) Alfre Woodard, Anna Paquin. A girl experiences the pangs of her coming adulthood. (CC)
Best of Light of the Southwest
Dream On
Africa High and Wild
Says & Dally
Saturday Night Dance Beach
BBC Travel Show Guide
Staged Out
WeatherScope
I Love Lucy (CC)
In Living Color (CC)
Interview by Design
8:05 MOVIE: Mac (1974) John Wayne, Eddie Albert. A cop finds corruption while probing a partner's death.
8:08 Local Forecast and Weather Features
8:15 Comedy Hour: Comic Danon Wayne returns to the stage to reflect on relationships, fatherhood and other natural disasters.
MOVIE: Body Language (1985) Tom Berenger, Heidi Sorenz. A defense attorney meets a woman with murderous intentions. (CC)
8:30 Sporting Life (CC)
Headline News
Dream On
Europe's Classic Inns
Real World (CC)
WeatherScope
Lazy and Deal Comedy Hour
In Living Color (CC)
Bath Design
8:38 Local Forecast and Weather Features
8:47 This Evening's Weather
8:52 Local Forecast and Weather Features
9:00 Broadway Nights
News (CC)
Profilers (CC)
CNN Sports Illustrated
Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)
Night Court
Wild Discovery
Copy Retriever
Headline News
MOVIE: The Godfather (1972) Al Pacino, Marlon Brando. An ancient mafia boss plots to avenge his father's murder.
American Perspectives
Comedy: Not Just a Pretty Face (1994) Jennifer Garcia
Comedian
The Jerry
Jamaica Country
Masters of Deceit: Edition Moderna
Inn Country U.S.A.
Road Rules
WeatherScope
SportsCenter
Mystery Files of Nancy Drew
Paid Program
Ask Ken
9:05 MOVIE: Snake in the Hat (1973) Rocky Johnson, Cassie Adams. A woman battles for survival against a snake.

9:08 Local Forecast and Weather Features
9:15 In the Heat of the Night (1967) (CC)
9:20 5-Day Planner
9:25 Local Forecast and Weather Features
9:30 Real Sex 18. (1996) Includes a seminar that takes food and sex, a wild convention for swingers and the arrival of Miss Black Jade Beauty Pageant. (CC)
MOVIE: Tobacco Road (1941) Gene Tierney, Dana Andrews. Poverty-stricken farmers suffer from moral depravity.
MOVIE: For a Few Dollars More (1965) Clint Eastwood, Lee Van Cleef. Two gunmen form an uneasy alliance to hunt down a gangster.
Guns On Ice
Headline News
Joseph Good
Tick (CC)
2 Stupid Dogs
Lo Mejor de Maravillas
Bob Deter's America
World Tour
WeatherScope
Happy Days
Awesome Interiors
9:38 Local Forecast and Weather Features
9:45 Western: Stories of Passion
MOVIE: Blonde Heaven (1985) Julie Strain, Michele Bauer. A hooker's seductive leads an exclusive model agency.
9:47 This Evening's Weather
9:52 Local Forecast and Weather Features
10:00 News
Frenchie (CC)
Hollywood
News (CC)
Ultimate Brainsiac: A Tribute to Dr. Robinson
Dr. Robinson survived, starts that other men considered suicidal, from record-breaking jumps to Bay car crashes.
Batter Up. (CC)
MOVIE: The Longest Day (1962) John Wayne, Rod Taylor. Oscar-winning account of the Allied invasion of Normandy.
Headline News
MOVIE: Wine Tastes a Lover (1994) Laura San Giacomo, Paul Rhys. A woman tells a journalist about her instrumental affair. (CC)
MOVIE: Marilyn Chambers' Bedtime Stories (1993) Marilyn Chambers, Ryan Carpenter. Marilyn and friends share their most intimate stories.
Don Coyneville
Absolutely Fabulous
Travels: Life and Death in the ER
Spice Ghost: Coast to Coast
Nonstop Country
MOVIE: Bulldog (1993) Jorge Reynoso, Hugo Sotelo. Un grupo de criminales atacó a familia de policías.
On the Loose in Wild West Africa
Lorraine
WeatherScope
Billie
Tall (CC)
Miami Vice
Room by Room
Mad TV (CC)
10:05 Local Forecast and Weather Features
10:08 LARRY SANDERS (CC)
10:15 Red Hot Diaries (CC)
10:20 MOVIE: Judgment Night (1983) Emilio Estevez, Cuba Gooding Jr. Four friends take a wrong turn into a deadly neighborhood. (CC)
10:30 Saturday Night Live (CC)
Boys
Headline News
Jewish Voice
Medical Detectives
Speed Factor
On the Loose in Wild West Africa
WeatherScope
Dick Van Dyke
Room for Change
10:35 Hercules: The Legendary Journeys (CC)
MOVIE: There Was a Crooked Man (1970) Kiki Douglas, Harry Ford. A new woman accidentally aids a convict's escape plan.
Pai-Factor: Circled at the Passover (CC)
10:38 Local Forecast and Weather Features
10:40 Fly High in the Heavens: Dany Jones, Peter Tori, Mickey Dornier and Michael Norman reflect on their days as the spirit-guided music group the Motels. (CC)
10:45 MOVIE: Naked in New York (1983) Eric Stoltz, Mary-Louise Parker. A young playwright must choose between love and career.
MOVIE: Secret Service 3 (1985) Woody Brown, Rochelle Gunson. An upscale hotel kills the career of a lonely wife.
10:47 This Evening's Weather
10:52 Local Forecast and Weather Features
11:00 CNN Sports Illustrated
Remember WENN
Justice Files
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Performances by John Henz, Amy Lambert, Jessy Dixon and gospel legend Bill Gallagher.
Headline News
Ben Stiller
Africa High and Wild
Super Friends
Carly's Traveler
Amp
Pacific Update
Bodybuilding
Bob Hewitt
Triller Park (CC)
In Living Color (CC)
Interview by Design
11:05 Adventure by Design (CC)
11:08 Local Forecast and Weather Features
11:10 MOVIE: Two If by Sea (1988) Doree Lary, Suzie Dalton. Scuba diving from the afterlife of a vehicle painting. (CC)
11:30 Capital Gang
MOVIE: Friendly Persuasion (1956) Gary Cooper, Dorothy McGuire. Southern idealism leads to the end of the Civil War.
Headline News
MOVIE: Doctor Doom 2: Through the Portal of

Time (1991) Alvin Karpis, Karl Wagner. An ancient hero chases his evil brother to modern-day LA.
News
Carly's Traveler
Pacific Update
Robby
MOVIE: New Eden (1994) Stephen Baldwin, Lisa Bonet. A meek engineer is pulled to a brutal prison planet. (CC)
Bachelorette
Bath Design
Xena: Warrior Princess (CC)
Says Our Streets
11:35 Local Forecast and Weather Features
11:38 Local Forecast and Weather Features
11:40 MOVIE: Interview with the Vampire (1984) Tom Cruise, Brad Pitt. A vampire recalls the tragic events of his 20-year life. (CC)
11:50 This Morning's Weather
11:55 MOVIE: Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey (1993) Robert Hays, Kim Griest. Three pets set out on a wilderness search for their owners. (CC)
Local Forecast and Weather Features
12:00 Austin City Limits
Comedy Showcase
Larry King Weekend
Night World (CC)
Wings
This Week in Country Music
Headline News
MOVIE: Bedroom Eyes (1984) Kenneth Cerny, Doree Lary. A man's voyeurism leads him in the middle of a murder case.
Best of Light of the Southwest
Public Policy Conference
Dana Carvey: Critic's Choice. The former Saturday Night Live star presents his stand-up comedy and biting impressions.
JFK: The debate over the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.
New Scooby Doo Movies
Amar Gigante
BBC Travel Show Guide
Bears and Bull-head
Good Morning Forecast
SportsCenter (CC)
Phyllis
Paid Program
Rock & Craig
SUNDAY MORNING
5:00 All News A.M.
Daybreak Sunday
Headline News
Says Our Streets
Oral Roberts
Paid Program
Degrassi Junior High (CC)
MOVIE: The Conversation (1974) Gene Hackman, John Cazale. A wiretapper is pruned in a complex murder plot. (CC)
DuckTales (CC)
Rudy and GoGo World Famous Cartoon
Mighty Max (CC)
Glenn Smith
MOVIE: Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein (1948) Bud Abbott, Lou Costello. Bud and Lou get mixed up with three well-known monsters.
Big Bag
La Santa Misa
Vivere di Italy
WeatherScope
Golf Hamill
Arcade
Greatest American Hero
Hands On
5:05 World Wrestling Federation Superstars
Scooby Doo Where Are You?
5:08 Local Forecast and Weather Features
5:15 MOVIE: The Bad Seed (1956) Nancy Kelly, Patty McCormack. A mother's convinced her child's evil behavior is inherited.
5:20 5-Day Planner
5:25 Local Forecast and Weather Features
5:30 All News A.M.
Pro Golf Weekly
New Mexico News
Daily Duck
Paid Program
Headline News
MOVIE: The Gambler (1972) Al Pacino, Steve McQueen. Husband-and-wife bank robbers make a mad dash for freedom.
MOVIE: Che Che and the Philly Flash (1981) Carl Lumbly, Alan Arkin. An entertainer and a baseball star in government secrets.
Chop 'n' Dale: Rescue Rangers (CC)
Finnestone
Double Dragon (CC)
Angela Nash
El Club de los Tigres
Vivere di Italy
WeatherScope
Inside the PGA Tour
Family Double Dare
Renovating & Decorating Today
MOVIE: Jesus the Son (1977) Lorraine Gary, Lance Guest. A woman is convinced that a shark is stalking her family.
5:38 Local Forecast and Weather Features
5:50 This Morning's Weather
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6:00 Nick News
Travel Magazine
All News A.M.
Chinatown: The Animated Tale (CC)
Sunday Morning
News (CC)
Friday
Animatronics
Paid Program
Headline News
Inside the NFL (CC)
Said Treys (CC)
The Manic (CC)
Ultimate (CC)
Kendalls
Sunday Journal
Small World
Piazza Salsano
Flavors of Italy
WeatherScope
Said World
Muppet Babies
Babson
Renovating & Decorating Today
Local Forecast and Weather Features
5-Day Planner
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Ghosts
Taxo Parks and Wildlife
New Adventure of Captain Planet (CC)
Wizard of Oz (CC)
Supernatural
Paid Program
Headline News
Amazing Animals (CC)
Scooby Doo
Street Fighter (CC)
News
Flavors of Italy
Singed Out
WeatherScope
ESPNews
Tiny Toon Adventures
Babson
Hocus Doctor
Local Forecast and Weather Features
This Morning's Weather
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Abuquerque in Focus
American Vacations
Today (CC)
MOVIE: Last of the Dogmen (1995) Tom Berenger, Barbara Hershey. A modern-day tracker finds a long-lost band of Cheyenne. (CC)
In Search of the Lord's Way
Bacon Super Sunday
Paid Program
Shedding Mechanics
Benny Hill
Headline News
MOVIE: Circle of Friends (1995) Chris O'Donnell, Miriam Driver. A plain young high schooler wins a dating girlfriend's heart. (CC)
MOVIE: Brokenhearted (1985) Daniel Stern, Jon Polito. Six youths accompany a fugitive on his flight to Devil's Peak. (CC)
Really Wild Animals (CC)
Mortal Kombat: Defenders of the Realm (CC)
Sam Soltan
TV Nation
Computer Man
Big Bag
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La Florida Loco
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7:20 5-Day Planner
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7:30 Santa Fe Sunday
HaberScope
MOVIE: Blunder Hits the Jackpot (1950) Penny Singleton, Arthur Lake. Daywood is fired and goes to work for his boss's competitor.
Reca Home Show
Paid Program
Shedding Mechanics
Zola Levitt
Headline News
MOVIE: Mustang Part II (1984) Richard Mulligan, John Marshall. The Camp Sequatch gang faces rivals in a boxing match.
Audubon's Animal Adventures (CC)
Gilligan's Island (CC)
Savage Dragon (CC)
Joseph Good
TV Nation
Furniture to Go
Getaway
Week in Rock
WeatherScope
SportsCenter
Inside Space (CC)
Homebuilding Digest
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8:00 Fox News Sunday
Magic School Bus (CC)
Holloman Hour of Celebration
Evens & Novels
News (CC)
Sunday Morning (CC)
Road Rules
Paid Program
Inside NASCAR
Ben Haden
Headline News
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In the Heat of the Night (CC)
Wing Commander Academy (CC)
Kamath Copeland
Sunday Journal
American Comedy Awards Viewer's Choice
Renovating Guide
Tom and Jerry Kids
On the Horizon

Kendalls
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MTV News Countdown
WeatherScope
Rugrats (CC)
SF Vortex (CC)
Oliverio
Fix & Up
Local Forecast and Weather Features
5-Day Planner
Local Forecast and Weather Features
Good Day Gang
Real Life: Real Life
Inside Politics Weekend
Wayhead
Paid Program
James Kennedy
Headline News
MOVIE: The Brady Bunch Movie (1995) Shelley Long, Gary Cole. America's favorite sitcom family fights to save its home. (CC)
Johnnytime (CC)
Renovation Guide
Taxi
Ordn Max
On the Horizon
WeatherScope
Sports Reporters
Hey Arnold!
Sci-Fi Trader's Cool Stuff From the Cosmos
Oliverio
Designer's Landscape
Local Forecast and Weather Features
MOVIE: The Silence of the Lambs (1994) Jodie Foster, Anthony Hopkins. A brilliant FBI rookie tackles a case in his suspense film spoof. (CC)
MOVIE: The Santa Clause (1994) Tim Allen, Judge Reinhold. A divorced dad unwittingly becomes the next Kris Kringle. (CC)
This Morning's Weather
Local Forecast and Weather Features
To Be Announced
French in Action
Meet the Press (CC)
MOVIE: Iron Eagle (1986) Louis Gossett Jr., Jason Geddis. A teen-ager embarks on a mission to rescue his father. (CC)
Pro Golf Weekly
This Week (CC)
MOVIE: Little Miss Broadway (1936) Shirley Temple, Jimmy Durante. An orphan rejuvenates some ex-vaudeville. (CC)
Philly & the Brain
Paid Program
Motor Trend Television
In Touch (CC)
Headline News
MOVIE: In the Line of Duty: A Cop for the Killing (1990) James Farentino, Steven Weber. A rookie's instability spells trouble for other officers.
In the Heat of the Night (CC)
World Wrestling Federation Superstars
James Kennedy
MOVIE: Clifford (1981) Martin Short, Charles Grodin. A precocious 10-year-old wreaks havoc in his uncle's life.
Hometime
Rocky & Bullwinkle
Europe's Classic Inns
WeatherScope
SportsCenter
Kablam!
Allen Nation (CC)
Grizzly Adams
Breaking Ground
Local Forecast and Weather Features
5-Day Planner
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Vaughn Home Show
French in Action
This Week in the NBA (CC)
Hour of Power (CC)
Animatronics
Paid Program
Trucks and Tractor Power
Headline News
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WeatherScope
Doug (CC)
Gardening by the Yard
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TV.COM
DeVos (CC)
McHale's Navy
Late Edition (CC)
Catholic Mass
Siding (CC)
Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries
World Class Cuisine
Racidy
Edmund and the Sea Monsters
Headline News
MOVIE: The Hearty Heart (1950) Ronald Reagan, Patricia Neal. A dying soldier finds peace in a military hospital. (CC)
Wings (CC)
Kendalls
Public Policy Conference
Gardening Naturally
New Scooby Doo Movies
Nonstop Country
Thirteen Deposits
Travel News Now
Road Rules
Exposure: "Hurricane's Ninety Five" (Part 3 of 3). A review of the second most active hurricane season on record and a behind-the-scenes examination of the National Hurricane Center.
Aanbitt! Real Monsters (CC)
Web

- 10:05 (1) National Of The Collectibles
(2) NGTV Guide
(3) MOVIE: Jaws (1975) Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw. A great white shark terrorizes a New England resort town.
10:15 (1) MOVIE: Captain Lightfoot (1955) Rock Hudson, Barbara Rush. Rebels battle the English during the Irish Rebellion.
(2) MOVIE: Unveiled (1994) Lisa Zane, Nick Chinlund. A woman sets out to trap an international serial killer.
10:30 (1) Coast Guard
(2) Destino (CC)
(3) NBA Showtime (CC)
(4) Home Show
(5) California Dances
(6) Great Chefs of Hawaii
(7) Ready for the Road
(8) Far Out Space Hubs
(9) Headline News
(10) MOVIE: Super Mario Bros. (1993) Bob Hoskins, John Leguizamo. Two plumbers rescue a captive parallel-world princess. (CC)
(11) MOVIE: Leap of Faith (1992) Steve Martin, Debra Winger. A phony faith healer takes his schenel show to Kansas. (CC)
(12) First Baptist Church of Roswell
(13) School Stories
(14) Lo Major de Fuera de Serie
(15) Travel Programming
(16) Real World (CC)
(17) WeatherScope
(18) College Basketball
(19) Hey Arnold!
(20) Homebase
10:38 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
10:45 (1) MOVIE: Liegeyard (1976) Sam Elliott, Anne Archer. A 32-year-old liegeyard is unable to get a conventional job.
10:50 (1) This Morning's Weather
10:55 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
11:00 (1) To Be Announced
(2) TED
(3) NBA Basketball (CC)
(4) MOVIE: Spies Like Us (1985) Dan Aykroyd, Chevy Chase. Two bungling government workers enter a spy training program. (CC)
(5) World Report (CC)
(6) College Basketball (CC)
(7) MOVIE: Dances With Wolves (1990) Kevin Costner, Mary McDonnell. A U.S. Cavalry officer's vision of the American frontier.
(8) Home Matters
(9) Thunder in the Distance
(10) MOVIE: Annie (1982) Albert Finney, Aileen Quinn. The Broadway smash about the adventures of an orphan girl.
(11) Headline News
(12) MOVIE: Forth Buehler's Day Off (1986) Matthew Broderick, Mia Sara. A brash teen plays hooky and borrows a vintage Ferrari.
(13) Invisible War
(14) Don Coyote
(15) Domingo Deportivo
(16) Lonely Planet
(17) Top 25 Albums of All-Time
(18) WeatherScope
(19) Rugs (CC)
(20) Picket Fences
(21) Your Home
11:01 (1) New Edge
11:05 (1) Baby-Sitters Club (CC)
11:08 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
11:20 (1) 5-Day Planner
11:25 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
11:30 (1) Gas Pass
(2) Animal Adventures
(3) NHRA Today
(4) Headline News
(5) Flash Forward (CC)
(6) Young Robin Hood
(7) WeatherScope
(8) Radio's Modern Life (CC)
(9) C-Net Central
(10) Room by Room
11:38 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
11:50 (1) This Afternoon's Weather
11:55 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features

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- 12:00 (1) Crossroads Cafe (CC)
(2) To Be Announced
(3) MOVIE: Scared Stiff (1953) Dean Jagger, Jerry Lewis. A bodyguard and a singer take shelter in a haunted castle.
(4) Housemart!
(5) Headline News
(6) MOVIE: Omega Doom (1996) Rutger Hauer, Shannon Wharry. A cyborg battles numerous enemies on a ravaged Earth.
(7) MOVIE: Nell (1994) Jodie Foster, Liam Neeson. Two doctors invade a backwoods woman's isolated existence. (CC)
(8) Teratolone (CC)
(9) Rod Parley
(10) Small Arms - Soft Targets Smaller bullets that fragment easier and do more damage, land mines and lasers.
(11) Pirates of Dark Water
(12) Top 12 Countdown
(13) On the Loose in Whistler Africa
(14) WeatherScope
(15) Tiny Toon Adventures
(16) Sightings (CC)
(17) Life Goes On (CC)
(18) Furniture
12:08 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
12:15 (1) MOVIE: Born Yesterday (1950) Bette Davis, John Garfield. A reproduction of a woman's sophisticated mind. (CC)
12:20 (1) 5-Day Planner
12:25 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
12:30 (1) MOVIE: Enchanted Man (1932) Sam Astin, Patsy Stone. Two suburban Californians unearth a Cro-Magnon man.
(2) Thinking Allowed
(3) Pro Bowl Battle of the Gridiron
(4) Shadeste Mechanic

- (5) Headline News
(6) LifeStories: Families in Crisis A teenage girl's decision to stop taking prescribed medication leads to a battle with the law. (CC)
(7) Ready or Not (CC)
(8) MOVIE: An Officer and a Gentleman (1982) Richard Gere, Debra Winger. A hardened lieutenant in the Naval Aviation Corps. (CC)
(9) George of the Jungle
(10) On the Loose in Whistler Africa
(11) WeatherScope
(12) PSA Bowling
(13) Fun & Tasty (CC)
(14) Oriental Fluge
12:35 (1) MOVIE: Jaws the Revenge (1987) Lorraine Gary, Lance Guest. A woman is convinced that a shark is stalking her family.
12:38 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
12:50 (1) This Afternoon's Weather
12:55 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
1:00 (1) Washington Week in Review (CC)
(2) MOVIE: Trapped in Paradise (1994) Nicolas Cage, Jon Lovitz. Overly kind transpeople prevent bank robbers from escaping. (CC)
(3) Earth Matters (CC)
(4) PGA Golf (CC)
(5) Firepower
(6) Motor Trend Television
(7) Headline News
(8) Ocean Girl (CC)
(9) News
(10) Public Policy Conference
(11) Non-Lethal Weapons
(12) Snoop's New Squad
(13) Great Park Adventures
(14) WeatherScope
(15) Ship to Shore
(16) MOVIE: Invisible: The Chronicles of Benjamin Knight (1993) Brian Cousins, Jennifer Nash. A laboratory accident renders a scientist invisible.
(17) Pet Department
(18) Decorating With Style
1:08 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
1:10 (1) Gramps
1:20 (1) Shake and Flick
(2) 5-Day Planner
1:25 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
1:30 (1) Wall Street Week (CC)
(2) NBA Basketball (CC)
(3) Future Watch (CC)
(4) College Basketball
(5) High Action
(6) My Classic Car
(7) MOVIE: Frankie and Johnny (1986) Elvis Presley, Donna Douglas. A man's gambling puts his budding romance in jeopardy.
(8) Headline News
(9) MOVIE: Uncommon Valor (1983) Gene Hackman, Robert Stack. A father goes after his son, who is missing in Vietnam. (CC)
(10) Making of Broken Arrow A behind-the-scenes look at the action thriller starring John Travolta and Christian Slater. (CC)
(11) Spellbinder (CC)
(12) Bishop G.E. Patterson
(13) Howie Mandel: Welcome to Howieworld Comic Howie Mandel in performance at Philadelphia's Valley Forge Music Fair.
(14) Dexter's Laboratory
(15) CMT Showcases
(16) Great Park Adventures
(17) WeatherScope
(18) Hey Dude
(19) Backchat
(20) Help at Home
1:38 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
1:50 (1) This Afternoon's Weather
1:55 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
2:00 (1) Firing Line
(2) Science and Technology Week (CC)
(3) MOVIE: Apartment for Peggy (1948) William Holden, Jeanne Crain. A war veteran and his pregnant wife move into an attic home.
(4) Firepower 2000 The tank is a minor weapon in the arsenal of the world's superpowers and useless on peacekeeping missions since the development of intercontinental missiles.
(5) Hot Rod TV
(6) Headline News
(7) MOVIE: The Sterile Cuckoo (1959) Lizzi Minnelli, Wendell Burton. A naive lieutenant falls for an outcastedly wacky coed.
(8) MOVIE: Quiz Show (1994) John Turturro, Rob Morrow. A congressional investigator uncovers game show fraud. (CC)
(9) MOVIE: First Knight (1995) Sam Cornery, Richard Gere. The evil Melaigart threatens the peace of Camelot. (CC)
(10) MOVIE: Blago (1991) Cindy Williams, David Rasche. A clever canine goes in search of his adopted family. (CC)
(11) MOVIE: Last Stand at Saber River (1997) Tom Selleck, Keith Caradine. Union sympathizers seize a Confederate soldier's land.
(12) Concessions
(13) Pee-wee Herman A multimedia demonstration of improvisation with Pee-wee Herman and the Groundlings.
(14) Future of Crime Fighting New devices used by police forces to fight crime.
(15) Tar-Mania
(16) Signature Series
(17) Siempre en Domingo
(18) My Town
(19) To Be Announced
(20) Weather Classroom
(21) EWP News
(22) Legends of the Hidden Temple
(23) A-Team
(24) Sew Perfect
2:30 (1) McLaughlin One on One
(2) Travel Guide
(3) In-Fisherman Television
(4) Headline News
(5) Tar-Mania
(6) My Town
(7) WeatherScope
(8) Horse Racing
(9) Global G.U.T.S.
(10) Empty Cello

- 2:38 (1) MOVIE: Jaws 2 (1978) Roy Scheider, Lorraine Gary. Another aquatic attack against off the coast of Amity.
2:38 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
2:50 (1) This Afternoon's Weather
2:55 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
3:00 (1) World Cup Soccer
(2) Living With Health (CC)
(3) MOVIE: Daddy's Girl An African-American family headed by a single mother is shaken by the disappearance of the long-lost father.
(4) Early Print
(5) MOVIE: Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (1989) Rick Moranis, Matt Frewer. Four youngsters are accidentally reduced to bug size.
(6) Firepower 2000 Firearm safety will take place on the ground, on motor systems and on multiple long-range missiles.
(7) Fishing With Robert Martin
(8) Headline News
(9) MOVIE: Time Circle (1985) Alvin Karpis, Kevin Dillon. A teen-age slush bickies onto a serial killer's trail. (CC)
(10) There's Hope
(11) MOVIE: Clifford (1981) Majin Shot, Charles Grodin. A preschool 10-year-old reveals her in his uncle's life.
(12) Science Frontiers
(13) Bugs & Daily
(14) Jewish Country
(15) Travel News Now
(16) WeatherScope
(17) Land of the Lost
(18) MOVIE: Star Eden (1984) Stephen Baldwin, Lisa Bonet. A reek engineer is called to a hotel prison plant. (CC)
(19) Fall Guy
(20) Gardens of Barcelona Gardens of Puerto Rico and the valley of plants that grow there.
3:08 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
3:20 (1) 5-Day Planner
3:25 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
3:30 (1) Getting the Love You Want
(2) Both Sides
(3) Fisher With Orlando Wilson
(4) MOVIE: The Karate Kid, Part Two (1986) Ralph Macchio, Norihisa "Pat" Morita. Whitey visiting Okinawa, Daniel battles his master's son.
(5) Headline News
(6) MOVIE: Something to Talk About (1995) Jody Roberts, Dennis Quaid. A baby-sitter's affair spirals at the family home. (CC)
(7) Fat Butler or for Women: A Valentine From the Heart Michael's Valentine's Day party is crashed by Brad, a young troublemaker. (CC)
(8) Oral Roberts
(9) Case of the Sin Sisters
(10) On the Road
(11) WeatherScope
(12) Senior PGA Golf
(13) Adventures of Pete and Pete
3:38 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
3:45 (1) MOVIE: Outlaw (1985) Dustin Hoffman, Rene Russo. An African mobster carries a lethal virus to California. (CC)
3:47 (1) This Evening's Weather
3:52 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
4:00 (1) Mega Systems
(2) MOVIE: Last of the Dogmen (1995) Tom Berenger, Barbara Hershey. A modern-day tracker finds a long-lost band of Cheyenne. (CC)
(3) WorldView (CC)
(4) Entertainment Tonight (CC)
(5) MOVIE: One for a Conard (1957) Fred MacMurray, Jeffrey Hunter. An archivist is called to raise two younger brothers.
(6) Cape (CC)
(7) Firepower 2000 The U.S. Navy has copied a design concept from the Coast Guard's search to help enemy vessels from porting inside.
(8) Outdoor Magazine
(9) Headline News
(10) Amazing Animals (CC)
(11) MOVIE: Screamers II: The Eye of Storm (1995) Alvin Karpis, Tony Todd. The Demons' brother is kidnapped by an evil sorcerer.
(12) Bishop John
(13) Public Policy Conference
(14) Popular Science
(15) Hong Kong Phooey
(16) Baseball Country
(17) Callisto
(18) Bob DeLoach's America
(19) WeatherScope
(20) Are You Afraid of the Dark?
(21) Hart to Hart
(22) HGTV Guide
4:08 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
4:15 (1) MOVIE: The Santa Clause (1994) Tim Allen, Judge Reinhold. A divorced dad unwittingly becomes the next Kris Kringle. (CC)
(2) MOVIE: Chelsea (1995) Alvin Karpis, Stacy Dash. Spilled Beverly Hills tears cause through the good life. (CC)
4:30 (1) Accretors (CC)
(2) Dyan and Company
(3) Reliable Sources
(4) Remembrance
(5) Headline News
(6) Andrew's Journal Adventures (CC)
(7) Life in the Ward
(8) Sun Talk
(9) Case Club
(10) Helicopters
(11) Bob DeLoach's America
(12) WeatherScope
(13) Spain Cases
(14) House & Garden Magazine
4:38 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
4:47 (1) This Evening's Weather
4:52 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
5:00 (1) Access Hollywood (CC)
(2) News
(3) Capital Gang Sunday
(4) News (CC)
(5) National Geographic Explorer (CC)
(6) CBS Evening News (CC)
(7) Brothers Love (CC)

- (8) Local Forecast and Weather Features
(9) Headline News
(10) MOVIE: Year and a Day (1983) Jonathan Taylor Thomas, Aidan Quinn. Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn witness an undertaker's murder.
(11) Gender's Call (CC)
(12) E.V. ME
(13) The CC
(14) Medical Information
(15) High High Drama Eye
(16) Thy Ty
(17) America's Historic Trails
(18) Real World (CC)
(19) WeatherScope
(20) SportsCenter
(21) My Brother and Me
(22) Signings (CC)
(23) In Living Color (CC)
(24) Company of Animals
5:08 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
5:15 (1) MOVIE: My Life (1983) Rip Torn, Sally Lundy. Two African gang women try to get out their lives. (CC)
5:30 (1) McLaughlin Group
(2) NBC Nightly News (CC)
(3) Comedy Sunday
(4) ABC World News Sunday (CC)
(5) Cooking Attraction
(6) News (CC)
(7) Nick Frost: Licensed Teacher (CC)
(8) Headline News
(9) World Science (CC)
(10) Jack Hayford
(11) Cash on Delivery
(12) Thriving Life and Death in the ER
(13) Amazing Chan and the Chan Clan
(14) Exploring America
(15) Real World (CC)
(16) WeatherScope
(17) NFL Countdown
(18) Ashli's Real Monsters (CC)
(19) Baseball, Minnesota
(20) What's Your Hobby
5:38 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
5:47 (1) This Evening's Weather
5:52 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features

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- 6:00 (1) World's Spiciest Police Children Police officers engage in a bit of the social lightening critical cases on videotape. (CC)
(2) Small Business 2000
(3) Dishes (CC)
(4) MOVIE: Universal Entry (1982) Karl Roessel, Ray Lotta. A detective/police officer terrorizes happily married couple. (CC)
(5) Prime News (CC)
(6) NFL Football (CC)
(7) NFL Football (CC)
(8) MOVIE: No Time for Sergeants (1955) Andy Griffin, Nick Adams. A naive Georgian joins the military and creates mayhem.
(9) 60 Minutes (CC)
(10) Parent Hood (CC)
(11) Last Forest Moments The Great Lakes, one of the last American natural areas, are threatened by disease and the destruction of the rain forest.
(12) MOVIE: The Woman of Brewster Place (1989) Oprah Winfrey, Jackie. A portrait of seven women who share a crumbling tenement.
(13) Headline News
(14) MOVIE: Circle of Friends (1995) Chris O'Donnell, Minnie Driver. A plain young highwoman wins a dating advice's heart. (CC)
(15) MOVIE: End of Summer (1995) Jacqueline Bisset, Peter Walker. A woman's first job with an aging father and an old flame.
(16) MOVIE: One Man's Justice (1995) Ewan McGregor, Bruce Payne. An Army officer goes missing for his family's life. (CC)
(17) MOVIE: Top Gun (1986) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis. Navy pilots take to the skies to compete for high honors.
(18) Pacific Blue (CC)
(19) Bookworm
(20) MOVIE: Forth Buehler's Day Off (1986) Matthew Broderick, Mia Sara. A brash teen plays hooky and borrows a vintage Ferrari.
(21) How'd They Do That?
(22) Ready Don
(23) Big Ticket
(24) Campaigns on Family
(25) Journey to the Edge
(26) Music Videos
(27) WeatherScope
(28) NFL Hockey (CC)
(29) Websters World of Dr. Seuss
(30) Swamp Thing (CC)
(31) No Pollution
(32) Dream Builders
6:08 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
6:20 (1) 5-Day Planner
6:25 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
6:30 (1) Adam Smith
(2) CNN Sports Illustrated
(3) Steve Harvey (CC)
(4) Back Road Adventures
(5) Headline News
(6) Eddie Long
(7) Jobber
(8) Camera Inaugural
(9) WeatherScope
(10) Nick News
(11) Last of Found
(12) Dream House
(13) Swamp Thing (CC)
(14) In Living Color (CC)
(15) News (CC)
(16) The Nick From the Best (CC)
(17) CNN News (CC)
(18) MOVIE: Jaws (1975) Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw. A great white shark terrorizes a New England resort town.
(19) Treated by an Angel (CC)
(20) Unusually Ever After (CC)

- (21) Thursday's Headline
(22) Bill Gates' Outlook
(23) Headline News
(24) MOVIE: Memento (1995) Guy Pearce, Greta Scacchi. A man's mind is wiped out by an anti-forensic doctor. (CC)
(25) America (CC)
(26) NFL Football (CC)
(27) Kenneth Copeland
(28) The World's Most Dangerous Things
(29) Star Trek: The History of carnival attractions, which had become a part of show business more than 150 years ago.
(30) Signatures Series
(31) Signature Series
(32) Football
(33) Tennis
(34) WeatherScope
(35) Happy Days
(36) Miami Vice
(37) Archival to the Stars: Paul Williams The life and work of architect Paul Williams, designer of the Beverly Hills Hotel and homes of celebrities including Graceland.
7:01 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
7:08 (1) King of the Hill (CC)
7:30 (1) MOVIE: The Client (1994) Susan Sarandon, Tommy Lee Jones. A big city lawyer's secret life is exposed.
(2) Unusually Ever After (CC)
(3) News (CC)
(4) On Flight
(5) Headline News
(6) Jobs
(7) WeatherScope
(8) News
7:38 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
7:45 (1) MOVIE: A Low Down Dirty Shame (1994) Keenen Ivory Keenan, Cherie S. Dalton. A private eye goes after a presumed-dead girl's brother. (CC)
(2) MOVIE: Disclosure (1994) Michael Douglas, Demi Moore. An executive faces unwanted sexual advances from his boss. (CC)
7:47 (1) This Evening's Weather
7:52 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
8:00 (1) X-Files (CC)
(2) Mystery (CC)
(3) Bobbi Miller - One Las Vegas From Las Vegas, the award-winning entertainer takes to the stage for an energetic performance of comedy and song.
(4) World Today
(5) MOVIE: Elephant Walk (1954) Elizabeth Taylor, Dana Andrews. A tale must adjust to life on her husband's tin (Hawaii).
(6) MOVIE: Branch of Folie: Family of Cops II (1997) Charles Bronson, Joe Flanery. A detective and his sons investigate a priest's murder. (CC)
(7) News (CC)
(8) Mysterious Unknown
(9) Ready
(10) Headline News
(11) Comedy Hour Comic Bill Maher shares his politically incorrect views on society, politics and celebrities. (CC)
(12) MOVIE: Gays and Dolls (1995) Martin Brando, Jean Simmons. A gambler bets he can save a Salvation Army mission. (CC)
(13) Big Easy (CC)
(14) Praline the Lord (CC)
(15) Public Policy Conference
(16) Dr. Katz, Professional Therapist
(17) Ten Avery
(18) Saturday Night Dance Ranch
(19) Travel News Now
(20) World Tour
(21) WeatherScope
(22) Old Couple (CC)
(23) Holbrook: The Series
(24) In Living Color (CC)
(25) Good Life
8:08 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
8:20 (1) MOVIE: Type (1991) Timothy Dalton, George C. Scott. Military cadets secure their campus from condo developers.
8:30 (1) World of Wonder
(2) Andrew's Journal
(3) Headline News
(4) The Critic
(5) George of the Jungle
(6) Practical Guide to Europe
(7) All-Time at MTV
(8) WeatherScope
(9) Ted (CC)
(10) In Living Color (CC)
(11) Homeless American
8:38 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
8:40 (1) Instant Replay (CC)
8:45 (1) MOVIE: Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (1985) Sean Young, Tim Daly. An actor brings out a chemist's sexy, dangerous side. (CC)
8:47 (1) This Evening's Weather
8:52 (1) Local Forecast and Weather Features
9:00 (1) Order Linea (CC)
(2) MOVIE: Breaking the Code (1982) Daniel Jazoff, Amanda Root. A man courts trouble by imitating his homophobia. (CC)
(3) CNN Sports Illustrated
(4) America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)
(5) Night Court
(6) Wild Discovery
(7) Trucks and Tractor Power
(8) Headline News
(9) MOVIE: Halloween IV: Ashes to Ashes (1984) Leo Freni, Fanny Jones. A homicide detective investigates a serial murderer. (CC)
(10) News (CC)
(11) Bookworm
(12) Daily Show
(13) How'd They Do That?
(14) Rocky & Bullwinkle
(15) Baseball Country
(16) Mysterious Unknown Edition: The Stars
(17) America's Historic Trails
(18) WeatherScope
(19) SportsCenter
(20) Dick Van Dyke

- 9:00 Local Forecast and Weather Features
9:05 Local Forecast and Weather Features
9:25 Local Forecast and Weather Features
9:30 This Week in the NBA (CC)
America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)
National Geographic Explorer (CC)
Adventures of Superboy (CC)
Ready for the Road
Headline News
Dear Linda (CC)
Columbus Discovery
Night Flight
The News Department
Exploring America
To an Asshole
WeatherScope
Bob Newhart
Drama House
9:38 Local Forecast and Weather Features
9:47 This Evening's Weather
9:52 Local Forecast and Weather Features
10:00 News
Tracy Takes On... (CC)
CNN Presents (CC)
News (CC)
MOVIE: No Time for Sergeants (1958) Andy Griffith, Nick Adams. A naive Georgian joins the military and becomes a myth.

- 11:35 MOVIE: Automatik (1994) Oliver Gunn, John Glover. A home-security agent develops a mind of his own. (CC)
11:38 Local Forecast and Weather Features
11:45 MOVIE: Midnight Heat (1985) Tim Matheson, Mylinda Davis. A philandering football player is framed for murder.
11:50 This Morning's Weather
11:55 Local Forecast and Weather Features
12:00 News (CC)
MOVIE: Elephant Walk (1954) Elizabeth Taylor, Dana Andrews. A bride must adjust to life on her husband's tea plantation.
Justice Files
Resurrection Blues
Headline News
MOVIE: Broken Arrow (1996) John Travolta, Christian Slater. A renegade Air Force pilot commandeers two nuclear bombs. (CC)
News (CC)
TV Nation
Medical Detectives
Kings & Dolly
Newspaper Country
Tasty
Travel News Now
Dramatize
Good Morning Political
Sportcenter
Sightings (CC)
Company of Animals

MONDAY MORNING

- 8:15 Tommy Boy (1995) Chris Farley, David Spade. An underachiever struggles to save his father's company. (CC)
8:30 Happy Go Lucky (1943) Betty Hutton, Dick Powell. Brooklyn girls enjoy a musical Caribbean cruise.
Chapter Two (1978) James Caan, Marsha Mason. A recent widower and a divorcee reluctantly fall in love.
8:45 Hell in the Pacific (1952) Lee Marvin, Toshirō Mifune. War enemies are stranded together on a Pacific island.
6:00 Fido (1995) Matthew McConaughey, Nancy Travis. A man is reincarnated as a dog after a fatal car accident. (CC)
8:15 Miracle on 34th Street (1994) Richard Attenborough, Elizabeth Perkins. A department store Santa claims to be the real St. Nick. (CC)
7:00 Same and Sensibility (1995) Emma Thompson, Kate Winslet. Two sisters forgo romance in 18th-century England. (CC)
Elphinstone (1994) Elizabeth Taylor, Dana Andrews. A bride must adjust to life on her husband's tea plantation.
The Village (1980) Tim Robbins, Gary Busey. A peaceful village tries to end the violence of the times.
1982: Conquest of Paradise (1982) Gerard Depardieu, Armand Assante. Based on Christopher Columbus' discovery of the New World. (CC)
7:45 The Tracker (1988) Kiefer Sutherland, Mark Moses. A rancher sets out to rescue two women from a fanatic. (CC)
The Lady From Shanghai (1948) Rita Hayworth, Orson Welles. A sailor gets involved in a murder while on a cruise.
8:00 An Officer and a Gentleman (1982) Richard Gere, Debra Winger. A hardened lover enlists in the Naval Aviator Corps. (CC)
8:15 Empire Records (1985) Anthony LaPaglia, Roy Cheema. A young man dreams of owning the record store he manages. (CC)
8:45 The Ladies Man (1961) Jerry Lewis, Helen Traubel. A one-eyed con man lands a job in a girls boardinghouse.
9:15 By Dawn's Early Light (1980) Powers Boothe, Rebecca DeMunnick. An unbridled missile explodes over the Soviet Union. (CC)
Shilling Rivalry (1990) Kristin Alley, Bill Pullman. A woman's affair provides more excitement than she hoped.
9:30 A Woman's Tale (1985) Kristin Alley, Colter Smith. A writer poses as a Playboy bunny to research an article.
9:45 Old School 2 (1994) Dean Cain, Heather Campbell. A star and his cronies try to wreck an upcoming wedding. (CC)
10:00 Baywatch (1989) Richard Grieco, Jay Acovone. A Brooklyn street racer matches wits with the mob. (CC)
10:30 Top Secret Affair (1957) Susan Hayward, Kirk Douglas. A publisher falls in love with a man who meant to ruin him.
11:00 American Hot Wax (1978) Tim McInnis, Laraine Newman. DJ Alan Freed tries to stage a live rock 'n' roll show.
The Baby-Sitters Club (1995) Schuyler Fisk, Dr. Blair. Seven young girls open a children's daycare camp. (CC)
11:05 Deadly Game (1977) Andy Griffith, Milt Heg. A small-town police chief solves a chemical-related death.
11:15 Fanfare (1995) Kevin Costner, Jacki Nelson. Five prospective brides go on one final ring. (CC)
Nobody's Fool (1994) Rosanna Arquette, Eric Roberts. A woman balances a number of traveling theatrical troupes. (CC)
11:30 Bingo (1994) Brad Pitt, Chad Lowe. A half-Apache hunter finds other hunters' trophies.

AFTERNOON

- Chandler. A pilot leaves her husband at home to care for their child.
12:30 Red Hot (1983) Donald Sutherland, Balzhazar Galy. A Soviet musician forms an underground rock band in 1950. (CC)
12:45 Drop Zone (1994) Wesley Snipes, Gary Busey. A U.S. marshal pursues a gang of sky-diving criminals. (CC)
1:00 Last of the Red Hot Lovers (1972) Alan Alda, Sally Kellerman. A man attempts to spice up middle age by having an affair.
Demolition Day (1985) Martin Sheen, Kate McGrew. Three boys hold the country hostage with a nuclear bomb. (CC)
Sneaky, Come Home (1972) Voices of Chad Webber, Robin Rohn. Animated. Snoopy leaves to return to his first owner. (CC)
2:00 Blood Alley (1955) John Wayne, Lauren Bacall. A seaman helps Chinese parents escape Communists.
Texas Across the River (1998) Dean Cain, Alan Dale. A Spanish rebelman accused of murder joins a gangster.
10 (1979) Dudley Moore, Julie Andrews. A songwriter in a middle crisis pursues his dream girl.
2:15 Tommy Boy (1995) Chris Farley, David Spade. An underachiever struggles to save his father's company. (CC)
In Pursuit of Honor (1995) Don Johnson, Craig Sheffer. Constanza dally MacArthur's order to destroy their horses. (CC)
2:30 Nine Tales a Lover (1994) Laura San Giacomo, Paul Rhys. A woman tells a journalist about her extramarital affair. (CC)
A Million to Juan (1994) Paul Rodriguez, Polly Draper. A poor hunk vendor is given a check for \$1 million.
Perfect 10 (1994) Teri Garr, Hector Elizondo. A French nanny sets her sights on her mistress's husband.
4:00 The Amazing Panda Adventure (1995) Stephen Lang, Ryan Stiller. Two children must save a baby panda from poachers. (CC)
The Lives of a Bengal Lancer (1935) Gay Cooper, Franchot Tone. A frontier veteran takes two new officers under his wing.
4:15 Bye Bye, Love (1955) Matthew McConaughey, Nancy Travis. Three fathers try to cope with their post-divorce lives. (CC)
Just Cause (1995) Sean Connery, Laurence Fishburne. A law professor tries to save a convict from execution. (CC)
Fido (1995) Matthew McConaughey, Nancy Travis. A man is reincarnated as a dog after a fatal car accident. (CC)
Iron Eagle IV (1995) Louis Gossett Jr., Jason Cadieux. Cheppy and friends must stop a covert pilot to attack Cuba. (CC)
5:00 Nightjohn (1996) Carl Lumbly, Beau Bridges. A slave defies the law to share the gift of literacy. (CC)
6:00 Home Improvement (CC)
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (CC)
News
MOVIE: Sense and Sensibility (1995) Emma Thompson, Kate Winslet. Two sisters forgo romance in 18th-century England. (CC)
Prime News (CC)
News (CC)
MOVIE: Carmen Jones (1954) Harry Belafonte, Dorothy Dandridge. Two workers vie for love at an Army parachute plant.
Jacquelyne (CC)
7th Heaven (CC)
Travelers
Today's Country
TV's Blockbusters and Practical Jobs
Headline News (CC)
My Mother's Number Reporter Charles Stuart revisits his childhood home in Princeton, N.J. - the place where his 74-year-old mother was fatally stabbed. (CC)
MOVIE: The Crush (1993) Cary Elwes, Alicia Silverstone. A seductive teen becomes dangerously fond of a writer. (CC)
MOVIE: Shilling Rivalry (1990) Kristin Alley, Bill Pullman. A woman's affair provides more excitement than she hoped.
MOVIE: Bad Boys (1995) Martin Lawrence, Will Smith. Two Miami cops attempt to recover stolen police evidence. (CC)
WCW Nitro (CC)
Prime Time Public Affairs
MOVIE: 10 (1979) Dudley Moore, Julie Andrews. A songwriter in a middle crisis pursues his dream girl.
Extreme Machines: Choppers How helicopters have evolved. Included: the Nimitz used by rescue services as well as the military's Apache, Comanche and Tiger.
Scooby Doo Where Are You?
Big Ticket
Maria in del Barrio
Great Park Adventure
Best of the Winter Lodge Highlights of the season upland at the winter lodge.
WeatherScope
Hey Arnold!
MOVIE: Official Denial (1993) Parker Stevenson, Erin Gray. A UFO abductee is used to communicate with a captive alien. (CC)
A-Team
At the Auction
MOVIE: Internal Affairs (1990) Richard Gere, Andy Garcia. A corrupt cop manipulates colleagues for personal gain.
Local Forecast and Weather Features
Mail About You (CC)
Schedul (CC)
Local Politics (CC)
Entertainment Tonight (CC)
Wheel of Fortune (CC)
TV's Blockbusters and Practical Jobs
Headline News (CC)
Fido (1995)
Great Park Adventure
WeatherScope
Happy Days

- 6:38 Local Forecast and Weather Features
6:40 Boyz II Men: Going Home The four young musicians discuss their careers through personal interviews. (CC)
6:47 This Evening's Weather
6:52 Local Forecast and Weather Features
7:00 Going Places Host Al Roker and his daughter cruise the Caribbean exploring tropical ports-of-call that include Exumas in the Bahamas and Jamaica. (CC)
Jeff Foxworthy (CC)
Larry King Live (CC)
MOVIE: Clear and Present Danger (1994) Harrison Ford, Willem Dafoe. Jack Ryan battles Colombian drug lords and villainous feds. (CC)
Cosby (CC)
Savannah (CC)
Beyond 2000
Prime Time Country (CC)
Carol Burnett and Friends
Headline News (CC)
MOVIE: My Best Friend is a Vampire (1988) Robert Sean Leonard, Rene Auberjonois. A shy adolescent resolves an infectious bite from a vampire. (CC)
Renegade (CC)
Zulu Wars The story of Shaka, king of the Zulu, the man who first united separate Zulu tribes into a powerful nation.
Bugs & Dolly
Signature Series
Santitas Alamos
Lonely Planet
Road Rules
WeatherScope
I Love Lucy (CC)
Miami Vice
You're Home
7:08 Local Forecast and Weather Features
7:30 Mr. Rhodes (CC)
Ink (CC)
Next Step
Carol Burnett and Friends
Headline News (CC)
Tracy Takes On... (CC)
MOVIE: The Baby-Sitters Club (1995) Schuyler Fisk, Dr. Blair. Seven young girls open a children's daycare camp. (CC)
Prime Time Telenovela
Tom and Jerry
Mikling of Fashionably Loud II Backstage footage of the rehearsals for the second annual "Fashionably Loud."
WeatherScope
College Basketball
Masters
Homerise
7:38 Local Forecast and Weather Features
7:47 This Evening's Weather
7:50 MOVIE: She Stood Alone (1991) Mara Wilson, Ben Cross. An 1830s New England teacher admits blacks to her school. (CC)
8:00 Local Forecast and Weather Features
American Experience (CC)
MOVIE: Into the Arms of Danger, A Moment of Truth Movie (1997) Morgan Fairchild, Chandra West. A con man lures a 17-year-old runaway into a sordid world. (CC)
World Today
MOVIE: The Great Imposter (1980) Tony Curtis, Karl Moller. A dropout lives his life impersonating professionals. (CC)
Murphy Brown (CC)
News (CC)
Strange Places
GMT Presents Monday Night Concerts Scheduled: Pam Tillis, Kim Richey, Marcus Hummon.
Wallace
Headline News (CC)
MOVIE: Blind Justice (1994) Armand Assante, Elizabeth Shue. A nearly blind gunman battles silver-hungry bandits. (CC)
MOVIE: Gypsy (1995) Anne Nicole Smith, Richard Stoltz. A helicopter pilot must save hostages from a madman.
New Adventures of Robin Hood
La Femme Nikita (CC)
Comics on Delivery
Body Byline How different cultures attempt to transform their bodies by using tattoos, cosmetic surgery and clothes; various cultural attitudes toward nudity.
Speed Racer
Nonstop Country
Crucial: Edition Especial
Practical Guide to Europe
Fashionably Loud II Models, designers and musicians come together for this fashion event. Guests include: Linda Evangelista, Amber Valletta, Marcus Schenkerberg and Versace.
WeatherScope
Mary Tyler Moore (CC)
V (CC)
In Living Color (CC)
Penelope Holthoos
8:08 Local Forecast and Weather Features
8:15 MOVIE: Eye for an Eye (1996) Sally Field, Kiefer Sutherland. A vicious sociopath is stalked by a revenge-driven mother. (CC)
8:20 MOVIE: Shattered (1991) Tom Berenger, Bob Odenkirk. An amnesiac is haunted by disturbing flashes of memory.
8:30 Cybill (CC)
Headline News (CC)
MOVIE: Dr. Glass (1992) Larry Davis, Holly Marie Combs. An amnesiac escapes masquerades as a Swedish physician.
9:08 Local Forecast and Weather Features
9:30 Mail About You (CC)
Schedul (CC)
Local Politics (CC)
Entertainment Tonight (CC)
Wheel of Fortune (CC)
TV's Blockbusters and Practical Jobs
Headline News (CC)
Fido (1995)
Great Park Adventure
WeatherScope
Happy Days

- 9:00 Two (CC)
Kalle to the Heart A history of transplant surgery since the turn of the century, focusing on kidney transplants and efforts to combat rejection of a transplanted organ. (CC)
CNN Sports Illustrated
Chicago Hope (CC)
Weavay
Wild Discovery
Dallas
Highway to Heaven (CC)
Headline News (CC)
WCW Nitro (CC)
Ski: Skidoo (CC)
Prime Time Public Affairs
Daily Show
Extreme Machines: Choppers How helicopters have evolved. Included: the Nimitz used by rescue services as well as the military's Apache, Comanche and Tiger.
Real Adventures of Jonny Quest
Primer Impacto Extra
Florida!
Single Out
WeatherScope
Tad (CC)
Time Trax
Picket Fences
At the Auction
9:08 Local Forecast and Weather Features
9:15 MOVIE: There Goes My Baby (1991) Dermot Mulroney, Rick Schroder. Teen-age students ponder their futures as school days end. (CC)
9:25 MOVIE: Tom Curtin (1995) Paul Newman, Julie Andrews. An American physicist pretends to be a doctor.
9:30 Moneyline (CC)
Headline News (CC)
MOVIE: Man Trouble (1992) Jack Nicholson, Ellen Barkin. A wisecracking con man underestimates his latest mark. (CC)
TV Nation
Rocky & Bullwinkle
Noticiero Univision Edicion Nocturna
Florida!
Not Sevente
WeatherScope
Sportcenter (CC)
Old Couple (CC)
Buy Smart
9:38 Local Forecast and Weather Features
9:40 MOVIE: Paris, France (1993) Leslie Hope, Peter Outerbridge. A writer indulges in sexual excess to unlock creativity.
9:47 This Evening's Weather
9:52 Local Forecast and Weather Features
10:00 News
Fresh Fields
MOVIE: Payback (1994) Jon Severance, C. Thomas Howell. An ex-con swears revenge on a sadistic prison guard. (CC)
NewsNight
News (CC)
MOVIE: Carmen Jones (1954) Harry Belafonte, Dorothy Dandridge. Two workers vie for love at an Army parachute plant.
In the Heat of the Night (CC)
Skyscraper at Sea The building of Troll, the world's largest oil rig, is accomplished by a team of 1,500 laborers and engineers in the North Atlantic.
Dukes of Hazzard
Rescue 911 (CC)
Headline News (CC)
Claude's Crib (CC)
Tick (CC)
Zulu Wars The story of Shaka, king of the Zulu, the man who first united separate Zulu tribes into a powerful nation.
Snorka
La Tocada
Great Park Adventure
Lovelline
WeatherScope
College Basketball
Bewitched
MOVIE: Official Denial (1993) Parker Stevenson, Erin Gray. A UFO abductee is used to communicate with a captive alien. (CC)
Miami Vice
You're Home
10:05 Simpsons (CC)
MOVIE: Drop Zone (1994) Wesley Snipes, Gary Busey. A U.S. marshal pursues a gang of sky-diving criminals. (CC)
10:08 Local Forecast and Weather Features
10:20 MOVIE: The Seduction (1982) Morgan Fairchild, Michael Sarrazin. An enchanter is victimized by a mentally disturbed admirer.
10:30 Travel Magazine
Showbiz Today
Headline News (CC)
Big Date
Prime Time Telenovela Continues
American Comedy Awards Viewer's Choice
Jeopardy!
Great Park Adventure
WeatherScope
Dream of Jeannie
Homerise
10:35 Real TV (CC)
Tonight Show (CC)
Married... With Children (CC)
Late Show (CC)
10:38 Local Forecast and Weather Features
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10:55 Going Places Host Al Roker and his daughter cruise the Caribbean exploring tropical ports-of-call that include Exumas in the Bahamas and Jamaica. (CC)
NewsNight Update
Simon & Simon
Without of Tribes
Prime Time Country (CC)
700 Club
Headline News (CC)
MOVIE: The Road to Wellville (1994) Anthony Hopkins, Bridget Fonda. A turn-of-the-century doctor practices unusual medicine. (CC)

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Scooby Doo Where Are You?
Nonstop Country
Lonely Planet
Alternative Nation
Pacific Update
Dick Van Dyke
In Living Color (CC)
Pamela's Hothouse
11:05 Access Hollywood (CC)
Cher's (CC)
11:08 Local Forecast and Weather Features
11:15 MOVIE: Dead Silence (1997) James Garner, Kim Coates. Three convicts hold a class of deaf students hostage.
MOVIE: Private Obsession (1995) Shannon Whirry, Michael Christian. A fashion model is kidnapped by a deranged fan.
CNN/Sports Illustrated
Headline News (CC)
Real Wild Chyme
Daily Show
2 Stupid Dogs
Justice: Para no Revueltas
Pacific Update
Bob Newhart
In Living Color (CC)
Gardner's Diary
Extra (CC)
Larry Sanders (CC)
Nightline (CC)
MOVIE: Up in Arms (1944) Danny Kaye, Constance Togo. A soldier tries to keep his stowaway girlfriend hidden.
Hard Copy (CC)
Strange Universe
11:38 Local Forecast and Weather Features
11:50 MOVIE: Interview With the Vampire (1994) Tom Cruise, Brad Pitt. A vampire recalls the tragic events of his 200-year life. (CC)
This Morning's Weather
11:55 Local Forecast and Weather Features
12:00 Newshour With Jim Lehrer (CC)
Larry King Live (CC)
MOVIE: The Great Impostor (1960) Tony Curtis, Karl Malden. A dropout lives his life impersonating a professional. (CC)
Paid Program
Wild Discovery
CMT Presents Monday Night Concerts Scheduled: Pam Tillis, Kim Richey, Marcus Hummon.
Carson's Comedy Classics
Headline News (CC)
News
Public Policy Conference
MOVIE: Erik the Viking (1989) Tim Robbins, Gary Coby. A peaceful viking tries to end the violence of the times.
Hometime
Bugs & Dolly
Cristina
Practical Guide to Europe
Dreadtime
Good Morning Forecast
Sportscenter (CC)
Happy Days
V (CC)
Victory Garden

TUESDAY MORNING

- 6:00 Steel Big, Steel Little (1985) Andy Garcia, Alan Arkin. An unscrupulous man forces his twin brother off his land. (CC)
Columbus South (1983) Audie Murphy, Joan Evans. A young cavalry officer tries to avert a Navajo uprising.
Stand by Me (1986) W.F. Hixson, River Phoenix. Four boys face a journey of self-discovery. (CC)
6:05 In the Line of Duty: Mob Justice (1991) Tony Danza, Dan Lauria. Lawyers and mobsters hunt a dealer who killed a DEA agent.
6:45 War of the Buttons (1994) Liam Cunningham, Gregg Fitzgerald. Irish youth gangs fight their rivalry by stealing buttons. (CC)
7:00 Pretty Smart (1987) Tricia Leigh Fisher, Lisa Loring. Private-school students get the goods on their headmaster.
7:15 A Pyromaniac's Love Story (1986) William Baldwin, John Leguizamo. A businessman's son torches a bakery to impress his fiancée. (CC)
7:30 In Groves on Trees (1982) Irene Dunne, Dean Jagger. A family finds green currency growing in the backyard.
The Gateway (1972) Al MacGraw, Steve McQueen. Husband-and-wife bank robbers make a mad dash for freedom.
7:45 The Legend of Billie Jean (1985) Helen Slater, Peter Coyote. An accidental shooting turns two teenagers into fugitives.
8:00 Storm (1984) Jeff Bridges, Karen Allen. U.S. agents pursue a space alien and a widow cross-country.
8:30 She's Having a Baby (1988) Kevin Bacon, Elizabeth McGovern. Newlyweds struggle with an avalanche of pressures. (CC)
A Midsummer Night's Sex Comedy (1982) Woody Allen, Mia Farrow. Three jazz-of-the-century couples vacation in the country. (CC)
9:00 Carmen Jones (1954) Harry Belafonte, Dorothy Dandridge. Two workers vie for love at an Army parachute plant.
It Could Happen to You (1994) Nicolas Cage, Bridget Fonda. A patrolman and a waitress split a lottery jackpot. (CC)
New Moon (1985) Hugh Grant, Melissa Moore. Pregnancy forces a woman into a man's enraging lifestyle. (CC)
Tribute to a Bad Man (1956) James Cagney, Don

- Dubbins. A rancher exacts violent revenge against thieves.
10:00 Cobb (1994) Tommy Lee Jones, Robert Wuhl. Sportswriter Al Stump pens the biography of Ty Cobb. (CC)
10:45 Women in Hiding (1985) Ida Lupino, Howard Duff. A husband arranges an accident to kill his wife.
Babette's Feast (1987) Stéphane Audran, Brigitte Fardol. A French maid prepares an elaborate meal for her employer. (Subtitled)
11:00 Heckschler Kelly (1993) Yahoo Serious, Melba Harlin. An Australian outlaw's descendant heads to America. (CC)
11:05 Silhouette (1990) Faye Dunaway, David Rasche. A stranded woman witnesses a murder in small-town Texas.
11:15 No Small Affair (1984) Joe Cyster, David Moore. A teen-ager's pushy cousin "olds" her up. (CC)
A Walk in the Clouds (1985) Keanu Reeves, Aizana Sanchez-Gil. Two people fall in love while pretending to be married. (CC)

AFTERNOON

- 12:15 Omega Doom (1986) Roger Huer, Shannon Whirry. A cyborg battles numerous enemies on a ravaged Earth.
12:30 A Little Princess (1985) Eleanor Bron, Liam Cunningham. A party girl falls at the hands of a cruel headmistress. (CC)
The Gang's All Here (1943) Alice Faye, Carmen Miranda. A soldier visiting his father falls for a chorus girl.
The Haunted Palace (1963) Vincent Price, Debra Paget. A New England heir is spooked by a warlock ancestor.
1:00 Circle of Friends (1986) Chris O'Donnell, Mirrie Driver. A plain young woman wins a dating athlete's heart. (CC)
Head Office (1986) Judge Reinhold, Eddie Albert. A man is unprepared for the lawless he finds in management. (CC)
No Deposit, No Return (1976) David Niven, Barbara Feldon. Two children stage their own kidnapping to get attention. (CC)
1:45 Outbreak (1995) Dustin Hoffman, Rene Russo. An African monkey carries a lethal virus to California. (CC)
2:00 Silver Streak (1976) Gene Wilder, Jill Clayburgh. A long train ride leads an editor to love and intrigue. (CC)
Run for Cover (1955) James Cagney, John Derek. An ex-con-turned-sheriff is harpessed by a crooked deputy.
Pretty Smart (1987) Tricia Leigh Fisher, Lisa Loring. Private-school students get the goods on their headmaster.
2:15 Richie Rich (1994) Macaulay Culkin, John Larroquette. A young billionaire crosses paths with a greedy executive. (CC)
On the Double (1981) Danny Kaye, Dana Wyler. A weak GI is forced into impersonating a British general.
2:30 Brainstorm (1983) Christopher Walken, Louise Fletcher. Scientists devise a machine that can record human senses.
2:45 A Million to Juan (1994) Paul Rodriguez, Polly Draper. A poor fruit vendor is given a check for \$1 million. (CC)
4:00 She's Having a Baby (1988) Kevin Bacon, Elizabeth McGovern. Newlyweds struggle with an avalanche of pressures. (CC)
The Outsider (1962) Tony Curtis, James Franciscus. A Pine Island Marine helps raise the U.S. flag at Iwo Jima.
The Hat (1995) Sandra Bullock, Jeremy Northam. A mysterious disease endangers a computer expert's life. (CC)
A Pyromaniac's Love Story (1986) William Baldwin, John Leguizamo. A businessman's son torches a bakery to impress his fiancée. (CC)
4:15 Forever Young (1982) Mel Gibson, Jamie Lee Curtis. A 1930s test pilot awakens in modern-day America. (CC)
4:30 Stand by Me (1986) W.F. Hixson, River Phoenix. Four boys face a journey of self-discovery. (CC)
5:00 DuckTales the Movie - Treasure of the Lost Lamp (1990) Voice of Alan Young, Russ Taylor. Animated. Scrooge McDuck and his nephews find a magic lamp. (CC)

EVENING

- 6:00 Home Improvement (CC)
Newshour With Jim Lehrer (CC)
News
MOVIE: Executive Decision (1996) Kurt Russell, Halle Berry. A team of special agents must reclaim a hijacked airliner. (CC)
Prime News (CC)
News (CC)
MOVIE: The Great White Hope (1970) James Earl Jones, Jane Alexander. Racial tensions shape the life of a black boxing champion.
Jeopardy! (CC)
MOVIE: The Two Junes (1980) Jack Nicholson, Harvey Keitel. A private eye investigates a crime of passion.
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Legends of Country Music
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Headline News (CC)
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South Central Mountain RC&D: A Successful Program

By Howard Shanks
RC&D Coordinator

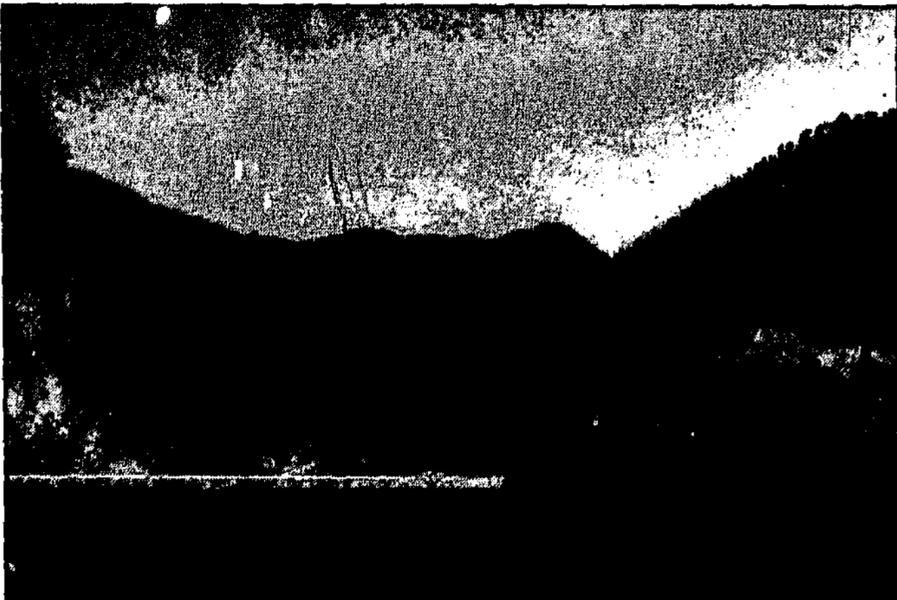
CARRIZOZO - RC&D, or Resource Conservation and Development, is a grassroots program to help communities improve their economy, natural resources, and living standards by coordinating conservation and rural development assistance.

The South Central Mountain RC&D (SCMRC&D) has been in Lincoln and Otero Counties since 1967. Under this interagency program, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, provides a full time coordinator who works closely with local people, volunteers and RC&D Councils to plan, develop and secure funding for a wide variety of projects. Howard Shanks, Coordinator, and Sue Stearns, staff the SCMRC&D office in Carrizozo, next door to Ruidoso State Bank, 401 Central Avenue.

RC&D Councils offer a multi-county approach to help communities solve problems when financial, human and other resources are in short supply. RC&D provides a means for communities to share and combine their efforts, talents and resources to achieve important local goals.

The SCMRC&D Council is made up of 26 local sponsors in Lincoln and Otero Counties, including both counties, eight incorporated communities, five soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs), six state agencies and five other non-profit organizations.

These organizations assign a representative to attend meetings held every two months in various communities throughout the area. Meetings are open to the public and notices are published in local newspapers and announced on several radio stations. Meetings are scheduled every other month on the last Tuesday of the month beginning at 10:00



Bonito Lake near Ruidoso is a constant reminder of the importance of healthy watersheds, to our water supplies, wildlife, recreation enjoyment, and economic viability. The South Mountain RC&D Council has initiated several projects over the years to control erosion, reduce flooding, and improve recreational access to the lake.

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Current officers include Keith Kessler, Chairman, representing the City of Alamogordo; Curtis Schrader, Vice-Chairman, representing the Village of Cloudcroft; and Sue Stearns, Secretary/Treasurer, representing the Carrizozo Woman's Club. The Executive Committee includes the officers plus Gene Green of Hondo, Barbara Luna and Van Shamblyn of Capitan.

The RC&D Council has three main areas of interest which are: Resource Conservation, Rural Eco-

conomic Development, and Community Development.

Resource Conservation projects include developing a regional water plan for the Tularosa Basin, developing a coordinated resource management plan for the Tularosa watershed, implementing an erosion control project around Bonito Lake, and assisting the Otero SWCD and Otero County in a county-wide noxious weed control program.

Under Rural Economic Development, the Council is currently working on a project to assist a small business in developing a product made out of juniper chips and plastic which can be used to make signs and other construction materials. This project, if successful, will create new jobs for a small rural community. This project also has potential to benefit watersheds which have been overgrown with Juniper. The project represents a basic philosophy of utilizing a natural resource to create economic development.

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A Message From District Forester Barbara Luna

CAPITAN - Forest and Natural Resource Health are becoming a great public concern. Part of the problem in achieving healthy forests or natural resources, is the term "Forest Health" means many different things to many different people. However, most resource managers use Forest Health as a term to gage the conditions of a forest ecosystem. It includes the health of the overstory and understory plants such as the trees, shrubs and forbs and grasses in a forest. It also includes many other interrelated factors: soil condition, water quality, wildlife, air quality, insects, diseases, microorganisms etc. It is very difficult to discuss Forest or Ecosystem Health, without including all of the factors that make up an Ecosystem.

The New Mexico Forestry and Resources Conservation Division, is active in a Forest Health Initiative that supports the wise application of prescribed fire as an integral tool

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The Status Of Our Watershed

By Hollis Fuchs & Greg Haussler, NRCS

RUIDOSO - A watershed, obviously, sheds water. A simple watershed is a roof, gutter, and downspout. Rain or melting snow runs off, the gutter collects it, and the downspout delivers the water, the product of a watershed.

Natural watersheds are land, with drainage systems such as arroyos, canyons, and rivers. Watersheds are all around us. They are an integral part of the landscape and a reflection of past geology, climate and land use.

Watersheds are nature's buffer against precipitation extremes. Droughts and floods are realities of nature that we cannot control. The water that we use falls from the clouds, is caught by watersheds, and released over time. For the maximum amount of usable water, it would seem that we would want rapid runoff. Not so. To maximize the quantity and quality of water, slow runoff is necessary. We build reservoirs to collect

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The shore line of Bonito Lake was so badly eroded prior to restoration efforts that it was estimated that 1300 tons of soil per acre had washed into the lake. The South Central Mountain RC&D Council sponsored a project to control erosion and improve access to the lake. Cross tie revetments and rock and wire structures were installed to correct this problem. The City of Alamogordo and the Upper-Hondo SWCD contributed funds and in kind services.

Other economic development efforts include promoting rural towns and assisting small communities in "sprucing up" downtown business districts.

The Council has assisted several communities with a variety of projects. Corona, Capitan, Lincoln, Cloudcroft, Carrizozo, Alamogordo, and Ruidoso Downs have all benefited by grants provided through the RC&D program. These projects are usually small grants to upgrade community centers, museums, recreational facilities, parks, and downtown beautification.

Conservation Education is very important to the Council and several projects promoting watershed health through videos, publications, workshops, and tourism are designed to better inform the public.

This newspaper, for example, is a cooperative venture involving the South Central Mountain RC&D; the Carrizozo, Otero, and Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Bernalillo and Capitan State Forestry

District Offices of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department.

The Council has three active committees working on specific projects. The Committees include Rails to Trails, Cloudcroft; Carrizozo Action Team; and Friends of Smokey, Capitan.

Any agency representative or sponsor can visit directly with RC&D officers or Council members or the RC&D staff. The idea, or project proposal, is evaluated as to the potential benefits, the actions needed and its relation to the needs of the area. Once the idea is properly defined and ready for adoption, the project is adopted by official action at an RC&D Council meeting. Sources of help needed to complete the work are then explored and contacted by the Council and staff. If you would like to be an active sponsor and participant in RC&D or know of a project which could use the assistance of RC&D, please contact the South Central Mountain RC&D Office at (505) 648-2941.

Local Soil & Water Conservation Districts Created To Preserve, Protect Natural Resources

By Sue Stearns
Administrative Assistant

LINCOLN COUNTY, NM - The Carrizozo, Upper Hondo and 45 other Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) were created by New Mexico state law at the urging of the Franklin Roosevelt Administration in 1937. Conservation Districts are subdivisions of state government and were formed during the "dust bowl" days to deal with devastating erosion problems.

New Mexico's 47 SWCDs are the nucleus of a partnership which includes the State Soil and Water Conservation Bureau of the Forestry and Natural Resources Conservation Division, and USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The Bureau provides administrative and financial assistance to districts. Bureau Field Representatives are Jeff Lewis, Las Cruces; Tomas O. Martinez, Bernalillo and Richard Reed in Las Vegas. NRCS provides

districts with the technical assistance to conserve our natural resources.

Each SWCD is governed by a five or seven member board of supervisors elected at the local level. These supervisors plan and administer all natural resource conservation programs and projects within the district boundaries.

The Carrizozo and Upper Hondo SWCDs, located respectively in Carrizozo and Capitan, are subdivisions of state government. The Conservation District Act (73-20-25-73-20-49 NMSA 1978) charges District Boards with the promotion of conservation practices on private land. Because our public and private lands are woven tightly together, Districts promote conservation practices on public lands through Memoranda of Understanding with the various federal and state agencies. Conservation Districts have a very special, long-standing partnership with NRCS (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) and the Soil and Water Conservation Bureau.

The Upper Hondo SWCD was formed in 1941; the Carrizozo SWCD in 1945. Each has a seven-member board. Members of the Carrizozo Board are: Bill Hightower, Chairman; Bob Carter, Vice-Chairman; Billy Bob Shafer, Secretary/Treasurer; Knollene McDaniel, Howard Harkey, Melvin Johnson, and Gordon Barham, members.

Supervisors for the Upper Hondo SWCD are: John Cooper, Chairman; Mary Shanks, Vice-Chairman; James Sanchez, Secretary/Treasurer; Bob Boebinger, Peg Pfingsten, Richard Phillips and Robert Runnels, members. Ernest McDaniel just resigned as Secretary/Treasurer for the Upper Hondo District after serving 46 years.

Sue Stearns serves as Administrative Assistant to both districts. The boards meet monthly to conduct business. The Natural Resources Conservation Service staff working with both districts are Greg Haussler, District Conservationist; Tom Roybal, Soil Conservation Technician;

and Hollis Fuchs, Soil Conservationist.

Both districts passed a mill levy and began collecting money in 1988.

The Carrizozo SWCD has a chemical cost-share program for brush control. This year the board will administer a cost-share program to supplement the Annual Conservation Plan (ACP) program and will pay 60 percent up to \$2,000 for conservation projects. The district, in cooperation with the Forest Service, is providing technical assistance to landowners near White Oaks who experienced erosion and sedimentation as a result of the Patos Fire in 1994. The district provides scholarships to students majoring in agriculture. The district provided a \$2,400 grant to the Carrizozo Schools for a tree planting project on the playground this spring.

The Upper Hondo District has an ACP supplement cost-share program and provides 60% cost-share up to \$3,500 per individual per year. They also have a

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How Landowners Protect Homes From Fire

By Ernest Powell

RUIDOSO - With the guidance of the New Mexico Forestry Division, and encouraged by receiving a small Stewardship Incentive Program (SIP) cost share grant from the federal government, my wife Anita and I decided to embark on

feasible space from wildfire around our home. In that many of the trees were large in size and close to the house, we hired professional assistance. In marking the trees for removal, consideration was given to the distance of the trees to

addition, excess or undesirable small shrubs and brush were removed. This very heavy thinning was done to keep any wildfire that occurs from spreading off the ground into the trees. By making less vertical fuel available around the

7. Last, but not least, sunlight has returned to the forest floor. This is one of the great rewards of the thinning process. A proper balance between trees and grassy areas is being re-established. In planning this phase, Greg Haussler, a soil conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Larry Cordova, a wildlife biologist for the U.S. Forest Service, gave valuable advice.

The newly-created openings in the forest canopy after thinning, coupled with the removal of ground-choking duff, enabled grass re-seeding. The new bromo/orchard grass mix is growing nicely. It is no accident that deer, elk, and wild turkey and our other wild friends are enjoying the newly-opened space. Words cannot express how the aesthetic appearance of our woods has improved as a result of this project. The real plus is we now live in a safer forest!!

This work has not progressed without problems. Sore muscles, calloused hands, strains, sprains, and related scratches and bruises are the name of this game. The most frustrating aspect, though, has been the total failure of the Village of Ruidoso to encourage or assist anyone in doing what must be done if our mountain community is to continue to exist and avoid a catastrophic fire event. The Village is a direct beneficiary of what we've been doing as well as our neighbors. A fire defensible tract has been created in the Upper Canyon and can be expanded.

Governments exist to do things for people which are difficult or impossible for individuals to do alone, including developing and maintaining water systems, sewers, and roads. It is the responsibility of elected officials to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the electorate. Their failure to do so in regards to our forest led to the creation of the Forest Health Coalition of Lincoln County (see related article). If the Village had played a more proactive role, so much more could have been accomplished, at very modest expense, to make Ruidoso a safer place to live.

Anita and I are satisfied that we have done our best to improve the health and safety of our forest, and that the Forest Health Coalition, the New Mexico Forestry Division, and the U.S. Forest Service are behind us in this task. We'd do it again as the rewards are great!

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streambank protection program, and chemical cost-share program. The district received a \$4,850 grant for planting grass and trees at the Capitan Ball Park this year. The district patented PROJECT SOIL, an educational kit for K-7th grade students. They recently upgraded the kit, and produced a video entitled, "SOIL, WHO NEEDS IT?", with help from NMSU. The videos are included in the kit, or may be purchased for \$10.



"Before:" A property in the Upper Canyon area of Ruidoso with trees in need of thinning and pruning to create defensible space from wildfire. The trees are also crowded and stressed making them more susceptible to forest pests. Ribbons have been tied around trees to remove. The house to be protected occurs behind the vantage point of the camera.

the large task of reducing the explosive fire danger on our inherited property in the Upper Canyon Area of Ruidoso.

The need to do so was obvious. In 1996 alone, wildfires destroyed over 6.1 million acres of land in the United States and exacted staggering losses in terms of real property. The taxpayer dollars that were spent to suppress these fires are still being calculated, but the final figure will be in the billions. In Arizona and New Mexico alone, as of October 17, 1996, 337,833 acres of land were affected by wildfire, with an estimated suppression cost of over \$56 million. Ruidoso is not immune from wildfire and is considered by many professionals to be the most fire threatened community in the United States.

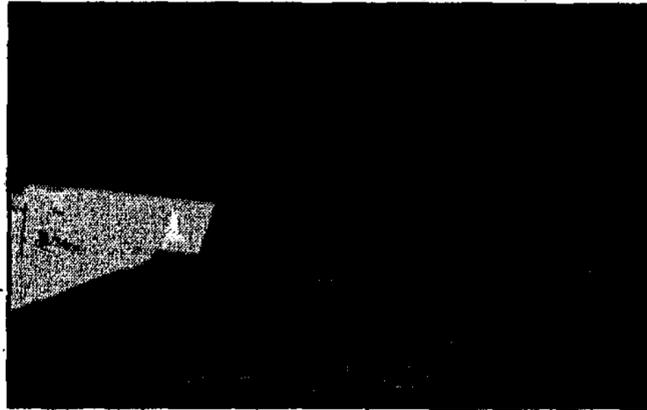
A plan for our project was developed with the help of the New Mexico Forestry Division and work commenced. The following is a brief summary of what has been accomplished to date:

1. Dozens of trees were marked for removal as the first step in creating de-

the house to create an adequate fire safety zone. Also, the spacing between tree trunks averaged about 20 feet, while the average spacing between live branches (crowns) on "leave" trees was 15 feet. "Clear cutting" was neither intended nor employed.

2. A program of reducing the natural fuel load on the forest floor was begun. Fallen and rotting trees were removed and we started raking a mountain of pine needles and duff. It took enormous physical effort to drag tarps loaded with this material off the hills on our property and dump the material into a truck and trailer. We managed to haul off a substantial amount of debris to the Capitan landfill before it closed forever. This was the first step in thinning from beneath.

3. The next step in creating a "defueled" 100 foot space around our house was to prune all ladder fuels on "leave" trees as high as we could reach. This was accomplished by using pole saws. All dead and lower live branches were removed from all larger trees. In



"After:" The Ernest Powell property in Upper Canyon. The area has been substantially thinned and the lower branches of remaining trees have been pruned to reduce the ladder fuels available for a wildfire. Ground fuels such as pine needles and twigs have also been removed to reduce fire potential. The remaining trees will have better access to sunlight, soil, water and should be more vigorous and resistant to insects and disease.

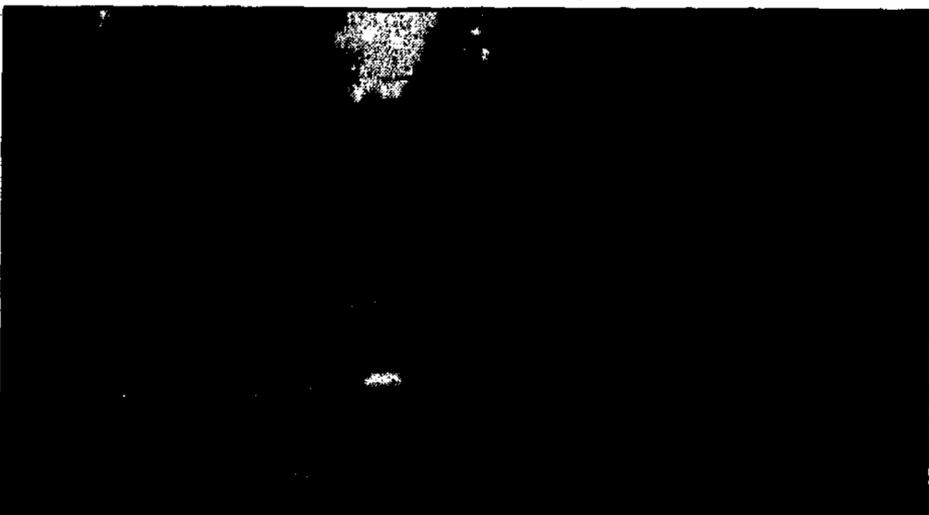
house, we intended to minimize the chance that an exploding wall of flame could be sustained should a large wildfire roar through Upper Canyon, thus increasing the survival chances of our home and minimizing potential damage to our forest.

4. As we worked our way away from the house, literally hundreds of dead, dying, and diseased trees were marked for removal. In addition, to slow a crown fire and to promote a healthy stand of fir and pine trees, obviously crowded or stunted trees were tagged for removal. Many of these trees have been cut with stunning results.

What we were doing was replicating what low-intensity fires would have done if they hadn't been immediately extinguished in past decades. These light ground fires would have naturally thinned forest areas and maintained open, park like forest conditions in many areas. However, with the current unhealthy and overgrown forests, with abnormally heavy fuel loadings, the use of controlled burns is risky and could often result in more fire than desired with destructive results. Since the thinning, we can again see the forest for the trees. What an improvement!!

5. Many cords of firewood were created. Firewood rounds had to be rolled off the hillside, split into smaller pieces, and stacked. Particular attention was given to bark beetle-infested ponderosa pines as this firewood had to be covered with plastic to keep the beetle from spreading to noninfested trees. Much of this wood was hauled to our family farm in Glencoe away from beetle-prone ponderosa pines.

6. In all, several hundred cubic yards of pine needles, duff, and slash have been hauled from the Upper Canyon. Needless to say, these efforts have not escaped the need for financial expenditures. We're just glad we have had the strength and equipment to do the job.



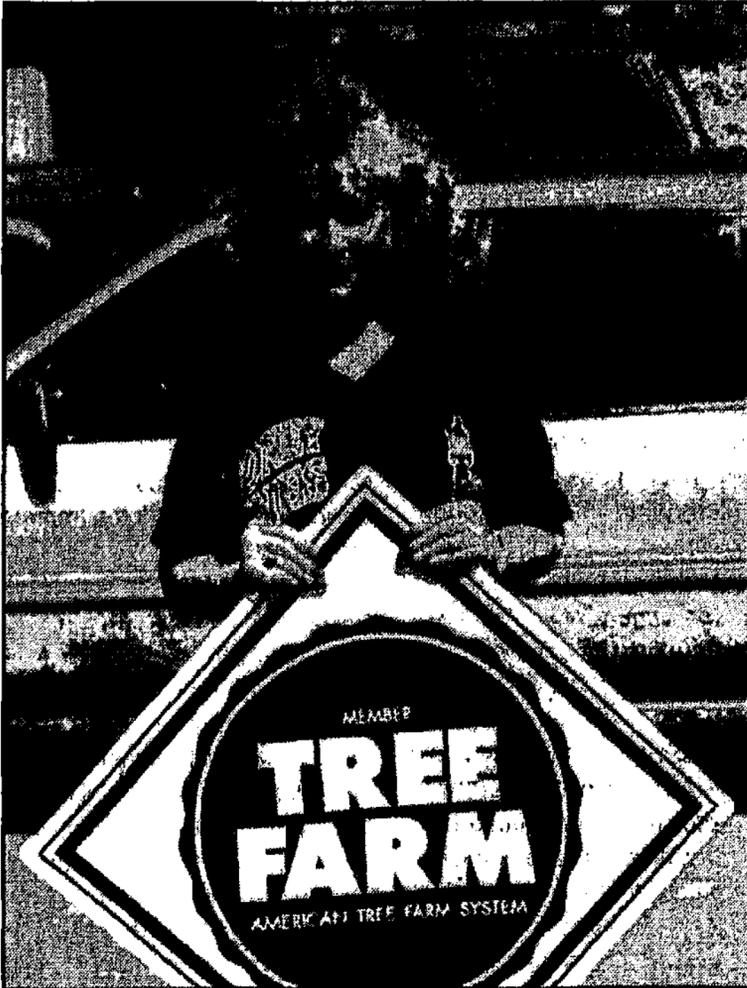
Sponsored by the Forest Health Coalition of Lincoln County the second annual Forest Health, Fire Hazard Public Awareness Day was held August 1996 with more than 80 visitors to the Ernest Powell property in Upper Canyon of Ruidoso. The workshop featured both formal presentations from various natural resources agencies and "hands on" field activities, including demonstrations of insect and disease problems, forest thinning and pruning, defensible space creation, and chain saw safety and maintenance. It also presented the options available for woody debris removal and treatment.

Connie Bailey Achieves Certified Tree Farmer Status

By Bill Duemling
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ALAMOGORDO - Connie Bailey of Alamogordo recently achieved the status of certified tree farmer. Ms. Bailey owns 80 acres of forest land in Sixteen

to remove diseased, insect-infested, damaged, defective, and crowded trees of commercial size. During logging, the best available trees were left on site to retain a good growing stock. Much of the area is now ready for subcommercial thinning of smaller diameter material to thin out overstocked stands of timber,



Connie Bailey proudly displays the Tree Farm sign she was awarded for earning Certified Tree Farmer Status

Springs Canyon west of Mayhill and is a member of the American Tree Farm System.

Sponsored by the American Forest Council, the Tree Farm Program recognizes landowners who actively manage their forested property. Membership in the program is open to anyone who owns ten or more acres of forest land. Membership in a similar entity, the Backyard Tree Farm Program, is open to individuals with any size of property.

Connie Bailey is the niece of Charles and Thelma Walker, New Mexico's 1996 Tree Farmers of the Year. She is the daughter of Sara Jo and the late Karl Patterson, who are also certified tree farmers. The Bailey property is part of property originally deeded to the Walker Family in the late 1880s. The Pattersons deeded the land to Ms. Bailey in the 1980s.

Certification of tree farm occurs when a landowner demonstrates active management of the property within five years of signing up as a pioneer tree farmer. Ms. Bailey has been a pioneer tree farmer since 1991. The Bailey property was commercially thinned by White Sands Forest Products in 1995.

The intention of the timber harvest was

reduce the stress levels in the timber, and improve overall forest health and vigor.

Certified tree farmers receive a sign to post on their property which shows how they are managing for all natural resources, including timber, soil, water, forage, and wildlife. For a nominal fee, members can also subscribe to *Tree Farmer* magazine, a national magazine that covers issues and trends in resource management. Also, statewide tree farm meetings and workshops are held periodically so that members can get together and discuss their land management experiences.

Certified tree farmers also receive written management recommendations, usually in the form of a Stewardship Plan. Members are also eligible for cost share funds under the Stewardship Incentive Program to offset expenses for land management activities such as thinning, wildlife habitat improvement, reforestation, soil and water protection, and fisheries habitat improvement.

For more information regarding the American Tree Farm Program or the Stewardship Program, contact your local New Mexico Forestry Division office.

Forest Insects and Diseases in the Changing Forest

By Bob Cain
Forest Entomologist
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SANTA FE - Insects and diseases are natural components of New Mexico's forest ecosystems. Tree losses from

that were previously dominated by ponderosa pine. The buds and needles of these trees are eaten by a moth larvae called the western spruce budworm. Western spruce budworm damage to trees appears to have increased in severity and size in the last fifty years.



Bob Cain, Forest Entomologist, Cooperative Extension Service

insects and diseases are important in creating forest openings, thinning stands and providing habitat for certain wildlife. Chronic diseases and widespread outbreaks of insects, however, may be indicators of "unhealthy" forest conditions. Crowded forest conditions and changes in the distribution of tree species in New Mexico appear to have led to increases in certain forest insects and diseases. Trees under stress are more vulnerable to attack by wood and bark boring insects and more severely damaged by other insects and diseases.

Bark beetles, small insects that tunnel under the bark and quickly kill trees, have been at outbreak levels on the ponderosa pine of the Lincoln National Forest and Mescalero Apache Indian reservation since 1990. Smaller bark beetle outbreaks are also common in and around all of New Mexico's forested mountain communities. These insects primarily attack trees in dense, crowded forests. More extensive damage is likely as the outbreak continues.

Bark beetles appear to be one of nature's ways of thinning a crowded forest; however, high value trees can be lost. Extensive tree mortality is unsightly and can increase the risk of wildfire. Dead trees, whether from beetles, mistletoe or other insects or diseases can create additional hazards for property owners.

In northern New Mexico changes in the abundance of certain tree species due to past logging and the suppression of fire may be affecting insect populations. Higher elevation conifers now share sites

Mountain communities near Taos, Angel Fire, Mora and Chama have all seen periodic defoliation of white fir, Douglas-fir and spruce over the last decade. Tree mortality and top killing in these areas are common. Competition between trees and dry site conditions during draughty years adds to tree stress and vulnerability to bark beetles.

Dwarf mistletoes are parasitic plants that occur naturally in the forests of the southwest. Although the effects of this chronic disease may appear subtle, over many years infected trees become weakened, deformed, and are eventually killed. Young replacement trees typically become infected and do not develop into sizable trees.

The amount of dwarf mistletoe in New Mexico's southern forests is considerably higher than in most other parts of the southwest. Moreover, a comparison of surveys done in the 1950's and 1980's shows an increase in the level of mistletoe on ponderosa pine in most of New Mexico's National Forests. Fire suppression may well be the primary reason for the increase, since fire seems to be nature's way of keeping the disease in check. Because of their branching pattern and the accumulation of pitch in infected limbs, dwarf mistletoe infected trees are more flammable than healthy trees. Fire also creates forest openings which limit the spread of dwarf mistletoes.

Areas of the forest infected with this parasite often have many dead trees, which adds to the accumulation of fuels

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and increased fire danger. There are extensive areas in and around most of New Mexico's mountain communities with severe dwarf mistletoe infection.

What can/should be done to improve forest conditions? There is no easy solution to the forest health problem. The present forest has developed over many decades, and efforts to improve conditions would necessarily be long term.

A good prescription for much of the forest would be what is called a "low thin" or "thin from below." In this type of treatment, the largest most vigorous trees are left. Smaller trees, especially those that are weak and suppressed, are felled; many of these would never develop into large mature trees that add value to property. Some young vigorous trees can be left where space allows. Depending on stand conditions, up to or even more than half the trees are removed, leaving the best ones.

Properly thinning an area has many long term benefits. The remaining trees grow more quickly. Upper crowns fill out and become more attractive. The result is healthier trees that live longer. Low thinning also reduces the "fire ladder" and thereby reduces damage in the event of wildfire. Finally, thinning helps return the forest to a more open condition, which is what all evidence suggests is the natural state for ponderosa pine.

What You Can do to Manage Specific Forest Insects and Diseases

Home building and urbanization in forest areas can be stressful for trees as well as people. Air borne pollutants, pavement, soil compaction by autos and construction equipment, road salts and other soil contaminants, and misguided lawn mowers all take their toll on a tree's vigor. Insect pests and diseases often prefer these weakened trees. Damage from pests ranges from insignificant, to unsightly, to tree death. Following is a look at some of the pests that can commonly injure or kill trees in New Mexico's mountain communities.

Pinyon needle scale

Pinyon pines may be infested with pinyon needle scale, a tiny, black bump on the one year old needles that often goes unnoticed. Damage on heavily infested trees is obvious this time of year. Interior year old needles are dry, yellow and covered with raised black specs. Spring is the time to control this pest. The insects lay eggs in late February through March, depending on weather conditions. The tiny yellow eggs are in a conspicuous white cottony webbing under large branches, in cracks on the bark of the trunk, around the base of the tree, and sometimes against an object near or under the tree. The egg stage of this insect can be mechanically removed with a strong stream of water from the garden hose. After washing the eggs off the tree, rake the material off the ground and dispose of it by bagging, burning or burying. Pinyon needle scales are in the egg stage for about a month. After hatching the tiny crawlers will move back up

the tree and attack last years' new growth. If the eggs on your tree have already hatched, spraying dimethoate (Cygon) should control the crawlers while they're still moving. Once settled they feed beneath a waxy scale covering that protects them from most insecticides. Summer horticultural oils may offer some control at this time. Left untreated, trees develop thin crowns, have low vigor, and are susceptible to bark beetle attack.

Bark Beetles and Twig Beetles

In the forest, bark beetles attack pines weakened by drought, disease, and lightning strikes. In the urbanized forest, they attack pinyon pine, ponderosa pine and some introduced pines and spruce weakened by transplanting and the stress of a changed environment. They kill trees by feeding in the soft tissue beneath the bark and girdling the trunk. They also introduce blue stain fungus into the tree which interrupts the flow of water and nutrients within the tree.

Native dug pinyon and ponderosa pine sold by roadside vendors and nurseries should be inspected carefully for beetles before purchasing. Look closely at the bark for pencil lead size holes often covered by reddish white pitch masses and reddish boring dust in the bark cracks and crevices and on the notches of limbs. Removing the bark will reveal tunnels mined in the soft tissue. Dark beetles about the size of the head of a match or white legless larvae may be found in the tunnels. Twig beetles cause similar damage to balled and burlapped native pines but are much smaller, only about 2 mm long. Eventually, all of the needles on infested trees will turn reddish brown or yellow.

Trees infested with bark beetles should be removed and destroyed while the beetles are still beneath the bark. Infested firewood should be stacked in a sunny location and covered with clear plastic. Temperatures beneath the plastic during the summer will be lethal to the developing beetles. Uninfested trees threatened by nearby bark beetle infestations or weakened by construction or related activities can be sprayed with chemical insecticides to prevent beetle attack. Carbaryl (Sevin) mixed with a sticker or chlorpyrifos (Dursban) can be sprayed on the trunk and large branches as a barrier to beetles boring through the bark.

Wood borers

Wood borers include many types of insects that feed under the bark of trees and shrubs. They are attracted to stressed plants and their presence often indicates other problems exist for the plant. Our most common wood boring insects include species of beetles and moths. These insects feed in the phloem, cambium, sapwood and even deep in the heartwood. These will be the insects discussed here. Other wood boring insects that will not be discussed include bark beetles, termites, carpenter ants, carpenter bees, and horntails. Bark beetles differ from wood borers because they feed primarily on phloem,

the nutrient rich tissue just under the bark. Termites, carpenter ants, carpenter bees, and horntail wasps may be found in live trees but they are actually living in dead wood on those trees.

All wood boring insects are difficult and often impossible to control. Their feeding injures and may destroy the vascular system of the plant. Damage ranges from branch dieback and reduced vigor to killing the entire plant.

Many times wood borers go unnoticed until the damage is extensive and portions of the plant begin to die. The point of entry for most species is tiny and difficult to detect. Many species simply lay eggs near a crack or wound on the bark. Dripping sap and boring dust often mark the spot where the tiny larva have bored beneath the bark. Other evidence of borer infestation may include woodpecker injury; callous areas on the bark outlining the borer's tunnels; loose bark; adventitious growth from the base of the plant; and exit holes.

Weakened trees are most often attacked. There are many common causes of plant stress which may attract borers. In the forest, native trees may be weakened by lightning strikes, drought, changes in drainage due to road construction, or injury from other insects or diseases. Landscape trees face these problems and more. Pruning and accidental scraping of the bark releases airborne chemicals which attract borers. Urban soils are often compacted and of poor quality. New Mexico soils may be too alkaline for many introduced landscape trees. Misuse of lawn herbicides or pesticides may defoliate trees or damage roots. Accidental injury to the cambium from lawn mowers or weed trimmers is common. Poorly transplanted trees are stressed from the start. They may have had too small a root system or been planted at the improper depth. Overwatering or underwatering are both common problems. Introduced pests like the elm leaf beetle or pine tip moth often go unchecked by natural enemies and defoliate the trees year after year.

The best borer control is prevention. Trees and other woody plants should be routinely monitored for signs of stress. When problems are found steps to restore plant health should be taken as soon as possible. Wounding of trees during construction or other maintenance activities should be avoided. Bark mulch around ornamental trees will reduce injury from lawn mowers and weed trimmers. Pruning should be avoided during the warmest months of the year when most adult wood borers are flying. For some ornamental plants, there may be borer resistant varieties available.

Chemical insecticides are also most effective when used for prevention. Pheromone traps can be used to monitor the flight activity of clear wing moth borers like the peach tree borer. Chemical insecticides can then be applied during the time of egg laying to control newly hatched larvae before they bore into the tree.

New studies show promise for using insect eating nematodes to control bor-

ers that leave a clean tunnel, free of frass and wood particles. Nematodes sprayed on the trunk and branches remain active as long as they are wet. These parasitic worms can enter the larval tunnels and attack the burrowing larva.

Elm Leaf Beetle

Elm leaf beetles cause unsightly damage on Siberian and American elms. Adult beetles can be a nuisance in the fall as they seek sheltered overwintering sites in and around homes. The adults are approximately one quarter inch long and olive green in color with black stripes running down the outer edge of the body. Yellow orange eggs are laid in clumps on the leaves. Larvae feed on the under surface of the leaves causing them to dry and turn brown. Pupae are found in the soil beneath the tree. Populations of this insect vary from year to year. When numbers are high, trees appear brown by midsummer. Carbaryl and new strains of Bt, a bacterial insecticide, are effective against this beetle.

Spider Mites

Spider mites cause considerable damage during hot, dry summers. They multiply rapidly and damage foliage by sucking sap. They leave extensive trails of fine webbing that collects dust, giving infested plants a dusty look and a gritty feel. Juniper, blue spruce, and Arizona cypress are most often attacked but other trees with dense foliage may be infested as well. The damage is obvious but it takes a magnifying glass to actually see the tiny mites. Periodic spraying of foliage with a strong stream of water will prevent mites from building up to damaging levels. There are new hose end attachments which increase water pressure and effectively kill spider mites. Miticides such as kelthane can be used once damage has occurred. Kelthane is less effective once temperatures are extremely hot. Be careful using chemical insecticides against spider mites, some insecticides actually make mite problems worse by killing the insect predators that help keep mite populations in check.

Mistletoes

Two types of mistletoe commonly occur in New Mexico, the true mistletoes and the dwarf mistletoes. Both are parasitic plants that rob trees of water and nutrients. When mistletoes are abundant, they slowly kill the tree.

The most obvious mistletoes are the true mistletoes. The juniper mistletoe looks like a light green ball of many branched stems. Small white berries are seen on female mistletoe plants. These are eaten by birds but the sticky seeds are not digested. Seeds are carried in the bird's droppings and adhere to tree limbs and crotches. The dark green leafy mistletoes seen in cottonwoods, oaks, ashes and some other hardwoods are also true mistletoes.

The dwarf mistletoes are more common in New Mexico's forests and often find their way into cities on infected planting stock dug from the woods. Dwarf

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Construction Injury to Trees

By Bob Cain
Forest Entomologist
Cooperative Extension Service

SANTA FE - The impact of home and road construction on trees can be great. Root loss and damage, wounding of the top of the tree, changes in soil, and increased exposure to wind and sun can all cause tree losses in the vicinity of construction. Established trees, especially on poor sites, are in delicate balance with their environment. Stress from construction can make them susceptible to insects and diseases naturally present in the forest. Actively preventing injury to trees during construction is the best way insure the homesite retains the mature tree cover desired.

Don't try to save all the trees on forested sites. Trees that are selected to remain should be quality trees that will live a long time. It is expensive and extra work for the builder to work around trees to be saved. Unhealthy trees are often unable to adapt to changes in the environment brought on by construction. It is more costly to remove large trees that do not survive or pose a hazard after construction is completed. Forest fire danger can be reduced by removing trees to create defensible space around the home. Keep only the best trees and remove the rest in areas that will be affected by building.

It is rarely possible to develop a site without hurting some of the trees roots. To minimize injury, an area around the tree should be designated as a protected root zone. The smallest definition of this

zone would be the dripline of the tree, which would include all the area beneath the branches. This area is usually sufficient for wide spreading trees but will not be adequate for a tall tree with a narrow crown. For narrow trees, estimate the height and multiply by forty percent. Use this distance from the tree trunk as your protected root zone.

Put up bright colored plastic fence around the tree's protected root zone and extend the zone wherever possible. Hang signs that say "protected root zone" to alert construction workers to avoid the area. Fence off groups of trees to minimize the disturbance in as large an area as possible. Fencing is the best way to avoid root injury from compaction of the soil by vehicles or stored building materials and trunk injury by collisions and equipment mishaps. Make sure all construction workers know nothing in this area should be disturbed. It is critical that you communicate your concern for tree protection with the architect, builder, and all subcontractors in a preconstruction conference.

Common construction practices injure trees through soil compaction, site clearing, grade changes, paving, installing underground utilities, excavation, and sloppy handling and disposal of materials. For detailed information on preventing construction related injury or dealing with tree injuries after they happen contact your State Forestry District Office for a copy of **Construction Injury to Trees** prepared by the NMSU Cooperative Extension Service, EMNRD Forestry and Resources Conservation Division, and U.S. Forest Service.

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seeds a distance of 20 - 40 feet. The seeds land on needles on the same or nearby trees, are washed down to the stem by rains and germinate.

Both types of mistletoe grow beneath the bark and can extend several feet from the point of infection. They cause the tree to produce irregular branch growths called witches brooms. The brooms compete with the rest of the tree for water and nutrients. Pruning out the mistletoe brooms will help improve tree vigor. The product Florel is registered for use against dwarf mistletoe. This product contains a plant growth regulator which causes the shoots of dwarf mistletoe to fall off the plant. It does not, however, kill the mistletoe plant beneath the bark. Pruning the infected branch is the only way to actually remove dwarf mistletoe infections.

In forests, dwarf mistletoe often effects all the trees of a given species. In these situations, trees of another species can be planted as replacement trees for the declining mistletoe infected trees.

Preserving Trees by Transplanting

Many forest homeowners desire to save trees which have to be removed for building.

Smaller trees of most species under two inches in diameter can be successfully moved to other locations on the property away from the building area.

Larger transplants over four inches in diameter will require special equipment to insure an adequate root system is moved with the tree.

Only transplant trees if you have the commitment to care for them and monitor them for pest problems. Newly transplanted conifers are very susceptible to attack by bark beetles and twig beetles. These beetles quickly kill transplanted trees and may move to other trees saved in construction and in the adjacent woodlands. Transplanted pinon, ponderosa pine or junipers should be monitored closely for beetle infestation and hauled off the site as soon as infestation is detected.

New Mexico Forestry Camp June 2-7

By Bob Cain
Cooperative Extension Service

CUBA - New Mexico's youth age 13-18 have a unique opportunity to learn how New Mexicans use, care for and appreciate our forests by attending New Mexico Forestry Camp. This five day outdoor workshop is held the first full week of June.

Campers study tree and plant identification, how to use a compass and topographic map, search and rescue techniques, geology, stream ecology, fire in the forest and other topics. One day is spent working on a conservation project such as trail construction, fireline cutting, building erosion control structures, and archaeological mapping. There are also fishing clinics, traditional crafts and photography, archery and hiking excursions.

Evenings offer campfire talks, cowboy poets, Indian storytellers, owl hooting and star gazing. Campers' natural science knowledge is tested one evening in the Natural Resources Jeopardy Bowl. They also get to try their hand at hatchet throwing, match splitting, cross cut saw use and other competitive forestry games.

Forestry Camp is held at Rancho del Chaparral in the Jemez Mountains near Cuba, New Mexico. The 1,200 acre camp located along the Rio de las Vacas, provides an ideal setting with beautiful ponderosa pine and mixed conifer forests. Field trips are taken to the

surrounding Santa Fe National Forest and other locations. Meals are served in the dining hall, and campers sleep in rustic accommodations.

Total fees for the camp are \$145 if registered before April 25, 1996. A few scholarships are available, and participants are urged to obtain sponsorship from a local business, organization or club. Only sixty campers will be selected based on information provided on the application form. If the opportunity to go to Forestry Camp makes you wish you were a teen-ager again, it's not too late. Counselors at Forestry Camp are adult volunteers. Many are teachers and others who regularly work with kids.

Applications for campers and adults are available by writing the Cuba SWCD, Box 250, Cuba, NM 87103 or by calling (505) 289-3950. Camper applications are also available at State Forestry District Offices, Cooperative Extension Service Offices and US Forest Service Offices.

More than a dozen federal and state natural resource agencies, universities, and non profit organizations with a natural science orientation work together to make New Mexico Forestry Camp happen. The Camp is sponsored by the Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District.

For more information contact Peggy Ohler, Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District, (505) 289-3950.

Timber Sales Ban On Lincoln Lifted

Trees Need Clearing

News Special

ALAMOGORDO - The Lincoln National Forest announced in December that it is resuming timber sales after a federal judge lifted a logging ban aimed at protecting the Mexican spotted owl and other species.

U.S. District Judge Roger Strand in Phoenix ordered the ban lifted from 11 national forests in Arizona and New Mexico after the U.S. Forest Service submitted a document called a "biological opinion."

The document was ordered as a condition for lifting the ban ordered by another judge in August 1995. That judge has since retired.

The biological opinion outlines monitoring and measuring requirements the Forest Service will use to track the progress of the federally protected Mexican spotted owl and other species. It also establishes areas up to 600 acres around nesting owls where logging will be restricted to small trees.

Lincoln National Forest Supervisor Jose Martinez said a full program of forest management has resumed.

"We will be improving the health and sustainability of the forest by concentrating on such things as thinning dead and diseased trees from the forest. One major goal is to protect the urban-wildland interface from catastrophic fire through

understory burning and removal of vegetation."

With the lifting of the federal injunction, rangers on the Lincoln's Guadalupe, Smokey Bear and Sacramento districts have implemented several small timber sales and are offering bids for timber-thinning contracts, according to a Forest Service news release issued shortly after Judge Strand's order removing the ban.

The rangers say they are also preparing firewood sales and completing prescribed burns.

Lincoln National Forest Spokeswoman Merle Glenn said three small timber sales are in the works on the Sacramento Ranger District along. Peg Grim, who is designing and managing those sales estimated they will total about 2 million boardfeet.

"The small sales are still in the planning stages. They're out marking the trees and seeing what they can find right now," Glenn said.

Asked how Lincoln personnel reacted to Strand's ruling, Glenn said, "We've been working with (the injunction) for so long that it's kind of a relief. We took a deep breath and had a little bit of a celebration. We're looking forward to working on the forest projects that were held in abeyance," Glenn said.

Forest Health Coalition Of Lincoln County: Its History, Goals

By Rose E. Dingman
Ph.d, Ed.d

RUIDOSO - If you drive along Ruidoso's Por Drive from Brady Canyon to Mechem, you will see an overgrown, unhealthy, ponderosa forest. Small, stunted trees densely packed to-

The drought of 1996 exacerbated the problems in our forest and on May 1, the Planning and Zoning Commission and Village Council held a joint workshop at the Civic Events Center to discuss these problems and the Forest Protection Ordinance. After this meeting, some concerned citizens, forest man-

made by fire and forest management professionals, members of the steering committee with many comments from the audience on forest management, fire safety and forest waste disposal. A key issue at the meeting was the cumbersome Forest Management Ordinance of the Village of Ruidoso. The ordinance's requirements did not promote thinning and management by property owners, indeed, the paper work and fees would be an inhibition to most.

Viewing as its first goal the repeal or amendment to a more workable form of the Forest Protection Ordinance, the Coalition made proposals to the Village Council and attended the Council meetings of this topic. Finally on July 30, the code was amended to allow property owners to clear and thin their property and make a defensible space around their homes. Although the ordinance was not repealed, it was so modified that for most no paper work is required and no fees assessed. After this meeting, the steering committee of FHCLC held a modest celebration!

To promote the goal of education, the Coalition designed and promoted a forest health workshop on August 24, 1996. This workshop was cosponsored by the Village of Ruidoso, Federal, State and local fire and forest management agencies. The format of the workshop was short presentations by professionals in the morning, a lunch break where all could mingle and hands-on activities (tree health, diseases, tree cutting) in the afternoon. About 100 people attended including County Commissioner L. Ray Nunley, State Representative Dub Williams and Village Manager Gary Jackson. Unfortunately, none of the Village Councilors or members of Planning and Zoning attended. The whole program was received with enthusiasm and Mother Nature cooperated by having only one light rain shower during the day.

Since then, the Coalition is seeking a method to deal with pine needles, slash and other forest waste generated by property owners when they manage for forest health and fire safety. Since it is mandated that slash generated by such activity must be removed at risk of fine for noncompliance, FHCLC believes local agencies, either villages or the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, must devise some method of handling these materials in a convenient manner and at reasonable cost.

We of FHCLC are proud of what we have accomplished in our short history and of the public support we have received. Donations from individuals have allowed us to distribute a periodic newsletter on forest health and fire safety. We will continue in our goal of education and hope by working together we can restore forest health and wildfire safety to Ruidoso and the surrounding area.

Barbara Luna
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In the management of New Mexico's resources to promote soil and water conservation. This newspaper is but one example of that effort.

Our "Forest Health Initiative" also includes developing inter-agency agreements so that prescribed burns can be done on a landscape scale. We also offer landowner management plans to help meet the landowners objectives. The Capitan District, is comprised of seven counties in Southeastern New Mexico. There are six districts statewide. Other offices are located in Bernalillo, Chama, Cimmaron, Las Vegas and Socorro. The Forestry Division works with the private landowner in forest and natural resource management assistance. There are also cost-share programs available through the Division. The division also has wildfire suppression responsibilities on all state and private lands. We work extensively with Fire departments in training and equipping them for wildland fire fighting. The Division is also involved in many education programs to the public and to schools in natural resource management.

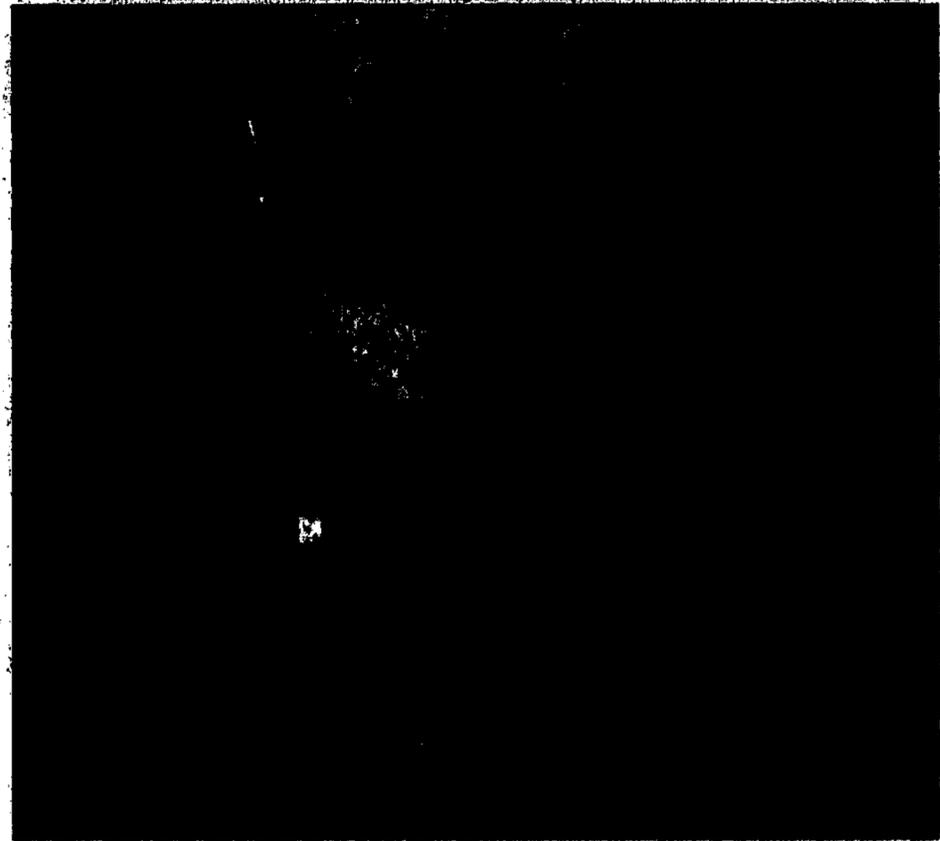
The Forestry Division also offers assistance to urban communities in tree planting and beautification projects. The Capitan District also has management responsibilities of the Smokey Bear historical State Park in Capitan.

There are many inherent difficulties in managing for a healthy forest. Before a forest can be managed to become healthy, it must first be protected, especially against catastrophic wildfires. Too often well intended practices are all for not when a devastating wildfire occurs and literally "moonscapes" an area and heavily damages the resources, including vegetation, soils, water quality, wildlife etc. The existing conditions of many forests require cost prohibitive and very labor intensive management to bring an ecosystem into a "healthy" condition. This is a real problem for private, state, and federal landowners. Since many forested areas are managed by federal agencies, added difficulties are inherent in managing for a healthy forest because of federal management policies now in place.

It appears that the greatest risk in forest health is found in the ecosystems that have developed under a low-intensity, high frequency wildfire regime. (i.e. Ponderosa Pine ecosystems and Pinon-Juniper ecosystems.) Lincoln and Otero Counties alone, have approximately 35,000 acres of this forest type on state and private lands. Over the past 100 years, man has altered natural processes by aggressively fighting wildfire and not allowing the frequent low-intensity wildfires to get as large as they did before the turn of the century.

A situation has now resulted in more vegetation and over crowded timber stands which has allowed a condition to exist that if wildfire were to occur, it would burn at a very high intensity and perhaps do much more harm than good, being

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An overstocked stand of timber along Por Drive in Ruidoso begs for thinning. Gnarled, twisted ponderosa pines fight for survival. If a normal frequency of low-intensity ground fire had occurred here, the large tree at left would probably be the only tree to survive the fire. Now, any fire in this stand would likely be catastrophic.

gether are taking large amounts of ground water, crowding out the mature ponderosas and forming fire ladders to the crowns of the grove.

Contrast this with the ponderosas at the Forest Service Office on Mechem, the grove at the corner of Mechem and Country Club, where the trees have been thinned, low branches pruned and underbrush cleared. Here is an example of how a ponderosa forest should, and historically did, look.

How can this proper management for forest health and fire safety be accomplished in the Ruidoso area? The Forest Health Coalition of Lincoln County hopes that by education and activism the governing bodies and citizens of the area can cooperate to promote a healthy and safe forest.

On November 4, 1995, the Village of Ruidoso and several local businesses in cooperation with Federal, State and local agencies sponsored a Public Awareness Day on Forest Health Conditions and Wildfire Hazard in Lincoln County at the Civic Events Center. Frankly, attendance at this was dismal, the presenters greatly outnumbering the attendees. Those who did attend were shocked into the reality that Ruidoso was a fire disaster waiting to happen and concerned about what could be done to increase awareness of the sorry state of our forest.

ers and fire professionals gathered at Anita and Ernest Powell's to discuss what could be done about revising the Forest Protection Ordinance and promote forest health. After much talk and some refreshments, the Forest Health Coalition of Lincoln County was formed.

In other meetings, a Steering Committee was formed and the following Statement of Goals written:

"The Forest Health Coalition of Lincoln County brings together concerned citizens, forest and fire management professionals, local government and other concerned groups to address the issues of forest health and wildfire hazard. Many residents of Lincoln County live in a forest that, because of non-management by either natural or human agency, is overgrown, unhealthy and an extreme wildfire hazard. By gathering information and ideas from the diverse groups concerned with forest health and safety, the Coalition promotes by education and activism the proper management of our forest for safety, health, welfare and the aesthetic values enhancing our area as a place to live."

Acting on these goals, the Coalition held a public meeting on June 5, 1996, attended by 60 people including several Village Councilors, members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and concerned citizens. Presentations were

Ruidoso Area Forest Health Gets Attention

By Bill Duemling
Timber Management Officer

CAPITAN - Ruidoso is situated in the Sacramento and White Mountains of South Central New Mexico in Lincoln County. Forest types common to the area include ponderosa pine, mixed conifer, and pinyon/juniper.

The area was settled by Europeans in the late 1800s; it has seen a steady growth in population since the 1930s. The area has long been a mecca for recreational users due to its close proximity to the semi-arid flatlands of West Texas. Visitors are drawn to the cool forests, mountain streams, and area lakes. The Lincoln National Forest surrounds Ruidoso. The village is also adjacent to the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation. Recreation industries that have been developed include a major ski area, a horse racing track, and a full service gambling casino.

Lincoln County, the home of Smokey Bear, has approximately 14,370 permanent residents. This swells to between 30,000 and 40,000 in the Summer months.

Substantial absentee land ownership exists. Many people have built vacation homes on small lots within forested areas. They may only visit the area once a year. Much of the development in the county was fueled by the oil boom of the 1970s. When the oil market slumped, many partially-completed construction projects failed; the natural environment is beginning to reclaim some of these developments.

The Ruidoso area is a prime example of a wildland/urban interface or wildland/urban intermix. Numerous homes have been built adjacent to or within stands of timber. Houses have been located in canyon bottoms and on hillsides or ridgetops. From a wildfire protection standpoint, this area is an accident waiting to happen. Nationally, it has been

rated as the second most vulnerable area to wildfire in terms of property values at risk.

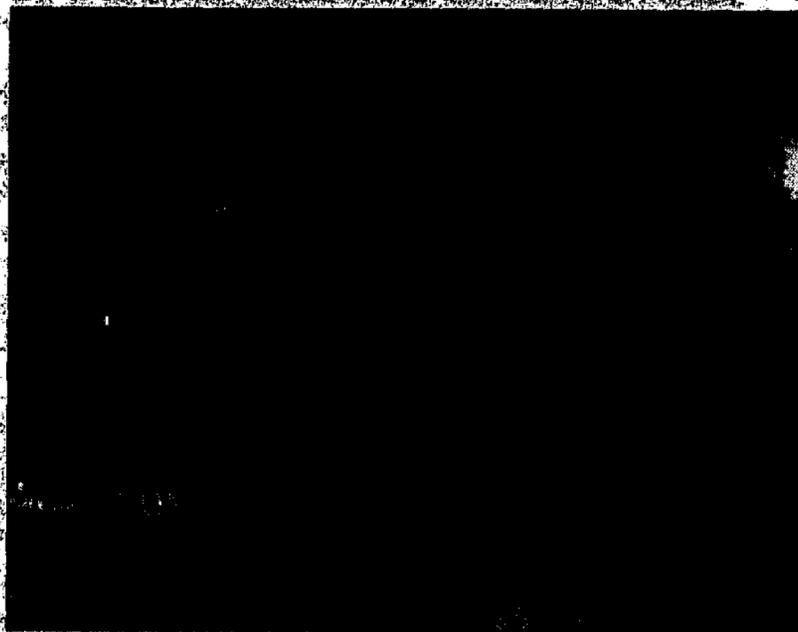
The overall condition of the ponderosa pine and mixed conifer stands in the vicinity is poor. Many stands of trees are severely overstocked. This has been attributed to a combination of post-settlement wildfire/suppression, past logging practices, and early grazing patterns. Fire ring studies suggest that the ponderosa pine forests common to Ruidoso are adapted to frequent, low-intensity ground fires that remove excess vegetation and maintain a park like setting, with large, well-spaced trees. Since settlement, this fire frequency has been disrupted, allowing regeneration, including shade tolerant conifer species, to fill in the gaps that were created by wildfire.

The overstocked conditions have resulted in heavy competition between forest vegetation and increased stress levels. This has made many tree species more vulnerable to forest insects and disease.

The Sacramento Mountains in general are experiencing several forest pest problems. Dendroctonus and ips bark beetle populations have been at epidemic levels in ponderosa pine in certain areas since the early 1990s; in some mixed conifer forests, ponderosa pine is no longer a major stand component. Pockets of beetle activity are common in and around Ruidoso.

Levels of dwarf mistletoe infections in ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir have increased in the Lincoln National Forest and the Ruidoso area, according to a comparison of studies conducted in the 1950s and 1980s. Fire suppression is suspected as the main cause for this increase, since fire appears to be a natural mechanism for checking the spread of this disease.

The Lincoln County watershed is part of the Pecos River Basin. The Natural Resources Conservation Service sug-



Subdivisions with only one way in and out and surrounded by heavy forest vegetation are the norm in many areas of the Sacramento Mountains.

gests that current vegetation levels are imbalanced, with trees more common than normal, and have resulted in a reduction of available water resources. Water is a valuable commodity in New Mexico and very political. The state is under court order to provide water to Texas. Meanwhile, water demand is increasing. Thinning excessive vegetation could improve the natural water supply.

The Village of Ruidoso currently has a tree protection code which promotes forest preservation over forest management. Enacted in the 1980s, no provisions were made for the creation of defensible space, forest health improvement, or to remove hazard trees.

Enacted to maintain the aesthetic value and economic viability of the area, the regulation requires Village approval and tree removal permits for most projects. Felling any tree larger than five inches in diameter (measured at five feet) results in a per tree charge of five dollars (\$5). Removal of any tree 19.1 inches or greater in diameter (at five feet) is defined as site development, and must be approved by the Village. Finally, the Village requires landowners to plant replacement trees in areas where tree removal results in the reduction of more than 20 percent of the existing stock, regardless of whether the area is already overstocked. The code has been tested in court by private landowners.

The Village of Ruidoso has passed an ordinance which prohibits untreated wood shakes on the roofs of new homes and on replacement roofs for existing homes.

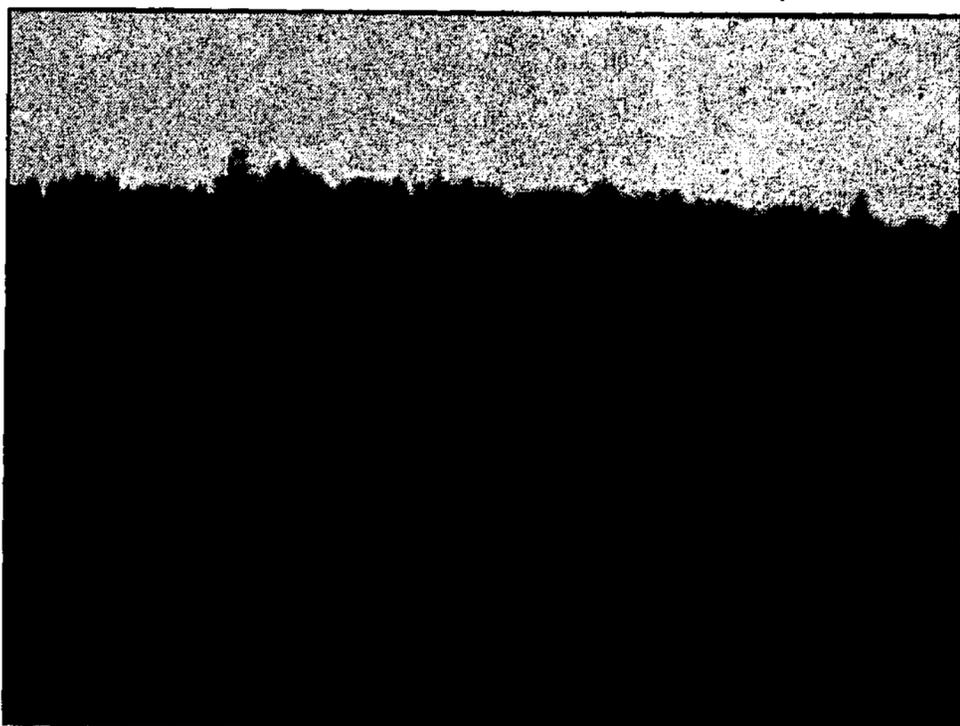
The New Mexico Forestry Division has been working with the Village of Ruidoso to revise the code to make it more biologically sound, to allow for active forest management, and to promote fire hazard reduction. The Village realizes that current forest health conditions are dubious and that the fire hazard potential is great, as well as the exposure of the Village to liability. A revised code is currently on display for public comment. Final revisions will be made in early 1996.

In late 1994, after the record-setting

Western fire season, a group of local agencies, including the County of Lincoln, the Village of Ruidoso, the U.S. Forest Service, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the New Mexico Forestry Division, met to discuss the forest conditions in and around Lincoln County. All participants agreed that many forest areas are in poor condition due to overstocked stands and high levels of disease. Also, the group concluded that the current natural fuel loadings in the area make a catastrophic wildfire event inevitable.

The forest health coalition decided that active management, in the form of forest thinning and pruning, could effectively improve forest conditions while reducing fire hazard; this would be in conjunction with the treatment of combustible building materials on existing structures or the use of less-combustible materials on future building projects. They realized that grass roots support would be necessary to promote conservation in an area where preservation is the norm. Also, management activities would need to be employed by all landowners: private, state, and federal. Finally, the group noted that local regulations must be more supportive of active management on private and municipal land.

The group agreed to sponsor public awareness workshops and provide examples of active management through demonstration projects. The first annual "Forest Health/Fire Hazard Reduction Workshop" was held at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center on November 4, 1995. Also, the U.S. Forest Service, Smokey Bear Ranger District, has completed a defensible space/forest health thinning and pruning project at its headquarters in Ruidoso; the thinned area bounds a high use recreational trail. A similar demonstration project is proposed for municipal property near Grindstone Dam in Ruidoso. Also, in the future, the group hopes to sponsor chainsaw safety demonstrations in conjunction with "hands on" thinning workshops.



Homes interspersed with the natural forest vegetation are a common sight throughout the Sacramento Mountains. These Ruidoso homes, south of the Sunnylope Subdivision above White Mountain Meadows Drive, would be engulfed in a wall of flame if a wildfire managed to leave the ground and spread unchecked throughout the surrounding trees.

Education, Awareness: Part Of Solution For Forest Health and Resource Issues

By Mary Shanks
Second Grade teacher,
Upper-Hondo SWCD

CAPITAN - Education and awareness may be two of the most valuable tools we have as solutions to our forest health and resource related issues.



Greg Haussler, NRCS District Conservationist with the Natural Resource Conservation Service of Capitan, is explaining how soil is formed to a group of fifth grade students at the annual Conservation Days in Ruidoso.

We are quite fortunate when it comes to environmental education. There are literally hundreds of programs aimed at educators and students to introduce and inform them about our many natural resource problems. Let me tell you about some of the programs available in our area.

One of the most successful approaches in teaching resource management concepts is the annual Conserva-

tion Days sponsored by the Upper-Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Capitan District of the New Mexico Forestry and Resources Conservation Division. This approach gives students a hands on outdoor experience.

About 300 fifth grade students and

per-Hondo SWCD and Capitan District, New Mexico Forestry and Resources Conservation Division. All elementary schools in the county participate. Students are taught the importance of proper care and the planting of trees, and forest health issues. Students may receive seedlings or help in the planting of larger trees on the school grounds.

Several schools in our area including La Luz, Nob Hill, Capitan, Carrizozo have incorporated outdoor classrooms as a teaching tool. Students learn about soils, plants, water, wildlife, and climate and how these resources interact.

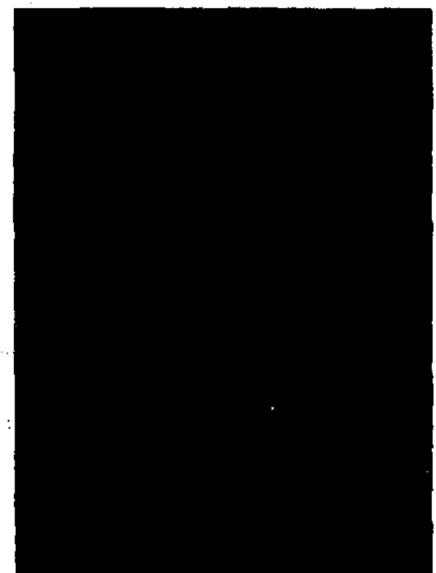
There are two environmental education programs designed for teachers and other educators working with students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12. These are Project Learning Tree, and Project Wild, sponsored by Forestry and Resources Conservation Division and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. These are educational programs designed to increase students understanding of our complex environment.

These programs focus on developing critical thinking skills. They do not teach students what to think about the environment, but how to think about the environment. The curriculum includes role playing exercises and activities that echo real decisions being made in student communities.

Project Soil was developed by Mary and Howard Shanks and funded by the Upper-Hondo SWCD. Project Soil is an educational program designed to teach the importance of soil, types of soil, erosion processes, and soil conservation principals. Teachers will appreciate the fact that everything needed to teach this one week course is included in a kit. A new addition to this kit is a video entitled

their teachers are bussed to the Cedar Creek Campground in Ruidoso for an all day outdoor learning experience. Several stations are manned by resource specialist in areas of forestry, soils and water, watershed, archaeology, wildlife, and fire management. The students are exposed to realistic examples of resource related issues facing our area.

Another popular activity in Lincoln County is Arbor Day sponsored by Up-



Mary Shanks
School Teacher
Member Upper Hondo SWCD

"Soil - Who Needs It?"

There are other programs used by educators including, Ag(riculture) in the Classroom and Ag Day. Ag in the Classroom is sponsored by the Farm Bureau and New Mexico State University in which teachers attend a workshop to learn how to use ag related topics in an integrated classroom. Ag Day sponsored by the New Mexico Cowbelles in which students are introduced to the importance of food and fiber and the people who produce it. Other related exhibits and materials come from groups such as the Dairy Council, Pork Producers, Wool Growers, and Beef Council.

For more information:

Project Soil, Mary Shanks, Upper-Hondo SWCD, 354-2220

Project Learning Tree, Barbara Luna, Capitan District of the New Mexico State Forestry, 354-2231.

Project Wild, Ben Hanson, New Mexico, Department Game and Fish, 624-6135.

Why 'Project Soil'?

A good understanding and appreciation of our natural resources is essential to enable our young people to deal with environmental problems they will face. Soil, our basic resource, should be understood and protected if our country is to remain productive and strong. To do this a unique approach to teaching this important principle is needed.



What is 'Project Soil'?

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Who can benefit from 'Project Soil'?

- Kindergarten through sixth grade
- Boy and Girl Scouts
- 4-H Clubs

How is 'Project Soil' taught?

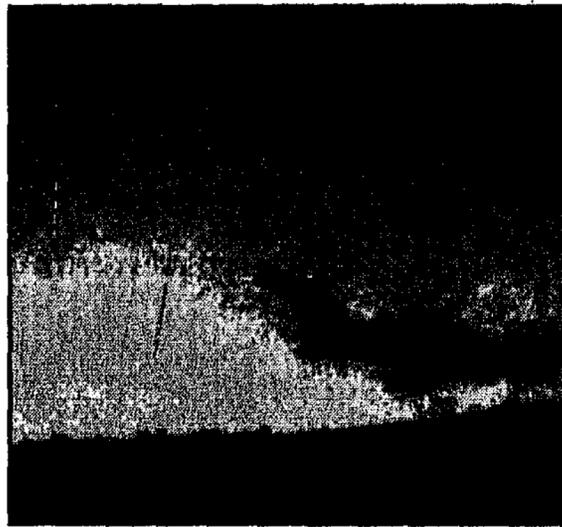
The approach to 'Project Soil' is that everything needed to teach about soil is included in a kit: hands-on-activities, three types of soil, lesson plans for each day, bulletin board aides, pictures showing erosion, and flip chart of common conservation practices. Teachers will appreciate the fact that very little preparation time or additional work will be required. This is a one-week project requiring about 30 minutes a day.

Fire Zone Coordination In Southeastern New Mexico

By Barbara Luna
District Forester
Capitan District

Capitan- Interagency Cooperation is the key when it comes to fire fighting! Southeastern New Mexico consists of many different ownerships and for this reason there is a great need for all of us to work together when it comes to wild-fire suppression. State, Private, Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, Tribal Lands, Department of Defense, Municipal, and National Park Service, all make up the intermix of these ownerships.

The New Mexico Forestry Division is responsible for suppression of all wildfires on State and Private Lands in New Mexico. The Division, in turn, has Joint Powers Agreements with Counties and Municipalities for Fire Departments to fight wildland fires, in which the Division reimburses the County, Fire Department or Municipality for the manpower and equipment used in suppression efforts. Other agencies also use fire departments to fight wildfire or to protect structures. The requests for fire departments from the Federal Agencies, come through the New Mexico Forestry Division. The Forestry Division also trains and to the extent possible equips fire departments with federal excess property through an agreement that the State has with the U.S. forest Service.



Air tankers are ordered through the Lincoln Zone Coordination Center for local wildfires

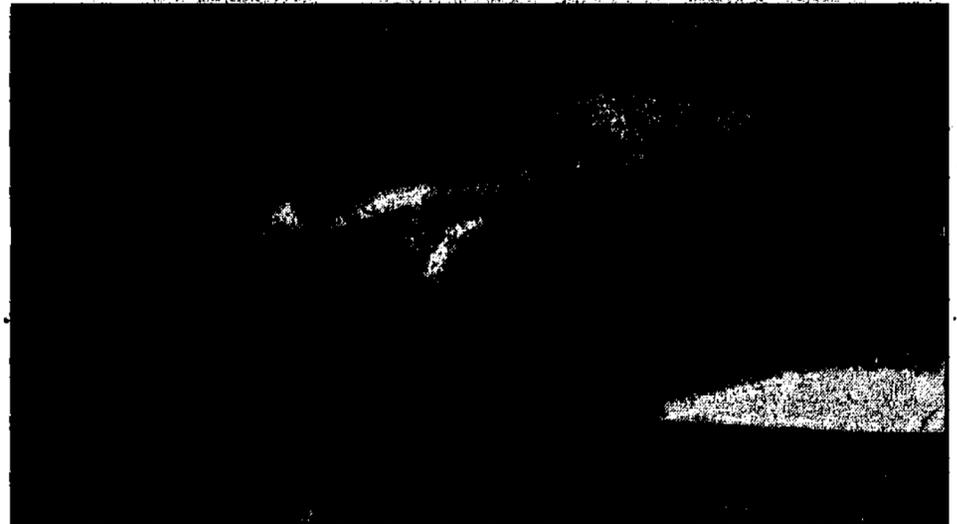
The State Forestry Division also has a Joint Powers Agreement with the Federal Agencies of the Departments of Agriculture and of the Interior with wildfire protection responsibilities. In this agreement the parties exchange initial attack areas in which reciprocal protection services are furnished. This applies to initial attack efforts only. The responsible agency shall assume financial responsibility for the wildfire when notified by the cooperating agency that the fire has escaped initial attack. When efforts are made beyond initial attack the Federal agencies reimburse the state or the State reimburses federal agency depending on the land status of the fire. Federal agencies do not bill one another for cooperative wildfire protection ser-

VICES furnished among Federal Agencies. It is also agreed that each agency will retain the ultimate responsibility for all fire suppression action on lands under its administrative jurisdiction.

Extended Attack Resources needed on fires are often ordered through the Lincoln Zone Coordination Center located in Alamogordo. The management direction and guidelines for the operation of the Center come from the Lincoln Zone Coordination Center Management Board. This is an interagency board made up of members representing the Mescalero Agency, The

BLM Roswell District, the New Mexico State Forestry Capitan District, Carlsbad Caverns, Guadalupe Mountains, Big Bend, Fort Davis, Chamizal, and White Sands National Parks, the Bitterlake Wildlife Refuge, and the Lincoln National Forest. When the Zone Fire fighting resources are depleted then the orders go to the Southwest Area Coordination Center. When fire fighting resources are depleted in the Southwest Area, then resource orders are placed through the National Interagency Coordination Center in Boise Idaho.

Resources from the various agencies in New Mexico are also sent to other states to aid in fire suppression. We are all partners, when it comes to fire suppression!



Federal Excess Equipment is placed with Fire Departments by the State Forestry Division

Cloudcroft, Lincoln National Forest: A Cooperative Partnership

By Curtis Schrader
Village Administrator

CLOUDCROFT - The Village of Cloudcroft is a beautiful tourist-resort-retirement community. With an elevation of about 9,000 feet, a permanent population of approximately 750 and seasonal population around 2,500.

Cloudcroft and the Lincoln National Forest are linked in such a way that cooperation is necessary. The Village is completely surrounded by the Lincoln National Forest which is a major attraction for tourists and retirees.

Cloudcroft is the headquarters for the Lincoln National Forest's Sacramento Ranger District. The Forest has eight campgrounds within a mile radius of the Village. The Village offers many services to campground visitors. The Forest campgrounds are an important part of the local economy. The Village Wastewater Treatment Plant and part of the Village Ski Area are located on Forest lands.

Over the past four years, the Village and the National Forest have taken these existing connections and built a cooperative partnership as demonstrated by the following projects:

-Land Acquisition: Through the Village and the Forest holding more than 20 meetings together over the past three

years, the Village has identified 215 acres of forest land adjacent to the Village for proposed acquisition for recreational, limited commercial, light industrial and green belt uses.

-CAST (Cloudcroft Area Sustainability Team): For the past two-plus years, the Village and Forest are developing a long-term plan for a sustainable economy in the Cloudcroft area through seven action committees: cooperation, economic development, education, heritage, infrastructure, recreation and values.

-Rural Community Assistance Program: The Village has received about \$20,000 from the Forest to improve Village facilities, services and programs.

-Forest Health Workshops: The Village, Forest, and State Forestry have jointly sponsored two workshops in Cloudcroft during the past year to inform private property owners on various forest health issues such as identifying dead, diseased, and hazardous trees and private property fire protection.

-Spring Development: The Village and the Forest are working to develop two springs on Forest land and pipe their water into the existing Village water supply.

The Village and the Forest will continue to work cooperatively to improve Cloudcroft and the surrounding area.



An aerial view of Cloudcroft shows examples of both the wildland-urban interface and the wildland-urban intermix. The interface is where developments border natural vegetation, while the intermix is where development occurs within the natural vegetation.

New Mexico Forest-Re-Leaf Funds 96-97 Projects

By Wendy Kent

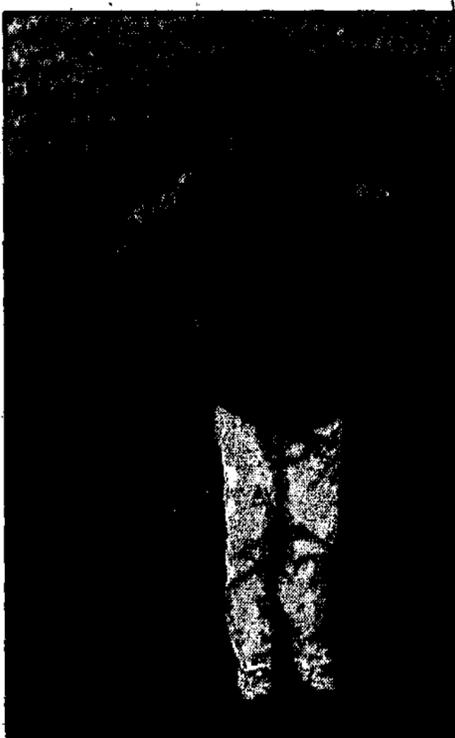
BERNALILLO - In 1990, the New Mexico State Legislature voted into law the Forest Re-Leaf Act to establish the New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf grant program.

This statewide program was designed to promote, fund and establish tree-planting projects for conservation purposes on public lands. New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf considers the needs of all New Mexicans, especially those in rural communities.

All funds for this grant program are donations from the private sector and 100 percent of those dollars are used in tree planting. Not one dime is spent on administrative costs.

The New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf program went into effect in 1992 and since then more than \$150,000 has been raised. By Spring 1997, 63 projects will be completed with more than 6,000 trees and shrubs planted.

These conservation projects beautify while conserving our natural resources



Efermina Johnson, daughter of Paul Johnson, is proud of her dad's tree planting work. This eastern redcedar seedling was planted in 1991 and is now taller than Efermina



La Luz Elementary School Students Help NM Forest Re-Leaf with a School Planting Northeast of Alamogordo

and improve the environment. Windbreaks protect soil and water resources and help reduce energy costs for public buildings such as schools. Trees planted in city, state and county parks cool the surrounding area while creating a lovely setting. And, of course, we must not forget the ability of green-living things to use carbon dioxide and thus help reduce the global greenhouse effect.

New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf guidelines for the 1997-98 season will be available May 15, 1997. The guidelines will spell out the requirements of the program and assist in developing a well planning

project. If interested in applying for a grant, contact the Bernalillo Forestry District Office for more details at (505) 867-2334.

New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf depends completely on donations. Please consider making a donation today. You can rest assured your money will be well spent. Quality planting material and the latest planting techniques are monitored to assure survivability. If trees die, they will be replaced at the grant recipient's expense. Remember, your contribution can span generations.

1996/1997 NEW MEXICO FOREST RE-LEAF PROJECTS

- Brantley Lake State - State Parks - Eddy Co.**
Type of Planting: Shade trees around camping sights.
Grant: \$1,661.46
- Twin Buttes High School - Zuni Public Schools - McKinley Co.**
Type of Planting: Shade trees and erosion control.
Grant: \$2,500.00
- Arthur Park - Town of Estancia - Torrance Co.**
Type of Planting: Windbreak and shade trees on city property.
Grant: \$1,137.50
- Estancia Municipal Schools Athletic Field - Estancia Municipal Schools - Torrance Co.**
Type of Planting: Windbreak around ball field and shade trees.
Grant: \$1,996.00
- Park Plantings - City of Farmington - San Juan County**
Type of Planting: Shade trees at three city parks.
Grant: \$2,400.00
- Roy School Windbreak - Roy Municipal Schools - Harding Co.**
Type of Planting: Windbreak around athletic field.
Grant: \$2,500.00
- Curry County Fair Grounds - Curry County**
Type of Planting: Windbreak and shade trees on fairgrounds.
Grant: \$2,499.60
- Tularosa Community Center/Senior Center - City of Tularosa - Otero County**
Type of Planting: Extension of Windbreak around Community Center
Grant: \$2,492.49
- Manzano Vista Middle School - Los Lunas School District - Valencia Co.**
Type of Planting: Windbreak on school grounds.
Grant: \$ 2,000.00
- Forrest Fire Department - Quay Co.**
Type of Planting: Second row of existing windbreak.
Grant: \$ 775.00
- Las Vegas Fire Station - City of Las Vegas - San Miguel Co.**
Type of Planting: Shade tree and Windbreak planting.
Grant: \$2,500.00
- Elena Memorial Park - City of Sunland Park - Sierra County**
Type of Planting: Shade trees at city park
Grant: \$2,380.00

TWELVE PROJECTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$24,842.05

How can I help?

There are several ways to help:

Donating via the checkoff box on your state income tax refund.

Use the donation line on the Conservation Seedling Program application.

Yes, I would like to support NM Forest Re-Leaf. May tax-deductable contribution for \$ _____ is enclosed.

I would like to be on the NM Forest Re-Leaf guideline mailing list.

My Name, address and phone number:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Thanks for Investing In New Mexico

Help New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf provides trees for New Mexico's environment

For more information call (505) 867-2334

the Bernalillo office of New Mexico State Forestry, or write to

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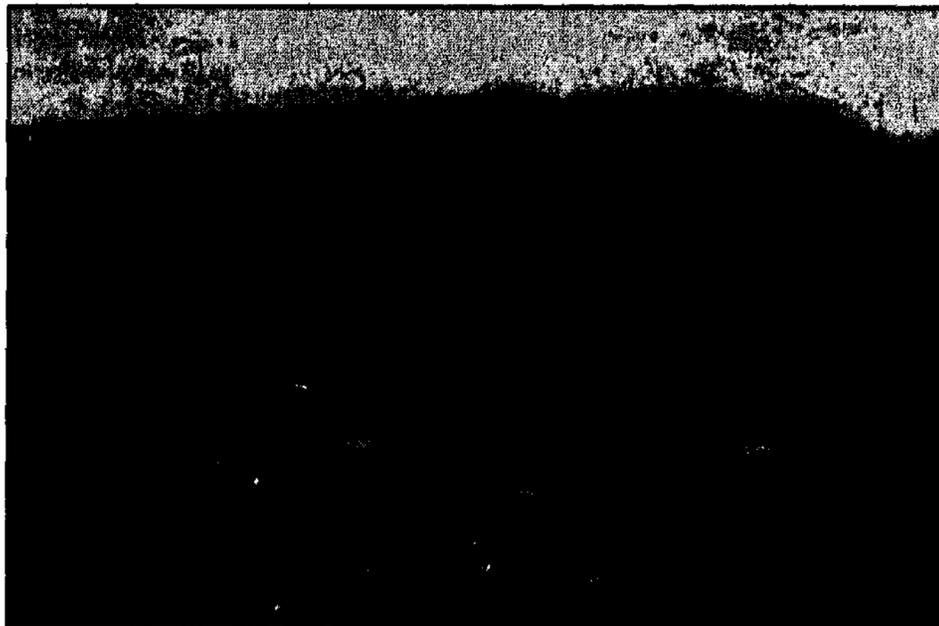
SE New Mexico Averts Catastrophic Wildfires

By Bill Duemling
State Forestry
Capitan District

RUIDOSO - Congratulations folks, we did it again. We dodged another bullet. Or should that read, warhead? In spite of an extended drought, which resulted in tinder dry forests, forced the closures of many portions of our national forest, and prompted a statewide ban on open fires and fireworks, Southeast New Mexico is still in one, fairly-green piece. Most of the wildfires here in 1996 were small and manageable. No large scale evacuations were needed. Entire subdivisions avoided obliteration, and no lives were lost.

Ruidoso is situated in the Sacramento/White Mountains of South Central New Mexico, in Lincoln County. Forest types common to the area include ponderosa pine, mixed conifer, and pinyon/juniper.

The area was settled by Europeans in the late 1800s; it has seen a steady growth in population since the 1930s. The area has long been a mecca for recreational users due to its close prox-



Fire Scars: Downtown Ruidoso, above, with an old fire scar gracing Camelot Hill in the background. Below, a stand of young trees similar blackened by a recent fire in the Sacramento Mountains.

headed the warning that the 1996 fire danger was unprecedented and were careful with fire, respected fire restrictions, and stayed out of closed areas.

Within minutes, all available firefighting aircraft were dispatched to drop fire retardant on this new start. However, in one day, the blaze grew to 200 acres in size. On the afternoon of the second day, it exploded into a firestorm, racing in several directions and producing a giant mushroom cloud which created its own weather. The conflagration killed six firefighters, destroyed an entire subdivision, and consumed over 28,000 acres. The affected area looked like a bomb had hit it. The moral of this story is: even though a wildfire is often spotted immediately, and swift action is taken, it will not stop until it wants to stop. If a wildfire starts at the wrong place at the wrong time under the wrong conditions, it will consume anything in its path, including homes and people.

Unfortunately, the potential for such a disaster in the South Central Mountains is just as great. Forests in and around communities such as Cloudcroft, Capitan, High Rolls, Mayhill, Nogal, Queen, Ruidoso, Sacramento, Sunspot, Timberon, White Oaks, and adjacent developments, possess as much potential for catastrophic wildfires as any forested or wildland area in North America.

Another frightening fact is that the South Central Mountains face this wildfire potential or fire hazard every year, regardless of drought conditions. Some of the large wildfires in this region have occurred in years following above average precipitation. Major destructive landscape-changing wildfires are an inevitable force of nature.

Many of our communities have already experienced such fires. Fire scars are obvious on the hills above Mayhill, Sacramento, Ruidoso, and Nogal. A wildfire in 1974 raced through Sacramento, destroying several cabins. In a single day, April 18, 1993, the wind-driven Burgett Fire roared from the edge of State Highway 82—in between Mayhill and Cloudcroft—to Carr Canyon, five miles to the east. A half dozen summer cabins in its path were de-

stroyed. The Bridge Fire of June 1994 consumed over 5,000 thousand acres of private, state, and federal forest land and forced the evacuation of Timberon. The Patos Fire, also in June of 1994, burned over 3,000 acres and resulted in the evacuation of several homes near White Oaks.

The impacts of these fires have been obvious. Landowners who purchased property against a backdrop of green forests now have a view of moonscapes. Soil has been sterilized and ground cover has been removed. Water runoff from burned areas has created erosion problems, flooding, mudslides, and degradation of water quality. Fortunately, the actual loss of structures has remained on a small scale.

However, every year, more and more homes are built in and around the exact same vegetation types that burned in these fires, leaving more and more property at risk. The Moon Fire near Ruidoso in 1977 destroyed one home out of eight constructed within or near the burn. Today, the same area contains over 60 homes.

The South Central Mountains have long been a mecca for recreationists and tourists due to their close proximity to the semi-arid flatlands of West Texas and the lowlands of eastern New Mexico. Visitors are drawn to the cool forests, mountain streams, and area lakes. The Lincoln National Forest and the Mescalero Apache Nation are common destinations for sightseeing, camping, picnicking, hiking, stargazing, and shopping. Major tourist industries now developed include two ski areas, a horse racing track, and a full service gambling casino.

Visits to the South Central Mountains is cyclical. For example, Lincoln County now has approximately 14,370 permanent residents. This population level swells to between 30,000 and 40,000 in the summer months. Likewise, during ski season, tourist numbers increase rapidly during weekends and holidays in both Cloudcroft and Ruidoso, but drop drastically during regular work days.

This sudden influx of tourists has a major impact on both urban zones and natural areas. For instance, increased visitation results in heavy vehicle traffic on roads, creates an increased demand for water, results in heavy use of forest trails, and heightens concerns over the safety and welfare of both visitors and permanent residents.

Many people have built vacation homes on small lots within forested areas. Some may only visit the area once a year. Substantial absentee land ownership exists. Finally, some visitors grow especially fond of the area and decide to move here permanently, particularly people nearing retirement. The population of New Mexico is expected to grow by 55 percent in the next 30 years.



A full-blown wildfire rolls through and over anything in its path. This crowning and torching behavior is very dangerous to firefighters. Note how the highway is no deterrent to this fire monster.

imity to the semi-arid flatlands of West Texas. Visitors are drawn to the cool forests, mountain streams, and area lakes.

The glowing exception was the Chino Well Fire on April 20, 1996, which forced the evacuation of about 40 homes in the Mudd Canyon Housing Area. The fire damaged some dwellings, destroyed several outbuildings, and created serious erosion problems when it raced through the Mescalero Apache Nation. Things could have been much worse in terms of property damage, injuries, or deaths.

For the most part, when wildfires occurred, the response by volunteer and career firefighters was swift and effective. For this, they should be commended. Also, the public deserves some credit. Most visitors and residents

However, one overriding factor contributed to this end result. Sheer, unadulterated luck! That's it. Luck!! In spite of all the public service announcements, and all the caution and vigilance demonstrated by everyone anywhere near our forests, we were still one errant cigarette, one well-placed lightning strike, or one downed live powerline away from the type of tragedies that struck Llama, New Mexico, during the Hondo Fire, and forced the last ditch deployment of fire shelters by firefighters working the Dome Fire near Los Alamos. As this message is being composed, dozens of homes are being devoured by wildfires in Southern California.

Sometimes, nature doesn't haggle. In June of 1990, near Payson, Arizona, a lookout actually observed the lightning strike that sparked the tragic Dude Fire,

Topography, Weather, Fuels Factors Contribute To Wildfires

By Bill Duemling

Fire managers and fire crews are at the mercy of what is known as the wildfire environment. This interrelationship between natural factors which sustain wildfire predicts a given area's potential to burn. Predictable factors include topography, weather, and fuels.

Topography

Topography refers to the lay of the land. Our mountain communities have endless topography.

Slope is an important consideration. Fires love slope. Fire intensities and rates of spread increase as slopes increase.

One reason for this increased intensity is the natural tendency of heat from a fire to rise via convection. Convection automatically transfers heat upslope which pretreats uphill vegetation, making it easier to burn.

Increased fire activity on slopes can also be attributed to the natural arrangement of vegetation throughout a hillside. This distribution results in a perfect, continuous vertical fuel pathway from the base of a hill to the ridgetop, from tree to

tree, shrub to shrub, or even shrub to tree. This situation is further aggravated by the fact that air (oxygen) is well-mixed in between each individual fuel type creating an optimal natural furnace.

For instance, each needle on a Douglas fir tree is attached separately to a twig. This creates gaps between a needle and adjacent needles, and these gaps are occupied by air. Fire needs oxygen to survive, and thrives on plentiful oxygen. Native vegetation that is well-mixed with air results in wildfire behavior that is tantamount to throwing gasoline on a campfire. This optimal mix also occurs vertically in individual trees on flat ground and the resulting fire behavior is known as crowning or torching.

Many homes, especially in and around Ruidoso and Cloudcroft, have been built on steep slopes immediately adjacent to the native vegetation. During a wildfire, these homes would virtually become part of the natural vegetation and burn.

Access roads constructed to homes on hillsides are often steep, narrow, and

winding. Often there is only room for one vehicle at a time and no turnouts exist. This situation makes it very difficult for fire equipment to reach such areas quickly, or escape from them when wildfires become uncontrollable. Some fire apparatus may be unable to climb steep grades, while others may not be able to turn around. Traffic jams in the middle of wildfires have proven to be deadly.

Fires also burn more intensely in narrow canyons, chutes, and saddles. Such land features create natural constrictions for fire, forcing flames and heat to travel through the path of least resistance which is usually up or down canyon or along a steep narrow opening. The process concentrates the heat and flame in one location, making fire behavior in these localized areas more dramatic than usual. A good example of this process is a household fireplace forcing smoke and heat through a chimney. Many houses in mountain areas have been built into these natural chimneys. Entire subdivisions have been located in the bottom of heavily forested canyons, with only one way in or out. Upper Canyon in Ruidoso is a prime example of a natural chimney. Several homes lost in the Burgett Fire were constructed in steep, narrow, dead-end canyons.

Weather

Important components of weather include temperature, relative humidity, wind, and lightning. High temperatures dry out the fuels that feed the wildfire. Low relative humidities also help pretreat the fuels by reducing the moisture content in them. As fuel moisture content decreases, a fuel will ignite more easily and burn more intensely. Fire danger is often extreme during hot days with low relative humidities and most firefighting agencies increase their work force and intensify patrols of forested areas under these conditions.

Wind is the most treacherous weather factor providing a fire with life-giving oxygen. The greater the wind, the faster a fire will spread and the more intense it will be. Wind is one of the most plentiful natural resources in New Mexico. Intense "spring" winds can occur as early as February and as late as May.

Many large fires have occurred in the spring when the daytime temperatures are still mild and relative humidities are still fairly high. High winds fanned both the Burgett and the Chino Well Fires, for example.

Winds can shift suddenly, especially during the advance of cold fronts, in association with thundercells, or as a result of interaction with topographic features such as canyons or steep hillsides. Large wildfires can create their own wind. Sudden wind shifts or wind increases are the worst nightmares of firefighters. A wind shift can cause a fire to reverse its direction of spread back toward firefighters or homes. Low-intensity fires

can become monster wildfires moments after an increase in windspeed.

Fuels

Finally, a fire needs fuel to burn. Fuels for forest fires can include dead tree needles, twigs, and branches (litter); decomposing tree debris (duff); downed logs; dead standing trees (snags); live trees themselves; brush, forbs, and cured grasses. Finally, homes and anything associated with them can also become fuels. Light fuels such as grasses burn quickly and serve as a catalyst for fire spread. Ponderosa pines are also especially volatile because of the resins that they produce.

The amount of fuel available for wildfire in a given area is known as fuel loading. Fuel loading is often assessed by determining how much large down material exists or how well a forest is stocked with vegetation. A heavily stocked or overstocked forest has a high fuel loading. The Sacramento/White Mountains have some impressive natural fuel loadings due to current forest conditions.

Man has added more fuel to the mix by building homes out of combustible materials, including wooden siding, untreated wood shake roofs, wooden decks, log cabins, exposed eaves and comices. At one time, construction regulations in the Alto Subdivision north of Ruidoso, made the use wood shake roofs mandatory.

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The aftermath of a large-scale, landscape-changing wildfire. Note how the fire engine is dwarfed by the extent of the damage. Imagine what would have happened to any homes built in this canyon.

Much of the development in the area was fueled by the oil boom of the 1970s. When the oil market slumped, many partially-completed construction projects failed; the natural environment is beginning to reclaim some of these developments. Examples of this reclamation are common in Ruidoso and Timberon.

This phenomena has been labelled, of course. An area where development has occurred adjacent to natural forests is known as the wildland urban interface. An area where developments are situated within native vegetation are called the wildland/urban intermix.

Understanding the extent to which wildfires can grow could make even life-long mountain residents feel claustrophobic. The Dude Fire burned a perimeter of roughly 44 square miles. Comparatively, the size of Ruidoso is about

15 square miles, while Cloudcroft is roughly one square mile in size. Another chilling fact is that the natural vegetation types in and around Ruidoso and Timberon are very similar to those found in Payson, Arizona, near the origin of the Dude Fire.

Given that conflagrations have already occurred and will continue to occur in this area, the loss of all or a major portion of a community somewhere in the Sacramento Mountains is long overdue and imminent. Even if a large wildfire spared most of a nearby town, the resulting problems with erosion and flooding due to watershed damage would take years to correct. The Mescalero Apache Tribe knows this well. Also, large burned areas with black trees, and unstable soils are a hard sell for real estate agents.

Forest Condition Exam Crucial To Address, Manage Fire Hazard Problem

By Bill Duemling

In order to address and manage the fire hazard problem in our mountains, the forest must be examined at as a whole. Forest types common to the area include ponderosa pine, mixed conifer, and pinyon/juniper.

The overall condition of the ponderosa pine and mixed conifer forests in much of the area is dubious. Many forests actually have too many trees. Many stands of trees are severely overstocked and crowded. Meanwhile, pinyon/juniper habitat types and ponderosa pine habitat types have slowly encroached into areas which were once primarily grasslands.

These overstocked conditions have been attributed to a combination of things, including post-settlement wildfire suppression, past logging practices, and

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9 Things You Should Know About Caring for Trees

2 Use the 1/3 Rules for Pruning

1 Don't Top Trees!

Never cut main branches back to stubs. Ugly, weakly attached limbs often grow back higher than the original branches. Many arborists say that topping is the worst thing you can do for the health of a tree.

- Never remove more than 1/3 of a tree's crown.
- Where possible, try to encourage side branches that form angles that are 1/3 off vertical (10:00 or 2:00 positions).
- For most species, the tree should have a single trunk.
- Ideally, main side branches should be at least 1/3 smaller than the diameter of the trunk.
- If removal of main branches is necessary, cut them back to the trunk to avoid leaving stubs.
- For most deciduous (broadleaf) trees, don't prune up from the bottom any more than 1/3 of the tree's total height.

4 The Value of Mulch

A tree's best friend, mulch insulates soil, retains moisture, keeps out weeds, prevents soil compaction, reduces lawnmower damage, and adds an aesthetic touch to a yard or street. Remove any grass within the mulch area, an area from 3 to 10 feet in diameter, depending on tree size. Pour wood chips or bark pieces 2 to 4 inches deep within the circle, but not touching the trunk.

- Because roots need oxygen, they don't normally grow in the compacted oxygen-poor soil under paved streets.
- The framework of major roots usually lies less than 8 to 12 inches below the surface.
- Roots often grow outward to a diameter one to two times the height of the tree.

3 How to Make a Pruning Cut

Large Limbs:

- Make a partial cut from beneath.
- Make a second cut from above several inches out and allow the limb to fall.
- Complete the job with a final cut just outside the branch collar.

Small Branches:

Make a sharp, clean cut, just beyond a lateral bud or other branch.

Correct Cut Too Close Too Long Too Slanted

5 Where Roots Really Grow

We don't always appreciate how far roots can extend. Understanding how and where roots grow will help you avoid damage from trenching and construction.

7 How To Plant a Containerized Tree

In transplanting, be sure to keep soil around the roots. Always handle your tree by the ball, not by the trunk or branches. Don't let the root ball dry out. Help prevent root girdling by vertically cutting any roots that show tendencies to circle the root ball.

After placing the tree, pack soil firmly but not tightly around the root ball. Water the soil and place protective 3-foot circle of mulch around the tree.

6 Girdling Kills Trees

Girdling is any activity that injures the bark of a tree trunk and extends around much of the trunk's circumference. Such injuries destroy the tree's most vital membranes, the layers that conduct water and minerals from the roots to the leaves and return the food produced by the leaves to the rest of the tree.

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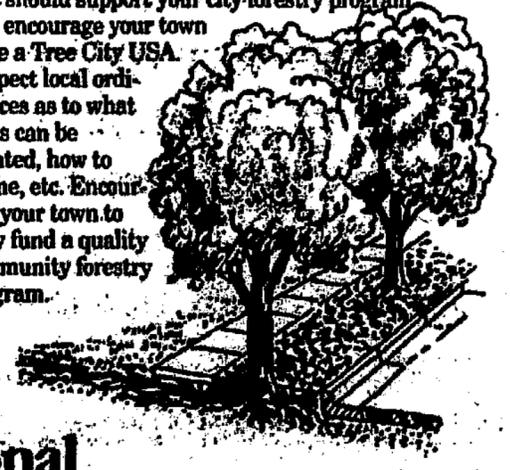
How To Plant a Bare-root Tree

It is best to plant bare-root trees immediately, in order to keep the fragile roots from drying out. If you can't plant because of weather or soil conditions, store the trees in a cool place and keep the roots moist.

- Unpack tree and soak in water 6 to 12 hours. Do not plant with packing materials attached to roots, and do not allow roots to dry out.
- Dig a hole, wider than seems necessary, so the roots can spread without crowding. Remove any grass within a three-foot circular area. To aid root growth, turn soil in an area up to 3 feet in diameter.
- Plant the tree at the same depth it stood in the nursery, without crowding the roots. Partially fill the hole, firming the soil around the lower roots. Do not add soil amendments.
- Shovel in the remaining soil. It should be firmly but not tightly packed with your feet. Construct a water-holding basin around the tree. Give the tree plenty of water.
- After the water has soaked in, place a 2-inch deep protective mulch in an area 3 feet in diameter around the base of the tree (but not touching the trunk).
- Water the tree generously every week or 10 days during the first year.

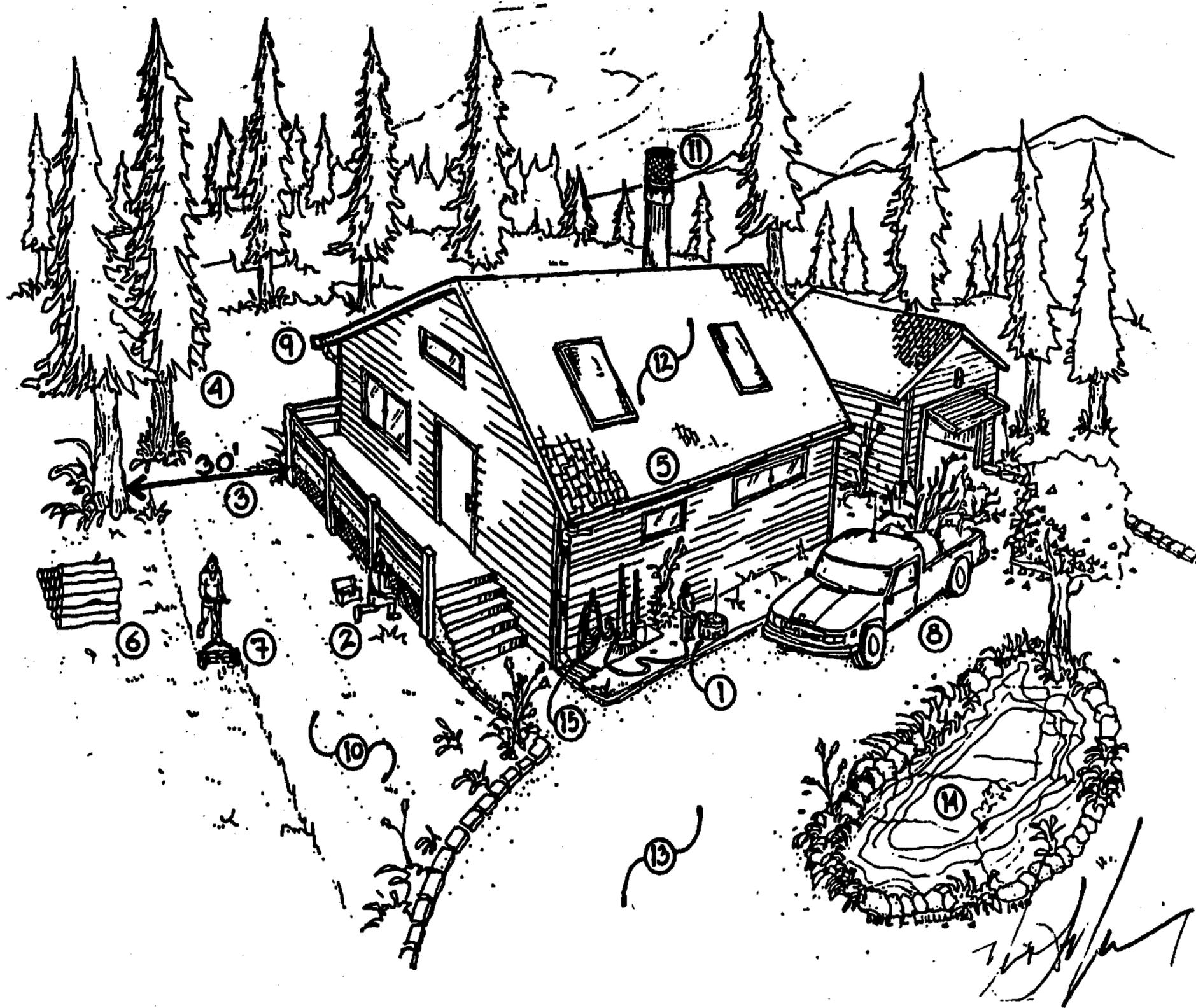
9 Your Street Trees May Be City Trees

If you live in a town or city, the trees near the street (often between the sidewalk and street), are probably city-owned. The city should have a program for planting and caring for these trees. You should support your city forestry program and encourage your town to be a Tree City USA. Respect local ordinances as to what trees can be planted, how to prune, etc. Encourage your town to fully fund a quality community forestry program.



Take Time To Protect Your Home

Reduce The Threat Of Wildland Fires



PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM WILDLAND FIRES

1. Dispose of ashes properly
2. Enclose openings (porches & foundations)
3. Maintain a circle of safety (at least 30' greater on slopes)
4. Thin and prune
5. Keep roofs & gutters clear of debris
6. Stack firewood away from house
7. Keep grass and weeds mowed down
8. Dispose of trash legally (don't burn)
9. Remove tree limbs overhanging structures
10. Keep immediate area clear of debris
11. Install spark arresters on chimneys
12. Replace or treat wood shake roofs with fire retardant materials
13. Provide adequate access for emergency vehicles
14. Provide outdoor water supply
15. Keep fire extinguisher charged and available, and hose near outdoor hydrants.

Forest Condition Exam

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early grazing patterns. Natural succession also plays large part in moving mature forests to a more closed, climax or undisturbed condition.

The U.S. Forest Service recently compared 1962 inventories of over 11 million acres of forest land in Arizona and New Mexico with those conducted in 1986. Entitled *Changes in Southwestern Forests: Stewardship Implications*, the study revealed there has been an overall increase in the distribution of species diversity throughout our forests. That is, more acreage of forest land now contains a greater variety of tree species than in previous decades.

At the same time, however, stands within the forests are less unique and are more uniform. Much of the mosaic or random nature of forests has disappeared. This break in continuity, such as the juxtaposition of an open area next to a pure aspen stand, is important in maintaining ecosystem diversity. This is crucial to the survival of wildlife, many of which have adapted to specific habitat types or use a close association of several habitat types.

For instance, stands of pure ponderosa pine have decreased by two percent (206,000 acres), while stands of pure aspen have decreased by 46 percent (222,000 acres). Meanwhile, forest meadows have shrunk in size as trees have invaded them and become established. The report cited a study in the Jemez Mountains that shows that meadows have decreased by 55% percent between 1935 and 1981.

Many of these forests have converted to a mixed conifer timber type. Tree species in mixed conifer stands include white fir, Douglas-fir, Southwestern white pine, and ponderosa pine. The firs are naturally shade tolerant, which means they can adapt well to a lack of direct sunlight. Ponderosa pines and aspens are shade intolerant and usually need direct sunlight for survival.

Ponderosa pines and aspens naturally establish in or pioneer openings created by disturbances such as fires. Fir seedlings can survive underneath these stands of pure pine and pure aspen. Without a disturbance, such as a light ground fire that would kill the more-vulnerable fir seedlings and saplings, the firs will become well established and fill in any gaps in the forest floor. This gradual growth will create dense multistoried stands with trees at all levels of the forest canopy. That is, several distinct classes of trees will develop within an individual stand, with obvious differences in size and age at different distances or levels above the forest floor. In time, the firs will mature and gain equal footing or even dominance over the original pine or aspen pioneers.

This changing of the guard, in terms of stand types and increased stand densities, will have serious implications to the future of our forests. The Forest Service study predicts a loss of all pure aspen stands within 25 years unless something is done about the invasion of

mixed conifer species. Also, more forest areas will be vulnerable to catastrophic wildfire because of this increase in dense, multilayered tree stocking conditions.

The use of low-intensity prescribed fire to open up dense stands of timber is suggested as a management strategy. This approach may be impossible to implement in some overstocked areas due to the unacceptably high potential for extreme fire behavior that exists therein and the high value of adjacent properties that would be put at risk if a prescribed fire did escape. Prior treatment of stands with heavy fuel loadings via mechanical thinning, such as logging or subcommercial thinning with chainsaws, may often be necessary before fire can be reintroduced.

Shade tolerant firs retain their lower branches for much longer periods of time than pines. This contributes to fire hazard by increasing the ladder fuel component of the forest. Ladder fuels are those that are at or near ground level (brush, slash, forest litter, tall grass, lower limbs on trees, etc.). They grow and/or extend into larger, taller vegetation (trees) creating a continuous, vertical pathway within which fires can spread. Once a wildfire spreads from ground level into the canopies of larger trees it becomes a crown fire. Surface-to-crown fires, which are often pushed by strong winds or steep topography, are difficult or impossible to stop. Ladder fuels exist in almost all developed areas of the Sacramento Mountains.

The Forest Service study also found that the average number of trees with diameters less than 17 inches has increased dramatically, while the number of large diameter (17+ inch) trees has held constant or decreased. In general, the number of trees per acre (density) has increased substantially even in pure stands of ponderosa pine; overall the tree density has increased by 26 percent from 1962 to 1986. The net result is too many trees than existing growth resources, including sunlight, water, and soil, can support, and heavy fuel loadings which support intense wildfires.

Fire ring studies suggest that the ponderosa pine forests common to much of the Sacramento Mountains are adapted to frequent, low-intensity ground fires (roughly every two to eight years) that remove excess vegetation and maintain a park like, open setting, with large, well-spaced trees. Since settlement, this fire frequency has been disrupted, allowing regeneration, including the shade tolerant conifer species, to fill in the gaps that were originally created by wildfire.

The overstocked conditions have resulted in stiff competition between forest vegetation and increased levels of stress for individual trees. Stressed trees are more vulnerable to natural forest insects and disease.

The Sacramento Mountains in general are experiencing several forest pest problems. Dendroctonus and ips bark beetle populations have been at epidemic levels in ponderosa pine in certain areas since the early 1990s. In

some mixed conifer forests, ponderosa pine is no longer a major stand component. Twig beetles are also in high levels, especially in stands with substantial dwarf mistletoe infections. Current outbreaks are painfully obvious in terms of red/dead trees in and around Ruidoso, west of Mayhill, and in the Timberon/Sunspot area. These dead trees will further add to the fuel loading.

Levels of dwarf mistletoe infections in ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir are increasing in the Lincoln National Forest, according to recent Forest Service studies. Fire suppression is suspected as the main cause for this increase, since fire appears to be a natural mechanism for checking the spread of this disease.

The forested watersheds of the Sacramento Mountains feed the Pecos River Basin. The Natural Resources Conservation Service suggests that current vegetation levels are imbalanced, with trees more abundant than normal. This imbalance has resulted in decreased amounts of grasses, forbs, and shrubs. Trees use substantially more water than other vegetation types. Water that is not used by the trees is more likely to runoff and escape the watershed, since there are lesser amounts of grasses and forbs than normal to retain the excess moisture.

Thus, excessive amounts of trees have resulted in a reduction of available water resources. Water is a valuable commodity in New Mexico and very political. The state is under court order to provide water to Texas. Meanwhile, water demand is increasing as new residents settle in the mountains. The Village of Ruidoso imposed varying levels of water restrictions throughout much of 1996, including a ban on outdoor watering from May through August to keep pace with water demand.

The problem of high fire hazard is far reaching and affects every landowner, from individual lotowners to the Forest Service. Integrated, cooperative efforts are needed to manage this complex problem. No single agency can tackle the dilemma alone. Small property owners can only do so much.

What actions can small landowners take?? How can property owners adjust to the fire environment (topography, weather, fuels) and make their homes less vulnerable to a wildfire?

Adapt to Topography

Topography will not change, but mountain dwellers can compensate for the inherent fire hazards that exist.

-First and foremost, homeowners' fire insurance policies should carry the highest levels of coverage available.

For those planning or buying a new home, location is very important:

-Avoid building or purchasing a home in the mouth of a canyon, in the middle of a steep slope, at the very edge of a ridgetop, or at the end of a narrow, winding, dead end road. Level homesites are safer than those located on a slope or in a canyon. Avoid purchasing or building a home with a stilt foundation.

-If building on a ridgetop can't be avoided, set the structure back 30 feet

from where the ridge drops off. Flames or convectional heat from a wildfire burning below the ridge will be less capable of reaching and igniting the home. Also, avoid constructing large windows on the side of the house that faces the downhill slope.

Prospective homebuyers or homebuilders should be observant of many characteristics of a subdivision or development. The National Fire Protection Association has developed standards for subdivisions with fire safety in mind. Favorable conditions to consider include:

-Multipurpose roads with ten percent or less grades that can accommodate vehicle weights exceeding 20 tons. Main access roads that are 24 feet or more in width and also have at least four foot wide shoulders to allow for two way traffic in and out of a fire scene. If the area is heavily traveled, over 1,000 cars a day, shoulders should be the same width as the main roadway. Roads that have curbs and where parking is allowed should provide at least nine additional feet of width. Main roads should have a radius of curvature of less than 100 feet as measured from the road center line. Numerous developments, especially in and around Ruidoso, do not possess many of these design features. Good roads are hard to find in mountain areas.

-Dead end roads that are less than 600 feet in length and have at least a 100-foot diameter circular turnaround at the dead end.

-Driveways that are at least 12 feet wide with an unobstructed vertical clearance of 15 feet. If the area is paved with curbs, curb cuts should be wide enough to accommodate emergency equipment throughout the year. Turnouts should occur at least every 400 feet along a driveway.

-Subdivisions that have existing or planned fire hydrants. Pressurized hydrants are preferable to "draft water" hydrants. Hydrant types should be well identified.

Homeowners already living in high risk areas can reduce their vulnerability to wildfire:

-Manage as much of the vegetation around a structure as possible to reduce the fuel loading and make it more defensible. Defensible space will be discussed in detail later on in this article.

-Consider widening driveways or any private access roads, or at least develop turnarounds. Larger fire equipment requires at least a 45-foot turning radius. A U-shaped or loop driveway will also improve accessibility to your home. Don't block these access points with extra vehicles or other obstacles.

-Explore the potential for constructing an alternate access road into neighborhoods. If another road could be constructed over adjacent property and it could benefit an entire subdivision, approach the appropriate government agency about obtaining funding and an easement for constructing the alternate route. Enlist the support of your neigh-

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A Pioneer Landowner's Perspective

By: Charles R. Walker

WALKER RANCH, NM - Hello. My name is Charles R. Walker. My wife Thelma and I own and operate the Walker Ranch. The property has been in the family for 109 years. My wife and I plan to celebrate our fiftieth wedding anniversary on January 18, 1997.

This ranching unit is managed as a cow/calf operation. We also take great pride in our timber production on the ranch. We also raise a crop of oat hay each year on the rich, fertile bottom land below our home to feed our saddle horses and milk cows. We also feed out a few steers for slaughter. We have a small meat processing plant located on the ranch. We are licensed to process the fed-out steers, which go straight from the ranch to our customers' dinner tables. No hormones or other implants are used on our cattle.

We usually expect a 95% calf crop. Our ranch headquarters, hay fields, and forests of timber are in Sixteen Springs Canyon, which is about fifteen miles northeast of Cloudcroft. The Sixteen Springs property serves as the summer

range for our cattle. The herd spends winters on property we own along the Tularosa River, north of the Village of Tularosa.

We have an allotment on the Lincoln National Forest for summer grazing and have a winter grazing permit on Bureau of Land Management property and state property. The elevation of the summer unit varies between 7000 and 8500 feet.

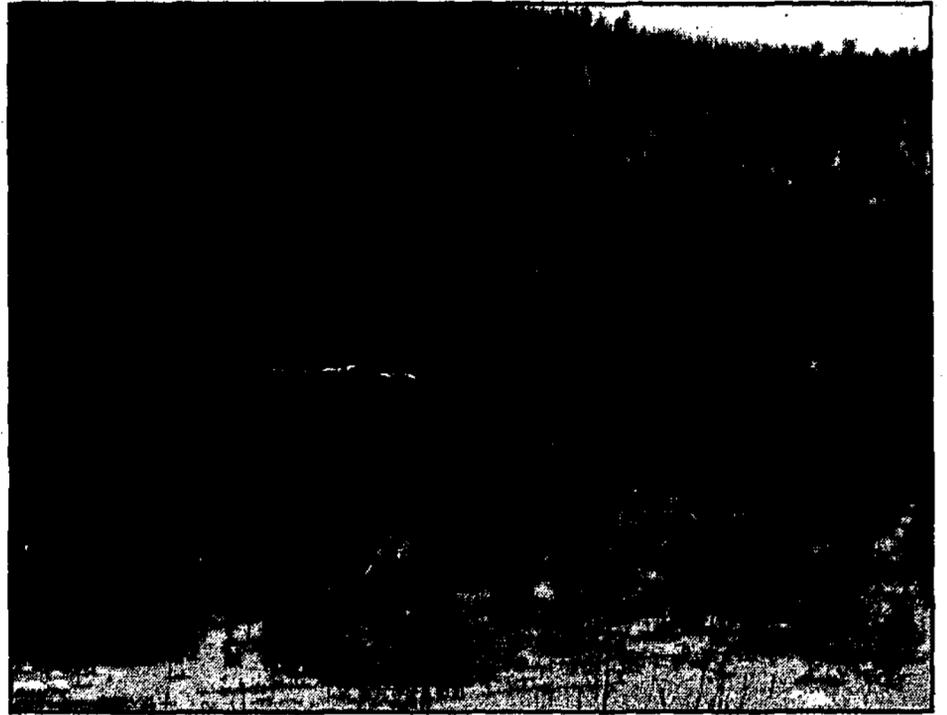
It sometimes becomes difficult to decide which areas of the ranch should be managed for timber, and which should be managed for grasslands. It has been very helpful to get professional advice from the New Mexico Forestry Division and from the Natural Resources Conservation Service regarding the management of different units on the ranch. Historically, since 1887, when my grandparents homesteaded here, there have been three crops of timber sold as sawlogs to lumber companies.

When the Walkers came to Sixteen Springs Canyon, it was known as "Pleasant Valley." There were a few large ponderosa pines in the bottom lands and very lush meadows of blue grama grass. The hillsides were very open then com-

pared to now, and there was a composition of mostly muhley, brome, and "dropseed" grass species. There were white firs and Douglas-firs on the north-facing slopes and pine on the hillsides

meaning several small springs.

The problem associated with the management of our timber is "density." There are too many trees on most of the ranch. We continually thin out the



Charles and Thelma Walker Ranch and Tree Farm in Sixteen Springs Canyon after commercial harvest and precommercial thinning



that faced the opposite directions. There were some pinyon trees and juniper trees, but not nearly as many as there are now. The amount of oak trees has remained about the same.

Members of the Mescalero Apache Tribe lived here before the reservation was established. The Walkers made many friends with the Indians. The Walker ranch borders the southern edge of the reservation for about eight miles. Some of the old-timers among the tribe who related their memories of beautiful forests were Henry Treas, Dan Morgan, Solan Sombrero, John Big Rope, and Howard and Earnest Botilla. The tribal forest land and our forests are managed very similarly.

These Indians told how they cut large slabs from the bark of pine trees to get to the white cambium layer between the bark and the wood. This was used for food. The Apache name for Sixteen Springs Canyon is "NAVA-She-No-te,"

trees on the hills, and try to eliminate most of the trees in the bottom land meadows. I believe that fire is the best management tool that we have available for thinning the dense stands. Fire in a forest during the hot, dry months of May and June burns too intensely and destroys too many trees. However, in the fall and early spring, fire will clean the accumulated woody debris, underbrush, and thinning slash and put the nutrients back into the soil much faster than they would be released through decay.

There are two management practices one must remember, though, if a prescribed burn is planned:

1. Remove all of the available firewood and posts from the area to be burned. A cow ranch needs a good supply of firewood and fence posts. The juniper and oak species are an excellent source of these materials.

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Seedling Tree Sales Offered By State Forestry

By Dave Brown
Seedling Program Coordinator

SANTA FE - Do you have an erosion problem? want to enhance your area through reforestation? want to attract more wildlife? want to make your quality of life better with a windbreak? teach your children conservation?

spring. The seedlings are available to be purchased from December through April of each year. Delivery starts in March and runs through April.

The only requirements for ordering are that you own at least one acre in New Mexico and that the trees be used for conservation purposes. So you own less than an acre? Combine orders with your neighbors to meet the acreage requirement. Community groups, schools and private businesses can participate too.

Three types of seedlings are offered. Bareroot, deciduous trees and shrubs, small containerized trees and shrubs, and large containerized trees. The bareroot species and the small containerized species are one year old. The large containerized species are two years old. The containerized trees are mainly conifers like pi: on pine. The small container volume is 10 cubic inches while the large container volume is 40 cubic inches.

There is a wide variety of species which will fill your needs. Austrian pine, ponderosa pine, rubber rabbitbrush, skunkbush sumac, green ash, New Mexico forestiera, aspen and a host of other species are available. Whether erosion control, reforestation, wildlife enhancement, conservation education or Christmas tree farm establishment is your primary need, the Division has the trees for you.

Call the Capitan District Office at 354-2231 or the Santa Fe Office at 827-5630 for ordering information.



Planting Trees is kid's stuff! Halle Rossbach shows off a pinon seedling from the New Mexico Forestry and Resources Conservation Division's Seedling Program. Every Spring the Forestry Division offers landowners a variety of conifers and deciduous seedlings at cost

The Forestry & Resources Conservation Division of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department offers seedling trees and shrubs for sale each

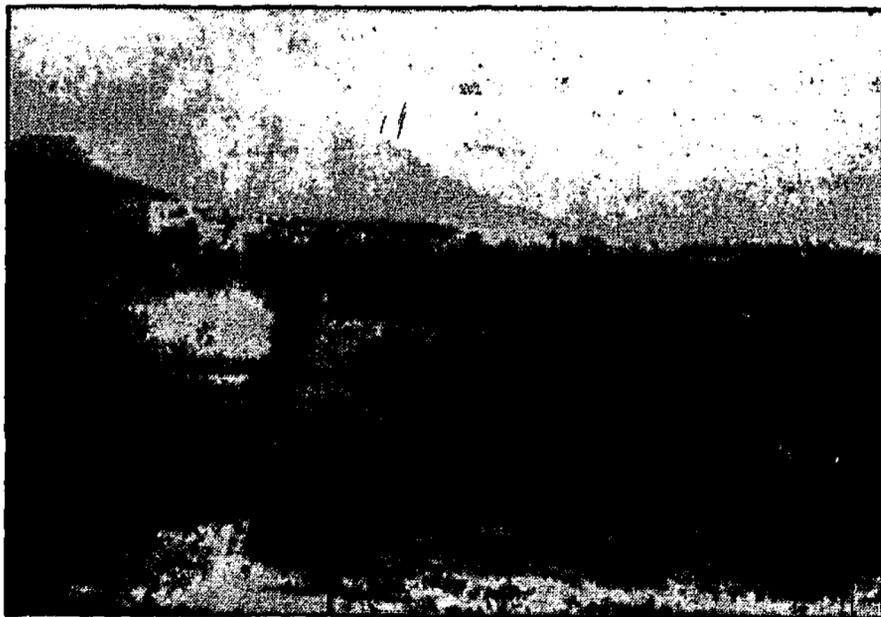
Forest Service Adopts Ecosystem Management Of Pinon, Juniper

By Richard Edwards and
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Lincoln National Forest

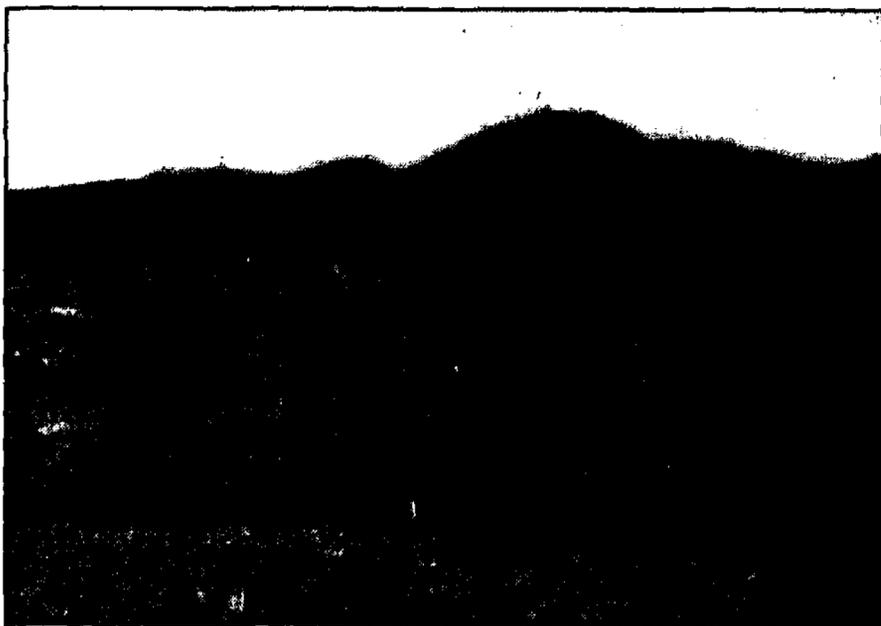
RUIDOSO - In 1992, "ecosystem management" was adopted by the USDA Forest Service as the new framework for using and caring for our National Forests and Grasslands. Ecosystem management is the strategy of using ecological, social and business principles to manage an ecosystem to produce, restore and sustain its integrity over the long term.

woodlands, including American Indian and Hispanic cultures. Economically, these woodlands are an important source of firewood, fence posts and other wood products, as well as for grazing by domestic livestock and habitat for many species of wildlife.

Pinion-juniper woodlands cover one-quarter of the land in New Mexico. However, the condition of these woodlands is less than satisfactory. According to the USDA Forest Service, 3.4 million acres or nearly 50 percent of the pinion-juniper watersheds within the national



This Photo, circa 1904, shows a pinon-juniper Savannah near Nogal, NM. Notice the similarity with the photograph taken in 1992 following restoration efforts by the US Forest Service and local landowners on the Carrizo project



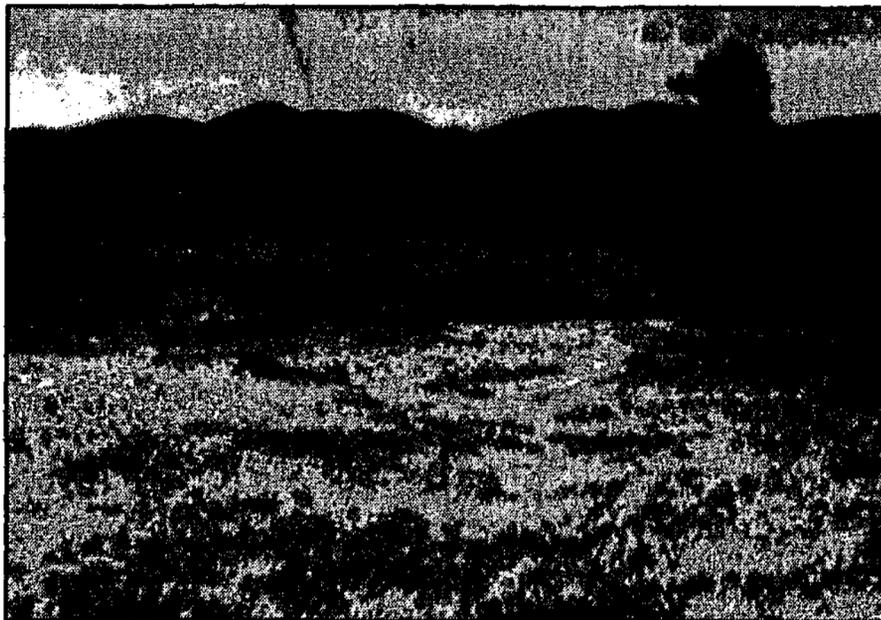
The Forest Service and local ranchers have joined together to restore deteriorated Pinon-Juniper woodlands in the Carrizo area north of Capitan. Notice the open Savannah appearance in this 1992 photograph. This was a fuelwood harvest area which resulted in thinning of the overcrowded trees. This resulted in increase cover which reduced soil erosion, improved vegetation for wildlife and livestock, increased water availability, and also economic benefits to the land user.

For the Forest Service, this means that ecosystem management blends the needs of people and environmental values in such a way that National Forests and Grasslands will represent diverse, healthy, productive and sustainable ecosystems.

Due to their ecological, cultural and economic importance, pinion-juniper woodlands are a high priority area for ecosystem management in New Mexico. From a cultural standpoint, much of New Mexico's ties to the past and present are centered around the pinion-juniper

forests in the Southwestern region are in need of improvement. These watersheds contain large expanses of dense-canopy pinion-juniper forest. Under these present conditions, natural openings are dominated by pinion and juniper seedlings, and historically open woodlands have become dense thickets.

Due to the increased competition from trees, the pinion-juniper ecosystem is devoid of grasses and other plants. These much needed grasses hold the soil in place, contribute to plant diver-



What was once a deep active gully in this area has been reclaimed as part of the Forest Service commitment to healthy watersheds in the Carrizo project

sity, and provide food or cover for various wildlife and livestock. Much of the productive soil beneath these dense woodland stands has eroded away, leaving behind an extensive gully system which continues to transport silt-laden water into streams and serves to lower the water table.

To achieve the desired condition for the pinion-juniper ecosystem, the Forest Service first analyzes past and present conditions, past and present management, and trends. Although sometimes difficult, looking into the past can offer the key to management of the future.

With the passage of the Homestead Act of 1862, European settlers migrated to the Southwest and were greeted by seemingly perfect ranching country: grassy savannahs, open pinion and juniper woodlands, mountain-side forests of ponderosa pine and mixed conifers, and abundant streams and springs. The area had long supported American Indians who depended on wildlife, fish and pinion nuts for food, juniper for firewood, and pine for lodges. But the land could not support heavy grazing by large numbers of livestock or the intensive farming practices on the many small farms and ranches that sprouted up across the Southwest. In an attempt to protect homesteads in the early 1900's, fire suppression by government agencies, also helped to promote the area's demise.

Intense grazing pressure from domestic livestock and a decrease in natural fires triggered the rapid increase in the numbers of young pinon and juniper trees throughout pinion-juniper communities and adjacent natural openings and grasslands. Throughout the twentieth century, as tree canopies became closed, grasses and plants that prevented erosion and provided forage for wildlife and livestock rapidly declined because they could not compete with the pinion and juniper trees. Many of the perennial streams and springs, life-blood for the rich diversity of riparian and wetland ecosystems, were in part lost because of the excessive water requirements of these woodland trees.

In 1989 on the Lincoln National For-

est, ranchers, environmental groups, and representatives from public agencies formed a partnership to begin restoring an area within the pinion-juniper ecosystem. The restoration program, called the Carrizo Demonstration Area, includes nearly 45,000 acres of national forest and 10,000 acres of private land in the northern part of the Sacramento Mountains, near Capitan, New Mexico.

The Carrizo Demonstration Area is similar to pinion-juniper ecosystems throughout the Southwest. About 70 percent of the area is covered in pinon-juniper woodlands and the rest is mixed conifer and Ponderosa pine forest. The Carrizo project uses a comprehensive ecosystem approach that aims to restore the area to its healthy original condition while meeting the needs of landowners and others who depend on the area for livelihoods and recreation.

The mission for the Carrizo area is to establish cooperative partnerships to aid in the development of land stewardship principles and to serve as examples in the implementation of land management activities to restore watersheds to satisfactory condition. Stewardship goals also include providing for a variety of wildlife habitats, increasing plant and animal diversity, restoring the natural beauty of the landscape, and improving overall ecosystem health.

Management strategies focus on soil stabilization practices, vegetation management, water resource development, vehicular travel management, and sound range management practices, and are based on the best scientific and management information available.

The desired future condition will be achieved when active accelerated soil erosion is stopped, steep gully slopes are stabilized, and permanent water and riparian vegetation are restored. A mosaic of different vegetative age classes and densities will exist within the different ecosystems, moving toward the balance and stability which occurred prior to European settlement of the area.

Prescribed fire will be reintroduced to resemble the natural fire frequency that evolved with and shaped the natural

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Couple Named Outstanding Tree Farmers

By Bill Duemling
State Forestry, Capitan District

CLOUDCROFT - Charles and Thelma Walker of Sixteen Springs Canyon have been selected as New Mexico's Outstanding Tree Farmers for 1996.

The honor is bestowed annually upon a member of the American Tree Farm System who demonstrates superior stewardship of their forest resources. The Walkers are also in consideration for the National Tree Farmer of the Year award. They were recognized on August 26, 1996, at a Forest Health Workshop held at the Cloudcroft Community Center. The Walkers have been certified members of the American Tree Farm System since 1968. They were nominated for the same award in 1994 and 1995.

The Walkers live on and manage 542.5 acres in Sixteen Springs Canyon near Mayhill. The property has been in the family name since 1888. The land consists of ponderosa pine forests, mixed conifer habitat, pinyon/juniper woodlands, intermittent streams, and open range land.

The Walker property is living proof of how active management can improve the overall health of a forest area, a major topic discussed in this publication.

A multiple use land management strategy is employed by the family. Range production, timber production and stand improvement, wildlife habitat protection and enhancement, water resource development and protection, and the protection and enhancement of the natural beauty of the area are the main objectives for the property.

The private land base is used as summer range for approximately 150 cows.

The Walkers have also experimented with raising exotic livestock such as mouflan. They lease additional grazing land from the Lincoln National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management.

Maintenance and improvement of forage is a top priority. Forest thinning and brush management methods have been employed to retain and create openings for the enhancement of forage species. Weed control has been accomplished on over 40 acres of land. The Walkers have also explored the possibilities of alfalfa grass farming in open areas along Sixteen Springs Canyon to increase available forage. Grazing areas are protected and managed via fencing and rest rotation.

The Walkers have precommercially thinned 210 acres of forest land since 1993, utilizing the Forestry Incentives Program. Fuelwood and posts are the major products derived from these thinning projects.

In 1994, an additional 110 acres were commercially thinned by a logging contractor, generating approximately 210,000 gross board feet of timber.

Thinning is a method used to manage areas that are overstocked with timber by removing undesirable or excess trees and creating spaces between retained trees. Thinning reduces competition between trees for "The Big Three": available sunlight, nutrients, and water. This gives retained trees the chance to increase their vigor and volume growth. Thinning makes "The Big Three" more available to other types of vegetation such as grasses, forbs, and shrubs. As the balance between trees and other vegetation becomes more equal, the overall condition and yield of watersheds can improve.

Thinning improves the general health of a stand of trees by reducing the spread of infectious diseases and managing the population levels of and damage from insect pests. In 1994, the Walkers dealt with an outbreak of bark beetles on their property. Pockets of heavy dwarf mistletoe infections are also a management concern.

Thinning also enables landowners to remove unwanted species or defective



New Mexico Forestry Division Service Forester Bill Duemling presents Charles and Thelma Walker of 16 Springs Canyon with the 1996 Outstanding Tree Farmer of the year Award

trees (those with forks, crooks, sweeps, bad taper, dead tops, etc.). The end result of a thinning is a well-stocked, well-spaced stand of timber which is relatively healthy and diverse and more amenable to forage production.

The Walker's love for wildlife is evident in their management activities. They have maintained and enhanced habitat for many large and small mammals and birds. Thinning has improved forage habitat, while hiding and thermal cover has been retained throughout the tree farm in nonthinned (deferred) stands of timber. The Walkers have developed numerous springs and have built several stock ponds, providing water sources for both livestock and wildlife. Deer and elk commonly use the property. The Walkers have placed special emphasis on maintaining a refuge for turkeys. Golden eagles and a bald eagle have been sighted on the land.

The Walker property is located in Sixteen Springs Canyon, which was named for the number of natural year-round springs found in the area. The Walkers benefit from at least seven of these sixteen springs. Some of these water sources have already been developed for potable water, wildlife, or livestock. During recent timber harvesting, water sources within the sale area were protected through the maintenance of small,

undisturbed clumps of timber around them.

In April of 1995, the Walkers hosted a conservation education field day on their property for 50 Otero County fifth graders. The future land managers learned about forest ecology, forest pests, wildfire suppression, range management, water conservation, wildlife habitat, and cultural resource protection.

Charles Walker has been active in many advisory groups in the area. He served on the Otero County Committee for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service from 1962-1963, 1965-1976, and 1979-1987. He currently serves as president of the Lincoln National Forest Permittee Association. He is a member of the Otero County Cattle Growers Association. Finally, he is active in the Otero County Land Use Planning Committee.

The American Tree Farm System is sponsored by the American Forest Foundation. Established in 1941, the program is designed to provide recognition to private non-industrial landowners who own at least ten acres and have taken an active role in managing their forest lands or tree resources. The Tree Farm system also promotes the use of sound forest management principles, providing expertise to landowners with the assis-

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2. Cut and enjoy all of the Christmas trees from the area before burning, since the fire may destroy many of them.

Very-enjoyable benefits of a healthy forest condition throughout the ranch is endless natural beauty and abundant wildlife habitat. There are two riparian (streamside) areas on the ranch that we like to manage using the rotation grazing system.

We intend to manage our forest land and range land for future generations to enjoy and remember Sixteen Springs Canyon as Pleasant Valley. There really are sixteen springs in this canyon. This ranch owns eight of them. Watershed management is closely associated with timber and rangeland conditions. Too many trees will choke the water supply and dry up springs. We have noticed that after each of the three crops of

large timber were cut on the ranch, the springs would almost double in water flow.

I have lived to see small seedlings grow into large sawlogs. I tell people that when you are as old as a large tree, the many experiences are of great value to help you avoid making the same mistakes twice. The trees on this ranch are the oldest living things here. Some of them were living when Columbus came to America in 1492. Some of the lumber in our house was cut on this ranch. The log school house built in 1889 still stands on our property, and this is where my father went to school.

Tree farming and ranching has been our way of life. My father homesteaded the place where we now live and in our bank box, there is the patent with the signature of the president of the United States.

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ecosystem. Partnerships will be permanently established with adjacent landowners, grazing permittees, environmental groups and other agencies to aid in sustaining the desired condition of the land.

With the help of cooperative partnerships, treatments to produce ecological restoration and stability in the Carrizo area have been accomplished. Some of these treatments include rehabilitation of gullies, reestablishing soil-protecting native vegetation, thinning trees to increase diversity and forest health, and prescribed fire. Where treatments have been implemented, watershed conditions have improved dramatically. Native species of grass, wildflowers and

other plants have returned in abundance. Springs have begun to flow again. As a result of these changes, wildlife have returned to the area.

The Carrizo Demonstration Area will continue to lead the Southwestern Region of the Forest Service in the application of ecosystem management. One of the primary objectives established for the Carrizo project is to develop, implement and evaluate new and creative approaches to managing pinyon-juniper woodland watersheds. Through the many partnerships established during the Carrizo project effort, the Forest Service has expanded the program to encompass the entire Smokey Bear District.

Watershed

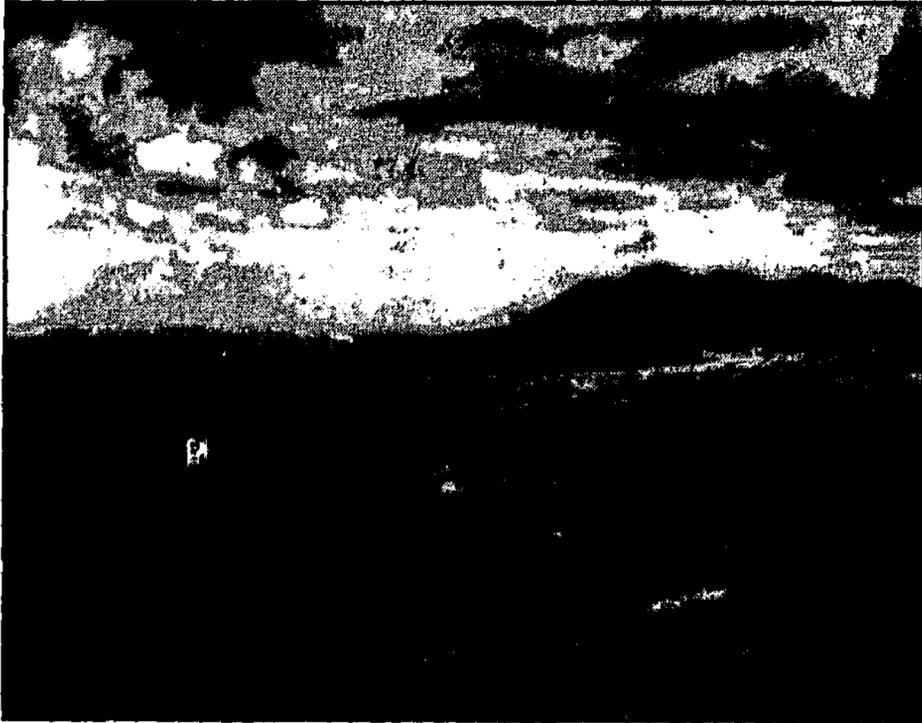
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water for our use, but they hold only a tiny fraction of a watershed's potential water capacity. The soil and plants can hold and retain vast amounts of water.

In watersheds, usable water is found in the form of snow pack, streamflow, and groundwater. Snow pack accumulates each winter and melts each spring and summer. Streamflow comes from rain or melting snow, and can be both above and below ground. In a stream system, most of the flow is contained in porous soil material below ground. Wa-

forbs (flowering plants), depending on the climate, soil and location. The vegetation balance constantly changes in a "dynamic equilibrium". Grasses, with their shallow, fibrous roots and long, flexible leaves, effectively protect the soil from wind and water erosion. Running water easily passes over grass. Forbs are not as effective in preventing erosion, but are often important food for animals.

Trees and shrubs, on the other hand, have much deeper and larger roots, and shallow roots too. Trees and shrubs are effective against wind erosion, but not

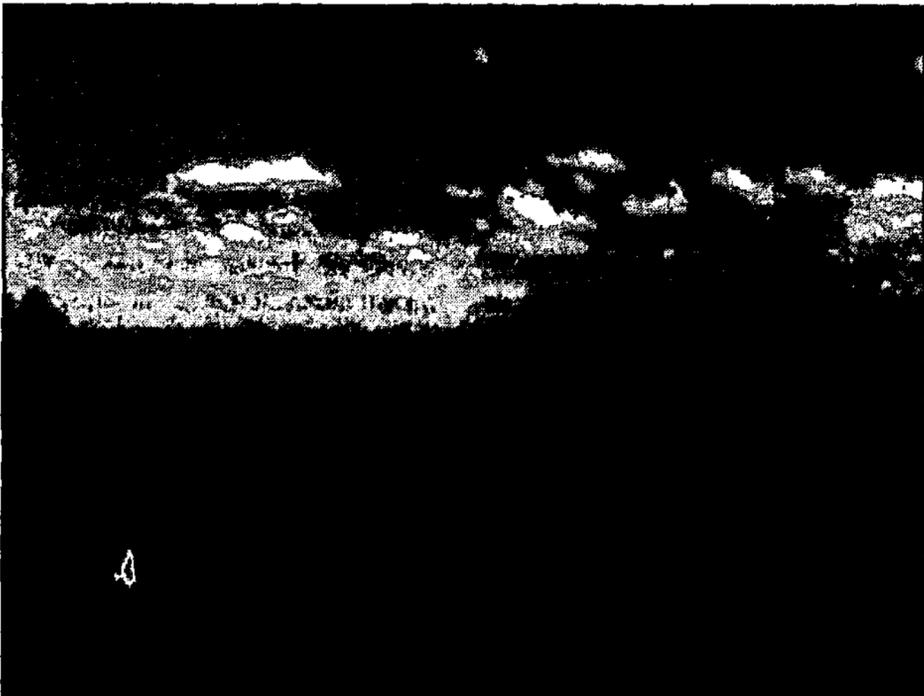


BEFORE: Photo from Nopal Mesa Looking northwest taken in 1912 with Carrizo Mountain in the background

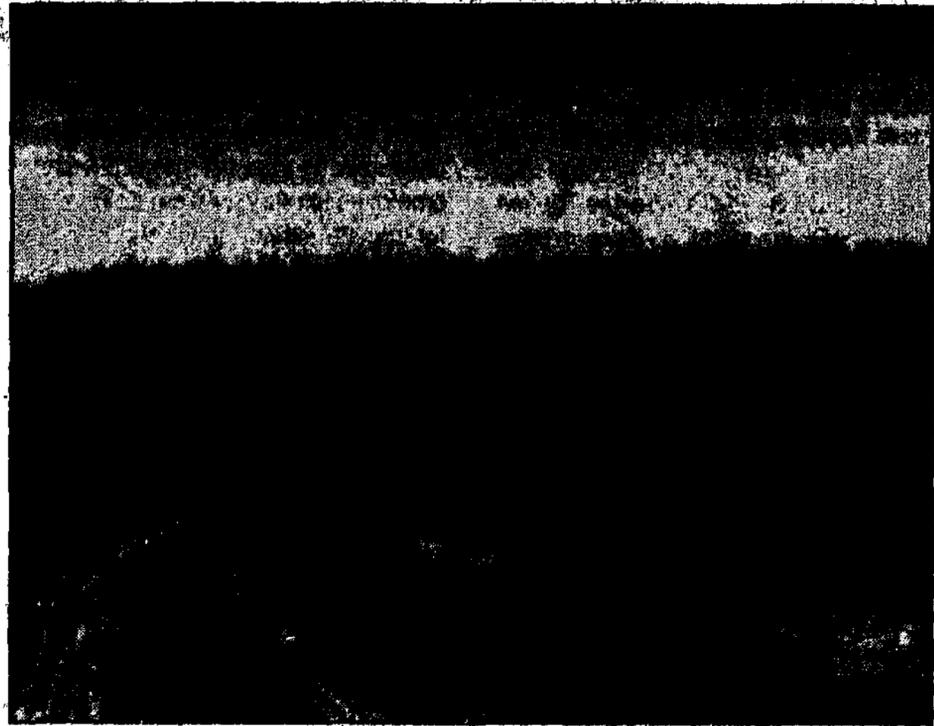
ter may flow freely, but most of it seeps through the soil and intermittently comes to the surface. Watersheds also recharge groundwater formations that may be tapped by wells. Part of the precipitation soaks in and becomes groundwater as it is captured in porous underground formations. If water is pumped from wells faster than the groundwater is recharged, the wells will eventually go dry.

In healthy watershed ecosystems, there is a predictable balance in the proportions of trees, shrubs, grass, and

as effective as grass against water erosion. In some places, trees can promote water erosion. As water rushes around a tree trunk, soil is often scoured away. But trees are essential. In the winter, evergreen trees keep their leaves, and are able to take in carbon dioxide and release oxygen, and cleanse the air year-round. Trees put moisture into the air, provide shade, and provide a buffer against severe weather. Trees and shrubs also provide shelter and homes for animals. Trees and shrubs are very efficient and voracious water users. With



AFTER: Photo from Nopal Mesa looking northeast taken in 1996. Note increase in woody vegetation, primarily pinon and juniper. Photo taken 2 miles southeast of Nopal, NM



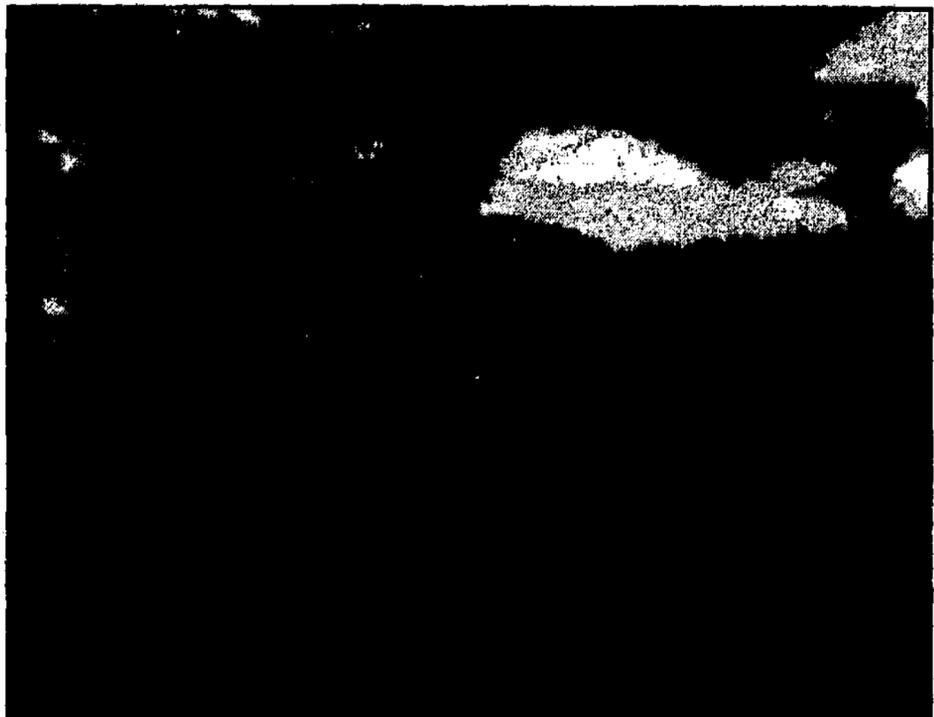
BEFORE: Photo taken about a mile east of Capitan, NM in 1912 shows Salado Creek channel in lower right hand corner of photo

their combination of shallow and deep roots, compared to grasses, woody plants tend to draw much more water from the soil, and from much greater depths. And evergreens use water year-round.

In unhealthy watershed ecosystems, there will be an imbalance in the expected proportions of plants. Often, unbalanced plant communities are not readily recognized by the untrained eye. Locally, there may be no shortage of vegetation, but there will be an increase in trees and shrubs, accompanied by a decrease in grass cover. With the reduction in low-growing ground cover,

trees and shrubs, often with very little grass and forbs, represents an unbalanced plant community and an unhealthy ecosystem. This can impair soil erosion conditions, water yields and wildlife habitat.

In our local watersheds, woody plants have tended to out-compete grasses and other plants. Without fires, in time, woody plants become dominant, and grasses and forbs are often choked out. Now we find areas choked with brush, where once there were open park-like savannahs or meadows. Because this process has occurred slowly, most people are unaware of it. It has taken



AFTER: Photo taken from about the same spot in 1996. Note the increase in the size of the channel and increase in salt cedar. Creek channel now includes part of the old road

precipitation will run off more rapidly and carry more soil with it. The increased amount of woody vegetation will tie up and use more of the moisture held in the soil. The net result is a reduced capacity for an unhealthy watershed to provide usable water.

In the Rio Ruidoso Watershed, we enjoy the beauty and privacy of the dense canopy of trees and shrubs, but this is probably not a natural or pristine situation. Today, the dense thickets of

up to 50 years or more, depending on the location, for increases in brush to become obvious. Many old timers have noticed this change, and old photos indicate they are correct.

A number of old photos have been collected by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Staff which show landscapes in Lincoln and Otero Counties around the turn of this century. These photos were taken at enough locations to show most of the major veg-

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station types from the desert to the top of the mountains. In every case where the original photo point was re-established and a current photo has been taken, there has been an increase in the

natural fires may be most responsible for our dramatic increase in woody vegetation.

We cannot change the past, but it does provide us with clues. Evidence indicates that natural fires periodically swept through our watersheds, carried by plen-

control fires to protect lives and property, especially in built-up areas. We cannot change the past, but we can learn from it. We fear fire, and with good reason. Dealt with properly, fire can be a friend. Like soil, plants, animals, rain and snow, fire is a part of natural ecosystems.

What's the status of our watershed? The answer is not clear cut, but once it is agreed that our watersheds need improvement, we can begin to plan the steps needed to restore them to a more natural condition. We can begin to work to improve the condition of our watersheds, and at the same time reduce the potential for a wildfire disaster. Restoring the natural vegetation balance in a carefully planned manner will also retain and enhance the beauty and unique character of our area.

A Message From Toby Martinez, New Mexico State Forester

SANTA FE - Forest health, fire ecology, urban/wildland interface. All buzzwords, not only to natural resource managers, but to the public as well. These concepts, along with many others, are all interrelated and form the focus of this newspaper, "RESOURCE HEALTH: Soil, Water & Fire".

The look of our Southwestern forests has changed dramatically during this century. There are more trees than ever before, but this does not necessarily mean good news. Throughout our forests there is a huge biomass increase. In many instances, tree size is smaller, stands denser and insect and disease outbreaks rampant. Fire, which plays an integral role in our Southwestern forest's ecosystems, can become catastrophic due to fuel build-up. Add people and homes, and the mix can be deadly.

How did our forests arrive in this condition? There are a number of factors. Natural resource agencies' tactics of quickly and aggressively suppressing all fires is, unfortunately, one culprit. Fires naturally help clean and reduce vegetation. Fire suppression has allowed unprecedented fuel build-up and unnaturally dense stands. The amount of trees removed from our forests through timber sales and other forest management practices, such as thinning, has also diminished. Overcrowding means stressed trees, much more susceptible to insect and disease attacks, which are natural, but not in the wide-spread epidemics we are now seeing.

New Mexico's population is growing. More and more demands are being put on our natural resources, one of the most critical being the urban/wildland interface. Over the past 10 years, many private homes, property and lives have succumbed to wildfire. We have watched fires destroy hundreds of homes in California, kill firefighters in Colorado and burn millions of acres in

Montana and Idaho. Can't happen in New Mexico? Unfortunately, we are facing the same unnatural and potentially highly flammable conditions found in other parts of the West. But we may have time to do something about it.

What are our solutions? The New Mexico Forestry and Resources Conservation Division, along with many other cooperating natural resource agencies are looking at a number of solutions. We need to: 1) reduce fuel build-up, 2) break-up continuous areas that are at risk from wildfires and 3) improve rural building standard codes.

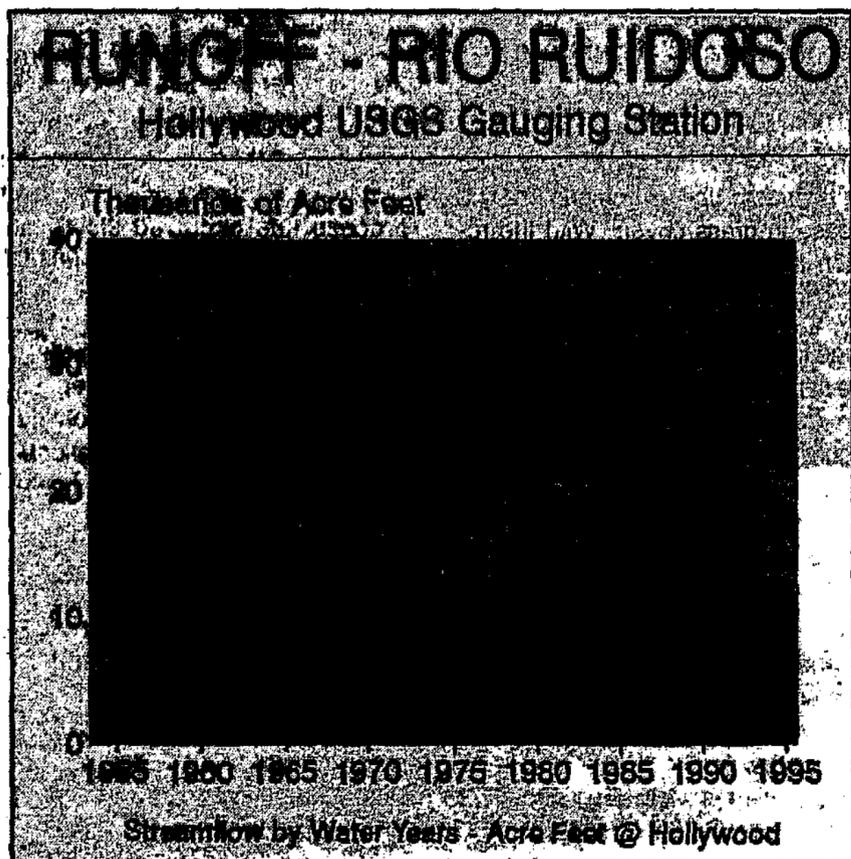
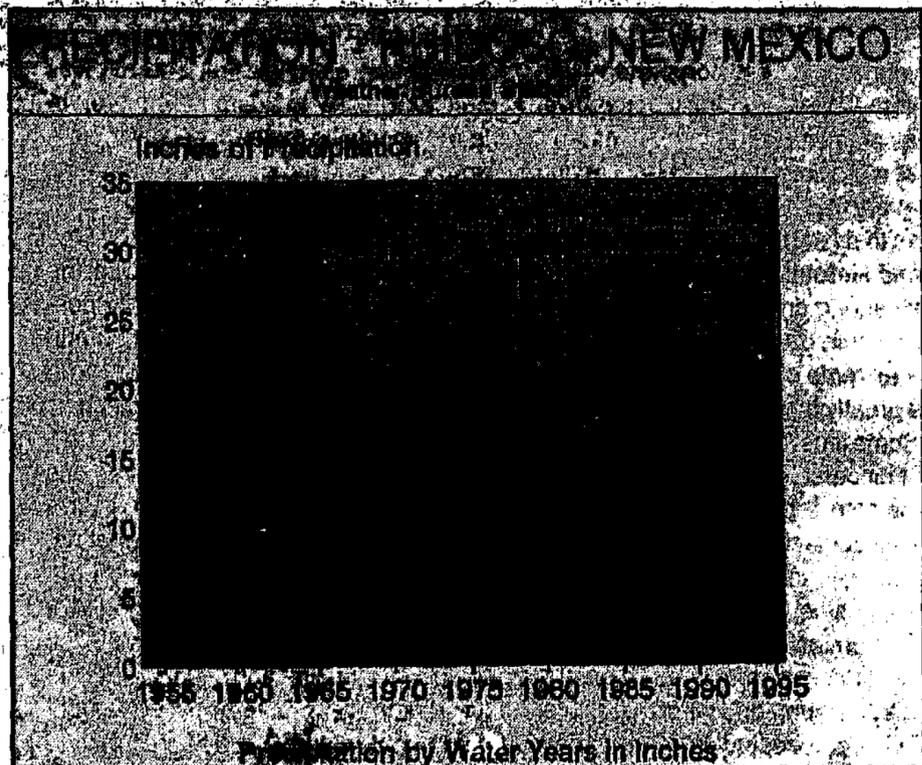
We cannot control the weather, ward off droughts or stop lightning. But we can use tools. Our biggest challenge—the use of prescribed fire. By using prescribed fire, we can begin to restore and maintain our forests to diverse healthy ecosystems that face less of a threat from fire. Areas treated with prescribed fire are less likely to burn intensely. Wildfires that start in these treated areas cause less resource damage and are easier and less expensive to control. Prescribed fires are planned months in advance. Special considerations include smoke-sensitive areas, wildlife habitat, expected fire behavior, and of course the weather. Prescribed fires can do good things. Here in New Mexico, the beautiful colors we see in autumn in our high country are usually the result of fire.

Fire and water are linked together in well-tended and sustainable landscapes. Meadows created by fire are used by many kinds of wildlife and domestic livestock. For private landowners with forested lands, the Division has developed a policy that: "supports the wise application of prescribed fire as an integral tool in the management of New Mexico's forest resources and to promote soil and water conservation". As resources permit, the Division will lend support, assistance and training to individual landowners and other agencies. To quote Aldo Leopold, "Our present job is to conserve the benefit (to resources) and minimize the damage to the watershed—in so far as technical skill and good administration can do it."

New Mexico Forestry and Resources Conservation Division is also looking at using a high intensity Inmate Conservation Corps program. Minimum-security inmates would be trained to thin areas to develop "defensible space" around communities and assist in prescribed fire and in fighting wildland fires. For the Conservation Corps to be successful, the Division is promoting the location of a camp in the southwestern portion of the state. In this location, there are many opportunities for priority conservation projects.

There are barriers, however, to the implementation of these solutions. Lack of understanding by the public about the use and benefits of prescribed fire. Health problems from smoke generated by fires. Conflicting rules and regulations dealing with smoke management. Public awareness workshops for communities about forest health.

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The above charts compare precipitation at Ruidoso with runoff measured in the Rio Ruidoso. Note the overall increase in runoff compared with precipitation.

size and density of woody plants. Of particular note is the increase in mesquite at lower elevations, juniper and the piñon at mid-elevations, and ponderosa pine at higher elevations.

It is impossible to know for sure all the reasons why woody plants have increased in our watersheds. Past grazing practices have been blamed, but places where livestock have been excluded for more than 50 years show an increase in brush that is equal to or greater than grazed areas nearby. Timber and fuelwood harvesting practices, roads, structures, mining, and other land disturbances are also labeled as likely culprits. Studies in the past few years, however, indicate that the elimination of

tiful stands of dry grass. Since European settlers have been living here, fires have been controlled. Grazing, which removes a portion of the grass leaves, has also helped reduce natural fires. Without the fine fuel that dry grass provides, fires will not readily spread except under extreme conditions, in dense thickets of shrubs and trees. And fires under such conditions are devastating, as we saw in the Patos Mountain fire north of Capitan in 1994. Grasses quickly recover from fires, but shrubs and trees are often killed.

In the past, natural fires kept woody vegetation under control and cleansed the land, promoting ecosystem health. Today, we are compelled to fight and

Regional Water Plans: A New Mexico Priority

By Howard Shanks
RC&D Coordinator

Water: How much do we have? How much will we need? and How are we going to meet demand with current supplies? These are important questions. Unfortunately we don't have the answers, yet.

The state is attempting to answer these important questions by encouraging regional water planning. There are two ongoing regional water planning efforts in our area, the Tularosa Basin and the Lower Pecos River Basin.

Why Plan?

Regional water planning is necessary, not only to protect New Mexico's water but also to allow all stakeholders within a region to help determine the direction of water use within the region and between regions of the state.

The original impetus for regional water planning came when a federal court ruled that New Mexico's prohibition against out-of-state transfer of New Mexico ground water was unconstitutional. As a result of this ruling, it became evident that New Mexico must actively plan for its water future. New Mexico's 1987 legislature widely recognized the need for water planning to protect this essential and finite resource by enacting legislation "Authorizing the Interstate Stream Commission to fund Regional Water Planning Efforts".

How It Works

The New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, in response to requests from water planners across the state, in 1994 formally adopted the "Regional Water Planning Handbook". Commission members Palemon A. Martinez of Valdez and Tracy Seidman Hephner of

Wagon Mound co-chaired a work group of fourteen individuals from diverse constituencies and regions, all with a substantial background in water issues and management who developed the Handbook.

New Mexico has taken a unique approach to planning to protect and preserve its water supply. The legislature recognized and directed that water planning is most effectively done at the local level. Regions, self-defined through hydrological and political common interests, have begun to study their most precious resource. This effort is overseen by the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission and funded through the Commission and local entities.

Who Is Planning?

Broad public participation is necessary in the development of regional water plans to enhance their acceptance locally and to increase their potential contribution to state decision-making in regard to "public welfare" and "conservation" determinations.

Otero and Lincoln Counties fall within two Regional Water Planning areas. The western one-third of Lincoln County and the western one-half of Otero County fall within the Tularosa Basin. This study is being conducted by the South Central Mountain RC&D Council located in Carrizozo. The remaining area of Lincoln and Otero Counties lies within the Pecos River Basin. This study is being conducted by the Pecos Valley Water Users Association.

Both studies are currently underway, and the public is encouraged to become involved. For more information please contact Howard Shanks, RC&D Coordinator, 409 Central Avenue, P. O. Box 457, Carrizozo, NM 88301; (505) 648-2941.

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lethal to the overstory vegetation and sterilizing soils which in turn cause a myriad of disasters. Very few open and park-like stands of ponderosa pine exist anymore.

A very important message I hope you will remember is that not all fire is good! This is true especially when heavy "latter" fuel or vegetation types exist. In a case such as this, the stand, or area must be thinned or treated and brought into the desired condition first before wildfire or prescribed fire can be reintroduced as a viable part of the ecosystem.

Planned prescribed fire is only one of many tools that are available to landowners and land management agencies. Another very important message to remember is: A prescribed fire can only be a good tool if it is executed under the right conditions to accomplish the objectives that are desired.

A fire that is started without careful planning and consideration for the desired outcome and knowledge of vegetation type, is just a fire to blacken the

ground with no real objectives being accomplished. Vegetation varieties respond differently to fire depending on the intensity, the time of year, etc. Also, there are ecosystems that will only produce what that particular ecosystem is capable of producing. For example, if a dry site (usually southwest facing slope), Ponderosa Pine stand exists, with oak in the understory, and the stand is opened up by allowing a high intensity fire to occur, the result will be the regeneration of oak, and not the grass stand that you perhaps desired. Oak stands that have prevailed as a result of wildfire have perpetuated for hundreds of years. It is very important that you know what the outcome of the treatment that you are going to apply to the land will be as a result of a management decision.

The "big complicated picture" of ecosystem health in the Southwest is a challenge to each and every one of us if we are truly going to make a difference. To try to restore grasslands where brush now invades, to try to restore the dwindling open park-like ponderosa pine

Otero County Electric Co-op Systems Guard Against Fires

By Bill Chance
Member Services

CLOUDCROFT - Trees are a universal symbol of environmental responsibility.

As your responsible corporate neighbor, Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc., is committed to the preservation of trees as a precious natural resource and we are very much aware of the seasonal dangers that face the Sacramento Mountains and surrounding communities.

Every spring and early fall we experience dry spells of varying degrees including the extreme of drought. These conditions greatly increase the risk of forest fires. Some fires are started by heat lightning, thunderstorms, wind or campfires. There is also a potential of fires being started by contact of tree limbs with high voltage power lines. We at OCEC are constantly using any measures from the latest in high tech safety systems to the exercise of common sense removal of hazard trees when and where possible.

OCEC has invested in many safety systems and have strategically incorporated this technology in all our network of distribution lines which stretch throughout our 10,000 square miles of service territory. These systems are in place to help prevent fires from starting because of power lines.

When lightning hits a power line and the pole is not burned or knocked over, a reclosure operates or a fuse in a cut-out is blown. If a tree falls and hits the high voltage line, or if a forest fire burns a pole, the same safety measures are in place.

A reclosure de-energizes the line for a few seconds in response to a fault. The equipment acts like a fuse except it reacts far faster and it knows how to reset

itself to keep the electricity flowing. It also knows how to count, and will keep resetting up to three times in an effort to fix the system. The system can't fix itself, then the reclosure will completely de-energize the line in order to keep the voltage from starting a fire. This requires an OCEC crew to search out the problem, remove the hazard tree and restore power.

There are a lot of reasons why we put safety systems on our power lines. One is to provide our consumers with the most reliable source of electricity possible while protecting their homes and appliances from erratic voltage. The other is to protect our forest as much as possible from preventable fires.

New Mexico's mountainous regions have some of the highest and most frequent lightning strikes in the nation. Only Florida has more lightning on a per year basis than New Mexico. To reduce the potential of lightning strikes to our power poles and lines, OCEC utilizes lightning arresters on all poles and equipment. We also try to take this condition into account when we locate and build in distribution lines.

Be assured that OCEC, in cooperation with private property owners will continue to clear all trees creating a hazardous involvement with power lines that cross private property. We are very much restricted however from performing the same clearing of hazard trees on Lincoln National Forest lands. The Lincoln National Forest Service has ordered us to cease and desist all cutting of trees. Under this scenario, we are powerless to proceed with the necessary routine upkeep of our power lines on National Forest lands which in turn may leave you "powerless" or possibly increase the potential of fire danger.

stands, where overcrowded, overstocked stands now exist, to try to keep our ecosystems in balance, and mimic wildfires in ecosystems that adapted with fire, is a major task.

We obviously cannot allow all wildfires to burn out of control without suppression efforts, the intermingling of ownerships, condition of vegetation, presence of homes, and other political factors dictate the need to suppress most wildfires. However there is more of an opportunity to use wildfire as a tool in wilderness areas and on larger tracts of privately owned land. Remember the conditions must be right before a wildfire will benefit the resource. In most cases, overstocked trees and vegetation must be removed or thinned first.

There are opportunities for other management practices in areas that are at high risk for wildfires or that are not in a condition in which fire would be beneficial. Interagency efforts between private, municipal, county, federal, state and local communities are essential before the forest health problem can be addressed on a broad scale. The efforts being

made in Lincoln and Otero counties are truly "grass roots" efforts that can and will make a difference if all of the partners become more involved and don't give up.

Perhaps the biggest challenge of all is to educate the public on how important forest health is, and what it takes to get there. Then maybe informed decisions can be made in support of changing laws and regulations that are now in place that make it difficult to pursue forest health practices. Support of new proposals and legislation that allows agencies and landowners the ability to easily implement management options in support of forest and resource health is in great need. The public needs to take a hard look at the ways the tax dollar is being spent. Perhaps by putting more dollars into tools of prescribed fire and vegetation management, we can be making some effort of assimilation of mother nature and restore our forests back to health.

The State Forestry Office is located in Capitol at 304 Second Street, I welcome anyone to stop in and visit with us or call us at (505) 354-2231.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Pre-Settlement Fire frequency has been estimated as:

Species	Frequency
Ponderosa Pine	2-10 years
Mixed Conifer	5-25 years
Spruce /Fir	150+ years
Pinyon/Juniper	10-30 years
Chaparral	30-100 years

- During Pre-Settlement times the skies were not always crystal clear. There were many smokey days when fires were burning in the area.
- It has been estimated that it takes 300 to 1000 years to form one inch of soil. It is important to protect soils from erosion to maintain soil productivity.
- A cool understory type burn can be beneficial to the forest by reducing fuel buildup, controlling vegetation, returning nutrients to the soils, and creating diversity and new plant for wildlife.
- The composition of the forested ecosystems in New Mexico is changing. In 1962 there was 69% ponderosa pine, 17% mixed conifer, 8% spruce/fir, and 6% aspen. In 1987 there was 60% ponderosa pine, 28% mixed conifer, 8% spruce/fir, and 4% aspen.
- The following table has acres and costs of recent fires on the Lincoln National Forest:

Fire	Year Burned	Acres Burned	Cost
Wildfires:			
Big Rocks/Patos	1994	5,403	\$3,244,801
Pancho	1994	1,890	\$42,456
Dark Complex	1994	500	\$605,857
Bridge	1994	4,966	\$3,534,218
Burgett	1993	5,350	\$1,306,573
Big Fire	1990	33,135	\$2,628,284

Prescribed Natural Fires:

Before Treatment: Approximately \$200 to \$300 per acre
 After Treatment: Approximately \$9 to \$16 per acre

- Each year there are more homes built adjacent to Forest Service lands. The following table shows the number of homes in and adjacent to Forest Service Lands at high risk to wildfire:

Forest	Number of Homes
Carson	2,000
Cibola	20,000
Gila	25,000
Lincoln	45,000
Santa Fe	3,000

List of Fire Resistant Plants

TREES:

- Quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides*)
- Narrowleaf cottonwood (*Populus angustifolia*)
- Rocky Mountain maple (*Acer glabrum*)
- Big-toothed maple (*Acer grandidentatum*)
- Green ash (*Fraxinus virginiana*)
- Black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)
- Boxelder (*Acer negundo*)

SMALL TREES, SHRUBS, WOODY PLANTS, & FORBS:

- Skunkbush sumac (*Rhus trilobata*)
- Gambel oak (*Quercus gambelii*)
- Wavyleaf oak (*Quercus undulata*)
- Flowering or fragrant ash (*Fraxinus cuspidata*)
- Chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*)
- New Mexico olive (or privet, or Forestiera) (*Forestiera neomexicana*)
- Native plum (*Prunus americana*)
- Nanking cherry (*Prunus tomentosa*)
- Lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*)
- Mountain mahogany (*Cercocarpus* spp.)
- New Mexico locust (*Robinia neomexicana*)
- Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)
- Mockorange (*Philadelphus* spp.)
- Littleleaf sumac (*Rhus microphylla*)
- Silver buffaloberry (*Shepherdia argentea*)
- Russett buffaloberry (*Shepherdia canadensis*)
- Shrubby cinquefoil (*Potentilla fruticosa*)
- Rocky Mountain zinnia (*Zinnia grandiflora*)
- Rocky Mountain penstemon (*Penstemon strictus*)
- Russian olive (*Eleagnus angustifolia*)
- Tamarisk tree (*Tamarix gallica*) **DO NOT PLANT SALT CEDAR (Tamarix Pentandra)**
- Fendler brush (Antelope brush) (*Fendlera rupicola*)
- Roses (Rose family) (*Rosaceae*) **AVOID IMPALATABLE ROSES SUCH AS *Rosa stellata***
- Black sage (*Artemisia nova*)
- Ocean spray or Mountain spray (*Holodiscus* spp.)
- Wild raspberry (*Rubus* spp.)
- Deerbrush or buckbrush (*Ceanothus* spp.)
- Wild grape (*Vitis arizonica*)
- Winterfat (*Eurotia* spp.)
- Eriogonum (*Eriogonum raggai* or *jamesii*)
- Canadian violet (*Viola Canadensis*): **forb** for well-shaded north-facing slopes
- Pussytoes (*Antennaria* spp.) **forbs**
- Four O'clock (*Mirabilis* spp.)
- Common juniper (*Juniperus communis*)
- Kinnickinnick (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*)
- Willow (*Salix* spp.) **Requires substantial supplemental moisture on dry sites.**
- Gooseberries and currants (*Ribes* spp.)
- Velvet ash (*Fraxinus velutina*)
- Red-osier dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*)
- Alder (*Alnus* spp.) **Need for substantial supplemental watering likely**

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tance of state, federal, and private agencies.

Certified tree farmers receive written land management recommendations and a sign to post on their property, designating it as a carefully managed multiple use area. Certified members are also automatically eligible for cost share on certain land improvement activities through the Stewardship Incentive Program.

Landowners interested in joining the American Tree Farm System or in participating in the Stewardship Incentive Program can contact their local office of the New Mexico Forestry Division in Capitan at (505) 354-2231; or P.O. Box #277; Capitan, NM 88316.

We Want To Hear From You!

The Contributors to this publication value your comments and suggestions. Any suggestions or comments about this issue would be greatly appreciated.

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 Bernalillo, NM 87004

Or fax them to:
 (505) 867-2225

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- Developing inter-agency agreements so prescribed burns can be done on a landscape scale.
- Modify community ordinances that will promote forest health.
- Demonstration areas that show proper forest management and defensible structure space.

The Forestry and Resources Conservation Division also realizes that the whole forest as a system is in decline. To make a real difference to our forests our efforts need to be with everyone involved including federal, state and private entities. As we focus on this cooperation we will all benefit from the improvement of our forests.

New Mexico 1997 Forestry Camp June 1-6

By Peggy Ohler
Cuba SWCD

CUBA - New Mexico's youth age 13-18 have a unique opportunity to learn how New Mexicans use, care for and appreciate our forests by attending New Mexico Forestry Camp.

This five day outdoor workshop is held the first full week of June. Campers study tree and plant identification, how to use a compass and topographic map, search and rescue techniques, geology, stream ecology, fire in the forest and other topics. One day is spent working on a conservation project, such as trail construction, fireline cutting, building erosion control structures, and archaeological mapping. There are also fishing clinics, traditional crafts and photography, archery and hiking excursions. Evenings offer campfire talks, cowboy poets, Indian storytellers, owl hooting and star gazing. Campers' natural science knowledge is tested one evening in the Natural Resources Jeopardy Bowl. They also get to try their hand at hatchet throwing, match splitting, cross cut saw use and other competitive forestry games.

Forestry Camp is held at Rancho del Chaparral in the Jemez Mountains near Cuba, New Mexico. The 1,200-acre camp located along the Rio de las Vacas, provides an ideal setting with beautiful ponderosa pine and mixed conifer forests. Field trips are taken to the surrounding Santa Fe National Forest and other locations. Meals are served in the dining hall, and campers sleep in rustic accommodations.

Total fees for the camp are \$145 if registered before April 25, 1997. A few scholarships are available, and participants are urged to obtain sponsorship from a local business, organization or club. Only sixty campers will be selected based on information provided on the application form. If the opportunity to go to Forestry Camp makes you wish you were a teenager again, its not too late. Counselors at Forestry Camp are adult volunteers. Many are teachers and others are those who regularly work with kids.

Applications for campers and adults are available by writing the Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District, Box 250, Cuba, NM 87103 or by calling (505)289-3950. Camper applications are also available at State Forestry District Offices, Cooperative Extension Service Offices and US Forest Service Offices.

More than a dozen federal and state natural resource agencies, universities, and non-profit organizations with a natural science orientation work together to make New Mexico Forestry Camp happen. The Camp was founded is sponsored by the Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District.

Smokey Bear Park Home For Two New Bears

By Barbara Luna

Capitan - Smokey Bear Park recently received two new "Smokey Bears" to be placed on display at the Park. One of the donated "Smokey Bears", is a handmade bear by Robert Raikes. Robert Raikes was commissioned by the Forest Service to create 15 Smokey Bears to promote Smokey's message during the 50th Birthday celebration of Smokey Bear.

Raikes Smokey, is valued at \$15,000. The original presentation of this beautiful bear was held during the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta in October, 1996 in conjunction with launching the Friends Of Smokey Bear Balloon. A ceremony for the donation, was also held at the Park prior to the Artesia Balloon Fest.

The other Smokey donated to the Park, is a Smokey that was carved out of a 30-inch diameter Ponderosa Pine

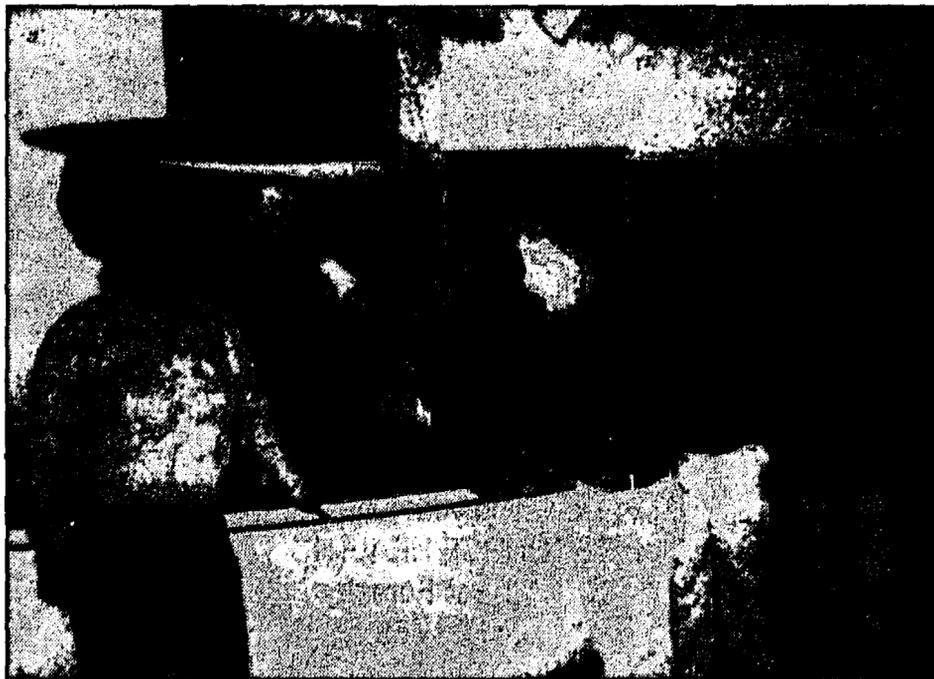


Doug Hebard, sculptor, working on his Smokey Bear Masterpiece

Raikes graciously donated one of these bears to the Friends of Smokey Bear Balloon. Robert Raikes has been a sculptor for 26 years and is famous for creating collectible bears, dolls and fantasy figures. He is known world wide and always incorporates wood in his creations.

The Smokey Bear he created has an intricately carved face and feet, the

log. A local sculptor, Doug Hebard, has mastered the art of chainsaw sculpting. This is his first carving of Smokey Bear, and his talents are quite evident. The six foot, three inch Bear was carved on site at the Park and stands with pride in the outdoor Ponderosa Pine Forest at the Park. Visitors are encouraged to come see the new "Smokeys". The park is in Capitan.



Friends of Smokey Bear Balloon donated Robert Raikes' Smokey Bear to the Smokey Bear Historical State Park in Capitan. Left to right, Park Ranger Eddie Tudor, Park Manager Larry Bandy, Smokey Bear Balloon Director and Pilot Bill Chapel, Smokey Bear Director and Scheduler Dallas Griner, and Carol Griner, Editor of Smokey Bear Balloon Newsletter.

Otero SWCD Targets County's Noxious Weeds

By Dan Abercrombie
District Conservationist

ALAMOGORDO - The Otero Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is addressing the growing resource problem of noxious weeds in Otero County.

Noxious weeds are beginning to spread and potentially create a major resource problem. Weeds increase production costs for ranchers, destroy wildlife habitat, increase erosion rates on valuable watersheds and reduce visual quality and appeal.

Realizing the economic and environmental consequences of uncontrolled spread of weeds, the Otero SWCD initiated the first voluntary noxious weed control program in the state in the fall of 1996.

The species initially targeted for control include Musk thistle, Leafy spurge, African rue, and Russian knapweed. Noxious weeds can be either native to the area or introduced. They are generally very aggressive, difficult to control, parasitic and can be a carrier or host to insects or disease.

The key to the success of this project is the grass roots approach. The Otero SWCD is coordinating the project through a local advisory committee made up of state and federal agencies and private landowners.

The key is getting the various agencies such as the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Highway Department to coordinate their efforts with private landowners to control the problem before it spreads.

Education, early detection and chemical treatment are the main strategies in addressing this problem. The Otero County Commissioners and the Bureau of Land Management have provided initial funding to purchase chemicals and begin a spraying program.

The Otero SWCD is also involved in other projects designed to improve watershed health. The district, the Mescalero Apache Cattle Growers, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs are working together on a long term conservation program on the reservation, affecting over 400,000 acres of reservation lands.

This program will result in implementation of conservation practices such as brush control, prescribed fire, water development for livestock and wildlife, and fencing for better grazing management. These practices will reduce erosion, increase water availability, improve water quality, restore plant diversity, improve wildlife habitat, and improve the economic viability for their timber, cattle and hunting operations.

Another high priority area is the Tularosa Watershed. The goals of this

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Forest Stewardship Incentives Program Good For New Mexico

By Rubina Valpando
Stewardship Coordinator

CHAMA - The Forest Stewardship Program was established with passage of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 (1990 Farm Bill) "To insure that landowners apply environmental and economic resource management principles to benefit themselves, future landowners and the public." The program is directed to give national priority to tree planting, tree maintenance and tree improvement. A five-year program was established which had the goal of placing 25 million acres of NIPF lands under Stewardship management. Other benefits include:

- building partnerships at the State and local level between and among private and governmental entities responsible for or concerned with the management of forest resources
- coordinating and streamlining natural resource agencies' assistance to private landowners
- leveraging funds from State and local governments, and the private sector to match and overmatch federal funds
- relieving some resource pressures from public lands
- improving wildlife habitat and protecting endangered species
- assisting landowners before timber harvesting to reduce environmen-

tal impacts and regeneration costs which will reduce the need for government expenditures in the long term

- insure all forest resources and uses are treated equally.

The New Mexico Forest Stewardship Program, (including it's sister program - the Stewardship Incentives Program) focuses on Non Industrial Private Forest (NIPF) landowners who are NOT currently managing their forest land according to a multi-resource management plan. In addition, it also focuses on landowners whose current plan does NOT already incorporate the stewardship principles. The Program encourages these landowners to actively develop environmentally sound management decisions for their lands so that ALL resources are properly managed. By maintaining a balance on the land visible rewards and a greater sense of personal fulfillment may be realized by the landowner, and future generations as well.

The "New Mexico Forest Stewardship Program" provides technical assistance to landowners and land managers interested in achieving multiple benefits from their land. The program also recognizes landowners who apply stewardship to their forested land. As a recognition tool New Mexico has adopted the American Forest Foundation's Tree Farm Program. The Tree Farm Sign will be recognized in New Mexico as "The Sign of

Good Forest Stewardship."

The Program is a multi-agency program which relies heavily on inter-agency cooperation. Each agency has an important role in the total scheme of the program. As also addressed in the State Forest Stewardship Plan, agencies involved in the program administration and support include the United States Forest Service (USFS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Extension Service, New Mexico Department of Game & Fish, Private Forestry Consultants, and of course Forestry and Resources Conservation Division.

The Stewardship Incentive Program (S.I.P.), which is the companion program to the Forest Stewardship Program, is a cost-share program and provides direct cost-share assistance to landowners for a variety of practices. In most cases the program will cost-share 65% of the project costs and the landowner is responsible for 35%.

New Mexico has adopted all nine nationally identified practices for cost-share assistance, these are identified below:

- SIP-1** - Landowner Forest Stewardship Development (which is the only practice cost-shared at 75 percent)
- SIP-2** - Reforestation and Afforestation
- SIP-3** - Forest Improvement
- SIP-4** - Agroforestry Establishment, Maintenance, and Renovation
- SIP-5** - Soil and Water Protection and Improvement

SIP-6 - Riparian and Wetland Protection and Improvement

SIP-7 - Fisheries Habitat Enhancement

SIP-8 - Wildlife Habitat Enhancement

SIP-9 - Forest Recreation Enhancement

Besides the Division having statewide program responsibility, it also has technical responsibility for SIP-1,2,3, and 6. Technical responsibility has been given to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for SIP-4,5, and 9. And just recently the New Mexico Department of Game & Fish has taken over technical responsibility for SIP-7 and 8.

The purpose of the Stewardship Incentive Program is to provide economic encouragement to private landowners, complement and expand upon existing forestry and conservation assistance programs, and give priority to tree planting, tree maintenance, and tree improvement.

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Debate Continues On Too Many Or Not Enough Elk

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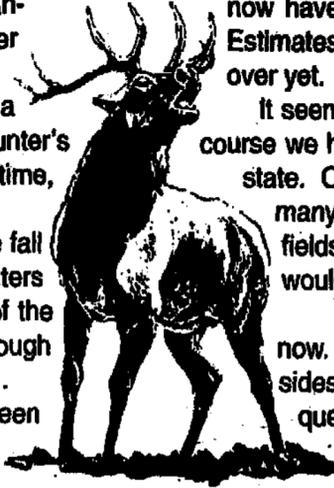
The hunter freezes as he hears the long, drawn out whistle followed by the deep grunts of a big bull elk. He looks around to find a good hiding place. He locates a good spot with a clear field of view and crouches down. He puts a call to his mouth and sends out a shrill challenge to the big bull. He waits breathlessly until the call is answered.

After a few minutes he sends out another challenge which is also answered by the big bull, but this time the elk sounds a lot closer. The hunter readies his rifle and anxiously scans the tree line and meadow.

As the elk moves closer he can hear the brush snapping and then a ripping sound as the bull tears up a young sapling with his antlers. The hunter's heart is pounding and his breath is hard to catch. This is the thrill of a lifetime, a big bull elk coming into the call. Maybe this year the elk will be his.

There were a lot of folks out there having a dream like this during the fall rifle hunts for elk. Some even experienced this exact scenario when hunters headed into the rugged mountains of New Mexico this fall in search of the monarch of the woods. Fortunately, folks have the opportunity to go through this experience in our state, at one time it was very doubtful.

In 1874 trapper and guide J.A. Allen reported that a Mr. Mecham had seen elk in New Mexico as far south as the border with Mexico. He also spoke of having met with herds of elk numbering as many as 2,000 animals in southern New Mexico. The abundance was short-lived. Even though elk were given protection six years later by the territorial legislature, hunting was only allowed from September 1 through April 30 instead of year-round, elk numbers continued to decline. A combination of market hunting, subsistence hunting, competition with domestic livestock and an influx of people led to the demise of elk in New Mexico in 1909.



Fortunately, efforts began almost immediately to restore elk in New Mexico. In 1910 or 1911, the Bartlett Ranch (now Vermejo Park) bought 15 elk and placed them in a game park. The State of New Mexico started restocking elk in 1911 with the purchase of 12 elk from Colorado. Four of the animals, one bull and three cows, were relocated in each of three different areas of northern New Mexico. After this initial effort, many elk were transplanted over the years to extend their range and numbers in our state. The last transplant was done in 1967.

These efforts have paid-off for the state and the people of New Mexico. We now have elk roaming in areas that weren't historically known to have elk. Estimates show that we have about 45,000 elk in our state, but the fight isn't over yet.

It seems that we have two different points of view on the elk situation. Of course we have the hunter who wishes to see more and more elk roaming the state. On the other hand, there are some people claiming that we have too many elk. We receive complaints from folks that elk are invading alfalfa fields and eating from hay stacks which is definitely true. These folks would like to see elk numbers reduced in the state.

That's the position faced by the Department of Game and Fish right now. It is our job to try and develop a management scheme so that both sides are satisfied. A balance between hunters and landowners on the elk question is no easy task, but hopefully both sides can be brought together for the benefit of the resource.

Fortunately though, elk are back in New Mexico and hopefully to stay. This is good news for the person that wishes to experience the thrill of hunting for and bagging a big bull elk, they have the opportunity in New Mexico. Even more important, there are now elk roaming areas where they disappeared at the turn of the century, not only for the hunter, but for the camera buff or the person that just wants the thrill of hearing the call of the majestic bull elk.

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bors. If a genuine need exists for road improvements, there may be money available to do it through community block development grants or other programs.

-Support bond issues that are intended to improve fire protection services, improve roads, or strengthen access bridges for heavy fire equipment into subdivisions.

-Ensure that your address or road is clearly marked or signed so that firefighters can find you.

-Develop and practice a family evacuation plan for use when THE BIG ONE hits. Local fire departments can assist you in developing a plan.

Living with Weather

New Mexico's climate and weather patterns will not change either. Lightning, high winds, hot temperatures, and low relative humidities are a fact of life.

However, mountain residents can anticipate and recognize high fire danger:

-High winds can start as early as February and can last as late as May. Determining the exact time each year when the weather patterns which generate these high winds will develop is difficult. However, actual wind events are usually forecast well in advance. Tune in to local weather forecasts. Plan activities accordingly.

-May and June are almost always the hottest and driest months each year. Stay alert to changing conditions. Warmer and drier weather signals increased fire danger and more intense expected fire behavior.

-Complete all of the preparations necessary to make your home defensible from wildfire well before high fire danger conditions occur.

-During high fire danger, be in a constant state of fire readiness. Monitor weather reports.

-Handle fire with care. Keep informed of current fire restrictions (if any) and communicate this information to other landowners. Be aware of neighbors' use of fire during risky times and warn them of the potential hazard of their actions.

-Have the numbers of fire agencies easily accessible for quick contact in the event of a fire. Remain calm and give clear directions to a fire's location to fire dispatchers.

Managing Wildland Fuels

The component of the wildfire environment that individual landowners can actually change is the fuel loading. Both natural vegetation and processed combustible material can be manipulated to drastically reduce wildfire potential.

-Consider this case in point. The Chino Well Fire burned right through a subdivision. Quick action by fire crews spared homes and saved lives. But another factor contributed to the relatively minor losses to developments: most homes already had defensible space zones around them.

-Landowners can create zones of defensible space on their own properties by removing and/or thinning native vegetation. The National Fire Protection Association has recommended a minimum vegetation clearance zone of 30 feet around structures on level ground. As the slope around homes increases, this clearance radius should also increase, often up to at 100 feet or more. Fire prevention pamphlets will vary on the suggested radius of clearance zones, but the important point is to do something. At the very least, remove any trees that are over the top of the structure.

-Cleared areas can be replanted with fire resistant shrub and tree species. This publication offers a list of such species. Strongly consider native species for a replacement plantings.

-If a total clearance zone is perceived as to extreme by a landowner, they should at least thin out the vegetation. That is, remove excess trees on a property to the extent that there is open air (sunlight) between trees that are left. Some fire prevention guides recommend at least 15 feet of open space be created between the crowns (live branches) of each tree. This will reduce the fuel loading and break fuel continuity.

-Thinning the vegetation in additional areas outside the initial clearance zone is also recommended. Remember that much of the fire hazard can be reduced by removing the ladder fuels discussed earlier. This can often be accomplished by removing small diameter material or "thinning from below." Landowners often can keep the removal of their largest trees to a minimum and still effectively reduce the fire hazard.

-Local regulations or tree protection codes may also restrict the width of a fire defense zone or the extent to which trees can be removed or thinned. The Village of Ruidoso, with vital input from Forest Health Coalition of Lincoln County, recently revamped their forest protection code, making it easier for lotowners to remove trees. Ruidoso residents can now remove any tree less than 10 inches in diameter and can create a ten foot clearance zone around homes without the need for approval, a site plan, and a permit. Alto Subdivision residents can remove any trees less than six inches in diameter without prior approval. Again, thinning should be conducted in areas that surround any cleared zone.

-After thinning, prune the lower branches of the remaining trees and remove excessive shrubs, debris, and grasses to reduce ladder fuels around the house. Remember, ladder fuels are extremely dangerous because they give a wildfire a clear path to the tops of trees.

-Keep in mind that substantial debris or slash will be generated as trees are cut. If the material is left on site, it could actually worsen the fire hazard or create insect problems. It is best to utilize, remove, or treat as much of the material as possible. Hauling the debris to a landfill can be difficult or costly.

-Large material, such as the main stem or large side branches, can be used for firewood, poles, vigas, latillas, and even sawtimber.

-If the wood is to be used as firewood, proper storage in forest areas is essential. Freshly cut, green wood, especially material with known bark beetle infestations, should be covered with clear plastic until it cures to eliminate the spread of the beetles and other damaging insects. The wood should be cured after one year. The plastic traps beetles that are already in the wood and keeps other beetles from invading and reproducing in the material. The plastic also cooks beetle larvae by simulating the greenhouse effect and promotes a more rapid curing process. Remember, cured wood is a much more efficient fuel source than green wood.

-Smaller debris, such as twigs and foliage, can be piled and burned if weather conditions are favorable. A good strategy is to ignite the piles in late fall and early winter when substantial snow has accumulated on the ground. Local governments, such as Ruidoso, may prohibit open burning. Fire restrictions may be imposed during periods of high fire danger.

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ger by the New Mexico Forestry Division or by local governments. Call your local government agency and the New Mexico Forestry Division before you burn!! This could avoid false alarms and could provide valuable, timesaving information to fire agencies should the fire escape or become unmanageable.

-Woody material can also be run through a chipper and spread around the property. Local industries and programs are developing that will give you a place to deliver and deposit this material. This publication discusses some of these options, including the air curtain destructor which is a high intensity furnace for rapidly and efficiently burning woody material.

-Thinning will also improve the overall health and vigor of a forest area by reducing competition and removing trees in the worst condition on your lot. The New Mexico Forestry Division can assess the fire hazard on your property and help you determine which trees to thin out. Also, be on the lookout for "hands on" thinning workshops sponsored by local agencies or groups.

The majority of actions that small landowners can take to reduce fire hazard involves maintenance:

-Keep the area immediately around a home well raked of needles twigs and other woody debris. Likewise, remove this woody material from rooftops, gutters, decks, porches, and any other exposures.

-Keep grasses and weeds around homes well trimmed especially after such vegetation has cured for the winter. Cured grass is an excellent catalyst for wildfire spread and should be kept at bay. Areas where cars will be parked should be kept clear of weeds and tall grass so that fires don't get started by hot catalytic converters.

-Do not store firewood next to a dwelling or outbuilding. Locate firewood piles well away from structures. If dry wood is desired, build a separate lean-to for the material or cover it with tarp. Avoid stacking other combustible materials, such as wood scraps, yard debris, boxes, or building materials next to homes.

-Keep any powerlines on the property clear of branches to prevent fires due to arcing. Local electrical cooperatives should be notified when trees encroach their lines.

Remember that the home itself is part of the fuel available to wildfire. Anything made out of wood will burn, as well as plastics, insulation, rubber, etc.. Most homeowners don't have the time or money to remodel, but can take steps to make their homes more fire resistant:

-The roof is the most vulnerable part of a structure. Class A or Class B roof coverings are the most effective in terms of fire retardant properties. These include clay or concrete tiles, mineral-surfaced asphalt, mineral aggregate overlays, metallic tiles, or metal sheets. Tin has been used for a long time to protect cabin roofs from fire and recent techno-

logical advances have made certain tin products more aesthetically pleasing. At all costs, untreated shake roofs should be avoided or replaced!

-Roofing materials treated with fire retardant substances are also effective but must be re-treated periodically to compensate for weathering; pressure treated woods may retain fire retardant substances longer than other woods.

-Treat all combustible material, including wooden roofs, with fire retardants. A simple, inexpensive method is to apply high phosphate fertilizers to wooden roofs, decks, siding, eaves, overhangs, fences, and wood piles. Even cured grass and brush immediately around the home can be treated this way. Application should be done at least once a year since rains will eventually wash away the effectiveness of the fire retardant. The best time to do this in New Mexico would be in early spring before our dry, windy season begins and perhaps again in the Fall in between the monsoon season and the Winter snows. Properly-applied retardant makes the surface as fire resistant as a Class C roof according to testing done by the Texas Forest Service. This publication discusses the treatment process more thoroughly.

-Keep the combustible portions of a home well-maintained. A good paint job, stain, and/or sealant on siding, decks, windowboxes, etc., may also improve fire resistance.

-Protect features on the house that are vulnerable to windblown fire embers. Small-mesh screens (those with less than a half-inch of width between metal strands) can be placed over exterior vents, around porches, and under decks to keep small embers from getting inside and igniting the home. Fire resistant shutters can be installed to protect windows. Consider sheltering or boxing in eaves to reduce exposure. Place a screen or a spark arrestor around chimneys to prevent sparks from escaping and igniting a fire.

Once a property owner has taken care of their own property, what else can they do?

-Obviously, the more homeowners that do something, the more defensible the whole area will be. Lead by example. Neighbors will notice when you manage your own property. Explain what you are doing and convince your neighbors to do the same thing. Get the whole block involved. Organize a weekend cleanup event or a group thinning project. Sponsor an informational workshop for your neighborhood. Enlist the help of your local forestry agent.

-Stay informed on local developments regarding forest management and fire hazard reduction. This can be accomplished by Lincoln County residents by joining the Forest Health Coalition of Lincoln County. Consider developing a similar organization for Otero County or Eddy County.

-Support federal, state, and local programs which address the problem of overstocked forests, high fire hazards, tree removal laws, and the handling of large amounts of yard waste and woody

debris (slash). Federal, state, and local governments own the bulk of land that needs management and face the lion's share of the fuel reduction task. Local governments or authorities also control the solid waste disposal systems and face the major problem of how to deal with increased demand for slash and debris removal and treatment. Be fair in considering alternative methods or proposals for dealing with slash and yard waste.

-Support well-planned U.S. Forest Service thinning projects which are intended to reduce fire hazard, or improve forest health or stand diversity.

-Accept the use of low-intensity prescribed fire under favorable conditions and in appropriate locations.

-Support local government programs to improve or replace street signs in your community. Ruidoso recently renamed many of its streets to avoid duplication and confusion, and then installed signs that were more visible throughout the village. Since the Burgett Fire, Otero County has been erecting street signs and numbering homes in rural subdivisions throughout the county.

-Promote or attend public policy meetings regarding land management. With the rash of environmental appeals that stop even the smallest timber sales on federal land, it's almost impossible to get anything done. It's time the courts and special interest groups that don't even live here, hear the perspective of people in the virtual line of fire.

The current forest conditions and wild-fire hazards in the South Central Mountains are the result of gradual changes over many decades. Just as the problem didn't occur overnight, changes in public policy, landowner perceptions, and management decisions, will take time. Actual improvements on the ground will take even longer. Patient, well-planned, and coordinated strategies in dealing with the problems presented by the wildland/urban interface need to be developed and carefully implemented.

The Roof

The roof is the most vulnerable portion of a home to wildfire.

Every year, a news reporter interviews a California landowner whose house survived an October firestorm, while all his neighbors' homes burned to the ground. 1996 was no exception. The one common factor was that the interviewees had concrete tile or metal roofs.

When the firestorm hit, flames didn't burn right up to or come in direct contact with many of the lost homes. Instead, airborne burning material or fire brands from the main smoke column of the fire landed on and ignited the roofs of these ill-fated homes. Within minutes the entire roof was engulfed and the homes were lost.

The 1996 interviewee had even discussed his new roof with his woeful neighbors before the wildfire: "They all said that they ought to get one to, but didn't get around to it."

Landowners need to get rid of wood

shake roofs and replace them with a Class A or Class B roof. New roofs are expensive, but in terms of the potential loss of an entire home and the memories contained therein, a new roof should seem very affordable.

Examples of Class A or Class B roof coverings include clay or concrete tiles, mineral-surfaced asphalt, mineral aggregate overlays, metallic tiles, metal sheets, and tin sheets.

If replacement of a roof is just too costly, wooden roofs should at least be treated with a fire retardant substance during periods of high fire danger. High phosphate fertilizer can be liquified and applied to combustible roofs. This publication provides information on fire retardant application.

If you're building a new home, here are some important items to consider:

-Homes should be located in relatively flat areas away from hillsides or canyons. More than one access road should exist. Streets and driveways should be wide enough for two way traffic and should have turnouts to avoid traffic congestion. Road grades should be no greater than ten percent (that is, a ten foot rise over 100 feet). A looped driveway is more accessible. Septic systems should be located well away from roadways and should be well marked. No one wants to pull a large fire truck out of a deep hole.

In choosing building materials in new home construction or remodeling, less is more in terms of fire safety. The less exposed wooden or other combustible material, the better.

-Eaves should be enclosed and screening should be used on all exterior attic or underfloor vents. Overhangs should be minimized.

-Siding and trim should also be fire resistant. Brick, stucco, metal, and adobe sidings are also more fire resistant than wood.

-Small, double-paned windows or windows with thick, tempered safety glass are less likely to blow out from the radiant heat of a wildfire than large picture windows.

-Wooden decks, although aesthetically desirable, can increase fire hazard; non-combustible decking is recommended.

-Construction of homes on stilts or wooden pilings should be avoided.

-Fireplace chimneys should be built taller than the roofline of a home and fitted with a spark arrestor.

-Brick or adobe walls encircling a home can stop the spread of a fire.

Call your local State Forestry Office if you have any questions.

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project are to reduce erosion and improve water quality and quantity for the Village of Tularosa, irrigation users and recreationists. The project received a high priority when compared with other projects around the state. If funded, this would be the first watershed project implemented under the USDA's Environmental Quality Incentive Program of the 1996 Farm Bill.



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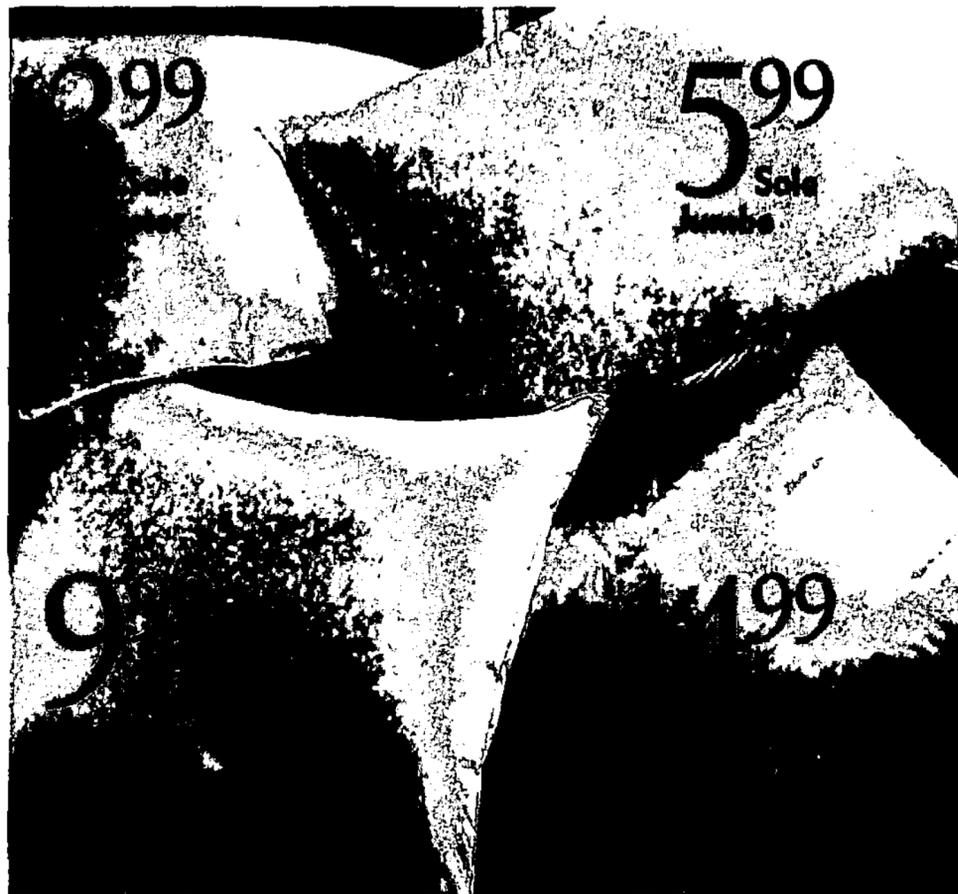
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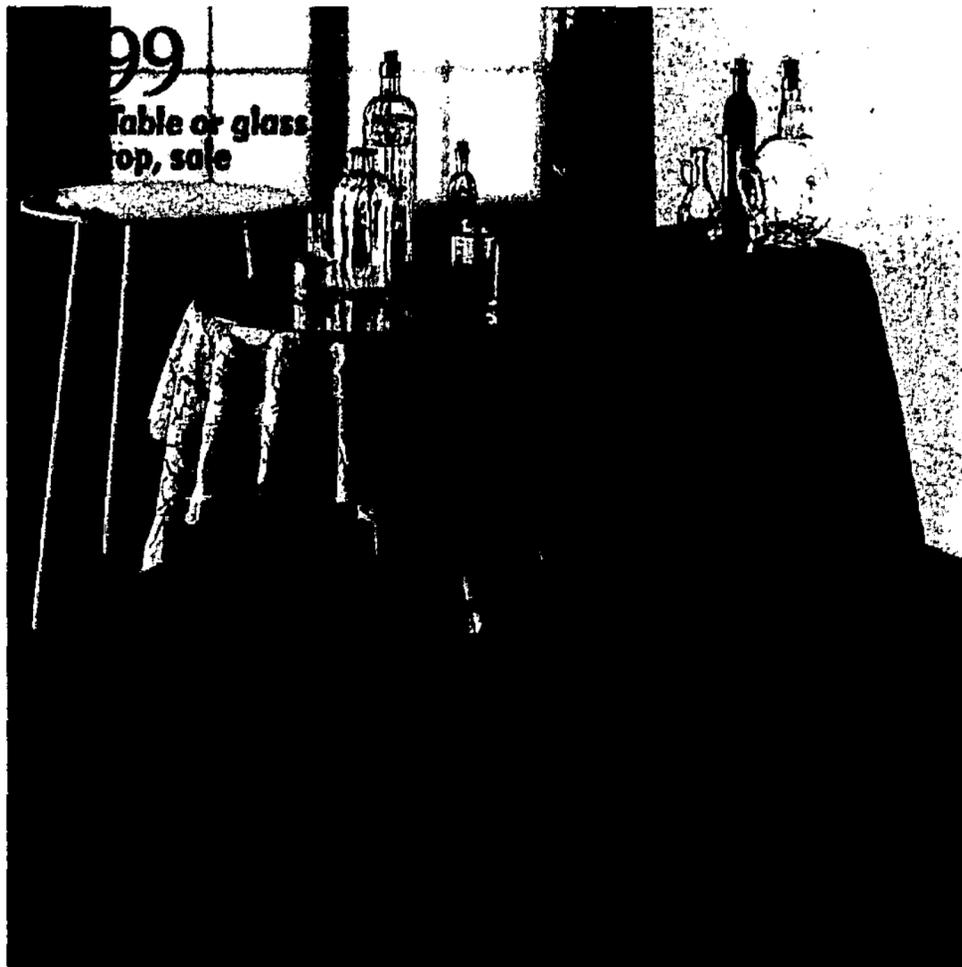
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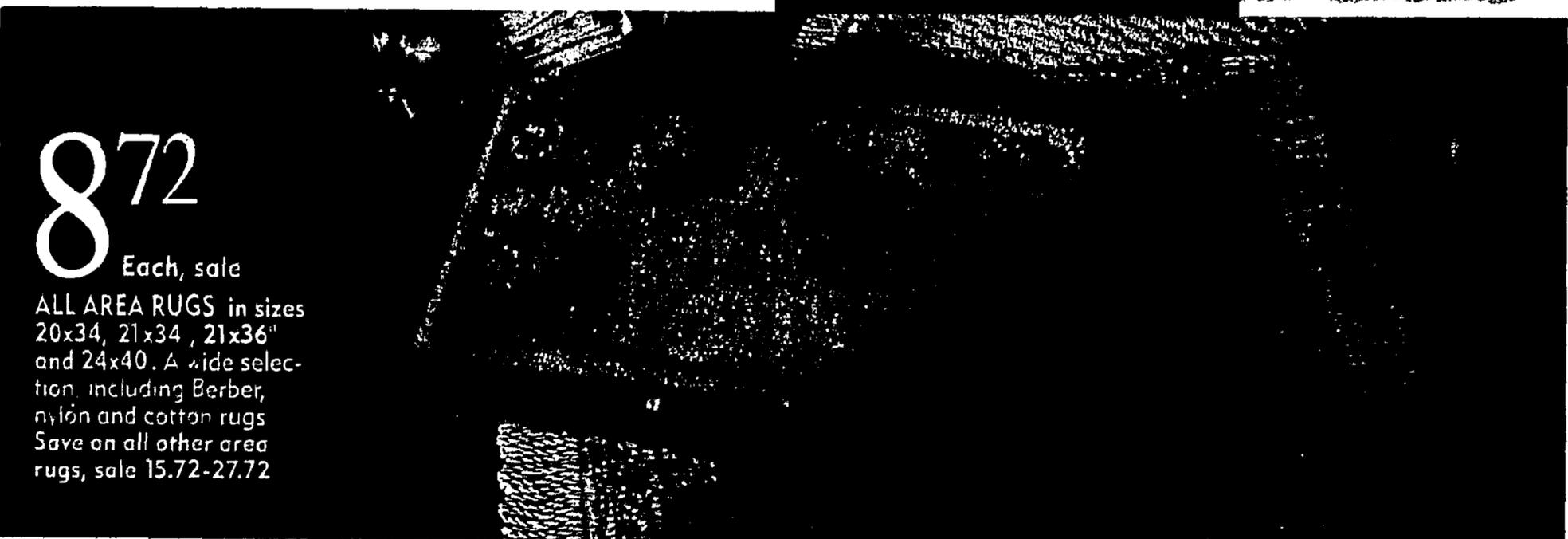


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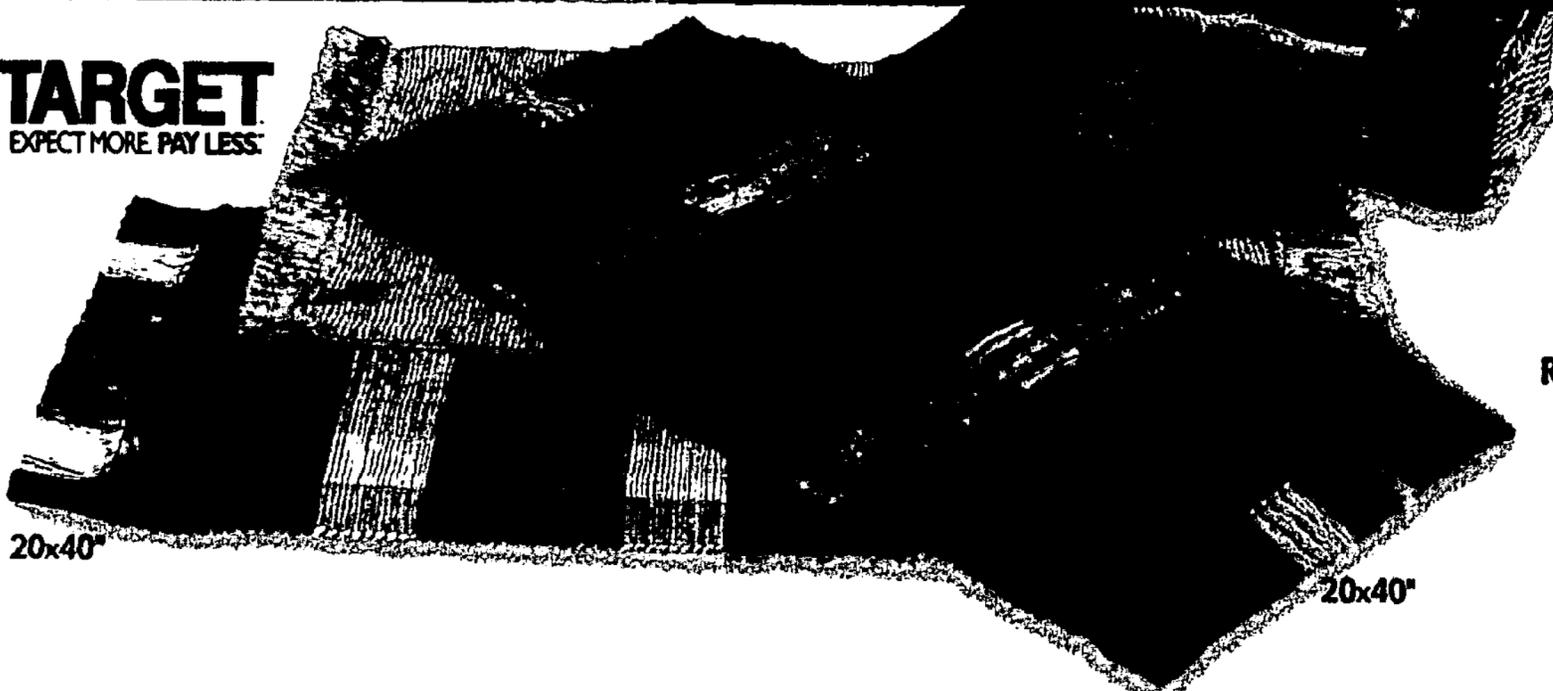


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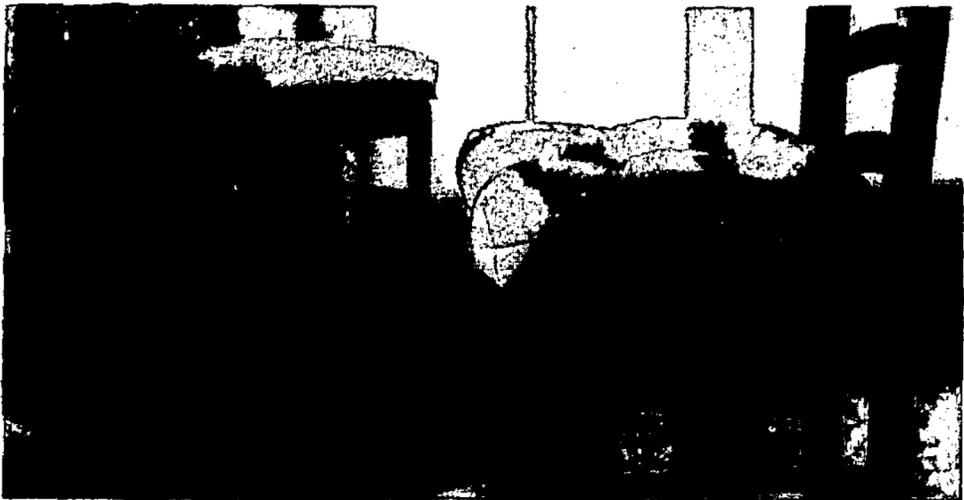
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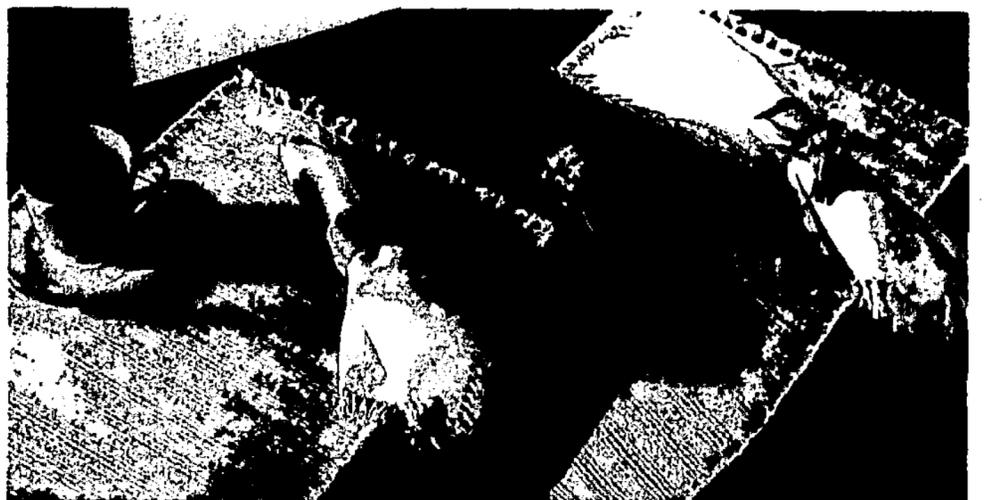
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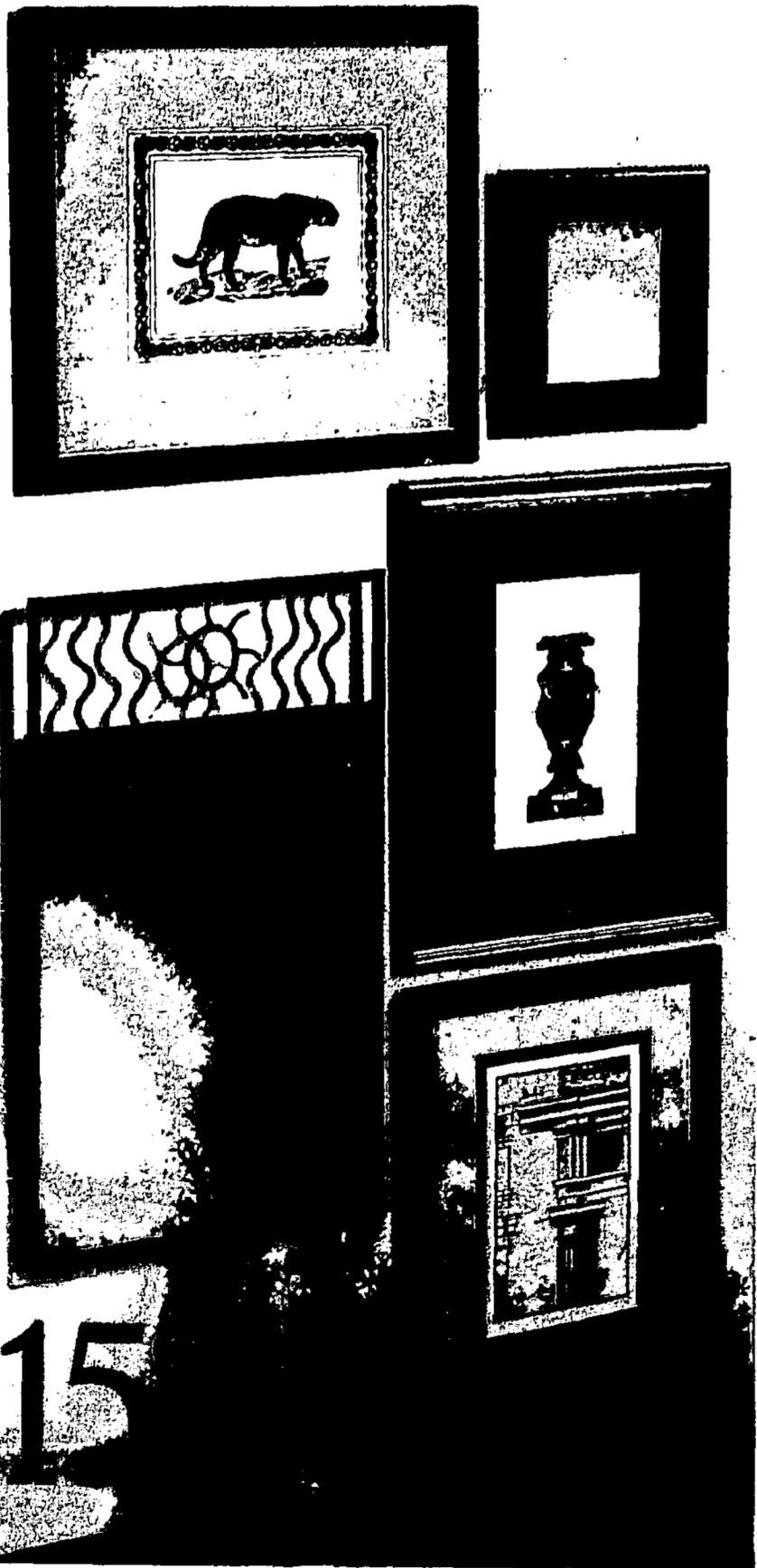


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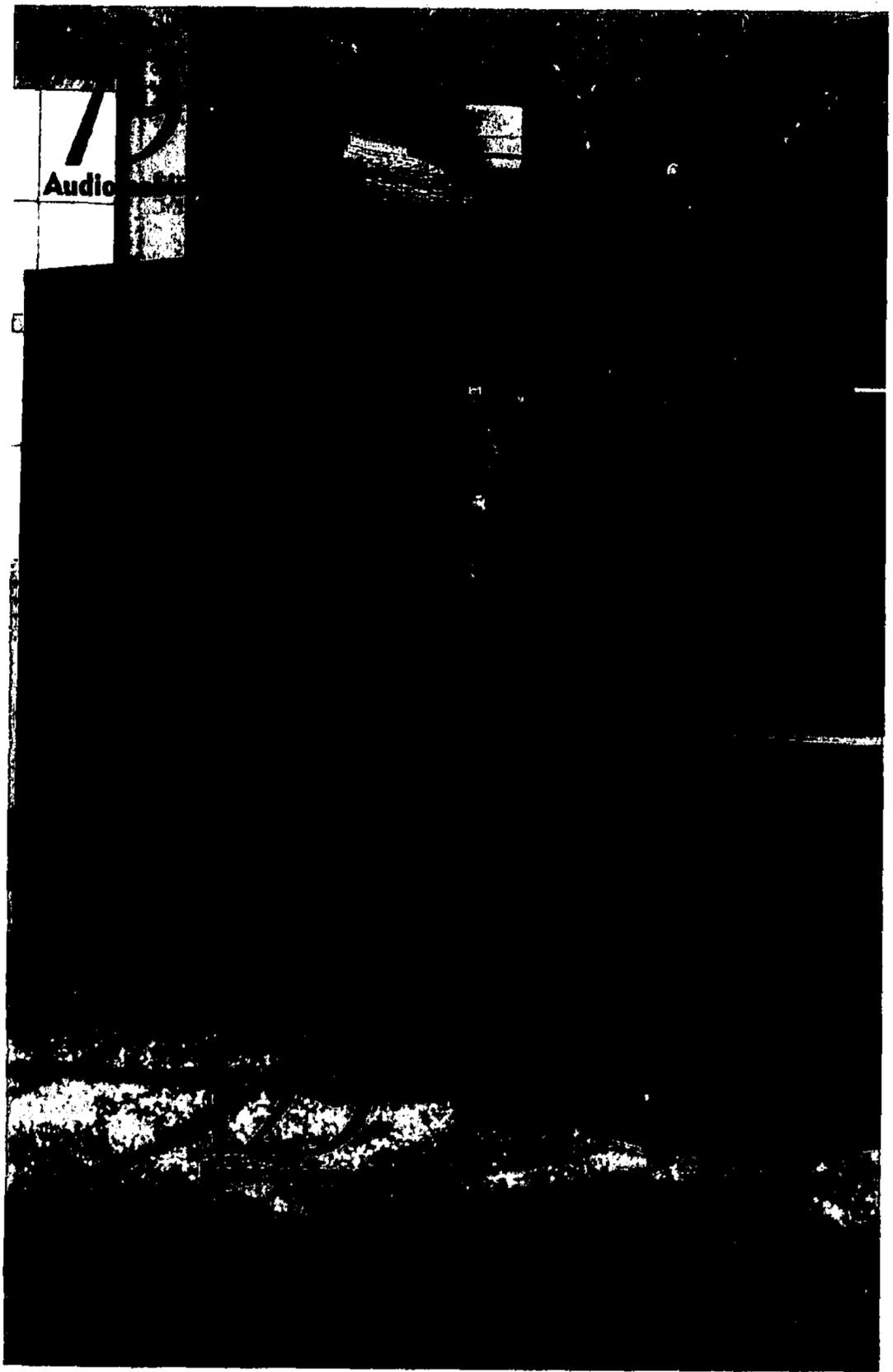
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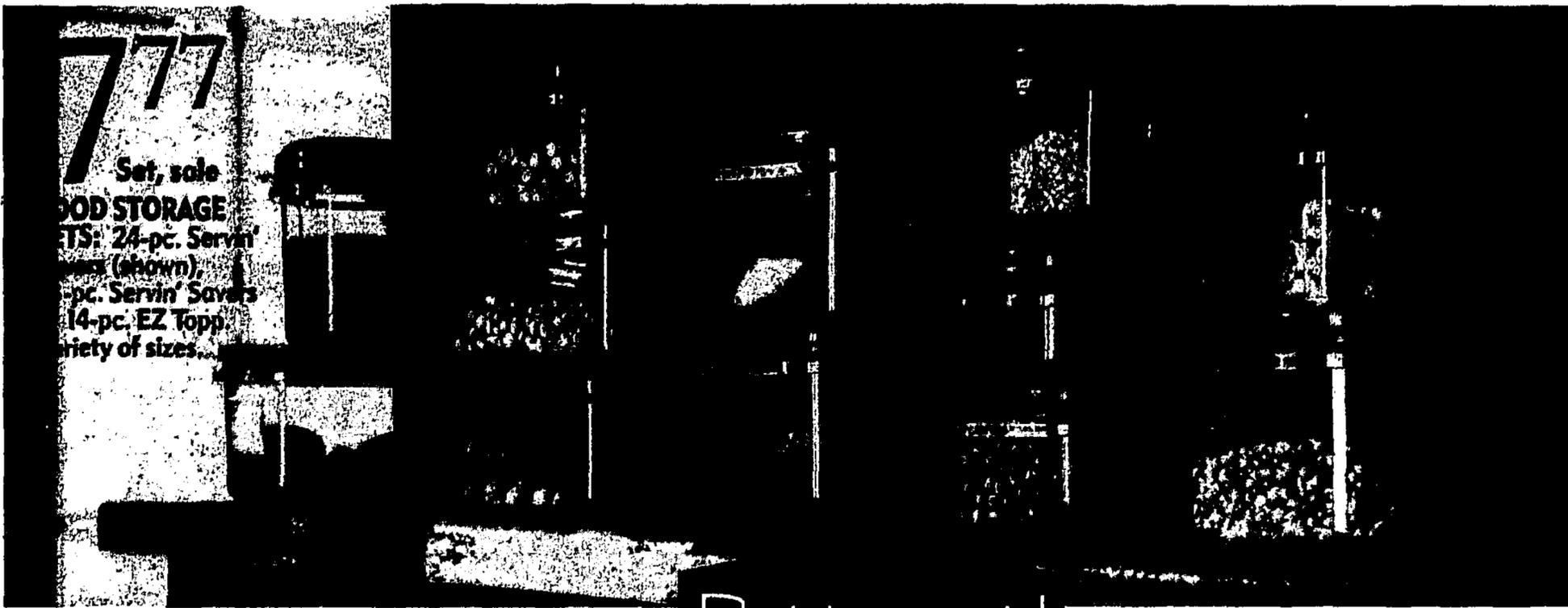
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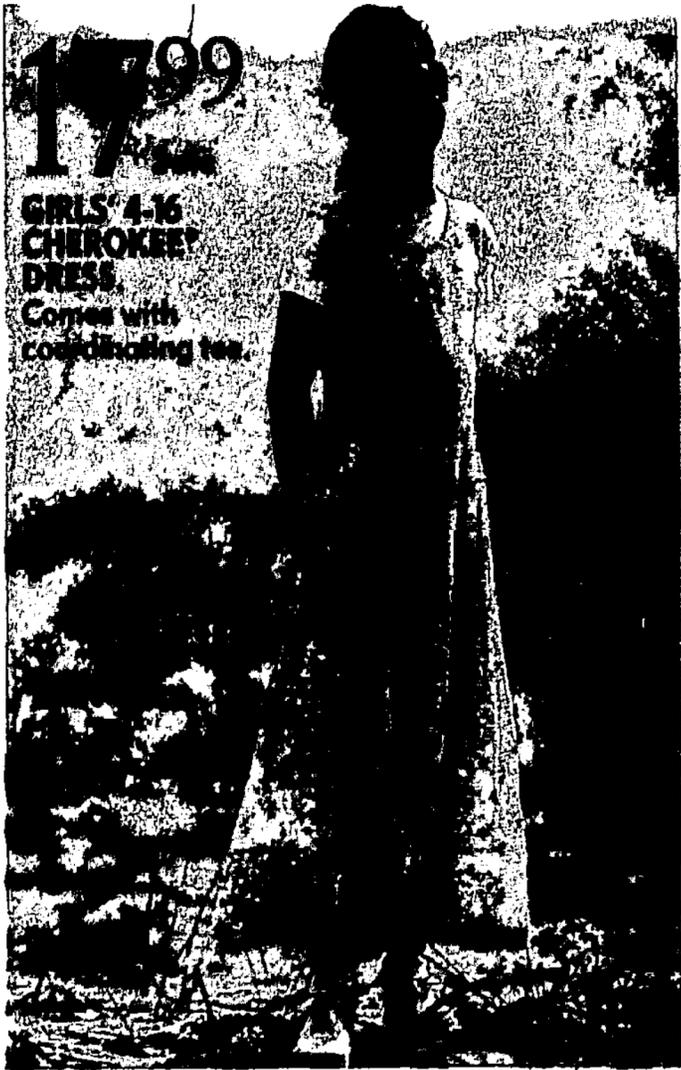
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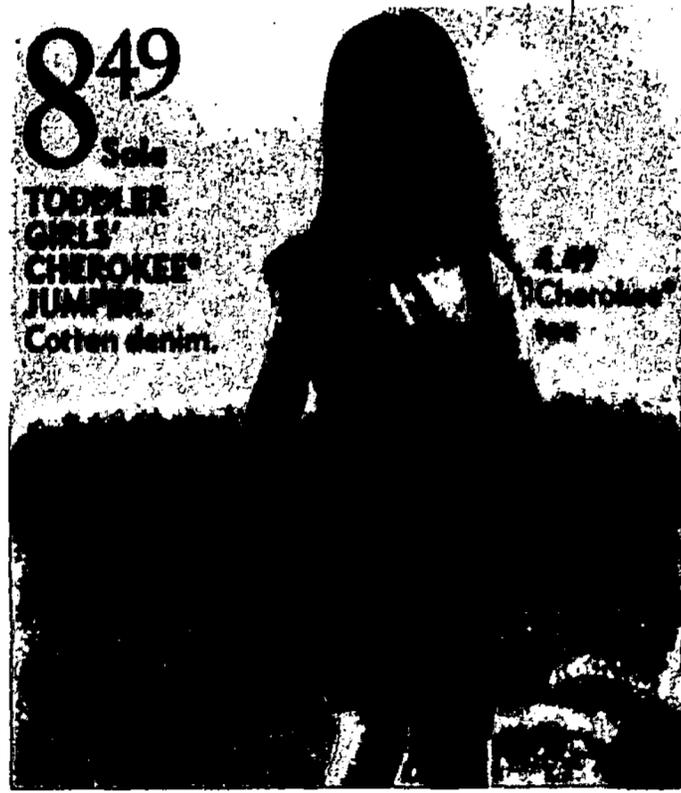
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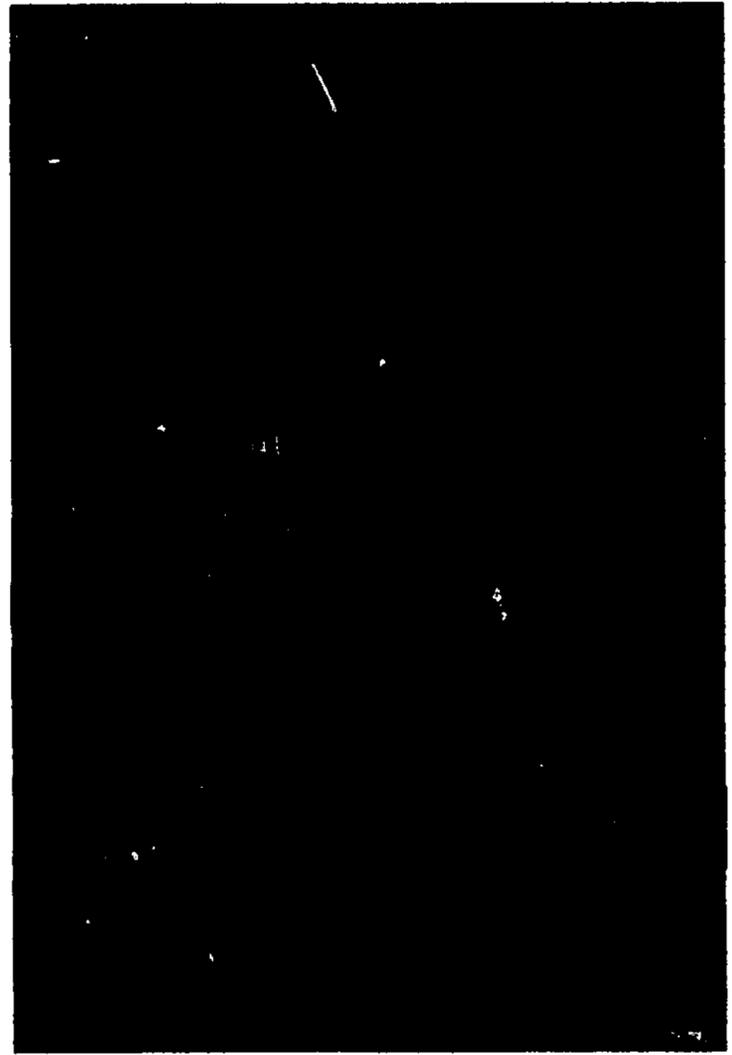
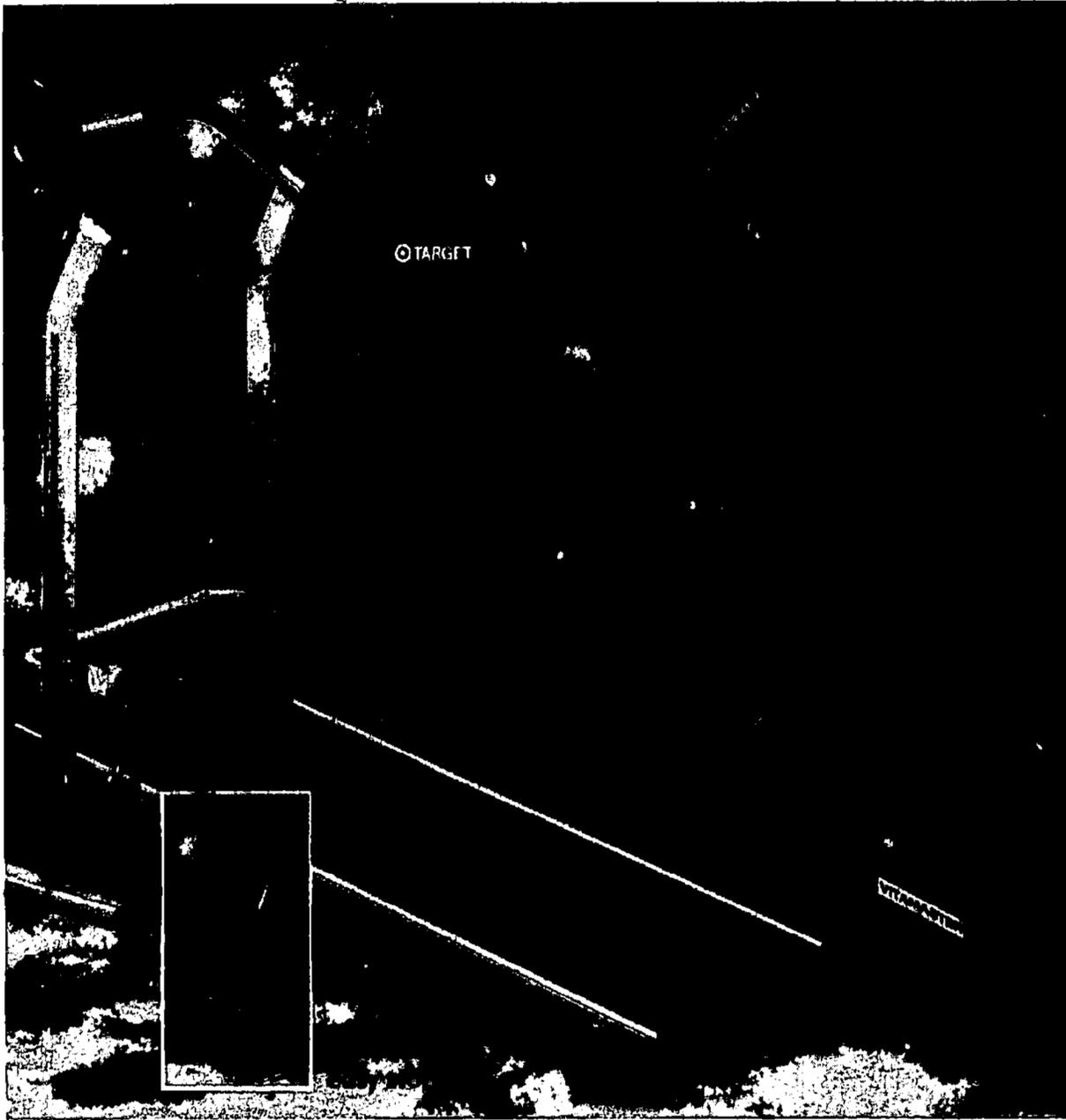


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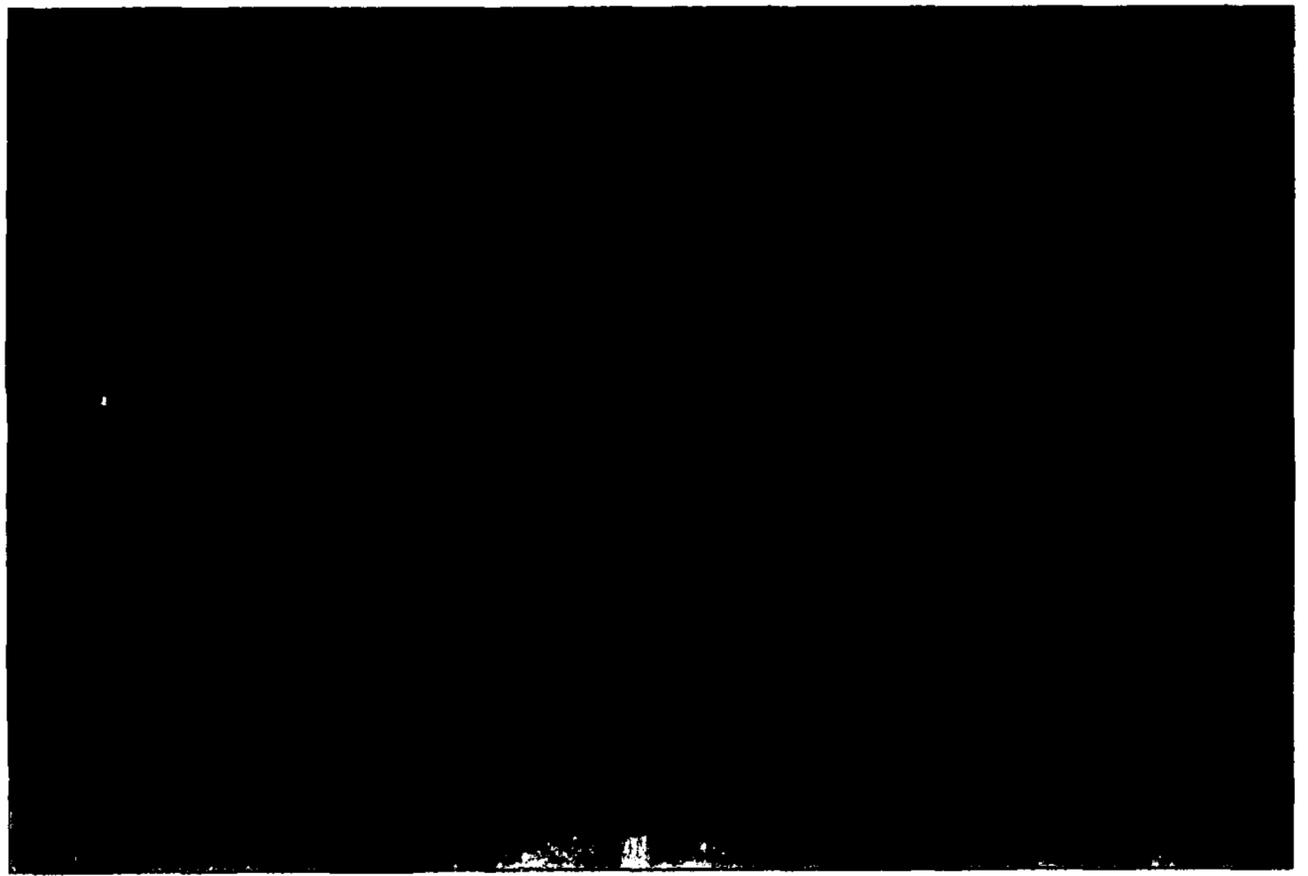
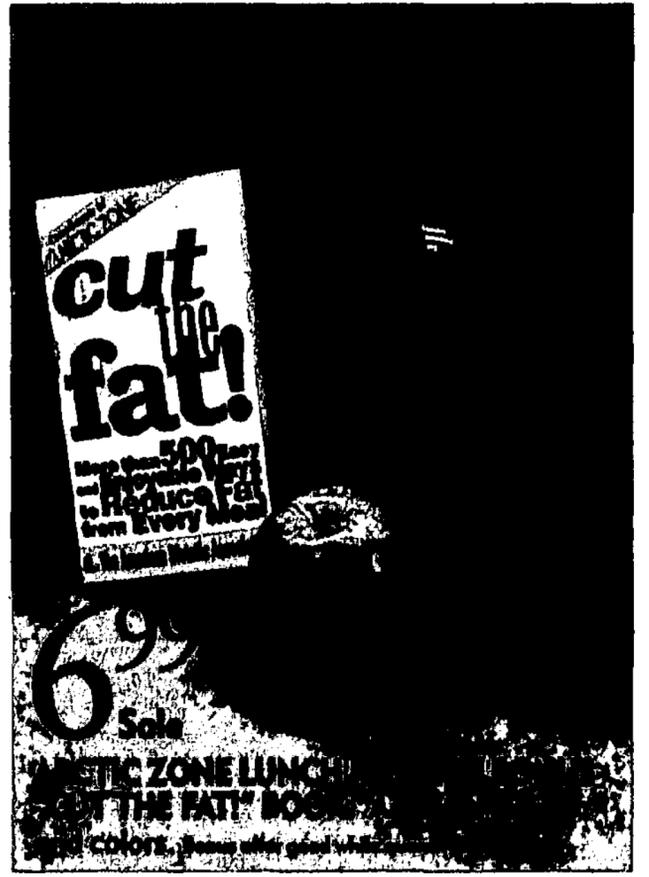
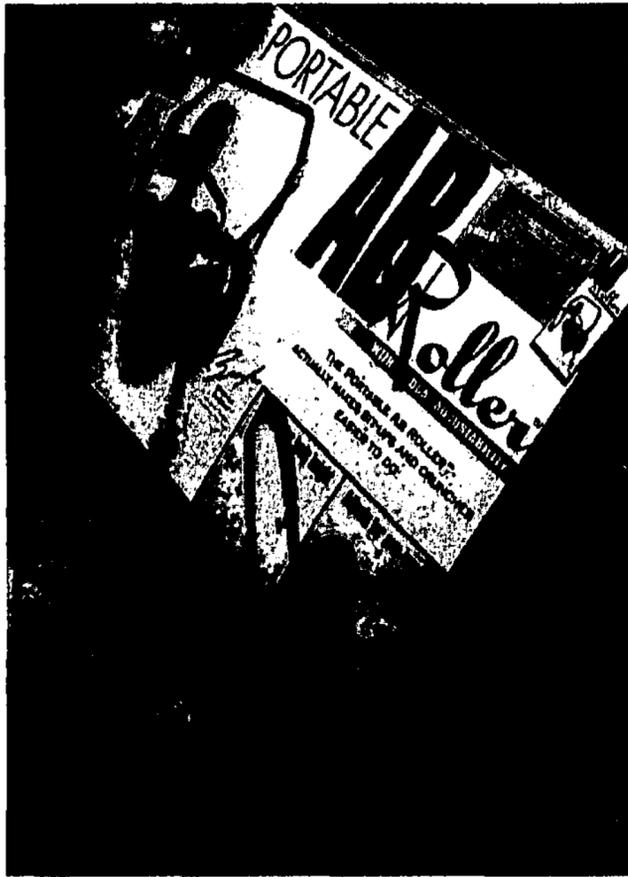
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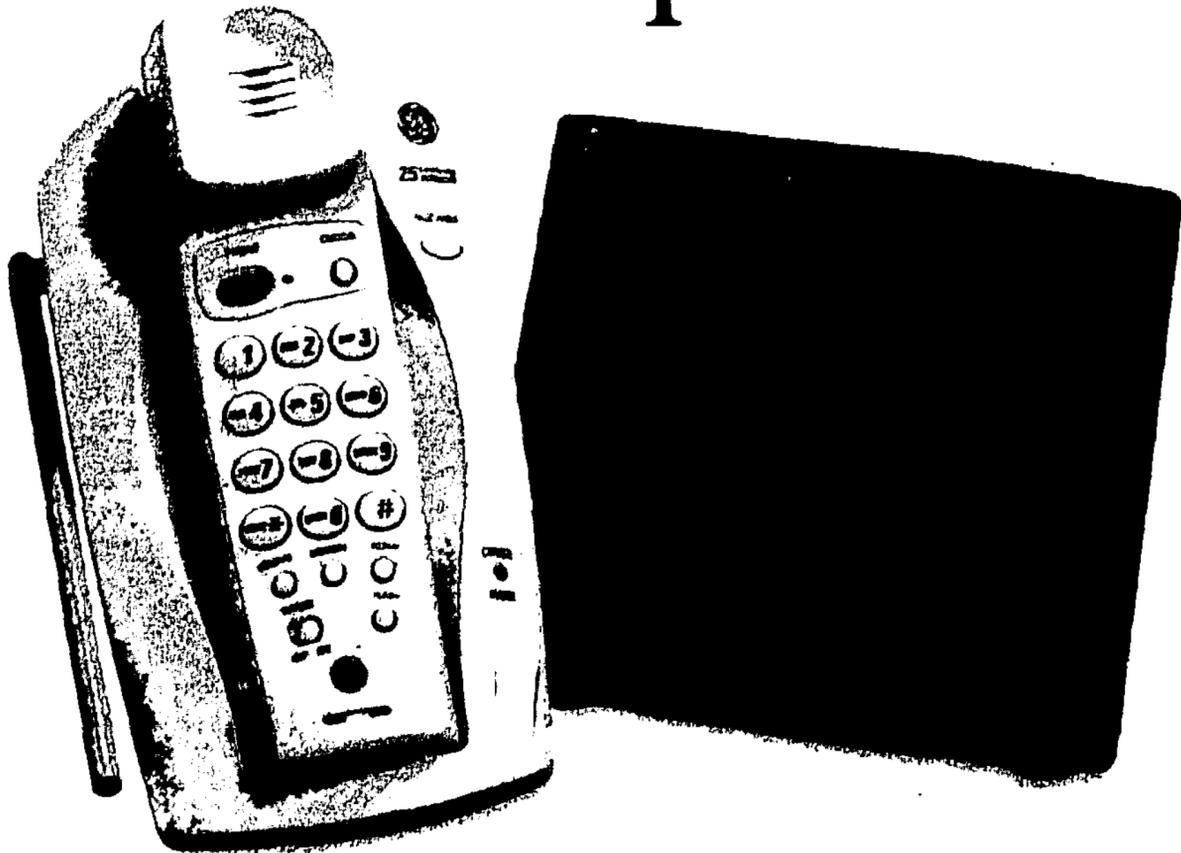
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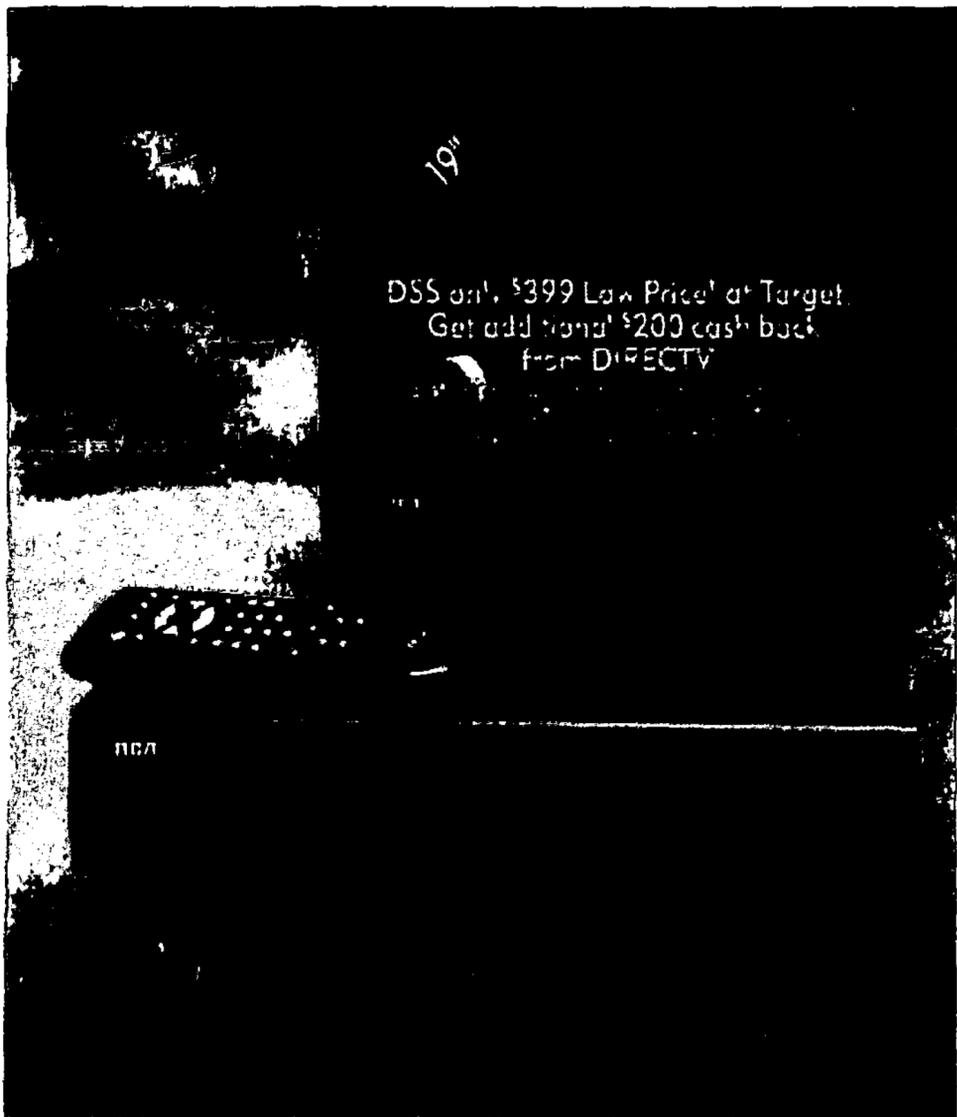
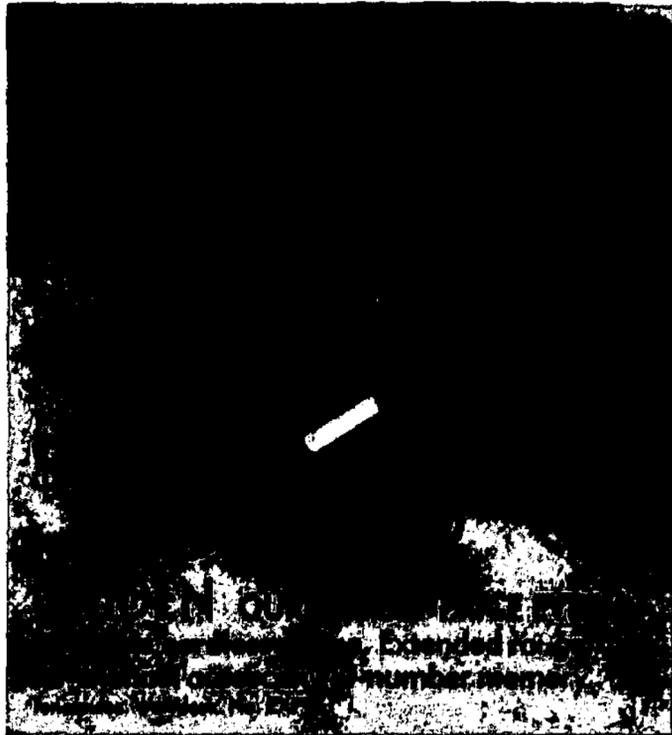


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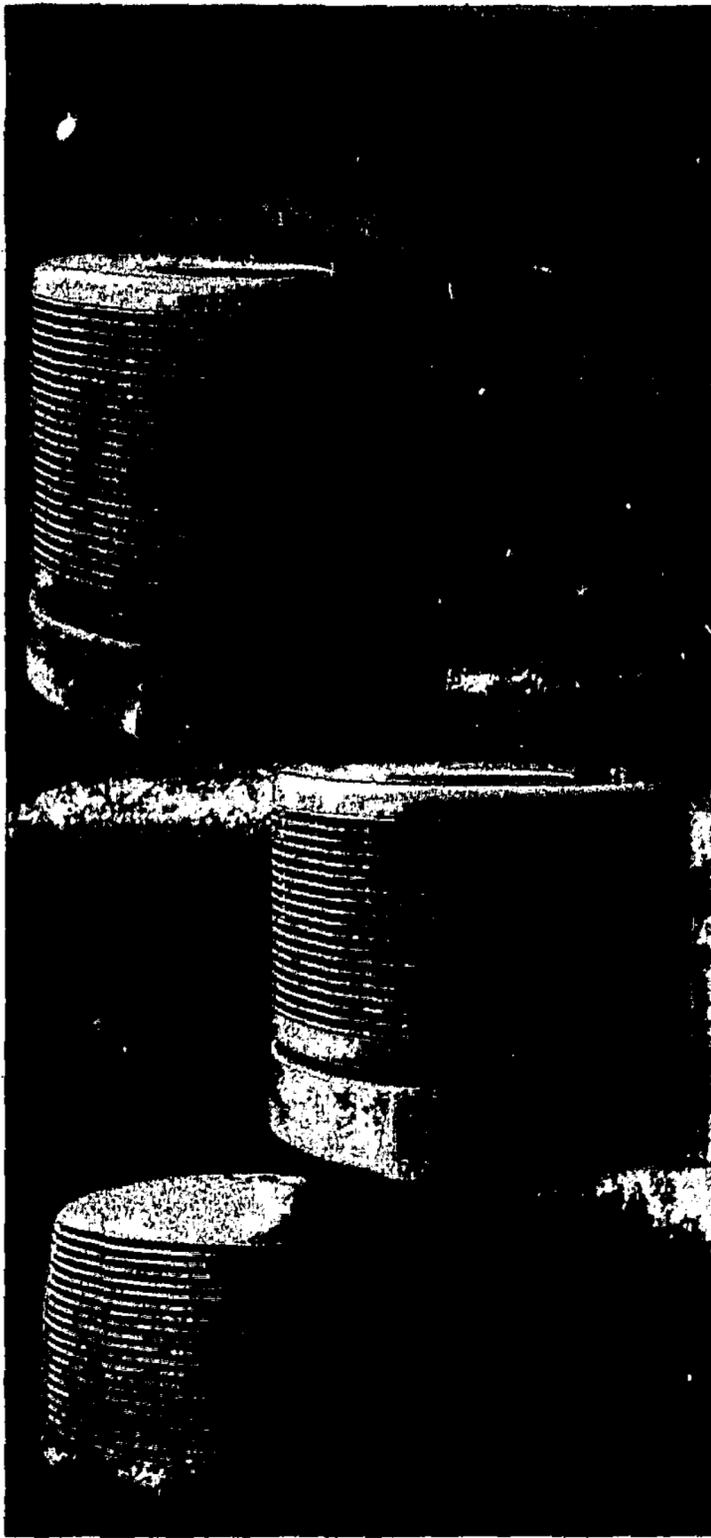
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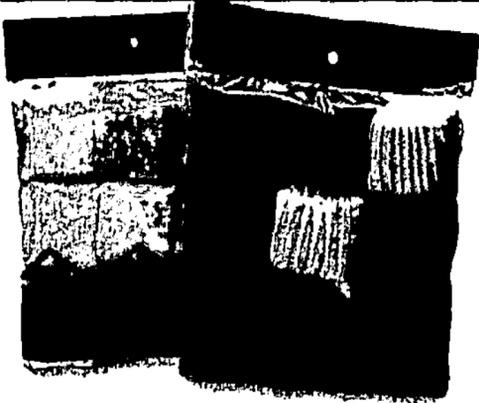


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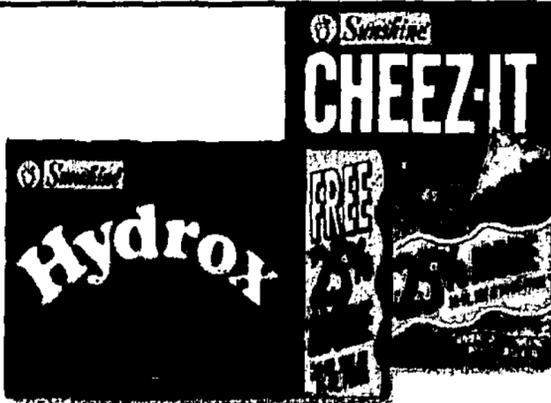


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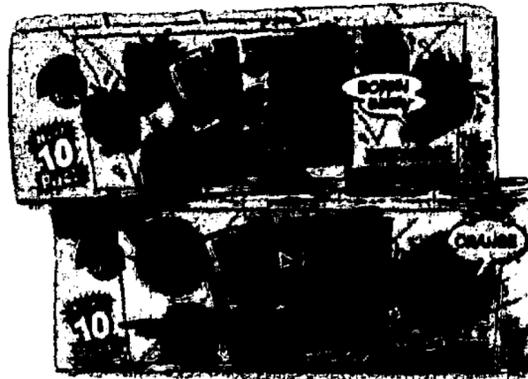


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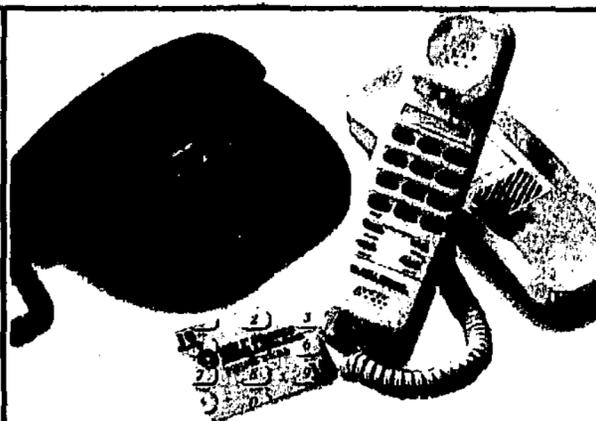


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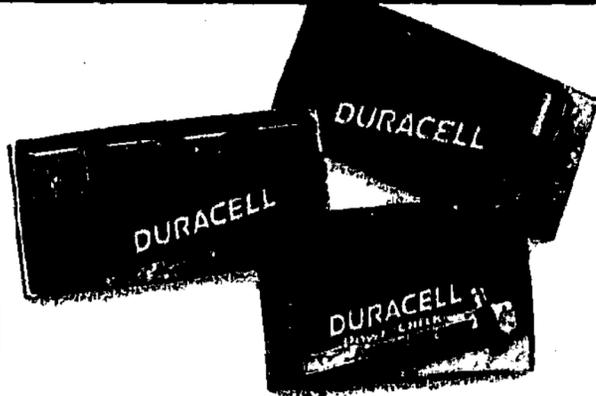
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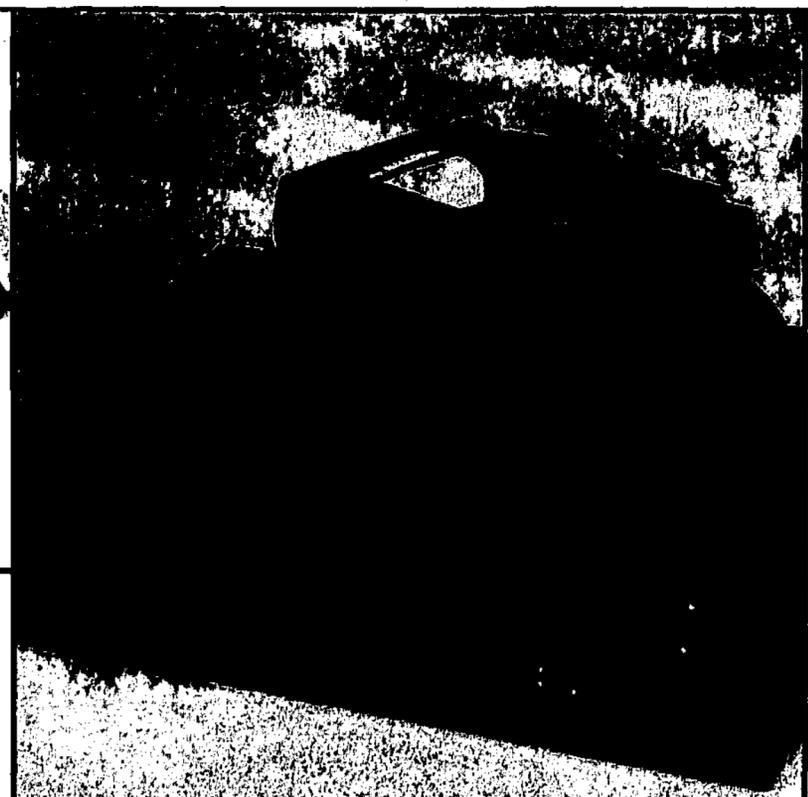
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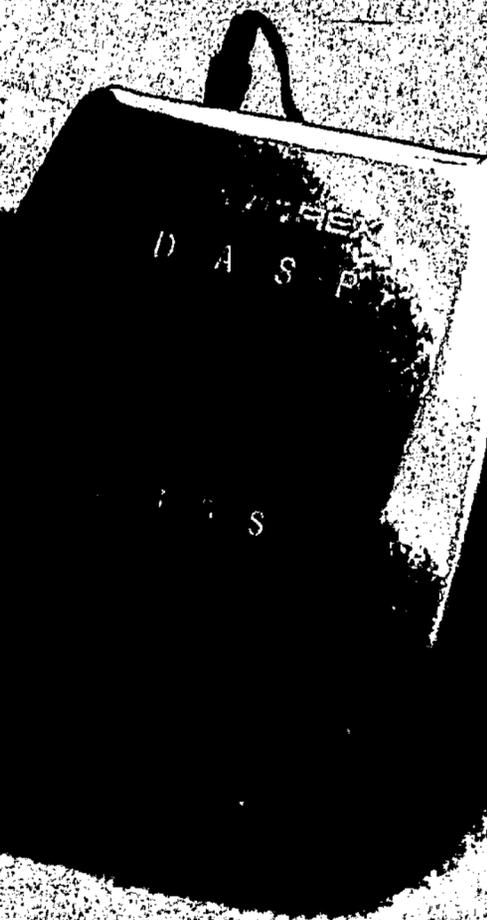
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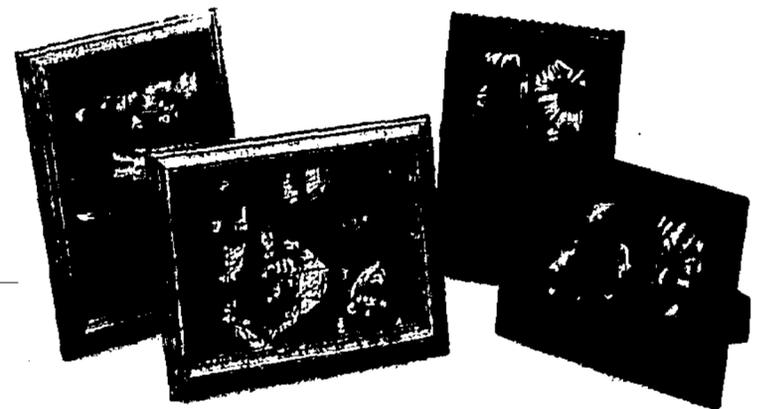
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