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Hustlin' Hereford, home of Valedictorian Jeb Skiles and Salutatorian Selena Varner

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## Hereford Bull

By Speedy Nieman

**That feller on Tierra Blanca Creek says one good thing about procrastination is that you always have something planned for tomorrow.**

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**One of our major problems these days is that take-home pay will barely make the trip.**

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**The annual Salute to Seniors will be included in special sections of Sunday's Brand. The newspaper has saluted the HHS graduating class for many years, and has included individual photos of the seniors since 1947.**

The special pages are made possible by our advertisers, and we print extra copies each year because many grads and their parents want the graduation issue as a keepsake.

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**Eugene Barkowsky, former** Hereford teacher, has announced his retirement this month after a 40-year career in education. He is currently principal of South Elementary School in Lamesa. He and his wife, Joy, who will also retire, have been in Lamesa almost 1 ½ years after moving from Hereford.

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**More than 80 million Americans** spend their working hours in front of a computer. Being glued to an office chair for extended periods can cause stress, even back problems.

The Chicago Institute for Neurosurgery and Neuroresearch recommends stretching exercises that office workers can do in five minutes without leaving their desks. Done twice a day and combined with hourly strolls around the office, the routines can reduce stress, ease muscle tension and strain, and improve circulation, says the CINN.

***Shoulder, chest stretch:** Reach behind your back and chair. Clasp your fingers together with your palms facing up. Slowly raise and straighten your arms. Hold position for several seconds, then slowly release. Repeat three times.

***Torso stretch:** Raise your elbows while keeping your hips stationary. Twist your upper body at your waist to the right. Hold position for several seconds, then repeat to your left side. Repeat each side three times.

***Chest stretch:** Place your fingers behind your head and squeeze your shoulder blades together until you feel tension through your upper back, then release slowly. Repeat three times.

***Shoulder stretch:** Stretch your right arm across your upper body. With your left hand, pull your right elbow toward your left shoulder. hold position for several seconds, then reverse arms. Repeat three times.

## Nine people indicted by county grand jury

Indictments were returned against nine alleged offenders during a session Wednesday of the Deaf Smith County Grand Jury.

Cosme Rodriguez Morales, 30, of Friona, was indicted on two charges, felony driving while intoxicated and endangering a child. He is free after posting bond of $1,500 on each charge.

An indictment for possession of a controlled substance, amphetamine, was returned against Jimmy Layfayette Lawler, 32, of Sunray. He is free on bond of $3,000.

A bond of $2,500 has been posted by Patricia Castaneda, 22, of 203 Norton, who was indicted for forgery by passing.

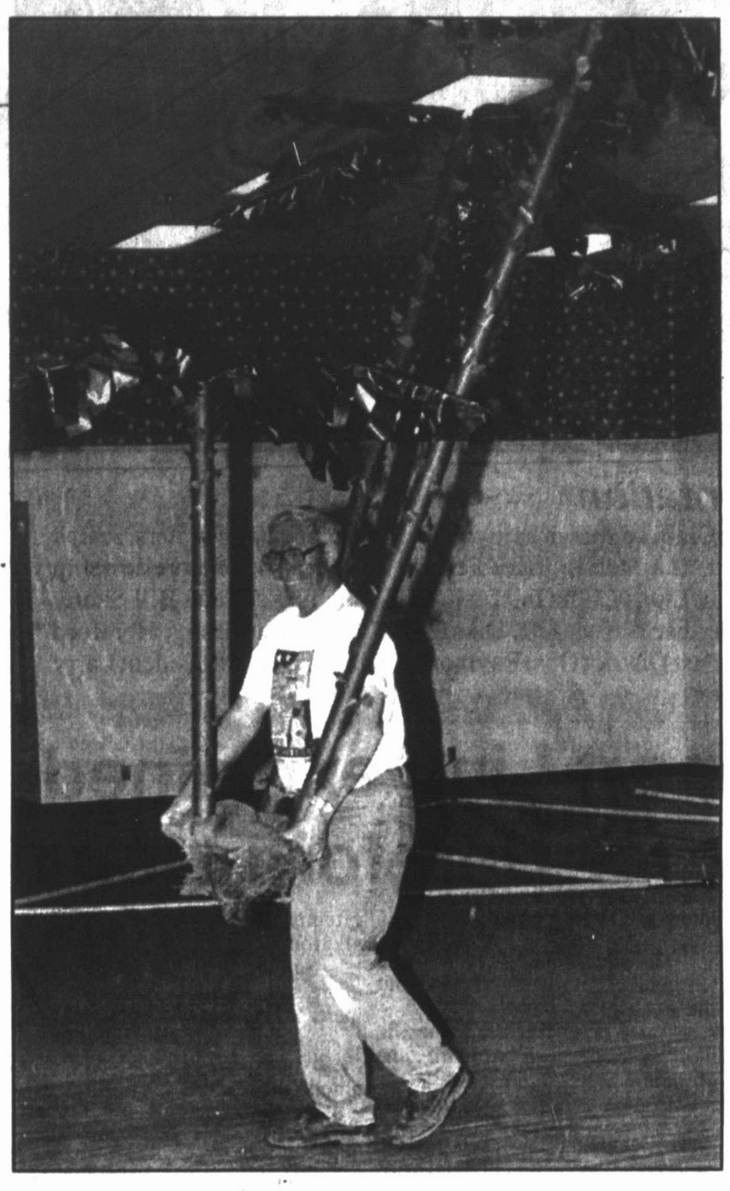
Jesus Jesse Coronado, 27, of 1003 S. Jackson, was indicted for felony driving while intoxicated. He posted $5,000 bond.

Indicted for felony driving while intoxicated, Albert Joseph Gonzales, 31, of 413 Knight, is free on $1,000 bond.

Antonio Bar... ...z, 19, of Rt. 4, Box 42GG, was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He is in jail, in lieu of bond.

An indictment for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was returned against Johnny Longoria, 17, of 515 Avenue H. He is in jail, in lieu of bond.

Santos Lamas Jr., 42, was indicted for forgery by passing. He is being held in jail in Altus, Okla.



### Tree toting

Tennis coach Ed Coplen carries a stand of palm trees across the HISD administration building banquet hall as he helps out with decorations for the Senior Banquet and Prom on Wednesday night. The trees are made from plow discs, PVC pipe and hangers covered in shiny plastic. In the background is a star-pattern border that is used around the top of the walls and surrounding a large Egyptian-theme mural mounted behind the head table.

# Dole's resignation hailed by Texas political leaders

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - Bob Dole's decision to quit the U.S. Senate to run for president full time was praised as "bold and courageous" by Gov. George W. Bush.

But Texas Democrats said it shows the Republican candidate fears voter discontent with the GOP-led Congress.

Bush met with Dole only a day before Wednesday's announcement, advising him to be patient and "forget the polls" that showed him trailing President Clinton.

"You talk about a guy who can keep a secret, he did a good job. I was amazed. I really was amazed," Bush said. "I've got to tell you, it's an interesting decision for a person to make."

But Bush, who Dole picked to serve as a temporary co-chairman of the GOP National Convention, also called Dole's action "a courageous political move."

"Obviously, the presidency is all or nothing for him," Bush said. He said it's a big plus for Dole to now be free of Washington and the entanglements of lawmaking.

"It's awfully difficult to act presidential when you're a senator. It's hard to talk like a president when you speak the language of the United States Senate," Bush said.

"This will give him a chance to speak in terms that Americans understand as opposed to filibusters and continuing resolutions and amendments."

But several Democrats said quitting can't separate Dole from the Senate where he has served for 27 years.

"I think Bob Dole has realized that his identification with Congress and with the Senate has been a detriment to his campaign," said Joe Cutbirth, communications director of the Texas Democratic Party.

"What has moved the public so far toward the president and allowed the Democrats to be in the mainstream is a dissatisfaction with Congress. Bob Dole represents that dissatisfaction," Cutbirth said.

State Democratic Chairman Bill White offered a similar assessment.

"His ideas and energy have contributed as much as anyone in Washington to making Congress the institution it is today," White said. "This decision should take the presidential campaign off the Senate floor, where congressional deadlock has kept America from moving forward."

Both Texas senators - Republicans Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison - praised their colleague.

"By his courage and skill, Bob Dole has earned a place in history alongside giants like Lyndon Johnson and Robert Taft as one of the great leaders of the Senate," Gramm said.

# *Hereford 'Community Hero' Hamilton set to carry torch*

Hereford's own Community Hero Paul Hamilton has received his marching orders and is preparing to leave for the Dallas area this weekend to take part in the historic Olympic torch run.

Hamilton, selected as a Community Hero as part of a nationwide search for individuals to carry the Olympic Flame to the Atlanta Games this summer, has been informed by 1996 Olympic Torch Relay officials that he will run in Arlington on Monday, May 20.

The Community Heroes were chosen in conjunction with the United Way, which used local affiliates to seek individuals who had contributed in significant ways to their hometowns.

Hamilton, a captain in the Hereford Volunteer Fire Department, was nominated for the honor by Alva Lee Peeler for his heroism in rescuing Mrs. Peeler and her grandchild during a house fire in their home two years ago.

According to information supplied to Hamilton, he will report to a Shuttle Collection Point in Arlington at 10:30 a.m. on Monday.

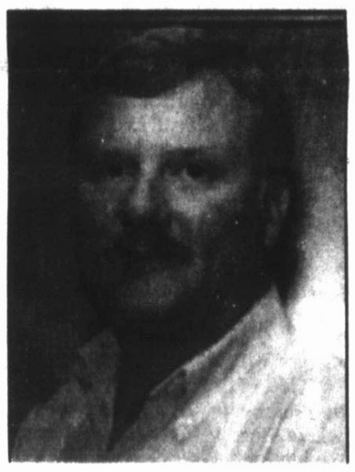
Hamilton -- known as runner 24063 -- will carry a special commemorative torch bearing the official Olympic Flame through the streets of Arlington at 11:50 a.m.

He will pick up the flame at Division Street and Southeast 28th Street and run one kilometer to a bridge clearance sign on Division Street, where he will pass the torch to another runner.

As a torch bearer, Hamilton will be provided with an official 1996 Olympic Torch Relay uniform, which includes shorts, T-shirt and socks.

Hamilton said he has already received some recognition as a torch bearer.

Last week, Texans chosen to carry the torch were honored in Arlington with a barbecue and visit to a Texas Rangers game, where they were introduced to the crowd on the field before the game.



PAUL HAMILTON

# *High-tech equipment searching Everglades for plane's black box*

By JOHN HENDREN
AP Business Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) - Toting a sensitive listening device in a small boat, two workers from Oceaneering International Inc. have been listening all week for a "ping" to be emitted from ValuJet Flight 592's missing black box.

The company's underwater searches have turned up clues to the Challenger space shuttle disaster and unraveled a high-seas murder plot. Now it is using the same technology to locate the flight recorder that may contain the last words spoken in the cockpit before Saturday's crash killed 110 people in the Florida Everglades.

In previous jobs, Oceaneering recovered a Navy test torpedo 5,400 feet underwater, but this is the first time the workers have had to work with the grass-clogged waters of the Everglades.

"You're in a swamp, it's knee deep, and motoring yourself through that is difficult," said Craig Bagley, director of operations for Oceaneering's underwater search division. "We've got brackish water, we've got a peat-like sediment and we've got grasses down there, and all of those things are working against us."

Even if the battery in the hydrophonic listening device works - a relatively new one should last 30 days - grass and mud can mute the signal.

In the Everglades, workers can spend an hour going over a 30-square-foot patch, making sure the hand-held "pinger detector" they use scans every inch. By comparison, Oceaneering uses a minivan-sized remote-controlled ocean exploring machine to cover 80 square miles of sea a day.

If that doesn't work, Oceaneering could be called on to use sonar equipment to create a map of the Everglades' murky swamp floor.

The recovery of a cockpit voice recorder often sheds light on the cause of airline accidents.

Oceaneering workers turned up a black box off the coast of the Dominican Republic that revealed the Feb. 6 crash of a Turkish 757 was in part caused by the crew's confusion over conflicting instrument readings.

The company acts as a kind of underwater detective, finding lost items such as the solid rocket boosters that failed the Challenger.

The Upper Marlboro, Md.-based division performs water salvage operations for Oceaneering, taking in roughly a third of the Houston-based company's $277 million in annual sales.

The company is no stranger to high-profile cases.

Oceaneering workers saved an insurance company $18 million when an Austrian socialite filed a claim for a uranium processing mill that was supposedly lost on board the freighter Lucona when it sank in 1977 in the Indian Ocean.

Using a remote camera on an unmanned vehicle 14,000 feet underwater, workers showed that the "mill" was only scrap metal and that the explosion was intentional. Udo Proksch was convicted in 1990 of murdering the six crew members who died in the sinking.

The United Kingdom is now using evidence gathered by Oceaneering that the company says suggests the biggest single shipping casualty in British history may have been caused by the cracking of the Derbyshire's weak hull, rather than a typhoon, as a 1987 government investigation concluded.

The 1980 sinking killed 44 people.

It's not all life-and-death investigations. Oceaneering designed the mechanical sharks on the "Jaws" ride at Universal Studios' Florida theme park. And the company's two other divisions help oil companies inspect and maintain their offshore platforms and develop marginal oil deposits.

# Budget votes set on three plans

WASHINGTON (AP) - House Republicans preparing to vote on their 1997 budget plan say they're determined to make the federal checkbook balance because the American people are demanding it. Democrats insist the GOP approach cuts taxes too much and slashes welfare and other social programs.

A vote was expected today on three versions of the next fiscal year's budget: the GOP plan likely to pass; President Clinton's proposal; and a middle-ground approach offered by Republican and Democratic moderates. The Senate hoped to finish work on parallel legislation by the end of the week.

The Republican plan seeks to find some $700 billion in savings over six years, including $158 billion from Medicare, $72 billion from Medicaid, and about $70 billion from welfare and the earned income tax credit for low-wage earners.

It also provides $122 billion for a permanent $500-per-child tax credit.

Clinton has praised Republicans for moving closer to his positions in some areas, but says the savings and tax cut are still more than he wants.

Unlike the GOP balanced budget act that Clinton vetoed in December, the bill being debated in the House and Senate is in the form of a resolution and does not require the president's signature.

The legislative blueprint must be followed up with separate bills making the specific tax and spending changes necessary to carry out the plan.



### Pyramid builders

Volunteers helping decorate the HISD administration building banquet hall for the upcoming Senior Banquet and Prom work to lift a PVC pipe frame into place in one corner of the hall Wednesday night. The frame was later covered with gold plastic to represent a pyramid, keeping in line with the overall theme of "Evening on the Nile." The banquet will be held on Friday, with the prom set for Saturday. See related photo, Page 8.

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# Local Roundup

## Another record falls

Hereford recorded its second consecutive 100-degree high on Wednesday, breaking the previous record of 98 degrees, according to KPAN Radio. The overnight low Thursday was 62 degrees. For tonight, skies will be clear, with a low in the lower 60s. Southwest winds will be 10-15 mph. Friday, skies will be sunny and the high will once again reach 95 to 100 degrees. Southwest winds will be at 10-20 mph.

# News Digest

AUSTIN - Bob Dole's decision to quit the U.S. Senate to run for president full time was praised as "bold and courageous" by Gov. George W. Bush. But Texas Democrats said it shows the Republican candidate fears voter discontent with the GOP-led Congress.

FORT WORTH - North Texas air traffic controllers got a 40-year leap in technology with a recently installed communications system that will reduce errors and enhance air safety, federal aviation officials said. The system was unveiled Wednesday.

FORT WORTH - The female captain should not become the focus of ValuJet Flight 592, say members of a group of pilots who encourage women to pursue careers in aviation. "We're all pilots first," Gail Redden, a seven-year pilot for American Airlines, said.

DALLAS - An American Airlines captain told shareholders at AMR Corp.'s annual meeting that his fellow pilots are frustrated and ready to strike if two years of contract talks are not resolved.

AUSTIN - Two state legislators plan to introduce a bill next year designed to prevent early release of mothers and newborns from hospitals.

AUSTIN - The sedative known as the date-rape pill is widely and cheaply available to young people in Texas despite the federal government's ban on importing it, officials say.

# Emergency Services

Emergency services reports for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Thursday contained the following information.

**HEREFORD POLICE**

A 32-year-old male was arrested in the 500 block of Avenue G for assault/domestic violence.

Theft charges are pending, in connection with a 19-inch color TV that was taken from a home in the 400 block of Avenue B.

A $160 money order was reported stolen, forged and cashed at a local business.

Burglary of a residence was reported in the 700 block of East Third. Taken was a 13-inch color TV and a cable box. Value of the items was set at $150.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Lee Street. No assaults were reported in connection with the incident.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Avenue B, where someone broke off a mirror from a car. Damage was set at $50.

Harassing phone calls were reported in the 800 block of North Miles. Someone would call, then laugh hard and play loud music.

Theft of beer was reported in the 900 block of East Park Avenue, where a female fled the store without paying for a 12-pack of beer.

A prowler was reported in the 400 block of Paloma Lane. The prowler may have been a juvenile male trying to talk to the caller's teenage daughter.

A 15-year-old female runaway was reported at a residence in the 700 block of Avenue G. She was later located at a residence in the county and returned home.

An evaporated air conditioner was reported stolen from a back yard in the 500 block of Avenue G. Value was set at $250.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of Avenue B, where a couple got into an argument. The wife was forced to leave and no assault occurred.

Harassing phone calls were reported in the 800 block of Irving. The suspect caller was located through a Caller ID device attached to the telephone.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Irving, where a bedroom window was shot out with a BB gun. Damages was set at $40.

Theft was reported in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue. A 33-year-old male was cited in connection with the incident.

Officers issued 15 traffic citations.

There were two minor traffic accidents reported, one at East Park Avenue and Loop 211 and one at Lawton and Sixth Street.

**DEAF SMITH SHERIFF**

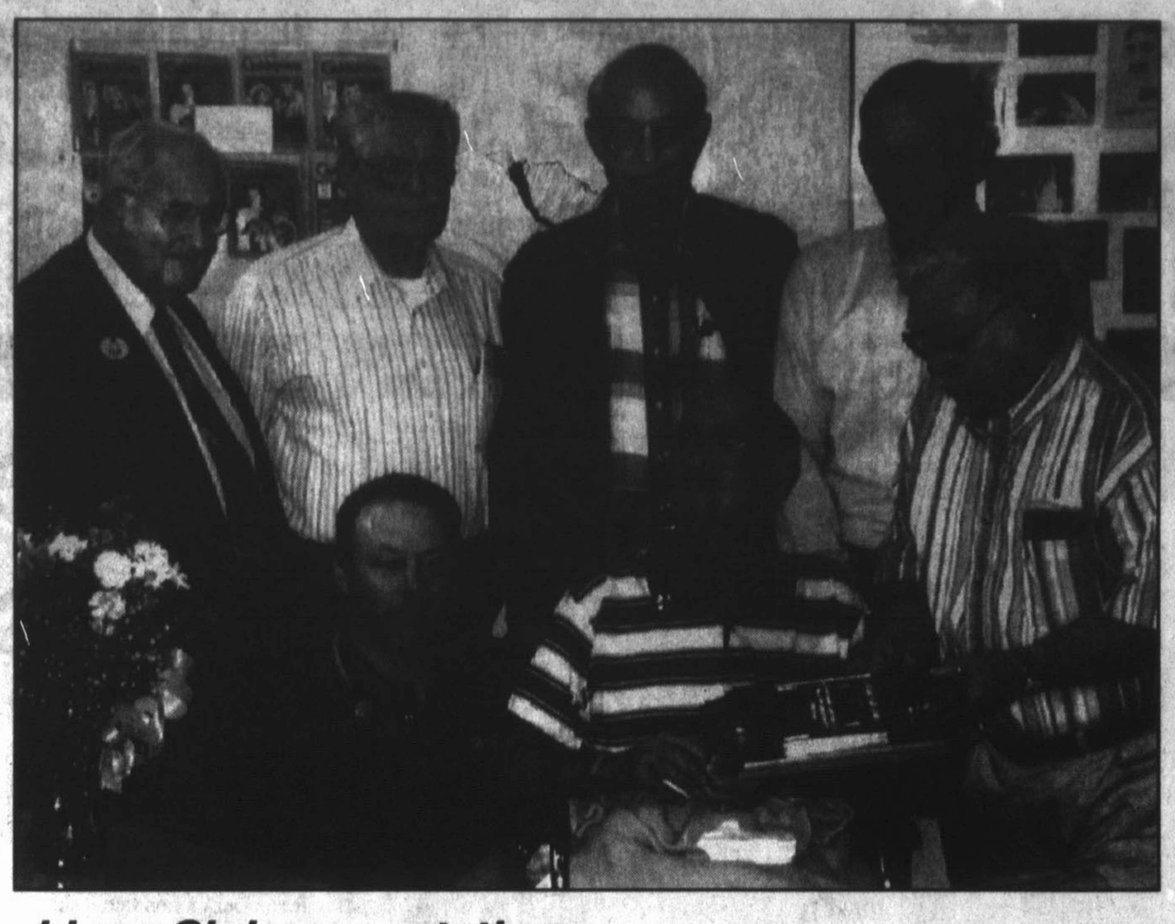
An 18-year-old male was arrested on a failure to identify and violation of probation commitment.

A 23-year-old male was arrested for violation of probation (forgery).

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Volunteer firefighters were called out at 5:59 p.m. to a wreck rescue in the 500 block of Lawton.

Firefighters were called out at 6:33 p.m. to a vehicle fire in the 900 block of South Lee.



## Lions Club presentation

Members of the Hereford Lions Club are shown here presenting member Don Waters, seated at center, a plaque honoring him as a Melvin Jones Fellow. The Melvin Jones Fellowship is the highest honor bestowed by Lions Clubs International. Watching as Lion Bill Shore, far right, presents the award are: back, from left, District 2-T1 Gov. Earl Long; Hereford club President-elect L.J. Clark; Past District Gov. Raymond White; and club President Larry Alley; and Joe Wallace, kneeling.

# Crisis Support Line explained by speaker for Hereford Lions

Vicki Eder, director of the Crisis Support Line of the Panhandle, was guest speaker for the Hereford Lions Club Wednesday.

The center provides crisis intervention, workshops and referral services for people in the top 21 counties of the Texas Panhandle, said Mrs. Eder.

The center provides a 24-hour hotline with workers available to assist persons in crisis or someone thinking about suicide and in need of assistance. The toll-free hotline is 1-800-749-9026.

Staff and volunteers are available to make presentations on the warning signs of suicide, mental health, and parent-child relationships, to both young and adult groups.

--Males commit suicide at rates and numbers of suicides three to four times those of females.

--Rates of suicide are highest in the western regions with the Mountain States highest.

--Firearms are currently the most

The center is certified by the American Association of Suicidology. Based on official statistics, here are some facts about suicide in the USA:

--Currently there are more than 30,000 suicides annually, which represents 12 of every 100,000 Americans killing themselves.

--Suicide is the eighth leading cause of death.

often utilized method of suicide by all groups.

--Suicide rates have traditionally decreased in times of wars and increased in times of economic crises.

--Suicide rates are highest among the divorced and widowed and lowest among the married.

--Rates of suicide are highest among the older adult population above age 65.

--Youth(15-24) suicide rates increased more than 200 percent from the 1950s to the late 1970s. Suicide ranks third as a cause of death among young, behind accidents and homicide.

--White suicide rates are approximately twice those of nonwhites as a whole.

# Scholarships awarded seniors

The following Hereford High School seniors have been offered scholarships and awards from a variety of colleges, universities, associations and other entities.

Where available, future college plans of the graduates are included.

The honors were announced during Tuesday's Senior Awards Assembly.

**Lyndsi Ames:** $200 journalism scholarship. Will attend West Texas A&M University.

**Cady Auckerman:** Texas A&M University Opportunity Award, $1,000 for four years; Morrison Milling Company State Food Show, $750; Texas Tech University Academic Excellence, $1,000 for four years; Tarleton State University, $1,000 academic scholarship. Will attend Texas A&M.

**Jaml Bell:** Golf scholarship to Cisco Junior College covering books, tuition and fees; academic scholarship to McMurry University.

**Brittney Binder:** Abilene Christian University Trustee Academic Scholarship, $1,875 per year for four years,, total $7,500; Area I Young Farmers, $300; Panhandle Parade of Breeds, $500; Angelo State University Carr Academic Scholarship, $1,500 per year for four years, total $6,000. Will attend Abilene Christian University.

**Matthew Cox:** Full scholarship to Amarillo College Theatre Department. Will attend Amarillo College.

**Justin Criner:** Full scholarship to Amarillo College. Will attend Amarillo College.

**Nathan Diller:** $3,500 Sybil B. Harrington scholarship; $8,000 Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Commandant scholarship; Catholic University of America, $40,000; Texas A&M Air Force ROTC, $287,000. Will attend U.S. Air Force Academy.

**Todd Dudley:** The Senator Grady and Andarine Hazlewood Scholarship, $1,000 per year; $3,000 to Lubbock Christian University; out-of-state tuition waived, Southwestern Junior College, Oklahoma; $390, Texas Tech Dads and Moms Association. Will attend Texas Tech.

**John Emerson:** Sybil B. Harrington scholarship, tuition, fees and books up to a maximum of $3,500 per year; Carr Academic Scholarship to Angelo State University, $2,000 per year for a total of $8,000; West Texas A&M University residence hall scholarship, $1,000; T. Boone Pickens Scholarship, $500. Will attend Angelo State University.

**Kyle Goldsmith:** $1,000 Texas A&M-Kingsville; $600 West Texas A&M University College of Natural Sciences. Will attend WTAMU or Stephen F. Austin University.

**Justin Griffith:** Golf scholarship to Cisco Junior College. Will attend Cisco Junior College.

**Shay Henderson:** $1,000 per semester rodeo scholarship to Cochise College; $500 per semester rodeo scholarship to Dodge City; $500 per semester rodeo scholarship to Missouri Valley. Will attend Cochise College, Douglas, Ariz.

**Heather Hodges:** $8,000 volleyball scholarship, Abilene Christian University. Will attend Abilene Christian University.

**Tarabeth Holmes:** Carr Academic Scholarship, Angelo State University. Will attend Angelo State.

**Michael Kriegshauser:** Art Department scholarship, WTAMU. Will attend WTAMU.

**Lorenzo Martinez:** Full scholarship from Hereford Care Center to attend LVN and RN school of his choice. Will attend Amarillo College.

**Tyler Merrick:** President's Scholarship, University of Oklahoma, $500. Will attend Texas A&M University.

**Kyle Moody:** Drama scholarship to WTAMU; Big Brother/Big Sister scholarship. Will attend WTAMU.

**Bao Nguyen:** Sybil B. Harrington scholarship, $3,500 renewable. Will attend University of Houston.

**Ted Peabody:** $1,000 Southwestern International Livestock Show and Rodeo; $1,500 per semester, Hardin-Simmons University. Will attend Hardin-Simmons University.

**Justin Scott:** $200 College of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources, Texas Tech. Will attend Texas A&M.

**Scott Shaw:** Hardin-Simmons music scholarship; Hardin-Simmons dean's scholarship. Will attend Hardin-Simmons.

**Amanda Sims:** The Senator Grady and Andarine Hazlewood Scholarship, $1,000 per year; Southwestern Livestock Exposition, $1,000; Justin Boot Company, $300; C.J. Davidson, Texas Tech Human Sciences, $4,000; Edith Lois Wilson Scholarship, $500. Will attend Texas Tech.

**David Sims:** Golf scholarship to Cisco Junior College; Carr Academic Scholarship, Angelo State, $2,000 per year. Will attend Angelo State.

**Jeb Skiles:** President's Endowed Scholarship, Texas A&M University, $12,000; Valedictorian -- freshman tuition at Texas A&M; nominated for Galen T. Brown Foundation Scholarship, Terry Foundation and semi-finalist for Educational Communication Scholarship, $1,000. Will attend Texas A&M.

**Dwayne Thomas:** $1,100 for the first summer session at WTAMU.

**Richard Scott Trammel:** Full scholarship at Amarillo College Theatre Department.

**Pete Vargas:** $1,600 in tuition, books, and $1,000 academic scholarship to Seward County Junior College in Liberal, Kan.; all tuition and books to Southwestern Junior College, Oklahoma.

**Selena Varner:** $5,000 academic scholarship to Abilene Christian. Will attend Baylor University.

**Rudy Villarreal:** $1,500 Presidential Scholarship to Concordia University. Will attend Concordia University in Austin.

**Bric Wall:** Hereford Young Farmers, $750.



## Houses made of straws

Fifth- and sixth-grade enrichment students at West Central Intermediate School recently participated in a contest to build houses out of straws and paper clips. The QUEST -- for Question, Understand, Explore, Study and Think -- enrichment program lesson required teams to take 250 straws and 300 paper clips and build a structure that would hold the weight of at least 100 nails (or 303 grams). The students shown built the sturdiest structures. The lesson, teacher Carol Kelley said, taught physics, as well as cooperation, problem-solving, leadership and dealing with frustration. Shown at left is the team of fifth-graders Joseph Murray and Brian Turpen, kneeling, and Luis Perez and Chris Rodriguez, whose structure averaged 178 nails before collapsing. Standing next to them are fifth-graders Josh Langford, from third from left, Wayne Milam and Jaime Estrada, whose structure averaged 172 nails. Sixth-graders Michelle Bernhardt, Joanna Olson and Brianna Finley, standing, built a building that held an average of 178 nails, while the structure of sixth-graders Teresa Lopez, Ashley Gonzalez, Jessica Weishaar, kneeling, and Laci Black, not pictured, averaged 159 nails.

# Toll-free service fails in voting

A vote on expanded toll-free telephone service to Amarillo for Hereford customers failed to reach the percentage required by the Public Utilities Commission for implementation.

The PUC required 70 percent of those voting to be in favor of the service which would have added $3.50 per month to each Southwestern Bell Telephone residential bill in Hereford.

Only 60.76 percent of ballots returned by telephone customers were affirmative.

Dennis Hicks, who spearheaded the project in Hereford, said he expects to renew his effort.

# Housing starts climb highest in two years

By JOHN D. McCLAIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Housing starts unexpectedly shot up 5.9 percent in April to the highest level in two years despite rising mortgage rates. All regions except the Northeast shared in the advance.

The Commerce Department said today that construction of new homes and apartments totaled 1.52 million at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, highest since a 1.53 million rate in March 1994.

The increase, largest since a 7.9 percent surge last November, followed a 5.2 percent drop in March, to a revised 1.44 million rate. The March total originally was estimated to be 1.45 million.

Forecasters had expected a 1.4 percent decline in April, believing the housing industry had reached a plateau because of the recent increase in mortgage rates.

Thirty-year, fixed-rate mortgages now are over 8 percent, up from 6.94 percent as recently as Feb. 15.

Analysts say that for every 1 percentage point increase in rates, 250,000 to 300,000 families are priced out of the market.

The monthly payment on a $100,000 mortgage with a 7 percent interest rate is $665 while the payment on the same loan with an 8 percent rate is $734.

In a separate report, the Labor Department said today that new claims for jobless benefits rose by 12,000 to 352,000 last week. Many analysts had expected a smaller 9,000 advance.

The four-week moving average of applications for unemployment insurance fell to 353,000, the lowest since September. Many analysts prefer to track the four-week average because it smooths out the spikes in the weekly reports.

An early May membership survey by the National Association of Home Builders resulted in a boost in its Housing Market Index to the highest level since February 1994.

Two of the index's three categories rose - current sales and traffic of prospective buyers. The rating for future sales fell, largely due to decreased expectations because of rising mortgage rates.

"We're still expecting activity to taper off somewhat as the impact of higher interest rates kicks in. But for now, at least, it seems that builders are optimistic about demand," said Randy Smith, the Home Builders' president.

Applications for building permits jumped 3.3 percent in April to a 1.46 million annual rate, highest since 1.48 million last December. It was the third straight advance.

Interest-sensitive single-family starts, about 80 percent of residential building activity, shot up 4.2 percent to a 1.21 million rate, highest since 1.22 million in July 1994. They had slipped 1.5 percent in March.

Construction of apartments and condominiums surged 13 percent in April to a 305,000 rate after plunging 18.4 percent a month earlier.

Starts rose 4.8 percent in the South to a 657,000 annual rate. They were up 1.5 percent in the West to 397,000 and 1.2 percent in the Midwest to 328,000.

Starts fell in the Northeast, down 1.4 percent to a 137,000 annual rate.

# Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - One ticket bought in Houston correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth $12 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 1, 5, 8, 9, 23 and 27.

AUSTIN (AP) - The latest Cash Five drawing had six big winners, each of whom will receive $47,803.

The numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery were 1-7-14-25-30.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

0-3-9 (zero, three, nine)

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# Lifestyles

## Rebekahs hear report from district deputy

Hereford Rebekah Lodge #228 met Tuesday evening in regular session.

Noble grand Anna Conklin presided at the business meeting. Seventeen visits to the sick, 41 cheer cards, 18 dishes of food and two flowers were reported.

District deputy president, June Green of Muleshoe Rebekah Lodge #114, was presented and her commission from the president of Rebekah Assembly of Texas was read by secretary Susie Curtsinger. She was given the honors of the Lodge and seated by the noble grand.

Green reviewed the president's yearbook and closed with the poem "Hugs."

Nelma Sowell read a poem, "Old Folks Are Worth a Fortune."

Supper was served preceding the meeting.

The Rebekah Lodge will sponsor a bake sale at 9 a.m. Saturday at Homeland Super Market.

Others present were Ruby Green and Patsy Chance of Muleshoe Rebekah Lodge, Peggy Lemons, Dorothy Lundry, Rosalie Northcutt, Sadie Shaw, Leona Sowell, Mary Lou Weatherford, Lucille Lindeman, Jessie Matthews, Irene Merritt, Ben Conklin and Tony Irlbeck.



**50 year members honored**

Recognized as 50 year members of the Order of the Eastern Star were, from left, Opal Roberson, Bea Noland and Dorothy Noland. They were presented 50 year pins and lifetime memberships. All three were initiated April 18, 1946.

## Eastern Star presents pins to three members

Dorothy Noland, Bea Noland and Opal Roberson received 50-year pins during the meeting of Hereford Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star Tuesday.

All three were initiated into the Order in a ceremony on April 18, 1946.

A memorial service was held for Dottie Darden, Ken Rusher, L.B. Worthan and L.H. Lookingbill, members who died during the past year.

The Charter was draped in memory of Lookingbill.

Outgoing worthy matron, Marie Cline, presented gifts to those who served as officers for this year.

At the close of the meeting, hostesses Lupe Cerda and Cline served refreshments in the dining room from tables decorated with iris and ribbons and net in red and white, the worthy matron's colors.

Jayne Euler, worthy matron elect, announced the installation of officers for 1996-1997 will be held during an open meeting at 4 p.m. June 8.




A full moon is considered unlucky on Sunday, but lucky on Monday, Moon Day.

## Ann Landers

**Dear Ann Landers:** I'm writing concerning the 28-year-old woman from Aspen, Colo., who loved a man dearly but was having a hard time tolerating his freeloading. That letter really hit home because I have been in her shoes. It scares me to think that she might marry this guy. If she hasn't done so already, I would like to give her some food for thought:

First, being single isn't so bad. You can be married and still be plenty lonely, especially when your partner is not there for you. I hope you will not let the fear of singlehood drive you to make the biggest mistake of your life.

Second, love can be killed. It can be chipped away, piece by piece, until there is nothing left. This process can go unnoticed until everything falls apart. The easiest way to destroy love is to keep taking it and give nothing in return. If that freeloader is nice to you, it's because it is easy and convenient for him. And look what he gets in return!

After seven years and two lovely children, I grew weary of all the empty promises and disappointments AND the loneliness. Finally, I had the courage to call it quits. The singlehood I chose gave me the peace of mind I had not known for years.

I am now married to a man who not only is kind but supportive, responsible and a wonderful father to my children. It scares me to think I would have missed all this had I not found the courage to leave. -- Mrs. X.X. in Maryland

**Dear Mrs. X.:** Your letter brings to mind the wisdom of asking that well- known Ann Landers question: Are you better off with him or without him? Apparently, you found the answer. I'm happy for you.

**Dear Ann Landers:** This letter is for "Potential Maniac" in Colorado Springs. She's the woman who was driven mad by barking dogs and wanted to know if there is a place where dogs are prohibited.

Please tell her, yes -- there is such a place! My husband and I just returned from a trip to the Cook Islands. Aitutaki, a small atoll, forbids dogs anywhere on the island. They do have pigs in their yards, however, but they don't bark. Good luck! -- Western Washington

**Dear W.W.:** I don't know if the Cook Islands have a Chamber of Commerce, but thank you on their behalf for a letter that could result in some travel business.

**Dear Ann Landers:** I had to laugh when I read in your column the suggestion to send an unsigned check to someone who never acknowledges a gift.

I had heard of that gimmick and decided to send an unsigned check to a young "delinquent" friend. His response? He signed my name and collected the funds anyway! He is now off my Christmas list. -- Stunned But Wiser in Farmington, Mich.

**Dear Stunned:** I was surprised at the number of readers who wrote to tell me the unsigned check routine doesn't always work. They said the recipients have been able to sign the checks and cash them.

According to Thomas Kelley, assistant vice president at First National Bank in Chicago, there is no way for another bank to know if the signatures match. When the canceled checks come back, you should notify YOUR bank that the signature belongs to someone else. The bank can then start an investigation for bank fraud, which is a serious offense. You might not want to do this to a friend or relative.

Gem of the Day (Credit Malcolm Forbes): People who say they expect nothing are often surprised when that's what they get.

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## End-of-year party held

Hereford ISD Food Service held its end-of-the-year party May 13 in the Administration Building.

A covered dish meal was served to 35 employees and retirees. Following the meal, games were played and names were drawn for door prizes.

Retirees attending were Trudie Gray, former food service director; Bea Knabe, former manager at Northwest; Juanita Houle, former manager at West Central; Luella Thomas, former employee at Aikman; Leona Sowell, former employee at Hereford High School; and Billie Sims, former employee at Hereford High School.

Shirley and Tierra Blanca cafeterias were hosts for the event.

The next meeting will be in September for the get-acquainted covered dish meal.

## WTAMU offers scholarships

West Texas A&M University will award 15 scholarships to teachers for a special program in government and economics.

The program and scholarship awards are the result of a grant from the Armstrong Foundation. The WTAMU Department of History and Political Science will offer the courses which will include an accelerated graduate-level program in political science July 15 through Aug. 1.

The scholarship awards will cover the cost of tuition, fees and books.

Applications for the scholarship can be picked up in the Department of History and Political Science, Old Main, Room 407 on the WTAMU campus. A copy of official college transcripts should be included with the application.

The deadline to submit an application is July 10.

**AXYDLBAAXR**
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One letter stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

**5-16 CRYPTOQUOTES**

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# Sports

## Hereford's Triana takes Sunray job

By JAY PEDEN
Sports Editor

Loy Triana, Hereford's assistant girls' basketball coach for the last three years, has taken the head coaching job at Sunray.

"It was a hard decision - the way this (Hereford's) program is going and with the kids we're got coming back," Triana said, "but it's an opportunity for me to go and be a head coach."

When Triana heard about the opening created by Phil Hightower's retirement, he sent a resume. He expected little more than a perfunctory "Thank-you-for-your-interest" letter, he said, but he made Sunray's short list of five candidates. His interview went well, he said.

"I guess they liked what they saw; they offered me the job the next day," he said.

Sunray, located 17 miles northeast of Dumas, competes in Class 1A. Sunray hasn't won much in girls' basketball, Triana said, but the girls' cross country and track programs are successful, so the athletes are there.

"They want to build a program," he said. "Luckily, I got to work under Eddie (Fortenberry) building this one."

Triana made a meteoric rise in Hereford after being hired in the summer of 1992, shortly after he graduated from Texas Tech. He



LOY TRIANA
...hired to coach in Sunray

was hired as a junior high girls coach, but because of other personnel moves, he moved up to freshman coach, then varsity assistant before school started. When first-year coach Carol Garrison resigned days before the start of the 1992-93 season, Triana was made the emergency interim head coach.

The Lady Whitefaces went 3-22 that year. Fortenberry was hired as head coach the next year, and Triana was kept on as the assistant. The Herd girls' basketball team improved each of the next three years: 11-17 the next year; 18-11 two seasons ago; and 22-5 last season.

Triana also served as assistant golf coach in Hereford.

## Orlando brushes Hawks aside

By FRED GOODALL
AP Sports Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - The Orlando Magic don't have to duck questions about the Chicago Bulls anymore.

The much-anticipated playoff matchup between the defending Eastern Conference champions and the team that had the most successful regular season in NBA history will begin Sunday.

"I guess this is what America wants ... what (fans) have been asking for six months," Orlando's Dennis Scott said after the Magic shrugged off second-round opponent Atlanta in five games to join the Bulls in the conference finals.

"I think this series we lost a little bit of focus or fire, and I think now it's time for us to get back on track," Scott added Wednesday night. "We know (Chicago's) ready for us, and they are going to try and do whatever they can to dethrone us."

The Magic eliminated the Bulls and an ineffective Michael Jordan in six games in the conference semifinals a year ago, then went on to make their first appearance in the NBA Finals.

Chicago won three of four meetings between the teams en route to a league-record 72 victories this season and will have the homecourt advantage in the best-of-7 series.

"It's going to be a tough task, especially going on the road for two games first," the Magic's Anfernee Hardaway said. "They're smelling the Finals again because they haven't been there in three years, so they're going to be ready to play. We will, too."

Orlando bounced back from its only loss of the playoffs to beat the Hawks 96-88 Wednesday night to win the series 4-1.

Shaquille O'Neal led the way with 27 points and 16 rebounds, atoning for a subpar performance in Game 4 that may have been related to chest pains he experienced in Atlanta.

The Magic revealed that O'Neal, who missed 10 of 17 shots from the field and 12 of 17 free throws Monday night, complained of tightness in his chest at halftime of the fourth game, the only one Orlando lost.

A team physician examined the 7-foot-1 center before he played in the second half of the loss, then O'Neal visited a cardiologist as a precaution on Tuesday.

All tests were negative, Magic spokesman Joel Glass said.

"The other day I had some funny heartbeats, so the only thing I could think about in the game was falling out or something," O'Neal said. "I went to the doctor and he said it was only stress."

The four-time all-star was 11-for-14 from the field, but struggled from the foul line again - missing 10 of 15 free throws on Wednesday night.

The Hawks stayed close for three quarters before fading. Nick Anderson and Anfernee Hardaway hit 3-pointers in a 14-3 spurt that enabled the Magic to open a 96-83 lead with just over two minutes to go.

Hardaway finished with 24 points and 11 rebounds. Anderson scored 16 and Horace Grant 10.

"We put pressure on them and it was a tight game, but we just couldn't come through," Atlanta's Christian Laettner said.

Grant Long led the Hawks with 24 points. Steve Smith was held to 16 on 6-for-19 shooting after scoring 35 in Atlanta's only victory in the series.

"I would hope that Orlando would go ahead and win the whole thing," Long said. "That would make us look good."

Smith believes the Magic have a better chance of upsetting the Bulls than many people think.

"I think it's going to be a real, real tough series," the Hawks guard said.

"The key is going to be how Chicago plays Shaquille and how they rotate (to cover other players). If Orlando's jump shots are not going, they'll have a tough time beating Chicago. But I have a lot of confidence in them. I think they've matured and know what to do to get back to the next level."

## Stoudamire named top rookie

TORONTO (AP) - One of the most unpopular first-round draft choices of recent years is the NBA's Rookie of the Year.

Damon Stoudamire, who heard boos at SkyDome when the Toronto Raptors made him their first-ever draft pick last June, easily won the award that was announced Wednesday.

"This is a great honor," said Stoudamire, a 5-foot-11 point guard from the University of Arizona who was taken seventh overall. "It's something I worked very hard for."

Stoudamire averaged 19 points, 9.3 assists and four rebounds. He received 76 of a possible 113 votes from a panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Stoudamire is the lowest selection since Mark Jackson to win the rookie award. Jackson, a No. 18 pick in the first round, was the league's top rookie in 1987-88 for the New York Knicks.

Portland center Arvydas Sabonis, a native of Lithuania who played for a decade in Europe, was second. He also was runner-up for the league's Sixth Man award.

Golden State's Joe Smith was third. Also receiving votes were Jerry Stackhouse of Philadelphia (2), Michael Finley of Phoenix (2) and Kevin Garnett of Minnesota (1).

"Damon has given us a lot of joy and he's brought a lot to this franchise, a lot to this city," said Raptors general manager Isiah Thomas, who congratulated Stoudamire with a kiss.

"He really put us on the map in terms of credibility and respectability."

Stoudamire led all first-year players in assists and steals, set a rookie record with 133 3-pointers, and was MVP of the rookie game during All-Star weekend. He twice scored more than 30 points in a game and recorded the only triple-double in Raptors history with 20 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists against Seattle on Nov. 21.

"It's very meaningful for me that a lot of voters saw the importance of me to this team," said Stoudamire, who missed the last 10 games of the season with a sore knee.

The Raptors posted a 21-61 record in their first season, winning six more games than the league's other new entry in Vancouver.

Last year's rookie award was shared by Grant Hill of Detroit and Jason Kidd of Dallas.

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## Three teams tie in scramble

Three teams tied with a 30 in the Wednesday Scramble at Pitman Municipal Golf Course yesterday, and four teams were a shot behind.

The second tie in two weeks results in a $430 prize carryover for next week. The weekly tourney is open to all golfers. Registration is required.

Dave Kaesheimer, Bill Brown, Gayle Cornelius and Paul Mason posted one of the 30s. John Robinson, Roy Riley, Don Davison and Marin Rivas tied that team, as did the foursome of Anthony Gayle, Ted Hoelscher, Rodney Strafuss and Ed Sanders.

Only eight teams were in the field Wednesday. The scramble was played on the front nine holes.

## Red Raiders blast Cougars

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Clint Bryant drove in three runs and Jimmy Frush pitched a complete game in Texas Tech's 11-5 victory over Houston Wednesday night on the opening day of the Southwest Conference tournament.

Texas Tech (45-11), the tournament's second seed, fell behind quickly 4-0. But by the end of the second inning, a two-run Bryant double and a two-run David Lindstrom homer had helped the Red Raiders to an 8-4 lead.

Houston (29-27), one of just two teams to have beaten the Red Raiders at home during the regular season, never rebounded.

Frush, the league's most dominating pitcher this season, improved to 10-4 with the win. Houston reliever John Box fell to 5-4 with the loss.

The Red Raiders play Rice in each team's second game Thursday, while Houston will play Texas A&M in the tournament's first elimination game.

## Tech tennis coach resigns

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Kathy Vick has resigned after seven seasons as Texas Tech women's tennis coach.

Tech athletic director Bob Bockrath announced the resignation on Wednesday.

"I'm appreciative to Coach Vick for her contributions to women's tennis and Texas Tech athletics, and wish her much success in her new career," Bockrath said in a prepared statement.

A search for a successor will begin immediately, Bockrath said. No reason for Vick's departure was disclosed.

In seven years at the head of the Lady Raiders tennis program, Vick compiled a 96-81 record, including a 7-12 mark in 1996.




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# Player tangles with fan in fog-delayed game

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

At most games, a two-hour fog delay would be the weirdest event of the evening.

Not so, though, on Wednesday night in Milwaukee.

White Sox outfielder Tony Phillips, after changing out of his uniform and into street clothes, went into the stands to confront a heckling fan in the middle of Chicago's 20-8 win over the Brewers.

The incident occurred in the left-field bleachers, said Sheriff's Dept. Sgt. Mark Strachota. He said the 23-year-old fan and Phillips, who left the game in the sixth inning, were being questioned.

"There was a physical altercation, but I don't know who was at fault," Strachota said.

There almost wasn't a game at County Stadium. Umpire crew chief Jim Evans halted the game in the bottom of the first inning after White Sox right fielder Danny Tartabull lost Kevin Seitzer's fly ball in the fog.

"Jimmy said he hadn't seen anything like that in 25 years," Milwaukee manager Phil Garner said. "So that called for something a little unusual."

When the game resumed, Frank Thomas homered, doubled and drove in a career-high six runs for Chicago. Garner, meanwhile, was later ejected for arguing with first base umpire Dale Ford.

"It's a weird win, but I'll take it. I needed it real bad," said Wilson Alvarez (3-3), who gave up five earned runs on six hits in five innings.

The game was held up for 1 hour, 50 minutes because of the fog. It resumed after Brewers outfielder Chuckie Carr and White Sox outfielder Dave Martinez handled several fungo fly balls without any problems.

**Royals 3, Rangers 1**

Chris Haney outpitched Roger Pavlik and Kansas City won at Texas. The Royals stopped a four-game skid and gave the Rangers their third loss in 12 games.

Haney (2-4) pitched 7 2-3 shutout innings, walking none, and improved to 4-0 lifetime against the Rangers. Pavlik (5-1) was trying to match Jeff Russell's 6-0 mark in 1988 as the best start of a season by a Texas starting pitcher.

**Red Sox 17, Angels 6**

Mo Vaughn and the rest of Boston's hitters had a nice night at Fenway Park. Red Sox starter Tom Gordon, however, wasn't so happy.

Vaughn homered twice and drove in four runs. Mike Stanley homered and drove in four runs, and Jose Canseco also homered. The Red Sox, who had played four straight extra-inning games, enjoyed their highest-scoring game since April 12, 1994.

Gordon was miffed that manager Kevin Kennedy removed him after four innings with Boston ahead 10-5. Gordon, needing one more inning to qualify for the win, allowed six hits and three walks.

**Mariners 10, Yankees 5**

Edgar Martinez and the Mariners had no trouble hitting at Yankee Stadium a day after getting no-hit by Dwight Gooden.

Seattle tied a season high with 19 hits. Martinez doubled twice and drove in four runs, Jay Buhner homered and Ken Griffey Jr. had an RBI double and a single.

Jimmy Key (1-5) struggled again for New York. He allowed six runs on nine hits and three walks in three-plus innings.

Key, who missed most of last season because of a shoulder problem, made his shortest start since a tuneup outing before the 1992 playoffs.

**Indians 5, Tigers 2**

Dennis Martinez, one day after his 41st birthday, moved past Whitey Ford into a tie for 48th place on the career victory list with No. 237.

Martinez (6-2) matched Waite Hoyt and Clark Griffith on the win chart. Next up is Mordecai "Three Finger" Brown at 239, with Frank Tanana and Herb Pennock tied for 45th with 240 wins.

Cleveland won its 11th straight home game and sent Detroit to its 22nd loss in 26 games.

Albert Belle extended his hitting streak to a career-high 16 games with an RBI single. The Indians sold out their 66th straight game at Jacobs Field, breaking the AL record set by Baltimore in 1992-93.

**Twins 2, Blue Jays 1**

Frank Rodriguez, traded to Minnesota last season in the deal that briefly sent Rick Aguilera to Boston, pitched the first complete game of his career.

Rodriguez (3-4) gave up six hits as Minnesota stopped a four-game losing streak. Toronto had won three in a row.

Marty Cordova drove in both runs for the host Twins. Paul Molitor had two hits for the Twins, and is 5-for-8 against his former team in the first two games of the series.

# Braves lose game, slugger Justice

By The Associated Press

The Atlanta Braves were more concerned about David Justice than their loss to Pittsburgh.

The outfielder dislocated his right shoulder in the second inning while swinging at a pitch in Wednesday night's 3-0 loss. He was placed on the 15-day disabled list and will be out at least a month.

Braves manager Bobby Cox said that if Justice needs surgery, he would miss the rest of the regular season.

"You can rehab the thing and it will pop out on occasion or go ahead and tighten it ... but then you're talking about the whole year," Cox said.

Justice missed nine games last May with a bruised nerve in his right shoulder and went on the 15-day disabled list in June with torn ligaments in the shoulder.

"It was definitely one of the best changeups I've thrown in a while," said Denny Neagle (5-1), who won his fifth consecutive decision. "When he dropped to his knees and was grimacing on the ground, I knew he did something. I didn't realized he had dislocated his shoulder, though."

At Atlanta, the Braves were shut out for the fifth time this season, one more than their total last year. Jeff King, in a 3-for-33 slump, hit a two-run homer in the sixth.

Neagle allowed four hits in seven innings as Pittsburgh stopped a six-game losing streak. Francisco Cordova, Pittsburgh's fourth pitcher, got two outs for his third save, completing a five-hitter.

Steve Avery (4-3) allowed all three runs and four hits in seven innings. Atlanta lost for just the second time in 11 games.

**Astros 7, Cubs 5**

Derek Bell hit a two-run double and Sean Berry followed with a two-run homer in a five-run third at Wrigley Field. Bell went 3-for-5, including two doubles, and Houston had 15 hits in all.

Donne Wall (1-0), making his 1996 major league debut after being recalled from Triple A Tucson on Tuesday, allowed five runs - only one earned - and 10 hits in five innings. Todd Jones pitched the ninth for his eighth save.

Cubs starter Frank Castillo (1-5) gave up six runs and eight hits in 2 2-3 innings, his shortest outing since Aug. 30, 1993.

**Cardinals 6, Marlins 0**

Todd Stottlemyre (3-2) pitched a four-hitter and struck out 13 at Joe Robbie Stadium to end Florida's nine-game winning streak. It was Stottlemyre's first NL shutout, his fifth overall.

Mark Sweeney homered and scored twice for the Cardinals, who won for just the sixth time in 23 games. The Marlins squandered a chance to reach .500 for the first time in 1996.

Pat Rapp (2-4) allowed three runs and six hits in seven innings and walked six.

**Dodgers 7, Expos 2**

Tom Candiotti (2-3) pitched a four-hitter for his first complete game since last May 25, and Mike Busch hit a two-run single at Dodger Stadium.

Candiotti (2-3), who struck out two and walked one, retired 21 consecutive batters before David Segui's two-out double in the ninth.

Los Angeles went ahead 3-2 off in the fourth on Busch's two-run single off Jeff Fassero (3-4) and an RBI grounder by Greg Gagne. Mike Piazza and Todd Hollandsworth had RBI singles in a three-run fifth.

**Phillies 7, Giants 6**

Todd Zeile hit his second home run of the game in the 10th inning, breaking a 6-6 tie at Veterans Stadium.

Kevin Stocker tied the score in the eighth with a two-run triple off Rod Beck (0-1), who blew a save for the first time in 10 chances.

Ricky Bottalico (2-1) retired all six batters he faced, striking out three.

**Padres 4, Mets 3**

Major league batting leader Tony Gwynn, given a chance by New York to win the game, came through with an RBI single with two outs in the 10th.

Rickey Henderson reached on fielder's choice and took third on Steve Finley's single with two outs in the 10th off John Franco (2-2).

The visiting Mets held a meeting on the mound and decided the pitch to Gwynn, a six-time NL batting champion, instead of walking him to pitch to Wally Joyner, who's batting .358.

Tim Worrell (3-0) pitched three hitless innings.

# Texas-Louisiana League starts '96 on solid ground

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

The Texas-Louisiana League has had plenty of bumps and bruises in its first two seasons as an independent minor league, everything from huge brawls to losing a franchise because of the devaluation of the Mexican peso.

But as the league prepares to begin its third season today, things seem to finally be on solid ground.

"There's no doubt we've turned a corner," Jack Lazorko, the league's vice president of baseball operations, said Wednesday. "The last couple of months, we've started to show a profit."

Lazorko said the biggest growth has been of the league's reputation.

"It's unbelievable where we've gone from the beginning in November 1993 to where we are now," Lazorko said.

With eight teams last year, the league drew more than 800,000 fans. Corpus Christi and Mobile, Ala., have lost their teams, reducing the league to six teams this season. Previously vacated cities include Laredo, San Antonio and Pueblo, Colo.

The returning teams include the defending champion in Lubbock; two-time runner-up Alexandria, La.; Amarillo; Abilene; Tyler; and the Rio Grande Valley.

The league's goal is basically to serve as a farm team for farm teams.

Minor league clubs needing to fill a hole can pluck a player who may have been lost in the shuffle of another organization or they can take a shot at a former big leaguer who has rehabilitated his career.

Lazorko estimates that about 80 players have signed big-league contracts, although he admits that many of those came during last year's strike. Still, it shows that people are paying attention to the independent organization.

"I don't toot my horn too much, but people in baseball know us," he said. "I get calls from people saying they want to play here because they know our league is first-class and that they can get signed out of here."

This season's crop of former big-leaguers trying to bounce back includes pitchers Al Osuna, Todd Burns, Ken Patterson and Doug Piatt.

All managers also are ex-big leaguers, most of whom are trying to break back into baseball as coaches. Many of last year's succeeded, leaving only Greg Minton of Lubbock and Stan Cliburn of Alexandria as returning managers this year. Minton's team beat Cliburn's for last year's title.

This year's new managers are Jim Nettles, Graig's brother, in Amarillo; Phil Stephenson, brother of Wichita State coach Gene, in Abilene; Dave Hilton, who has been with the Atlanta Braves the last three years, in Tyler; and John Pacella in the Rio Grande Valley.

The managers who left include Ross Grimsley, now a pitching coach for Baltimore's AAA affiliate in Rochester.


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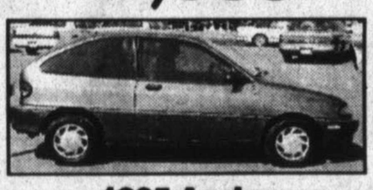
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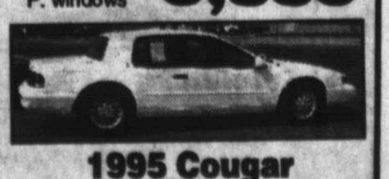

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# Courthouse history rife with intrique, controvery, secrets

## Shelby County building noted as one of oldest in the state of Texas

By BETH McPHERSON
The Daily Sentinel

NACOGDOCHES, Texas - Filled with intrigue, controversy and secrets, the history of the Shelby County Courthouse is as convoluted as a soap opera rooted in Deep East Texas.

It seems appropriate that this Irish-inspired courthouse has been chosen by the Texas Historical Commission as one of the 55 oldest courthouses in the state, and will be part of the Texas Courthouse Alliance Project to preserve its history.

And what a history it is.

"Shelby County has definitely one of the more unique courthouses," said Teresa O'Connell of the historical commission. "These courthouses have been the most significant landmark in every county. They are the establishment of security and justice."

Shelby County was founded in 1837 as one of the first counties of the Republic of Texas. Originally, the county seat was located in Shelbyville, but in 1866, after the Civil War, an election called by the military governor of Texas resulted in the idea to move the courthouse to Center.

The county was sued to declare the election void, and the case went to the Texas Supreme Court, which declared the vote valid.

In protest, the residents of Shelbyville refused to comply with the decision, so the people of Center decided to steal the courthouse for themselves.

On a August night in 1866, R.L. Parker, the founder of Center, set out from his log cabin in what is now the Center town square in a quiet wagon pulled by unshod oxen. Parker, accompanied by two young men, drove to Shelbyville, loaded the court records into his wagon and headed home. He was found the next morning on his porch in Center, with rifle in hand and the records safely stored. The new Shelby County Courthouse was declared open for business.

The log cabin was later replaced with a large frame courthouse, which burned in 1882.

A little over a year later, Irish architect J.J.E. Gibson began construction of the present courthouse, which he modeled after his interpretation of an Irish castle, complete with turrets and arched entryways.

The "castle in the pines" is still a symbol of pride for the townspeople.

"It's the only one of its type built in the United States," said Daurice Murphy, director of the Shelby County Museum. "Gibson also built one in Carthage, but they tore that one down. I'll bet they're crying over that now."

Besides its outward appearance, the Shelby County Courthouse also sports a few medieval extras, such as a secret passageway to the left of the judge's bench in the courtroom that allowed judges to make unobserved entrances and hasty exits after sentencing volatile suspects to prison. The passageway was locked and sealed in 1920.

Upstairs, the courtroom has a tiled floor and hardwood seats for the jury and audience. High-arched windows and a vaulted ceiling add to the church-like atmosphere. There are modern additions, such as air conditioning vents along the walls and hanging fluorescent lights, but the building has been closed to all but the occasional visitor since the late 1980s.

The history and unusual architecture of the courthouse recently drew attention from the Historical Commission, which chose Shelby County as one of the sites for the two-year Texas Courthouse Alliance Project.

The Alliance Project began last summer and shifted into high gear on March 1. Funded by a grant from the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of the Texas Department of Transportation, it will document the oldest county courthouses in Texas.

The project was founded when historians learned a hard lesson in 1993 after fire destroyed the irreplaceable Hill County Courthouse.

"It was gutted by fire, and the county made a quick commitment to rebuild, but they didn't have the documentation for the project," Ms. O'Connell said.

According to Ms. O'Connell, the Alliance Project has three goals: to develop the documentation needed for rebuilding in case of disaster; to identify hazards, such as structural overloading and electrical problems, in order to alert the county to the needs of the building; and to encourage tourism to the courthouses.

"You'd be surprised how many people go out on weekends just to look at these courthouses," she said. "These buildings have always been a symbol of pride, and still are today."

A team of specialists will converge on the Shelby County courthouse to assess the building's condition, locate historic drawings and records, and create new computer-generated records using advanced photographic and computer assisted measuring techniques. All the information will then be uploaded into a computerized database viewers can access through the Internet.

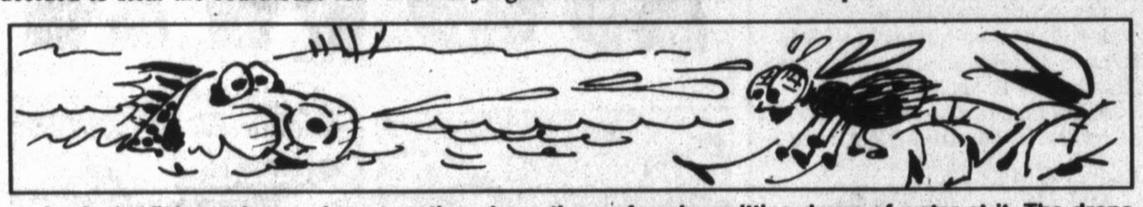
Courthouses around Texas were chosen to participate based on their architectural significance, age, degree of threat to the building, participation by the local government and existing records.

According to Ms. Murphy, plans are under way in Shelby County to restore the courthouse, which is already in good shape despite its age and hard usage. Upon inspecting the foundation, a team of Dallas architects recently announced that it was in perfect condition.

"It's going to be around for a while," Ms. Murphy said. "It would be a disaster to destroy that courthouse; it's definitely worth restoring."

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An Archerfish catches an insect resting above the surface by spitting drops of water at it. The drops strike with enough force to knock the insect into the water, where the fish can eat it.

# Television

## THURSDAY MAY 16

| | 6 PM | 6:30 | 7 PM | 7:30 | 8 PM | 8:30 | 9 PM | 9:30 | 10 PM | 10:30 | 11 PM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | Movie: The Borrowers *Eddie Albert.* ★★★ | | Making of Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book | | | | | Movie: Sayonara (1957) *Marlon Brando, Red Buttons.* | | | |
| 4 | News | Ent. Tonight | Friends | Single Guy | Seinfeld | Caroline | ER | | News | (:35) Tonight Show | |
| 5 | Newshour With Jim Lehrer | | Great Drives | | Mystery! | | | Camp | Computer | Charlie Rose | |
| 6 | Videos | Videos | (:05) Movie: Delta Force 2 (1990) *Chuck Norris, Billy Drago.* ★★½ | | | | | (:20) Movie: Missing in Action (1984) ★★½ | | | |
| 7 | News | Wh. Fortune | Videos | Before | Movie: Passenger 57 (1992) *Wesley Snipes.* ★★½ | | | | News | Seinfeld | Nightline |
| 9 | Fam. Mat. | Newhart | Movie: Dirty Harry (1971) *Clint Eastwood.* ★★★ | | | News | | | Night Court | Simon & Simon | |
| 10 | News | Home Imp. | Grand Ole Opry Musical Salute to Minnie Pearl | | | 48 Hours | | | News | (:35) Late Show | |
| 13 | Roseanne | Simpsons | Movie: What's Love Got to Do With It (1993) ★★★ | | | Star Trek: Deep Space 9 | | | M*A*S*H | Cops | Wanted |
| 14 | Sportsctr. | Stanley Cup Playoffs Conference Semifinal Game 7 -- Teams to Be Announced | | | | | Baseball | | Sportscenter | | Baseball |
| 17 | Waltons | | Highway to Heaven | | Rescue 911 | | 700 Club | | Three Stooges | | Bonanza |
| 18 | Movie: Cyrano-Berg. | | Movie: Look Who's Talking ★★½ 'PG-13' | | (:35) Movie: Man of the House ★★ 'PG' | | | | Brett Butler | Movie: A Better Tomorrow | |
| 20 | Movie: Soul of the Game | | Movie: The Walking Dead *Allen Payne.* | | Movie: The Professional *Jean Reno.* ★★½ 'R' | | | | Comedy | Movie: | |
| 21 | (5:00) Movie: Leap of Faith | | Movie: Star Trek Generations *Patrick Stewart.* ★★½ 'PG' | | Movie: Caged Heat II | | | | (:15) Movie: Student Bodies ★★ 'R' | | |
| 23 | Movie: This Could Be the Night (1957) ★★½ | | | | Movie: Somebody Up There Likes Me (1956) ★★★ | | | | Movie: Run Silent, Run Deep (1958) ★★★ | | |
| 24 | Dukes of Hazzard | | Life of Minnie Pearl | | Prime Time Country | | | Club Dance | | News | Minnie Pearl |
| 25 | Bey. 2000 | Next Step | Wild Discovery | | Movie Magic | Know Zone | Time Traveler | | Next Step | Bey. 2000 | Wild Disc. |
| 26 | Equalizer | | Biography | | Ancient Mysteries | | | | Law & Order | | Biography |
| 27 | Commish | | Unsolved Mysteries | | Movie: Hearts on Fire (1992) *Lesley Ann Warren.* ★★½ | | | | Unsolved Mysteries | | Mysteries |
| 28 | Golf Texas | Countdown | This Week in NASCAR | | Cycle World | | Motorsports Hour | | Press Box | Baseball | Rodeo |
| 29 | In the Heat of the Night | | Thunder in Paradise | | NBA Basketball Playoffs Teams to Be Announced | | | | | Insde-NBA | Kung Fu |
| 31 | Doug | Tiny Toon | Munsters | Jeannie | I Love Lucy | Bewitched | M.T. Moore | Rhoda | Kotter | Taxi | Van Dyke |
| 32 | Wings | Wings | Movie: Pure Luck (1991) *Martin Short.* ★★½ | | | | Movie: King Ralph (1991) *John Goodman.* ★★½ | | | | Highlander |
| 33 | Marisol | | El Premio Mayor | | | | Bienvenidos | | Noticiero | P. Impacto | Hoy Daniela |
| 37 | Combat at Sea | | Secret Designer | | Movie: Sadat (1983) *Louis Gossett Jr..* ★★½ | | | | Year by Year | | Designer |
| 40 | RPM 2Night | Major League Soccer: Rapids at MetroStars | | | | 16 Days of Glory | | Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conf. Semifinal | | | |

## FRIDAY MAY 17

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| 2 | Pooh | Care Bears | Gummi B. | Pooh Cmnr. | Dumbo | Umbrella | My Little | Ducktales | Chip 'n' Dale | Tale Spin | Movie: |
| 4 | Today | | | | Leeza | | Geraldo | | Gordon Elliott | | Our Lives |
| 5 | Cucina | Cucina | Sesame Street | | Lamb Chop | Storytime | Mr Rogers | Imagineland | Barney | Puzzle Place | Fiery Foods |
| 6 | Gilligan | Bewitched | Little House | | B. Hillbillies | Griffith | (:05) Matlock | | (:05) Perry Mason | | Movie: |
| 7 | Good Morning America | | | | Live -- Regis & Kathie Lee | | Mike & Maty | | Montel Williams | | News |
| 9 | News | | | | Court TV | Griffith | Charlie's Angels | | Geraldo | | News |
| 10 | This Morning | | | | George & Alana | | Price Is Right | | Young and the Restless | | News |
| 13 | Bobby | Aladdin | Mighty Max | Animal | 700 Club | | K. Copeland | Christian | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Murphy B. |
| 14 | Sportscenter | | Sportscenter | | Sportscenter | | Sportscenter | | Sportscenter | | Tennis |
| 17 | Family Challenge | | Waltoas | | 700 Club | | | FIT TV | Rescue 911 | | Home |
| 18 | Movie: Sitting Pretty *Robert Young.* ★★★ | | (:25) Movie: Young Sherlock Holmes | | | | (:15) Movie: Key Largo *Humphrey Bogart.* ★★★½ | | | | Movie: |
| 20 | Composers' Specials | | Movie: Falling From Grace ★★½ 'PG-13' | | | | (:45) Movie: The Philadelphia Experiment II ★★ 'PG-13' | | | Priestly Sins: Church | |
| 21 | Movie: | | Movie: Valdez Is Coming *Burt Lancaster.* | | Movie: Cool World *Kim Basinger.* 'PG-13' | | | | (:45) Movie: The Pagemaster ★★ 'G' | | Movie: |
| 23 | (6:45) Movie: ★★½ Battle Circus (1953) | | | | Movie: Crisis (1950) *Cary Grant, Jose Ferrer.* ★★★ | | | Parade | Movie: The Catered Affair (1956) ★★★ | | |
| 24 | (Off Air) | | VideoMorning | | | | | | Crafts | Crafts | Wildhorse |
| 25 | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | UN | Adam Smith | Home | Start | Housesmart! | | Graham K. | Cuisine | Great Chefs |
| 26 | Mike Hammer | | McMillan and Wife | | | | Police Story | | Quincy | | Equalizer |
| 27 | Baby Knows | Your Baby | Sisters | | Our Home | Gourmet | Diggers and Summers | | Living | Our Home | Handmade |
| 28 | Press Box | Workout | Plex & Blast | Get Fit | This Week in NASCAR | | Motorsports Hour | | Cycle World | | Olympic |
| 29 | (6:30) Scooby Dooby Doo | | Bugs Bunny | Flintstones | Gilligan | Gilligan | Knots Landing | | Charlie's Angels | | Starsky |
| 31 | Looney | Gumby | Rugrats | Busy World | Rupert | Muppets | Allegra | Gullah | Papa Beaver | Busy World | TimTooth |
| 32 | Sonic | Turtles | Knight Rider | | Murder, She Wrote | | Magnum, P.I. | | Quantum Leap | | People Ct. |
| 33 | Plaza Sesa | El Chavo | Chespirito | | Llevatelo | | Magica Juventud | | Dulce Enemiga | | Morelia |
| 37 | Year by Year | | Classroom | | History Showcase | | Movie: Darling-God | | Buffalo Soldiers | | Real West |
| 40 | Flex Appeal | Bodyshape | Crunch | Bodyshape | Flex Appeal | Crunch | Gotta Sweat | Fitness | Auto Racing Indianapolis Time Trials | | |

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| 2 | Movie: Peter-No-Tail | | Pooh | C. Brown | Quack | Movie: A Troll in Central Park ★★½ 'G' | | | Movie: The Wind in the Willows ★★½ | | |
| 4 | Our Lives | Another World | | Jenny Jones | | Maury Povich | | Oprah Winfrey | | News | NBC News |
| 5 | Body Elec. | Great Drives | | Painting | Real Life | World | Reading | C. Sandiego | Science Guy | Wishbone | Learning |
| 6 | Movie: ★★ Are You Lonesome Tonight | | | Garfield | Flintstones | Scooby-Doo | Brady | Saved-Bell | Saved-Bell | Fam. Mat. | Fam. Mat. |
| 7 | Rush L. | One Life to Live | | General Hospital | | Little House | | Videos | Jeopardy! | News | ABC News |
| 9 | News | Perry Mason | | Lead-Off | (:20) Major League Baseball Florida Marlins at Chicago Cubs | | | | | Tenth Inning | Dugout |
| 10 | Bold & B. | As the World Turns | | Guiding Light | | Cur. Affair | Hard Copy | Ricki Lake | | News | CBS News |
| 13 | Griffith | Matlock | | In the Heat of the Night | | Taz-Mania | Eekstravag | Batman | Goosebmp | Full House | Fresh Pr. |
| 14 | Tennis ATP Italian Open -- Quarterfinal | | | Senior PGA Golf Cadillac NFL Classic -- First Round | | | | Sr. PGA | r side PGA | Indy Report | Sportsctr. |
| 17 | (12:00) Home & Family | | | Highway to Heaven | | Punky B. | Wild Animal | Family Challenge | | Newhart | Shade |
| 18 | (12:00) Movie: The Lion | | (:45) Movie: The Last Shot You Hear 'PG' | | | (:15) Movie: Honey Sweet Love *Jo Champa.* 'NR' | | | | Movie: Young Sherlock | |
| 20 | Movie: Off and Running *Cyndi Lauper.* ★ | | | Movie: Running Free ★★ 'PG' | | | Movie: Richie Rich *Macaulay Culkin.* 'PG' | | | (:15) Movie: Grace Kelly | |
| 21 | (12:00) Movie: Young Sherlock Holmes | | | (1:50) Movie: Necessary Roughness | | | (:45) Movie: Fire With Fire *Virginia Madsen.* ★★ 'PG-13' | | | Movie: | |
| 23 | Bette Davis: The Benevolent Volcano | | | Movie: Two Tickets to Broadway (1951) ★★½ | | | | Movie: The Prime Minister (1941) *John Gielgud.* ★★ | | | |
| 24 | Wildhorse | VideoPM | | | | Dukes of Hazzard | | Wildhorse Saloon | | Club Dance | |
| 25 | Home | Start | Easy Does It | Home | Graham K. | Cuisine | Great Chefs | Popular Mechanics | | Wings | |
| 26 | Equalizer | Columbo | | | | Police Story | | Mike Hammer | | Quincy | |
| 27 | Designing | Movie: Victims for Victims: The Theresa Saldana Story | | | | Spenser: For Hire | | Cagney & Lacey | | Supermkt | Designing |
| 28 | (12:00) Olympic Odyssey | | | Paid Prog. | Bass 'n Gal | Track and Field | | Instructional | Planet X | English Soccer Highlights | |
| 29 | Starsky | CHiPs | | Wild, Wild West | | Movie: The Cisco Kid (1994) *Jimmy Smits.* ★★½ | | | | In the Heat of the Night | |
| 31 | Gullah | Gumby | Tintin | Looney | Beetlejuice | Muppets | Chipmunks | Tiny Toon | Looney | Clarissa | Rugrats |
| 32 | People's Court | | Live With Love Connection | | | PGA Golf The Colonial -- Second Round | | | | Renegade | |
| 33 | Morelia | Como Tu, Ninguna | | | | Cristina | | Primer Impacto | | Dr Perez | Noticiero |
| 37 | Real West | Combat at Sea | | History Showcase | | Movie: Darling-God | | Buffalo Soldiers | | Real West | |
| 40 | Auto Racing | NBA 2Night | RPM 2Night | Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Semifinal Game 7 -- Teams TBA | | | | | ATP Tennis | Flex Appeal | Outdoors |

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| 2 | The Adventures of Mole | | Movie: Adventures of Ichabod | | | Annie Lennox | | Movie: The Milagro Beanfield War *Chick Vennera.* 'R' | | | |
| 4 | News | Ent. Tonight | Unsolved Mysteries | | Dateline | | Homicide: Life | | News | (:35) Tonight Show | |
| 5 | Newshour With Jim Lehrer | | Wash. Week | Wall St. | Using the Internet | | Internet! | Previews | Keeping Up | Charlie Rose | |
| 6 | Videos | (:35) Major League Baseball Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves | | | | | | (:35) Movie: The Lost Boys (1987) *Jason Patric.* ★★★ | | | |
| 7 | News | Wh. Fortune | Fam. Mat. | Boy-World | Step-Step | Fam. Mat. | 20/20 | | News | Seinfeld | Nightline |
| 9 | Major League Baseball Chicago White Sox at Detroit Tigers | | | | | | News | | Night Court | Simon & Simon | |
| 10 | News | Home Imp. | Nash Bridges | | Miss Universe Pageant | | | | News | (:35) Late Show | |
| 13 | Roseanne | Simpsons | Goosebumps | | X-Files | | Star Trek: Voyager | | M*A*S*H | Cops | Wanted |
| 14 | Sportsctr. | Drag Racing | | Boxing Bronco McKart vs. Ronald Wright | | | | Baseball | Sportscenter | | Baseball |
| 17 | Waltons | | Highway to Heaven | | Rescue 911 | | 700 Club | | Three Stooges | | Bonanza |
| 18 | Movie: Young Sherlock | | Movie: Jury Duty *Pauly Shore.* 'PG-13' | | | Sherman | Poltergeist | (:45) Movie: Digital Man *Ken Olandt.* 'R' | | | |
| 20 | (5:15) Movie: Grace Kelly | | Movie: Cyborg Cop II *David Bradley.* 'R' | | | Twister | Tales-Crypt | Strangers | Sex Bytes | Dennis M. | Movie: |
| 21 | Movie: Woman-Past | | Movie: Malicious *Molly Ringwald.* 'R' | | | Movie: No Escape (1994) *Ray Liotta, Lance Henriksen.* | | | | Emmanuelle the Series | |
| 23 | Movie: Tarzan, the Ape Man (1932) ★★★ | | | | Movie: Anna Karenina (1935) *Greta Garbo.* ★★★ | | | | Movie: Hold That Kiss (1938) ★★ | | |
| 24 | Dukes of Hazzard | | Championship Rodeo | | Prime Time Country | | | Club Dance | | News | Rodeo |
| 25 | Bey. 2000 | Next Step | Wild Discovery | | Beyond 2000 | | Wings | | Next Step | Bey. 2000 | Wild Disc. |
| 26 | Equalizer | | Biography | | Movie: Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan | | | | Law & Order | | Biography |
| 27 | Commish | | Intimate Portrait | | Movie: A Stoning in Fulham County (1988) ★★★ | | | | Unsolved Mysteries | | Mysteries |
| 28 | Hockey Wk. | Astros | Major League Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Houston Astros | | | | | | Press Box | College Baseball | |
| 29 | In the Heat of the Night | | NBA Basketball Playoffs Teams to Be Announced | | | | | Insde-NBA | Movie: The Good Old Boys (1995) ★★½ | | |
| 31 | Doug | Tiny Toon | Munsters | Jeannie | I Love Lucy | Bewitched | M.T. Moore | Rhoda | Kotter | Taxi | Van Dyke |
| 32 | Movie: Lionheart (1990) *Jean-Claude Van Damme.* ★★ | | | | Movie: Bird on a Wire (1990) *Mel Gibson, Goldie Hawn.* ★★½ | | | | Movie: Vampire Vixens | | |
| 33 | Marisol | | | Movie: Juana la Cubana (1994) *Rosa Gloria Chagoyan.* | | | | Noticiero | P. Impacto | Movie: Tone | |
| 37 | Rain of Steel | | Typhoid Mary | | Movie: The Lindbergh Kidnapping Case (1976) *Cliff De Young.* ★★★ | | | | | TyphiMary | |
| 40 | RPM 2Night | Destination Extreme | | Extreme Scene | | Extreme Scene | | Athletes | Motoworld | RPM 2Night | NBA 2Night |

# Comics

## The Wizard of Id — by Brant Parker & Johnny Hart




## Marvin — By Tom Armstrong




## Barney Google and Snuffy Smith® — By Fred Lasswell




## BEETLE BAILEY® — By Mort Walker




## BLONDIE® — by Dean Young & Stan Drake





**Preparing new exhibit at PPHM**

The opening of the new exhibit "The Panhandle's Attic: Seventy-Five Years of Collecting" at the Panhandle-Plains Museum will coincide with the Historical Society's 75th annual meeting May 18. Preparing articles for the exhibit are, from left, Rolla Shaller, Roy (Chris) Christian and Bill Green.

# Thunderbirds, Golden Knights will perform during open house at Reese

RAFB, Tx.--The U.S. Air Force's Thunderbirds and the U.S. Army's Golden Knights will perform at Reese Air Force Base near Lubbock during the base's annual Air Show and community appreciation day Saturday.

The open house is also scheduled Sunday, but the Thunderbirds and Golden Knights will only fly Saturday on Armed Forces Day, according to Col. Randy Gelwix, commander of the 64th Flying Training Wing at RAFB.

The base will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. The two demonstration teams will share top billing with some of the armed services' newest aircraft and some civilian-owned vintage military aircraft, said Col. Gelwix.

There will be as many as 50 military and 20 civilian aircraft on ground display when the gates open. The Bud Light Micro Jet, the Jim Franklin Airshow will be highlights of civilian flying exhibits. There will be numerous flyovers and flying capability demonstrations.

Visitors are invited to come early and enjoy all events, said Lt. Col. Mark Edwards, Air Show project officer. He also advised visitors to bring a portable radio to track the latest traffic conditions, weather and show updates, and plenty of sun tan lotion. There is no charge to attend any activities on base.

There will be plenty of food, drink, parking and restrooms available, said Col. Edwards. There will be reasonable charge for food and beverages. Shuttle buses will run from the farthest parking areas and there will be rest stations with cold drinks, and a first-aid station will be in both parking areas.

# Travel Fair will include circus, flea market, food

The Cannon Travel Fair, scheduled May 17-18 at Cannon AFB, will also feature a circus, flea market, food and entertainment, and a chance to win a trip to Las Vegas, Nev.

The Travel Fair features representatives from many leisure attractions and resorts in New Mexico, Texas and Colorado. Booths will be set up and give out gifts and information.

Booths will include TEXAS, the musical; Cloudcroft, Angel Fire, Carlsbad Caverns, Amarillo Convention Council, Clovis and Roosevelt counties chambers of commerce, Tucumcari, Ft. Sumner, White City Resort and more.

The travel fair includes food and entertainment for adults and children. "Blackwater" and "Psychoholics Anonymous" popular bands with students and young adults in the area, will perform. Two roundtrip tickets to Las Vegas will be given away at the fair.

The world's largest traveling circus, Carson and Barnes, will also be on base for performances at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Friday, and at 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday. The circus, featuring full five-ring performances, is being sponsored by Cannon Youth Center.

Cannon AFB Community Activities Center is planning a Flea Market Saturday, May 18. Interested participants should call 505-784-2563. Cost is $8 a table.

The big event will also include a petting zoo, gymnast Angel Nelson, a dog-clipping demonstration, and security police dog demonstration.

For more information, call 505-784-2563.

# Happenings around the area

## DIMMITT

Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce has set the date for Dimmitt's 9th Annual City Wide Garage Sale Day, June 1.

Garage sales throughout the community will open at 8 a.m. and close when there is nothing else to sell.

There will be over 100 garage sales in the community of Dimmitt on this date.

In addition to residential garage sales, booths will be set up on the courthouse square. Local merchants will also be participating in the activities by having sidewalk sales.

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"Return to Vaudeville" is the theme for Dimmitt's 1996 production of the Follies. The variety show will be performed June 29-30.

Richard Spears has been named director of this year's production.

Open auditions for Follies will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 18 and from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. on May 20 in the Carlile Theater in downtown Dimmitt.

Anyone who would like to participate in the show should attend the auditions, which is open to individuals of all ages.

## CANYON

A new exhibit is planned at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon in honor of the 75th anniversary of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society.

"The Panhandle's Attic: Seventy-Five years of Collecting" will open May 18 and continue through 1996.

As in last year's exhibit of "Strange and Wonderful Things from the Collections," this exhibit will feature objects brought out of storage.

The new exhibit will emphasize the history of the historical society and museum.

Items to be exhibited will include a 1903 Ford with serial number 28, possibly the oldest assembly-line car in existence; saddles used by Col. and Mrs. Charles Goodnight and Texas Ranger Jeff Milton; a Springfield "Trapdoor" Officer's Rifle owned by Billy Dixon, who played a major role in the 1874 Battle of Adobe Walls and a muzzle-loading rifle with a Biblical inscription on the barrel owned by Col. Goodnight.

The exhibit is in the changing Gallery on the first floor of the museum. Museum hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday - and are extended until 6 p.m. during the summer months. Sunday hours ar 1-6 p.m. Admission is by donation and handicap facilities are available.

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The 75th Annual Meeting of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society will be Saturday in the Panhandle-Plains Museum in Canyon.

A gala celebration has been planned with B. Byron Price, director of the Cowboy Hall of Fame and past director of the PPHM as speaker.

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Living history interpretations, demonstrations, performances, wagon rides, hands-on activities, food and fun will comprise the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum's celebration Museum Day '96 on Saturday. The family (community) event will begin at 11 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m.

Living history programs will be presented by Amarillo Gunfighters, Fourth Cavalry memorial Re-enactment Group and Texas Inter-Tribal Indian Organization.

There will also be interpretive demonstrations, the Kwahadi Dancers, special performances by "Joey the Clown" and wagon rides.

Museum Day is an annual event observed world-wide as museums across the globe celebrate their roles in preserving the natural, cultural, historic and artistic heritages.

## PLAINVIEW

The 68th Plainview Pioneer Round-Up will be held Saturday, sponsored by the Plainview Business and Professional Women's Club.

The theme is "Pioneers: Past-Present-Future."

A reception will be held at 10 a.m. in the Ollie Liner Center. The Plainview Jaycees will sponsor a parade at 2:30 p.m.

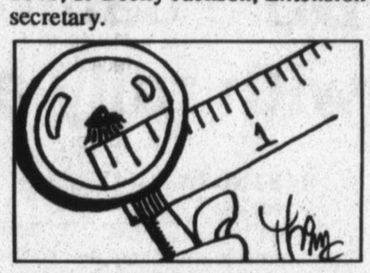
Evening activities, also in the Ollie Liner Center, will include a chuck wagon supper, musical program by the Gary Lloyd Family, naming of the Pioneer Women of the Plains and the Trail Blazer, and will conclude with a traditional square dance.

## CLARENDON

The Donley County 4-H Clubs are sponsoring booth spaces for rent on the Clarendon Courthouse lawn during the Country Craft Fair as part of the Saint's Roost Celebration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 4.

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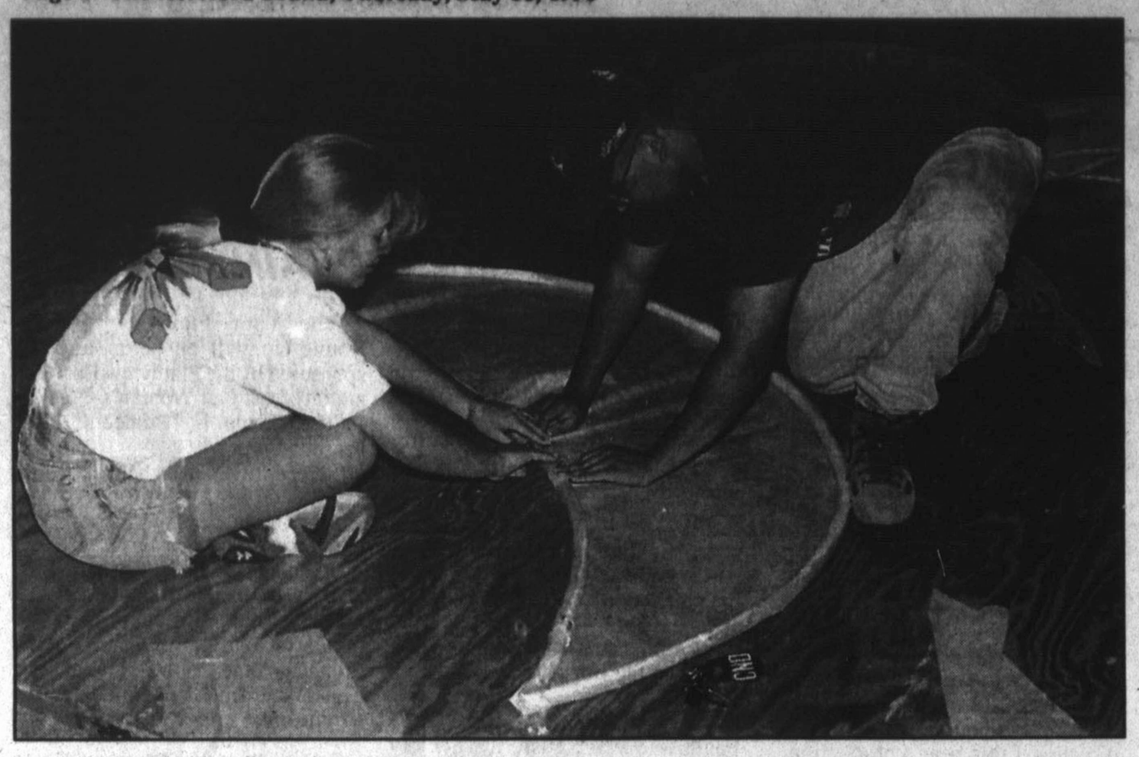
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# State move to take over school put off by federal decision delay

DALLAS (AP) - The U.S. Justice Department has delayed a decision on whether to let the state take over the troubled Wilmer-Hutchins school district.

Angry state officials said the decision, which could delay the takeover until midsummer, unjustly challenges state efforts to reform public education.

"I am disappointed and rather shocked," Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses said Wednesday.

The state had expected a Justice Department decision this month on whether the Texas Education Agency could proceed with its takeover.

In a May 10 letter to the TEA, however, federal officials said they need more information before they could allow a takeover. The TEA needs Justice Department approval because a takeover would usurp the power of an elected board.

After Moses responds to the letter, which he said he will do within 10 days, the Justice Department will have 60 days to consider its decision, pushing a possible takeover into midsummer.

"I don't know how the state can improve the school system if the Justice Department won't let us intervene in a district that is failing in all respects to deliver a quality public education," said state Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, who steers the Senate Education Committee.

"If the Justice Department takes away our enforcement mechanisms ... then our only avenue may be to just abolish poor-performing school districts."

Wilmer-Hutchins board members, who learned of the delay Wednesday, expressed less concern.

"I am sure the Justice Department is going to make the right decision," said trustee Luther Edwards. "Maybe they are trying to look at the whole picture, not just the negative side."

The Wilmer-Hutchins district, which includes the two small Dallas County towns and part of south Dallas, is plagued with academic, financial and leadership problems, the TEA said.

Last month, federal agents raided the district's administration building, carting out financial records. The FBI and the Internal Revenue Service are investigating possible corruption in the district.

The Justice Department cited several concerns in its four-page letter to Moses. It said it wants an explanation of why alternatives to a management team were not tried in Wilmer-Hutchins. It also requested names and telephones numbers of people in the district who favor the takeover.

Moses said the TEA has exhausted other options, noting that the agency has intervened in the district three times in the last year.

After a visit late last year, the TEA gave the district two years to get its house in order or be dissolved. Then in March, after learning the district was still struggling to put together a 1995-96 budget, Moses decided on the takeover.

He appointed a management team to run the 3,800-student district until serious financial problems can be corrected. Now, Moses wants to give the two state monitors, who started work in April, broad powers over the board.

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# Dole campaign gets jump start with rally arranged in Chicago

By SANDRA SOBIERAJ
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Bob Dole's presidential campaign gets a second shot out of the starting gate, with a hastily planned rally in Chicago.

Though the Senate majority leader doesn't shed his title or his Senate seat for several weeks, the one-stop trip to Illinois today is meant to symbolize Dole's clean break from the Congress.

"Our campaign will leave Washington behind to look to America," Dole said Wednesday in announcing that he would resign his seat as Kansas senator and the powerful post of majority leader by June 11.

Once Dole informed top aides Tuesday night of his decision, they quickly planned the Chicago trip, figuring that the best way to make his point was to rush him out onto the campaign trail.

Over the next two weeks, Dole is scheduled to campaign in North Carolina, Florida and California - other key battleground states for the Republican challenger to President Clinton - and campaign aides were already working Wednesday to fill his schedule for June.

"This gives him the opportunity to go out there and frame himself rather than be framed by the White House," Michael Deaver, former aide to President Ronald Reagan, told CBS-TV today.

Added Republican National Committee Chairman Haley Barbour in an interview with ABC-TV today, "Now he can concentrate totally on taking his campaign away from Washington to where the voters are."

Connecticut Sen. Christopher Dodd, co-chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said Dole was running away from Washington problems. He called the move a "political gimmick" that won't help in the long run.

"You can change your clothes, change your makeup, change the location of where you are, but you still have to have a message that people care about," Dodd said on NBC's "Today" show.

Most Americans believe Dole did the right thing in resigning from the Senate, a poll taken hours after the announcement suggested.

Of those who heard of Dole's decision, 60 percent approved while 30 percent said he should have stayed in the Senate during the campaign, according to a CBS News poll.

Since officially launching his third bid for the presidency on April 10 of last year, Dole weathered a bruising Republican primary season only to find his candidacy languishing as much as 20 points behind Clinton in national polls.

Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar was among the throngs of Republicans who delighted in the news that Dole would no longer be distracted by day-to-day Senate duties and a Democratic minority that has frustrated Dole's initial strategy of using his Senate perch to draw contrasts with Clinton.

"Bob Dole will now be able to take his case to the American people - to explain the differences between Bob Dole and Bill Clinton - instead of trying to accomplish these goals in the current atmosphere of Beltway politics," Edgar said in a statement before Dole's Chicago visit.

The noontime rally, planned for a downtown hotel ballroom, was guaranteed to keep the media spotlight on Dole and spark renewed public interest in his campaign.

Chicago is the media capital of the electorally important Midwest and, within hours of Dole's dramatic announcement, all but a handful of the press seats on his charter jet were sold out - unprecedented for the Dole campaign to date.

Dole's Senate resignation is but one of several initiatives to get his campaign on track. Others, aides said, include a fresh round of Republican Party television ads and a new Dole economic plan certain to include a call for tax cuts.

"This is good news for Senator Dole, good news for the Republican Party and good news for the country," said Barbour. Barbour and two senior campaign aides said Dole informed them two weeks ago he had decided that resigning was his best hope of rejuvenating the campaign.

"Frankly, it was a bolder move than I would have counseled," said House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who admitted Dole hadn't told him about his plans to resign until Wednesday.

# Nuclear repository not hazard, says Bush

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) - Gov. George W. Bush supports the future use of the Pantex Plant near Amarillo as a nuclear repository, a position running counter to that of Attorney General Dan Morales.

In letters to Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary, Bush's office said plans to store nuclear components at Pantex, where America's atomic bomb arsenal was assembled, won't be an environmental hazard to the Texas Panhandle.

"The history of safety, success and efficiency is the foundation for the future of the Pantex Plant," said Bush, a Republican, in a letter. "The state of Texas is prepared to continue to assist Pantex with the significant role it plays in keeping the United States the defender of the free world."

Morales, a Democrat, vowed to explore all legal options to keep the federal government from turning Pantex into a plutonium reprocessing or storage site, options he termed "unacceptable."

"Accordingly, I have instructed my staff to renew its efforts to develop all available legal options to prevent DOE from turning the Texas Panhandle into a de facto nuclear waste dump," he said.

Morales noted that the Pantex facility is located in one of the state's most productive agricultural areas and over the Ogalalla Aquifer, one of the region's most reliable fresh water sources.

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# Cell phones present pacemaker problem

SEATTLE (AP) - People fitted with pacemakers should be aware that carrying a digital cellular phone could cause the heart-regulating devices to slow down, shut off or even speed up the heart rate, a researcher says.

The first large-scale study on the subject, released today, found the digital cellular phones caused interference with heart pacemakers in more than half of the 975 patients tested.

Dr. David Hayes, a co-author of the study, said interference occurred most often when a phone's antenna rested directly over the pacemaker, and rarely when a phone was held at the ear.

"I would tell patients is that analog phones are certainly the safest," said Hayes, director of pacemaker services at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. "Whatever kind of phone you're using, it's best to avoid carrying it around turned on in your breast pocket."

The patients were tested with five different types of digital cellular phones held at the ear and at different positions over the pacemaker. Overall, some interference, as defined by changes in an electrocardiogram, was seen in 53.6 percent of the patients.

Analog phones, the most common type of wireless phone available in the United States, caused interference in just 3.1 percent of the tests.

The results, which were similar to those of earlier investigations, were presented at the annual meeting of the North American Society of Pacing and Electrophysiology.

Problems created by the cellular phones included "temporarily inhibiting or turning off the pacemaker and causing the pacemaker to pace the heart at an inappropriately fast rate," Hayes said.

Tim Ayers, a spokesman for the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association, said the study contained no surprises.

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# Everest climbers knew possibility of disaster, says woman who lost her husband, daughter

By LISA M. HAMM
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - The eight men and women who died in a blizzard on Mount Everest knew before they started that even if they reached the world's highest peak, it could all end in disaster.

So why did they pay $60,000 apiece for a permit, travel as far as halfway around the world, spend years in preparation, and leave families behind to challenge one of the most dangerous mountains on Earth?

Some people would scoff at climbers who embark on a journey to the top of the world. Psychologists might call them thrill-seekers, but mountaineers attribute their passion to a voyage of self-discovery.

"How do you explain it to someone who doesn't feel it?" sighed Jolene Unsoeld, a former congresswoman who lost both her husband and her daughter to the lure of the highest peaks.

"Life is not meant to be wrapped in a cocoon of total safety," Unsoeld said. "It's only by stretching our limits that we as human beings grow."

Exhausted climbers straggled down Mount Everest on Tuesday after one of the worst tragedies since its conquest in 1953. The blizzard roared in Friday without warning, killing seven men and a woman. Twenty-two people survived.

The climbers died descending the 29,028-foot summit. The dead included some of the world's most skilled climbers as well as amateur adventurers.

They knew the risks: a fickle storm or an unexpected avalanche could bury them, they could freeze to death or lose limbs to frostbite, or drown on fluid that might fill their lungs from altitude sickness.

Unsoeld's husband, Willi, who was in the first American expedition to Everest, died in a climbing accident in 1979 on Mount Rainier in Washington. Daughter Devi died in 1976, at age 22, during a climb in the central Himalayas.

Yet Jolene Unsoeld, who has climbed to 18,000 feet, bemoans the fact that her grandchildren aren't old enough to climb with her.

Her husband, in writings published after his death, said climbers find humility from their brushes with the sacred.

"In the face of the power, mystery, and fascination of the natural scheme, the concerns of self evaporate," he wrote.

Lou Whittaker, who has twice scaled Everest and now guides people up Mount McKinley in Alaska and Mount Rainier in Washington, said he read the words of Helen Keller while trapped for eight days by a storm on Pakistan's K-2, the world's second highest peak.

"Security is mostly a superstition," wrote Keller, who overcame blindness and deafness. "Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure or nothing."

Scientists have said genetics help determine a person's risk threshold.

Climbers have high-risk personalities, said Frank Farley, a psychologist at Philadelphia's Temple University. Risk-takers can be catalysts, he said.

"If we all clung to the handrails of life, there would be no human progress, there would be no new frontiers," Farley said.

Mike Hardert, director of the International Mountain Climbing School in North Conway, N.H., said the appeal lies in "pushing the envelope."

"If you're 10 or 15 feet above your last piece of protection and if you slip you're going to fall 30 feet, ... your whole world is focused down just to this 3-by-3 foot area of rock," he said. "There's sort of a spiritual effect and a calmness."

Tim McCartney-Snape, who in 1984 jointly became the first Australian to conquer the world's highest peak, agreed that danger attracts.

"If you look death in the face, as you do on a mountain, it gives you an appreciation of the value of being alive. ... Your destiny is in your own hands."

# Two children killed in tragic end to test

By TERRI LANGFORD
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) - A woman who needed three tries to pass her written driver's license exam stepped on the gas pedal instead of the brake during her road test, killing two children at play and injuring her own daughter.

Aurora Cano, 24, was completing the road test Wednesday and had pulled into a parking space near the license office.

She had been told by her instructor, a state trooper, to put the gear shift of the Geo Prizm into park, said Sherri Green, a Department of Public Safety spokeswoman.

As the trooper glanced at paperwork, the woman instead put the car into drive, and then stepped on the gas pedal instead of the brake. The car lurched forward, hopping a curb and pinning the three children against the wall of the Department of Public Safety office.

Five-year-olds Melissa Garcia and David Ramos were killed. Ms. Cano's 3-year-old daughter, Araceli "Shelley" Cano, was hospitalized in fair condition. They were among a group of six children who had gone with Ms. Cano and the owner of the car, whose name was not immediately released.

Two of the children were Ms. Cano's. The car's owner was baby-sitting the other four, including the two who were killed, Ms. Green said.

Trooper Willie Kent, who was put on routine administrative leave after the accident, said he had warned both women before the test that the children were being too unruly, authorities said.

"They were rather rambunctious," Lt. James Blunt said. "Before the test was given, (Ms. Cano was) advised that it would be best if they would move away from the car testing area."

It was Ms. Cano's first attempt at the driving portion of the exam. She took the written part twice before passing. Officials could not verify whether it was her first road test or if she had an out-of-state license.

No charges were filed against Ms. Cano. She did not get her license and will be allowed to take the road test again.

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# Weathermen applaud 'Twister' animation

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer

Aspects of "Twister" left Oklahoma weather experts applauding the graphics and animation that brought tornadoes to life on the big screen.

Other aspects of the hit movie, however, caused meteorologists to sigh: It's Hollywood.

Storm chasers in Oklahoma - the state where "Twister" was filmed and set - said Wednesday the movie was off-base in some terminology and risky behavior by the characters.

"If any of us real storm chasers did what they did in the movie, we'd probably be dead four or five times," said Mark Plate, a National Weather meteorologist in Tulsa.

"Researchers don't get in harm's way as often," said Doug Forsyth, deputy director of the National Severe Storms Laboratory in Norman, which briefed the film crew beforehand and took members out to intercept tornadoes. "They (the characters) seemed to be driving right into these things."

During its debut last weekend, the movie earned an estimated $37.5 million, a total that ranks as the seventh-biggest opening-weekend ever.

Audiences saw Oklahoma farms and the Wakita water tower during the high-action drama about storm chasers who brave the violent winds in the name of science.

Scenes show actress Helen Hunt and actor Bill Paxton toting radios and computers as they race, through ominous thunder and hail, from tornado to tornado.

"We typically don't go driving through the middle of corn fields and on private property," said Forrest Mitchell, a storm chaser for the weather service in Norman. "We wouldn't go driving down a rain-soaked road."

Several weather experts said they worry that "Twister" will encourage amateurs to head out into severe storms expecting minimal danger and big adventure.

"What we hope it doesn't do is cause people to go out and chase storms on their own, because it really is dangerous if you don't know what you're doing," Plate said.

The state's weather experts agreed that the movie amounts to good entertainment and an effective lesson on tornadic power.

They like how "Twister" depicts the fun of their job and the advancements being made for tornado warnings.

But they took issue with several points. Real tornadoes would spit more debris around; real storm chasers would never strap themselves to a water pipe in the tornado's path; real weather doesn't spawn so many tornadoes in one day.

"Researchers and those of us who work on the warning end know it can be a little slow at times," said Dennis McCarthy, meteorologist in charge in Norman.

# State health officials defend rabies program

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - State health officials are defending their rabies airdrop program from threatened budget cuts, saying it has proved to be an economical, efficient and effective way to fight a rabies threat to South, West and Central Texas.

Preliminary findings of this year's airdrop of 1.3 million vaccine-laden baits over part of South Texas indicates the effort may have been more successful than the first year in immunizing coyotes against rabies, health officials said Wednesday.

The Texas Department of Health now is discussing whether to blanket all of South Texas with the baits over the next two winters.

The department says the strategy could eliminate the deadly canine strain from Texas three years earlier than planned.

Details of the oral vaccine campaign were discussed Wednesday at a rabies seminar for military veterinarians at Fort Sam Houston.

Transmitted by the bite of an infected animal, rabies is treatable in humans but fatal once it enters the nervous system, which takes several weeks or months after exposure.

Two years ago, former Gov. Ann Richards declared a rabies emergency in South Texas because the disease continued to march northward despite a six-year attempt to stop it.

The state is spending $4 million this year to attack two strains of the disease, one that has struck coyotes in South Texas and another affecting gray foxes in Central and West Texas.

The cost of this year's program was divided between emergency funds appropriated by the Legislature and the state health department. But Gayne Fearneyhough, director of the oral rabies vaccination project, said last week that the department won't be able to help fund next year's project because of a tight budget and cutbacks.

A $2 million airdrop planned next year in South Texas would continue, but the Central and West Texas project would have to be cancelled, he said.

Now, the department is taking the political offensive.

"One of the things I like to tell the politicians is that, at this rate, we're vaccinating each coyote at a cost of about $30, which compares real favorably with some veterinary clinics," said Dr. Keith Clark, the department's head of animal disease control.

Fearneyhough said that tests on 160 coyotes after this year's drop found that 51 percent had an immune response against rabies. That was an improvement over 42 percent after the initial airdrop of 830,000 baits in February 1995.

And rabies has not quite reached San Antonio. The capture of seven rabid coyotes last fall in Atascosa County, south of San Antonio, was treated with a supplemental airdrop of 25,000 extra baits.

"To date, we have funding in place for the coyote portion of the project next year," Fearneyhough said. "I think it's a reasonable assumption we'll be back in Central Texas again as well."

If funding is secured, health officials will try to bait all of South Texas for two years, rather than continue moving the vaccine barrier south to the border, Fearneyhough said.


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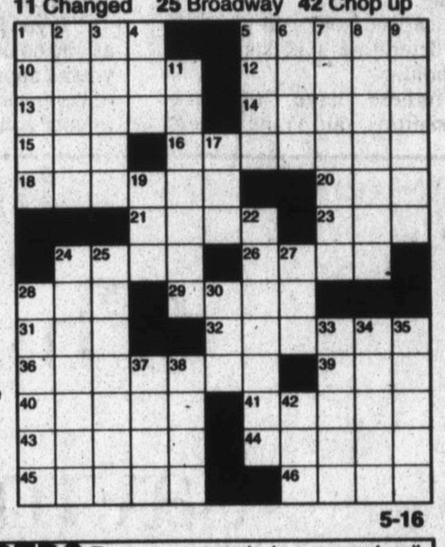
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PERMIT-BY-RULE TO OPERATE A CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION SUBCHAPTER K RULES

Mc6 Cattle Feeders, Inc., P. O. Box 310, Hereford, TX 79045, has filed an application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) to amend an Air and Water Quality Permit-By-Rule under 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 321 Subchapter K rules (Proposed Permit-By-Rule No. 03196. If this application is approved, Mc6 Cattle Feeders, Inc. will be authorized to expand a(n) existing cattle feedlot from 18,000 to a maximum of 35,000 head. The location of the existing facility is at the end of an unnamed county road approximately two (2) miles east of the intersection of U.S. Highway 385 and Farm-to-Market Road 1412 and approximately 18 miles north of Hereford, Deaf Smith County, Texas. The facility will generate and collect animal waste and wastewater on-site. Wastewater will be benefically used on 271 acres of agricultural land located on-site. Waste will be benefically used by contract manure haulers off-site. The facility is in the drainage area of the Upper Prairie Dog Town Fork in Segment #0229 of the Red River Basin.

This application was received by the TNRCC on April 11, 1996 and was declared administratively and technically complete on May 2, 1996. A copy of the facility's application is available for public review during normal business hours at the main office of the feedyard located approximately two (2) miles east of the intersection of U.S. Highway 385 and Farm-to-Market Road 1412 in Deaf Smith County, Texas.

Legal Authority: Section 26.040 of the **Texas Water Code** and 30 TAC Subchapter K. Section 321.181-321.198 of the **Rules of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.**

Written comments concerning this application for permit-by-rule may be submitted. Comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, TNRCC, P. O. Box 13087 MC-105, Austin, Texas 78711. Comments must be received no later than 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. In order for comments to qualify for consideration by the Executive Director, they must (1) be sworn and in writing; (2) describe in detail how the application, if approved, would affect a person, property, or other legally justiciable interest of the commenter; (3) describe in detail how the application lacks technical merit, i.e., fails to meet the applicable requirements set forth in the rules of Subchapter K and therefore issuance of the permit-by-rule may result in detrimental impacts to ground water quality underlying the related concentrated animal feeding operation and/or detrimental impacts to surface water quality within one mile of the facility or present evidence demonstrating that the history of compliance by the applicant has resulted in detrimental impacts to such ground or surface water quality within these geographic limits; and (4) describe the specific action the commenter wishes the TNRCC to take in response to the application.

Information concerning any technical aspect of this application can be obtained by writing Clifton F. Wise, Agriculture Section, TNRCC, P. O. Box 13087 MC-158, Austin, Texas 78711, or by telephone at (512) 239-4727.

ISSUED this 9th day of May, 1996.

**Gloria A. Vasquez, Chief Clerk**

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Hereford, Texas, will receive sealed bids in the office of the City Manager until 2:00 PM, Thursday, May 30, 1996, for the construction of Water Supply Wells Nos. 41 & 42, including all labor, material and equipment and performing all work required for construction.

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By: Chester R. Nolen
City Manager

# Entertainment

## Dern will portray 'Ruby Ridge' role honestly despite personal feelings

By LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Laura Dern pronounces herself repelled by the extreme beliefs that drove Vicki Weaver and her husband, Randy, to a fatal confrontation with federal officers.

The actress says it was important to honestly portray the doomed woman in the four-hour CBS miniseries "Ruby Ridge: An American Tragedy," airing Sunday and Monday at 9 p.m. Eastern.

The wrongness of the Weavers' racist beliefs and the equally misguided government assault both should be illuminated, Dern contends.

"In no way, shape or form ... should these people (the Weavers) ever be held up as heroes or heroines. But they were people, they were humans who should not have died," she said.

Vicki Weaver and the couple's 14-year-old son were killed in the 1992 standoff with lawmen at the family's isolated cabin in Ruby Ridge, Idaho. A deputy U.S. marshal also died.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and other federal agencies were criticized for their actions, which included the FBI sniper killing of Vicki Weaver as she held her 10-month-old infant.

Without admitting wrongdoing, the federal government paid the Weaver family a $3.1 million settlement.

News reports left an impression of Vicki Weaver as a passive victim of both her husband's radical beliefs as well as government violence.

The book that served as the basis for the miniseries, Jess Walter's "Every Knee Shall Bow," and family correspondence paint a very different picture of the wife and mother, says Dern.

"Oh, you're playing that poor woman, the one married to that horrible racist," someone commented to the actress after seeing a CBS promotional spot for the miniseries co-starring Randy Quaid as Weaver.

"Well, she had her own beliefs," is Dern's response. "She seemingly was sweet and loving and a good mother and all these things people label her as, but in her letters I see such rage and, in my opinion, paranoia."

A hatred of racial and religious minorities ruled Vicki Weaver's life, along with her strict Christian fundamentalism, the actress says.

Weaver wanted to remove her family from a society she mistrusted and from the apocalypse she expected, Dern said - and her devoted husband followed her wishes.

"How many men do you know who - when the woman says, 'I want you to quit your job, I want you to leave everything you know and I want you to build me a house on the top of a mountain where you'll never see anybody for the next nine years' - would do it?" Dern asks.

"He was completely and utterly dedicated to this woman. So Randy (Quaid) had to be completed and utterly dedicated to me," she said, breaking her seriousness with a laugh.

Her comfortable relationship with Quaid - he and an 11-year-old Dern worked together in one of her first films, "Foxes" - brought an unexpected element of delight to the physically difficult film.

"We both have a very irreverent, sometimes possibly sick sense of humor, and we'd do scenes which we thought were clearly comedy," she said. The world of racial separatists and believers in white America as the new Israel "just made us laugh."

Also lending support was Diane Ladd, Dern's real-life mom, who plays Vicki Weaver's mother. Joe Don Baker, Kirsten Dunst and Darren Burrows co-star in the film shot in a remote part of Northern California.

"It was not a pleasant experience for anybody on the movie," Dern said. "Everybody got sick. The weather conditions were horrible ... We had snow one day, then we had 90 degrees, then we had horrible mudslides and rain.

"We got seven weeks of it; the Weavers lived in it for nine years without electricity and proper plumbing. It certainly taught me a lot about (Vicki) and her strength."

Dern welcomed all the role's challenges. The blonde went dark-haired for the movie, with makeup providing the weathered patina that mountain life left on Vicki Weaver.

And she didn't flinch at slipping into a character with malevolent views.

"I love having the opportunity to play genuine people, but sympathetic is never a requirement," she said. "I think that Vicki Weaver was genuine in who she was, be that a separatist, be that a racist, and a lot of other things I frankly hate in people."

## Secrets of getting seat at 'power restaurant'

By DENNIS ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) - Spago. The Ivy. The Polo Lounge.

Even just the names of the restaurants making up the inner circle of power dining spots conjure up visions of Hollywood glamor, power deals, expensive champagnes and market price caviar.

How to get a table among the swells or the mighty? Be a regular, one of the known rich and famous. Have a hot movie. Or, failing all else, it helps to be pregnant.

"If you're Kevin Costner, of course you're going to get a great table. But if you're not, you need a strategy," advises a junior studio executive who spoke on condition of anonymity. "Leave my name out, please. I'd like to make a movie of my own some day."

The self-effacing junior exec is sometimes called on to arrange luncheon bookings for more senior studio honchos.

"If you've got a hot movie, hey, it helps. But if you're not Costner, sometimes you can't get the time or the table you want."

One boss wanted a booth and had a recent movie credit with good marquee recognition, but the can-do assistant still couldn't get that elusive 8 p.m. seating. So he made an appeal to the compassion of the maitre'd: The producer's bride was pregnant.

In Hollywood, everything is negotiation. The producer got the booth, but 9:30 p.m. was the earliest seating.

And forget about something as crass as trying to grease the palm of the doorman with a large-denomination bill. Money may talk in other realms of Hollywood life, but the junior executive and others say trying to bribe a maitre'd would get you only a blank stare.

On Sunset Boulevard, a blue tour bus slowly passes the pink layer-cake confectionery of the famous Beverly Hills Hotel, where celebrities hold court at the Polo Lounge. The wide-eyed tourists look like space travelers inspecting an exotic planet from orbit. And, in a way, they are.

The out-of-towners live in another world from the stars that chart a course in the Polo Lounge's constellation of white linen and gleaming silver.

With the right polo shirt, the right slacks or dress and a little poise, even an outer-orbit visitor could get a decent table.

"You really must be nice to everyone," says Nino Osti, maitre'd at the Polo Lounge. "You never know when someone walking in might be the next Howard Hughes."

The billionaire recluse lived at the hotel off and on for 30 years, consuming pineapple upside-down cakes at 3 a.m. and searching for a roast beef sandwich he ordered to be kept hidden in a tree.

During the nearly 30 years Osti has worked at the hotel, he has shaken hands with five astronauts, hand-carried Sir Richard Attenborough's gold Oscar statuettes for "Gandhi" and seated countless combinations of celebrity and royalty.

In the coffee shop, the banana leaf wallpaper looks just like it did more than 50 years ago when Darryl F. Zanuck and Spencer Tracy actually played polo nearby.

Adjusting his elegant black dinner jacket, Osti looks like he just stepped out of Rick's American Cafe in "Casablanca."

"It's Hollywood! Everybody comes here," Osti says.

## Five Questions With: Roger Moore

By The Associated Press

Roger Moore's back on the big screen and getting a view to a kill as a devious soldier of fortune in "The Quest" with Jean-Claude Van Damme. Looking back on his life, seven seems to be lucky for Moore: He was the suave Agent 007 in seven James Bond adventures and starred in TV's "The Saint" for seven years. Numerology aside, the man with the golden gun is spending his golden years helping raise funds for children worldwide as a special agent for UNICEF. Here he shares some insights, for your eyes only:

1. What did you think of Pierce Brosnan as Agent 007 in "Goldeneye"?

Moore: I only saw two reels when they were making it. He looked very good, as if he had the proper humor. I saw the sequence he played with Judi Dench as M, and he had the right twinkle.

2. What was the best advice you ever received?

Moore: "Hit the lines and say the marks" - Lee Marvin.

3. The worst advice?

Moore: "Become an actor," from a fellow who wanted me to be an actor.

4. What do you think of Val Kilmer playing "The Saint" in a feature film?

Moore: I think he will draw a big audience and make it very successful. As my company is involved in it, I'm very, very happy about it. (self-satisfied chuckle.)

5. Are you enjoying your life at present?

Moore: I've always enjoyed life. I'm quite amazed to wake up and find there's another day ahead of me.

-Bob Thomas, Associated Press Writer

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**—Charles Caleb Colton**



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## This week in entertainment

By The Associated Press

Entertainment highlights during the week of May 16-22:

**40 years ago:** British pianist Winifred Atwell was presented with two gold singles for sales of her hit medleys, "Let's Have a Party," and "Let's Have Another Party." And director John Ford's "The Searchers" starring John Wayne, Natalie Wood and Jeffrey Hunter, premiered at the Chicago Theater in Chicago with Wayne in attendance.

**30 years ago:** "That's What You Get" by The Castiles was the first commercial recording to feature teen-ager Bruce Springsteen.

**20 years ago:** "The Missouri Breaks," starring Marlon Brando, opened in New York. In the film directed by Arthur Penn, Brando wore a dress and spoke with an Irish accent.

**10 years ago:** The Directors Guild of America gave its first posthumous award to Oscar Micheaux, pioneer black filmmaker, whose 1926 film "Body and Soul" was Paul Robeson's first movie. And country singer Johnny Paycheck, best known for his 1978 hit "Take This Job and Shove It," was found guilty of shooting a man after an argument in a bar in Hillsboro, Ohio.

**5 years ago:** ABC-TV canceled "thirtysomething," the hour-long saga exploring death and dirty diapers that won 10 Emmys, including best dramatic series. And the movie "Barton Fink" won the top prizes at the 44th annual Cannes Film Festival.

**Spoken five years ago:** "Hello. My name is Robin Williams, and I would like to do something from 'Hamlet' ... I just need a moment to prepare .... To be or ... Wait! I know this!" - Robin Williams, receiving an honorary doctorate from The Julliard School in New York City, which he left in 1976 without graduating.

**Birthday Bios:**

Twenty-three-year-old actress Tori Spelling of "Beverly Hills, 90210" is the daughter of film producer Aaron Spelling. Her father's latest show, NBC-TV's "Malibu Shores," stars Tori's 17-year-old brother Randy, who plays Valley dude Flipper Gage.

Another birthday girl with a brother in the business is singer Janet Jackson, sister of Michael Jackson. With the 1986 song, "When I Think of You," Janet and Michael became the first siblings in the rock era to have No. 1 songs as soloists.

**Birthdays:**

May 16: Bond ... James Bond ... actor Pierce Brosnan, 43; actress Mare Winningham, 37; singer Janet Jackson, 30; singer Ralph Tresvant, 28; actress Tracey Gold, 27; TV actress and daddy's girl, Tori Spelling, 23.

May 17: Easy rider Dennis Hopper, 60; singer and non-monument Taj Mahal, 54; "Twister" actor Bill Paxton, 41; actress Debra Winger, 41; video voyeur Bob Saget, 40; singer Trent Reznor of Nine Inch Nails, 31; singer Jordan Knight of New Kids On The Block, 26; singer Darnell Van Rensalier with R-and-B group Shai, 26.

May 18: Actor Dwayne Hickman, 62; Joe Bonsall of The Oak Ridge Boys, 48; Rick Wakeman of Yes, 47; country singer George Strait, 44; singer Butch Tavares with R-and-B group Tavares, 43; rapper Special Ed, 22.

May 19: Who's Who Peter Townshend, 51; singer Dusty Hill of ZZ Top, 47; amazonian singer-actress Grace Jones, 44; Joey Ramone of The Ramones, 44.

May 20: Legendary actor and Harvey pal Jimmy Stewart, 88; singer Joe Cocker, 52; actress-singer, info-commercial queen and tattoo enthusiast Cher, 50; Jane Wiedlin of The Go-Go's, 38; actor Bronson Pinchot, 37; actor Tony Goldwyn, 36; Nick Heyward of Haircut 100, 35; actress Mindy Cohn of "The Facts of Life," 30.

May 21: Ron Isley of The Isley Brothers, 55; singer Leo Sayer, 48; actress Carol Potter of "Beverly Hills, 90210," 48; actor Judge Reinhold, 39; rapper The Notorious B.I.G., 24.

May 22: Actor-director Richard Benjamin, 58; actor Paul Winfield, 55; singer Johnny Gill, 30; depressive singer Morrissey, 37; runway restaurateur Naomi Campbell, 26.


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CATTLE FUTURES

CATTLE-FEEDER (CME) 50,000 lbs.; cents per lb.

| Price | May | Aug | Sept | May | Aug | Sept | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| May | 55.65 | 55.70 | 55.15 | 55.20 | – .45 | 64.50 | 46.15 | 3,006 |
| Aug | 55.95 | 56.00 | 55.15 | 55.27 | – .50 | 64.00 | 50.55 | 8,139 |
| Sept | 56.30 | 56.35 | 55.45 | 55.55 | – .72 | 63.50 | 50.95 | 2,466 |
| Oct | 57.00 | 57.00 | 56.60 | 56.62 | – .67 | 63.45 | 57.30 | 3,744 |
| Nov | 59.20 | 59.22 | 58.30 | 58.30 | – .90 | 63.55 | 54.60 | 1,833 |
| Ja97 | 60.55 | 60.55 | 59.80 | 59.90 | – .50 | 61.60 | 55.70 | 909 |
| Mar | 60.20 | 60.20 | 59.60 | 59.62 | – .57 | 61.20 | 56.15 | 616 |
| Apr | 60.10 | 60.10 | 59.52 | 59.55 | – .57 | 61.15 | 57.75 | 129 |

Est vol 3,512; vol Tu 3,161; open int 20,741, – 115.

CATTLE-LIVE (CME) 40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.

| Price | June | Aug | Oct | Dec | Fb97 | Apr | June | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| June | 60.45 | 64.45 | 59.45 | 60.32 | – .12 | 64.60 | 54.00 | 27,692 |
| Aug | 63.05 | 63.05 | 62.30 | 62.60 | – .25 | 63.87 | 56.90 | 26,592 |
| Oct | 64.75 | 64.77 | 64.32 | 64.70 | – .07 | 65.07 | 61.50 | 19,433 |
| Dec | 62.67 | 62.72 | 62.27 | 62.50 | – .15 | 64.90 | 59.40 | 10,293 |
| Fb97 | 61.80 | 61.80 | 61.40 | 61.67 | + .05 | 64.15 | 60.15 | 8,919 |
| Apr | 64.60 | 64.60 | 64.35 | 64.40 | – .20 | 65.12 | 62.65 | 1,926 |
| June | 63.67 | 63.70 | 63.42 | 63.47 | – .17 | 64.35 | 61.60 | 873 |

Est vol 16,494; vol Tu 17,959; open int 95,942, +1,640.

HOGS (CME) 40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.

New contract prices begin with Feb97

| Price | June | July | Aug | Jun | Jly | Aug | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| June | 64.52 | 65.10 | 64.40 | 65.05 | + .75 | 64.57 | 45.20 | 15,372 |
| July | 61.00 | 61.50 | 60.90 | 61.25 | + .35 | 61.55 | 44.70 | 9,537 |
| Aug | 56.40 | 56.45 | 55.90 | 56.22 | + .02 | 56.60 | 44.65 | 5,845 |
| Oct | 51.80 | 51.90 | 51.25 | 51.42 | – .25 | 54.65 | 41.00 | 5,251 |
| Dec | 55.30 | 55.35 | 54.50 | 54.55 | – .30 | 55.37 | 41.00 | 5,373 |
| Fb97 | 75.52 | 75.75 | 75.00 | 75.15 | – .35 | 76.70 | 63.15 | 848 |
| Apr | 73.27 | 73.27 | 72.60 | 72.95 | – .22 | 73.75 | 61.15 | 353 |
| June | 77.90 | 78.00 | 77.25 | 78.00 | | 78.97 | 67.60 | 411 |
| July | .... | .... | .... | 76.25 | – .35 | 76.00 | 67.60 | 111 |

Est vol 8,979; vol Tu 8,303; open int 43,145, +102.

GRAIN FUTURES

CORN (CBT) 5,000 bu.; cents per bu.

| Price | May | July | Sept | Dec | Mr97 | May | July | Dec | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| May | 505 | 512¾ | 496½ | 500½ | – 4½ | 518 | 259½ | | 3,191 |
| July | 487½ | 491 | 482¼ | 487½ | + ¼ | 494 | 254 | | 161,947 |
| Sept | 419 | 420 | 415¾ | 416½ | + 3¾ | 430 | 260 | | 68,057 |
| Dec | 355 | 359½ | 352½ | 358¼ | + 4¾ | 359½ | 239 | | 148,068 |
| Mr97 | 359 | 364½ | 359 | 364 | + 5½ | 364½ | 279¼ | | 17,248 |
| May | 363 | 366 | 363 | 365½ | + 4½ | 366 | 306 | | 2,462 |
| July | 362 | 366 | 362 | 364½ | + ½ | 366 | 284 | | 3,616 |
| Dec | 298 | 298 | 296 | 297½ | + ½ | 302 | 249¾ | | 4,276 |

Est vol 95,000; vol Tu 96,390; open int 408,865, +1,603.

SOYBEAN MEAL (CBT) 100 tons; $ per ton.

| Price | May | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Dec | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| May | 249.50 | 250.70 | 248.50 | 249.20 | – .30 | 259.80 | 181.50 | 1,453 |
| July | 253.50 | 254.80 | 252.00 | 252.70 | – .10 | 266.40 | 183.00 | 50,726 |
| Aug | 252.60 | 254.30 | 252.00 | 252.00 | – .80 | 267.00 | 189.50 | 11,241 |
| Sept | 250.50 | 252.30 | 249.50 | 250.20 | .... | 263.00 | 188.00 | 7,413 |
| Oct | 247.00 | 249.00 | 247.00 | 247.70 | + .50 | 258.00 | 190.00 | 3,502 |
| Dec | 248.80 | 249.00 | 247.00 | 248.10 | + .60 | 258.00 | 178.00 | 17,562 |
| Ja97 | 247.50 | 248.70 | 247.50 | 248.20 | + 1.50 | 257.50 | 215.00 | 1,164 |
| Mar | 247.00 | 249.00 | 247.00 | 248.70 | + 1.70 | 255.50 | 227.00 | 1,025 |
| May | 248.00 | 248.00 | 247.50 | 247.70 | + 2.20 | 256.00 | 234.60 | 905 |

Est vol 18,000; vol Tu 20,240; open int 94,954, –252.

WHEAT (CBT) 5,000 bu.; cents per bu.

| Price | May | July | Sept | Dec | Mr97 | May | July | Sept | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| May | 670 | 675 | 658 | 670 | + 2 | 717 | 379 | | 293 |
| July | 587¾ | 589 | 580 | 588¾ | + 1 | 636 | 355 | | 56,703 |
| Sept | 579¾ | 585 | 577 | 579 | + 1 | 632 | 374 | | 15,775 |
| Dec | 589 | 590 | 583 | 585¾ | – 1 | 632¾ | 362 | | 17,344 |
| Mr97 | 576 | 584 | 576 | 578 | .... | 618½ | 456½ | | 1,523 |
| May | 520 | 530 | 520 | 530 | + 3 | 547 | 480 | | 170 |
| July | 448 | 449 | 445 | 447 | .... | 465 | 365 | | 1,401 |

Est vol 19,000; vol Tu 19,592; open int 93,385, +237.

METAL FUTURES

GOLD (Cmx.Div.NYM)-100 troy oz.; $ per troy oz.

| Price | June | Aug | Oct | Dec | Fb97 | June | Aug | Oct | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| May | .... | .... | .... | 392.60 | | .10 | 451.00 | 394.60 | 0 |
| June | 397.90 | 398.90 | 397.90 | 398.50 | + .60 | 447.00 | 370.90 | | 52,377 |
| Aug | 395.90 | 396.90 | 395.90 | 396.50 | + .70 | 432.00 | 392.90 | | 32,051 |
| Oct | 398.60 | 398.60 | 398.60 | 399.10 | + .70 | 432.30 | 395.50 | | 5,748 |
| Dec | 401.50 | 402.30 | 401.10 | 401.80 | + .70 | 447.50 | 379.60 | | 32,177 |
| Fb97 | .... | .... | .... | 404.50 | + .70 | 428.00 | 402.50 | | 5,323 |
| Apr | .... | .... | .... | 407.00 | + .70 | 428.00 | 403.50 | | 6,457 |
| June | 409.10 | 409.10 | 409.10 | 409.60 | + .70 | 456.50 | 407.00 | | 7,860 |
| Aug | .... | .... | .... | 412.30 | + .70 | 414.50 | 412.50 | | 1,357 |
| Oct | .... | .... | .... | 415.00 | + .70 | 436.50 | 413.30 | | 227 |
| Dec | .... | .... | .... | 417.80 | + .70 | 477.00 | 402.00 | | 2,668 |
| Ju98 | .... | .... | .... | 420.50 | + .70 | 489.50 | 421.50 | | 3,521 |
| Dec | .... | .... | .... | 434.40 | + .70 | 550.00 | 434.30 | | 4,897 |
| Ju99 | .... | .... | .... | 442.80 | + .70 | 530.00 | 442.80 | | 3,857 |
| Dec | .... | .... | .... | 451.10 | + .70 | 506.00 | 439.00 | | 3,571 |
| Ju00 | .... | .... | .... | 459.50 | + .70 | 473.50 | 445.50 | | 3,368 |
| Dec | .... | .... | .... | 468.30 | + .70 | 474.50 | 451.00 | | 2,886 |

Est vol 32,000; vol Tu 33,094; open int 205,764, –468.

SILVER (Cmx.Div.NYM)-5,000 troy oz.; cnts per troy oz.

| Price | May | July | Sept | Dec | Mr97 | May | July | Sept | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| May | .... | .... | .... | 537.5 | + 1.6 | 646.0 | 475.0 | | 103 |
| July | 541.0 | 544.5 | 540.0 | 541.2 | + 1.2 | 642.0 | 480.0 | | 65,949 |
| Sept | 547.0 | 548.5 | 545.5 | 546.4 | + 1.2 | 602.0 | 488.0 | | 14,416 |
| Dec | 553.0 | 557.5 | 553.0 | 554.0 | + 1.2 | 670.0 | 454.0 | | 9,786 |
| Mr97 | 559.0 | 559.0 | 559.0 | 561.5 | + 1.2 | 611.0 | 546.0 | | 3,559 |
| May | .... | .... | .... | 566.2 | + 1.2 | 606.0 | 557.0 | | 1,677 |
| July | .... | .... | .... | 571.2 | + 1.2 | 655.0 | 550.0 | | 1,353 |
| Sept | .... | .... | .... | 584.4 | + 1.2 | 655.0 | 550.0 | | 1,347 |
| Dec | .... | .... | .... | 603.8 | + 1.2 | 780.0 | 602.0 | | 137 |
| Mr98 | .... | .... | .... | 617.6 | + 1.2 | 734.0 | 584.0 | | 257 |
| Jl99 | .... | .... | .... | 639.2 | + 1.2 | 660.0 | 637.0 | | 302 |

Est vol 10,000; vol Tu 13,024; open int 99,817, +1,019.

FUTURES OPTIONS

CATTLE-FEEDER (CME)
50,000 lbs.; cents per lb.

| Strike Price | Calls-Settle May | Aug | Sept | Puts-Settle May | Aug | Sept |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 53 | 3.23 | .... | .... | .05 | .... | .... |
| 54 | 1.22 | 2.37 | 3.05 | .12 | 2.10 | 2.40 |
| 55 | .35 | .... | .... | .35 | .... | .... |
| 56 | .12 | 2.36 | 2.90 | .97 | 3.85 | 3.30 |
| 57 | .05 | .... | .... | 2.00 | .... | .... |
| 58 | .... | 1.60 | 2.05 | 2.80 | 4.32 | 4.50 |

Est vol 327 Tu 523 calls 280 puts
Op Int Tues 12,185 calls 9,485 puts

CATTLE-LIVE (CME)
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.

| Strike Price | Calls-Settle Jun | Jly | Aug | Puts-Settle Jun | Jly | Aug |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 58 | 2.92 | .... | 3.62 | .60 | .... | 1.07 |
| 59 | 1.92 | .... | .... | .90 | .70 | 1.35 |
| 60 | 1.02 | .... | 2.12 | 1.77 | .... | 1.65 |
| 61 | 1.05 | .... | 1.55 | 1.72 | .... | 1.97 |
| 62 | .57 | .... | 1.05 | 2.35 | .... | 2.35 |
| 63 | .42 | .... | .80 | 3.10 | .... | 2.80 |

Est vol 2,395 Tu 1,159 calls 1,169 puts
Op Int Tues 23,879 calls 25,478 puts

CORN (CBT)
5,000 bu.; cents per bu.

| Strike Price | Calls-Settle Jly | Sep | Dec | Puts-Settle Jly | Sep | Dec |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 470 | 36 | .... | .... | 5 | .... | .... |
| 480 | 31½ | 16 | 7 | 12 | .... | .... |
| 490 | 16½ | .... | .... | 17½ | .... | .... |
| 500 | 12 | 12½ | .... | 24 | .... | .... |
| 510 | 9½ | .... | .... | 30½ | .... | .... |
| 520 | 7 | 8 | .... | .... | .... | .... |

Est vol 26,000 Tu 14,874 calls 13,710 puts
Op Int Tues 269,355 calls 270,351 puts

GOLD (CMX)
100 troy ounces; $ per troy ounce

| Strike Price | Calls-Settle Jly | Aug | Oct | Puts-Settle Jly | Aug | Oct |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 380 | 16.40 | 16.80 | 19.50 | .30 | .70 | 1.30 |
| 390 | 7.30 | 8.20 | 11.30 | .90 | 2.00 | 2.90 |
| 400 | 1.80 | 3.00 | 6.40 | 5.20 | 6.50 | 7.30 |
| 410 | .40 | 1.20 | 3.40 | 13.70 | 14.50 | 14.20 |
| 420 | .20 | .30 | 1.90 | 23.40 | 23.80 | 22.50 |
| 430 | .10 | .20 | 1.20 | 33.20 | 33.40 | 31.80 |

Est vol 14,000 Tu 3,305 calls 751 puts
Op Int Tues 201,717 calls 69,487 puts

# Evidence mounts that fire started in front of ValuJet

## Workers recover scorched electric panel, cockpit stairwell of downed airplane

By NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) - Workers recovered a scorched electric panel and the cockpit stairwell from ValuJet Flight 592, more evidence that a fire may have started in the front of the jet before it nose-dived into the Everglades.

Officials are examining whether oxygen canisters in a front cargo hold were to blame. ValuJet was not allowed to transport the devices, which are considered hazardous material and can get as hot as 500 degrees when activated, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

The crew reported smoke in the cockpit and cabin shortly before the Atlanta-bound jet crashed Saturday, killing all 110 people aboard.

In addition to the scorched wreckage, divers recovered more soot-stained debris Wednesday, including a pilot's life jacket, part of the cockpit door and other areas near the cockpit stairwell.

"We obviously are placing an enormously high priority on continuing to try and find parts from this area," Robert Francis, vice chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, said Wednesday night.

Two steps under the pilot's seat that lead to a maintenance area in front of the cargo hold were scorched, along with a ceiling circuit-breaker panel near the front of the cabin. It was not the same panel that required maintenance work hours before the jet took off on its last flight, Francis said.

Investigators haven't determined whether the damage was caused by fire, an explosion or just intense heat and smoke, or even if the oxygen tanks were responsible.

A special fire and explosion team today will begin investigating the heat- and soot-damaged debris, while hazardous material specialists interview those who handled the canisters before they were loaded on the plane in Miami.

Divers continued searching for human remains and wreckage Wednesday even as police escorted more than 100 relatives of the victims to a levee near where the plane plunged deep into Everglades mud. Unable to see much evidence of the crash, many simply took home blades of sawgrass or rocks and left behind white carnations, red roses and other flowers.

Many wore green ribbons inscribed with the flight number and date of the crash. Some cried, while others prayed.

The FAA, meanwhile, said it was expanding its safety review of ValuJet Airlines.

The agency received an internal report nine days before the crash that singled out the airline as more accident-prone than nearly all its low-cost competitors, the Chicago Tribune reported today.

The report calls into question statements since the crash by top FAA and Transportation Department officials that ValuJet is as safe to fly as more established airlines, the newspaper said.

The ValuJet DC-9 was carrying 50 to 60 oxygen canisters in the cargo hold behind and beneath the cockpit, investigators said. The devices, which were past their shelf life, were being taken to ValuJet headquarters in Atlanta.

ValuJet spokesman Gregg Kenyon wouldn't comment directly on the canisters, but said the airline's policy is to not accept hazardous materials for commercial carriage.

"We are permitted by federal regulations to carry certain hazardous materials associated with the maintenance and operation of our fleet," he added.

The canisters were mislabeled as empty when they were loaded onto the jet, The Washington Post reported today, citing sources close to the investigation.

Francis wouldn't comment on the report. He said the hazardous material team would look into how the canisters were transported, packaged, documented and loaded.

Paperwork indicated the crew believed the canisters were empty, while workers who handled them told investigators Wednesday they thought they were full, officials said.

The 8-by-4-inch stainless-steel cylinders hold chemicals that combine to create oxygen for cabin masks. The generators create heat when in use and are insulated when installed in a plane.

The canisters have caused problems before. An American Trans Air DC-10 was destroyed in August 1986 at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport when oxygen generators in the plane's cargo hold ignited and burned the plane. No one was killed in the incident.

None of the ValuJet oxygen generators have been found. Investigators also had still not recovered the plane's cockpit voice recorder, which Francis called "the highest priority."

"It could very well be buried in a pile of mud and it will never be found," he said.

# Memorial service takes crash victims' relatives to site where 110 died

By LISA HOLEWA
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) - The muddy crater where ValuJet Flight 592 plunged into the Everglades was barely visible from the rocky levee where victims' families prayed and cried, fulfilling their wish to visit the remote site.

An airboat ferried flowers, a teddy bear and other mementos through about 400 yards of sawgrass and water to the spot where the DC-9 crashed Saturday, killing all 110 people aboard. The relatives left white carnations, red roses and other flowers at the levee.

"It at least gave us some idea of what they went through," Gerald Walker Sr., said after the memorial service Wednesday. His estranged wife, Delmarie Walker, was on the flight.

Divers continued their gruesome recovery work as ministers consoled about 100 relatives who were at the levee for an hour. Many wore green ribbons inscribed with the flight number and date of the crash. A few brought cameras.

"I thought I understood the word sadness. It was redefined for me tonight," said Luis Fernandez, a spokesman for Metro-Dade Fire Rescue.

At the relatives' request, reporters could not attend the service, but news helicopters did circle overhead. Metro-Dade Fire Rescue officials videotaped the service and later showed it to the media.

A caravan of four buses took the families along a narrow road to the site, 12 miles from Miami International Airport. Grief counselors accompanied them.

Once there, rescue workers pointed through the thick sawgrass to show them orange markers surrounding the area where the Atlanta-bound jet crashed.

Three women placed their arms around each other and hugged. One man wiped away tears and another woman put her hand to her mouth as tears streamed down her face.

When they left, blades of sawgrass and pieces of rock were all they could take with them as reminders.

At about the same time in Miami, about 100 people attended a memorial service at Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church, where more than 60 photos of crash victims were displayed.

"What do you do when you don't know what to do? That's the best time I know to call on the name of the Lord," the Rev. Willie Sims said.

The victims' relatives, many of them from out of town, returned to their hotel teary-eyed and grim-faced after the trip to the Everglades. One man put his hand on a female companion's shoulder as they walked toward the hotel and simply said: "Closure."

# Proposed bill advanced for mother, baby health

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - Two state legislators plan to introduce a bill next year designed to prevent early release of mothers and newborns from hospitals.

With health insurance coverage increasingly focusing on containing costs, there is reason to be concerned about early discharges, said Rep. Patricia Gray, D-Galveston.

"It is a growing problem," the lawmaker said Wednesday.

"When we're talking about newborns who can't talk for themselves, it's become a line-in-the-sand issue" with many consumers, she added.

The bill, which is being readied for the 1997 Legislature, says a mother, in consultation with an attending physician, must be offered a minimum 48-hour hospital stay following a normal vaginal delivery and 96 hours following a caesarean section.

"The proposed legislation puts the mother and her infant first rather than allowing cost to be the governing factor for their discharge from the hospital," Ms. Gray said.

"The decision about what is best for the mother and child ought to be made by the mother and her attending physician, not by an ... actuary who consults with a computer," she said.

She noted that about 300,000 babies are born in Texas each year and said that many times, complications arising shortly after birth can easily go undetected.

"As a mother of two boys, I know firsthand the importance of ensuring that the health of both mother and baby are protected. The proposed legislation provides that needed protection for mothers and babies in Texas," said Rep. Sherri Greenberg, D-Austin, who also plans to sponsor the bill.

A dozen states have passed laws to prevent early discharges, and 17 more are considering bills, Ms. Gray said.

The Texas bill would apply to health insurance companies, health maintenance organizations and group hospital service corporations.

Dr. Donald Gessler, president-elect of the Texas HMO Association, said HMOs "believe that decisions about when it is safe for a mother and baby to go home from the hospital should be made for each mother and her baby by physicians, not on a cookie-cutter basis by health plans or legislators."

"We look forward to reviewing this legislation and to working with the sponsors to ensure that the final bill does not jeopardize the treatment decisions of physicians or mandate patient practices," he said.

His comments were echoed by Tracy King, director of Texas for Quality Health Care, a group that includes employers, health plans and consumers.

"We applaud the efforts of Reps. Patricia Gray and Sherri Greenberg but caution that government red tape and mandates rarely improve quality care or effectiveness of medical treatment," she said. "We believe such mandates, in this circumstance, will not serve the patient well."


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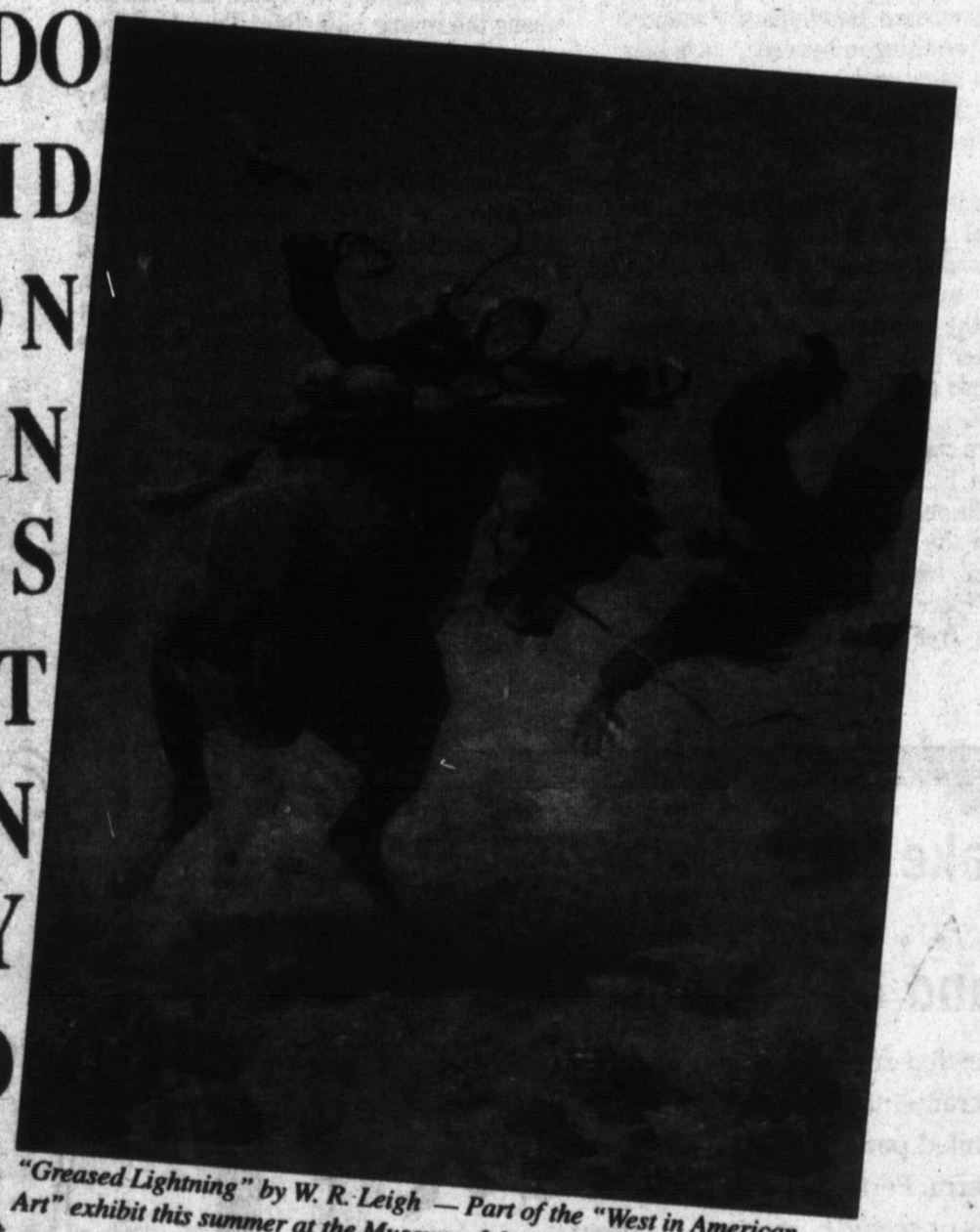

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# Mountain music shows offer family entertainment

by LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Foot-stomping, down-home fun is the main course on the menus of Lincoln County's two Western musical revues, the Bent Tree Jamboree and the Flying J Wranglers.

For an evening of entertainment the whole family can enjoy, check out these two shows which preserve the musical sounds and fun of the Old West.

**Bent Tree Jamboree** enters its fourth season this summer.

"We do a little bit of everything, from bluegrass to modern contemporary country music and everything in between," says Lois Harris, who owns and operates Bent Tree Jamboree with her husband, Eldon, and their daughter and son-in-law, Shelly and Phil Jones.

The show features eight entertainers, including local talent Joni Autrey. Fiddler Doug Moreland returns and will take center stage for some special performances throughout the summer. The Harrises have added another show to the program — one will run on odd days of the month, the other on even days.

"It is more country music than anything, but we do a little corny comedy as well," adds Lois. She and Eldon recently added another iron to the fire when they opened up The Brandin' Iron restaurant, located at entrance of Upper Canyon in Ruidoso.

The Bent Tree doors open at 6:30 p.m. and prior to the show, visitors can enjoy pony rides or watch amazing rope tricksters twirl the twine.

The dinner bell rings at 7:30 p.m. Sidle up to to an all-you-can-eat buffet of barbecue chicken, steak fingers, catfish nuggets, potatoes, baked beans, gravy, homemade desserts and of course, all the fixings.

After stuffing yourself, sit back and enjoy the western singing and stage show. Don't relax too much — heroes need to be cheered on and villains need to be hissed at.

Located off Airport Road and nestled among the rolling hills, Bent Tree Jamboree opens Saturday, May 25, Memorial Day weekend. Shows continue through Sunday of Labor Day weekend. Call 336-4076 for reservations and more information.

**Flying J Ranch** features the Flying J Wranglers, a talented, seasoned bunch of entertainers. Flying J owner, manager and entertainer James Hobbs and his wife, Cindy, join world champion fiddler Bart Trotter and Jayson Jones to form the Wranglers.

Trotter isn't the only national award winner in the Wranglers. Cindy Hobbs has captured the Grand National Western Yodeling Championships as well.

"The Flying J is our home, and our primary focus is to put on a top-notch Western-oriented family stage show every night during the summer," James says. "It celebrates the traditions of the American West, the



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"This is not a place where you'll hear top 40 stuff," he adds. "We try to take people back 100 years when cattle drives were still happening, and we try to tie it (the show) into the history of Lincoln County."

The Wranglers' resumé includes performances at the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, on the main stage of the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering, at the Grand Ol' Opry and on the Nashville Network.

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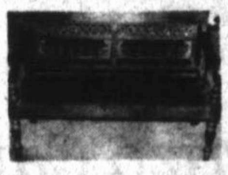
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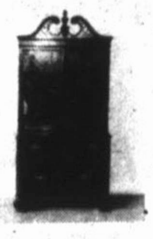


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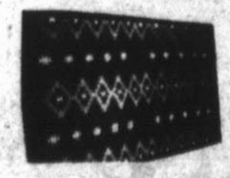
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# A Flatlander's Guide to Lincoln County driving

by SCOTT WELLS
Special to The News

I've been driving for 30 years and, like most men, I consider myself to be an excellent driver. This conviction has earned me my share of speeding tickets, but my only accidents have been someone else's fault. Really, they have.

As one whose roots reach back to Oklahoma and Texas, I did not until recently understand that I learned to drive with a distinct disadvantage: I am a flatlander.

The first thing a flatlander must learn about driving on the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway is to tread lightly. If that means removing the cowboy boot from the right foot, the flatlander will be wise to do it. There are more 'smokies' out there than Capitan's famous firefighting bear, and they do not grant leniency for the geographically challenged.

Lesson number two concerns real estate: only about half as much of it is paved here as in the lowlands. You've left behind those four-lane runways which stretch as far as the eye can see. The roads in Lincoln County are generally quite good, but they are, for the most part, equipped with two winding lanes. On many of them, a mountain rises abruptly on one side and a canyon yawns below on the other. All it requires is keeping both eyes open and paying attention, but those accustomed to gazing at wheatfields and faraway horizons have been known to let their attention wander. Ever seen those Cadillacs standing on their heads outside Amarillo?

My personal number one problem with driving in the mountains is livestock.

Now I've ridden for days at a time behind thousands of cattle and where I come from, if you're not looking at livestock beside the road, you're looking at it on the dinner plate. So you'd think I'd be able to handle the appearance of a single four-legged critter by the roadside.

Not so. Not in Lincoln County, where the deer and the antelope play. Not to mention the elk and the bear. Mule deer are common sights on the Lincoln County Loop, and since the first one I saw, I've been keeping a flatlander's lookout — one eye on the left side of the road and one eye on the right. In addition to giving me a splitting headache, this has caused me to cross the center line at times and to feel the crunch of gravel at others. Try explaining that to a highway patrolman.

Wildlife is particularly hazardous at night. See those shiny roadside reflectors? Beware. They may walk right out in front of you. Deer and elk's eyes are at just the right height, and the bodies they pack with them can totally demolish your favorite gas-guzzler.

My final tip to flatlanders driving in the mountains: give yourself plenty of time. Set out for your destination at least a half hour earlier than you think you need to. That means you won't have to break any speed limits. If you see wildlife you can pull over safely and watch them for a while. And if you get trapped behind a particularly slow-moving vehicle on a winding two-lane road, you won't have to risk your life and your license getting around it. And don't be impatient — it's probably just one of us flatlanders!



# Entertainment in and around Ruidoso





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❑ **APACHE TEE, Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141** — Occasional live music.

❑ **CREE MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB, 301 Country Club Drive, Ruidoso, 257-2733** — Keri plays a variety of dining and dancing music from the 1930s and beyond, every Thursday through Saturday night.

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# Horseback rides revive Old West days

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Broken sunlight played with patches of scrub as a dozen horses and their novice riders followed the lead wrangler up a small trail in the Lincoln National Forest.

The visitors had saddled up at one of the Ruidoso area's four stables to spend a few hours experiencing the wilderness and re-establishing their bond with an animal that helped tame the West.

In Lincoln County, finding an isolated mountain trail is no problem. The Lincoln National Forest covers 398,738 acres in addition to 518,054 acres of public lands handled by the federal Bureau of Land Management.

Buddie Riddle of Buddie's Stable on Gavilan Canyon Road has been guiding groups of riders into the forest and up the mountains for more than 30 years.

Call ahead for larger groups of up to 15. During the summer, especially weekends, booking a week ahead is advisable.

Kiddy ponies are available for children. Ages three to six can ride with their parents.

For a half hour or an hour, the horses and guide will lead riders on sections of a five-mile trail that crosses lush meadows and gives clear views of other mountains.

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His counterpart at Cowboy's Stable, Cowboy Riddle, also has been around horses most of his life.

Spokesman Lynn Carter said the stable on U.S. Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs near the racetrack can accommodate large groups with advance notice.

Rides are one and two hours, but can be longer on request.

Trails start behind the racetrack. Horses for all levels of ability are available, including for children.

Visitors may be able to ride horses that previously carried actors Ben Johnson and Kris Kristofferson or singer Randy Travis, if they saddle up at Grindstone Stable on Grindstone Canyon Resort Road.

Owner James Townsend, a film industry livestock coordinator, stunt man and actor, said this is his tenth year in business.

The one-hour guided rides are open to children of all ages, unless Townsend sees a problem. Weight limits depend on the size of the horse and the physical condition of the prospective rider.

The Inn of the Mountain Gods offers one-hour rides for $12 on a pre-set schedule. Check with the hotel desk.

With 24-hour notice, you can also take a full-day ride. The charge is $87 for one person, $140 for two, $187 for three and $220 for four persons. Lunches can also be prepared for the all-day rides at no extra cost.



Ruidoso visitors enjoy a horseback ride in the Lincoln National Forest.

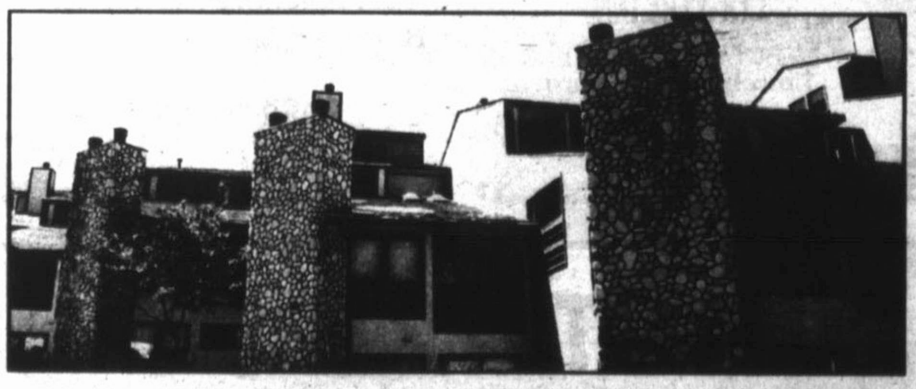

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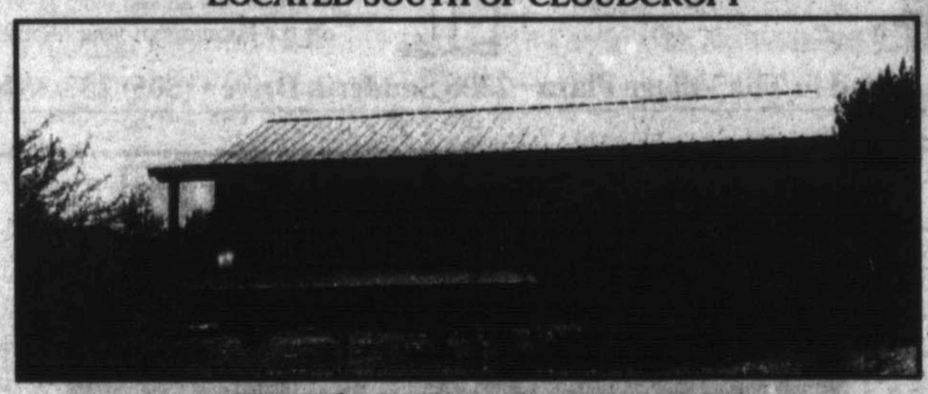
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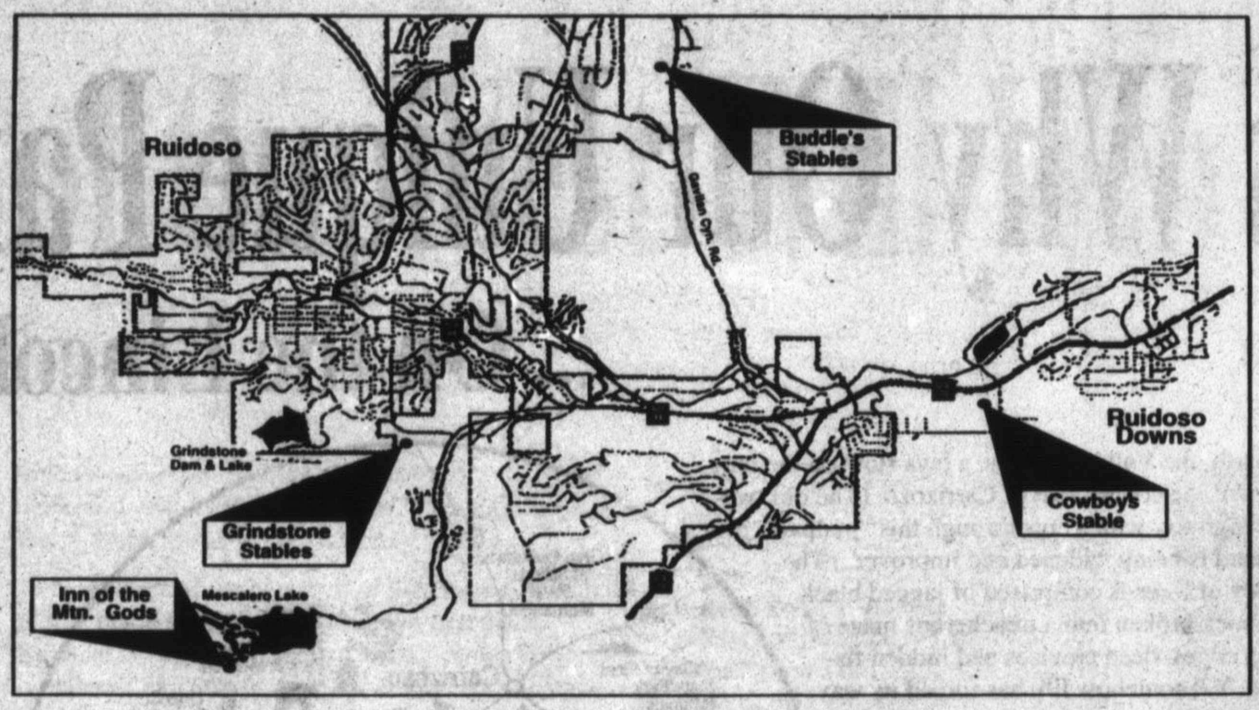
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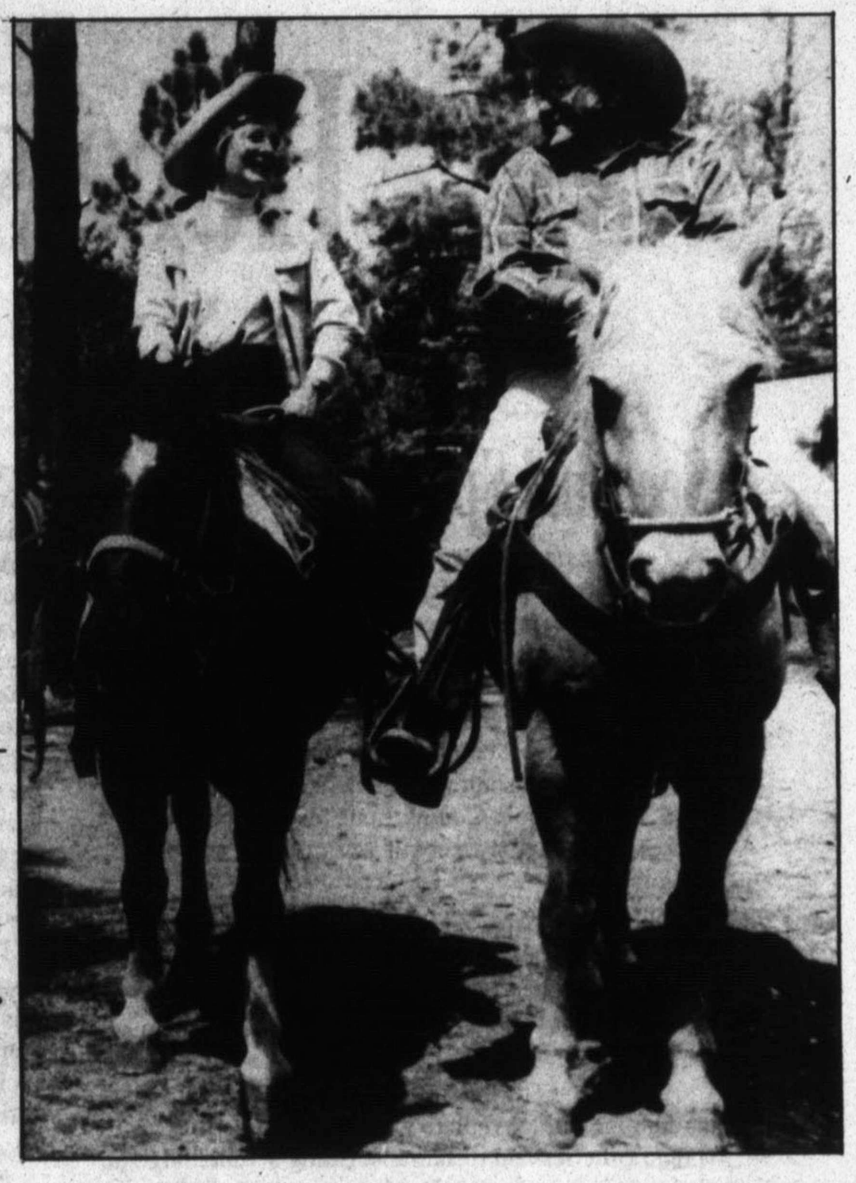
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Recently, U.S. highways 70 and 380 and State Road 48 were designated as a Scenic Byway and construction soon will begin on a visitor's center, making travel to the area's attractions more convenient than ever. This "Lincoln County Loop" is the hub of an almost unparalleled wheel of year-round vacation attractions.

**The legends** of cowboys and Indians, outlaws and lawmen, and the storied Lincoln County War form a backdrop for what has become a major center for those seeking art, entertainment, gaming and an amazing variety of scenery.

At the center of this web is Ruidoso, a picture-postcard alpine village replete with accommodations, shops, galleries and restaurants fitting a wide range of tastes and pocketbooks. Ruidoso means "noisy" in Spanish and the term originally referred to the waters of the mountain stream which runs through town, the Rio Ruidoso. And although the town's night life is deserving of the moniker, these days people escape to Ruidoso for the quiet mountain beauty.

**Approaching** the area from any direction gives a different perspective on the landscape and the history of the region.

Traveling from El Paso or Las Cruces, visitors pass by White Sands National Monument, a sprawling range of snow white dunes. From nearby Alamogordo and the International Space Hall of Fame, the sudden ascent from the desert to the mountains is striking. In a matter of minutes, mesquite and cactus give way to junipers and then tall pines.



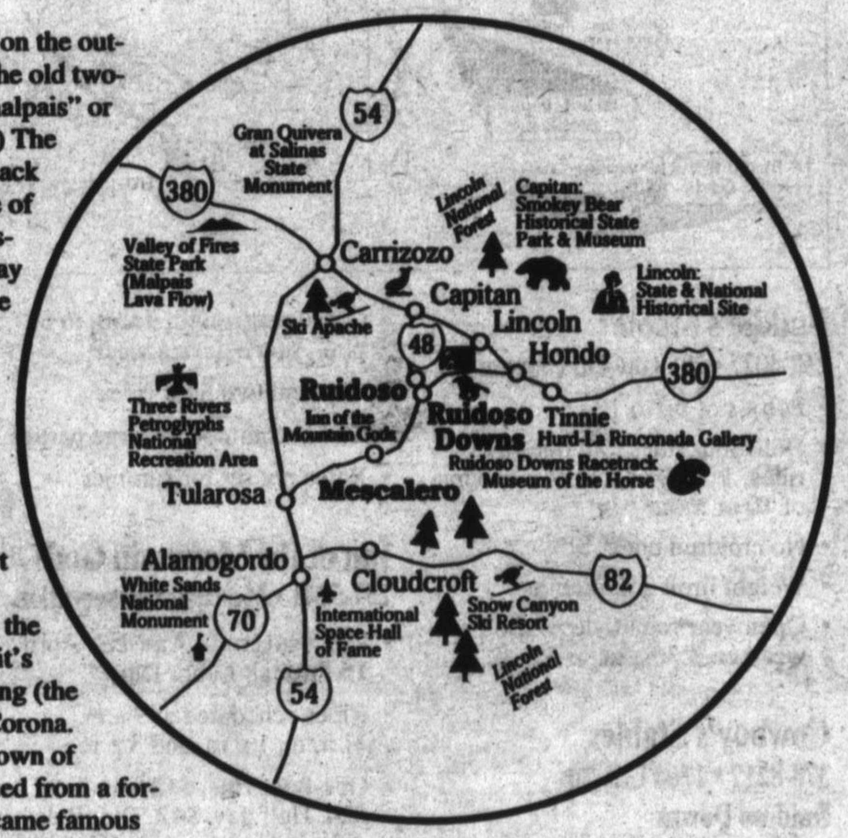
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The village of Mescalero is the first stop on the vast Mescalero Apache Reservation, home of the scenic Inn of the Mountain Gods, which offers year-round casino gaming and a variety of entertainment options, including one of the four beautiful golf courses in the area. The Mescalero tribe also owns the nearby Ski Apache ski resort on the slopes of Sierra Blanca; it offers 20 runs of varying difficulty in winter, and provides some of the most spectacular hiking trails in the state year round.

Lincoln County visitors arriving from Albuquerque on U.S. 380 will encounter one of the harshest places on earth, the Valley of Fires, a lava flow on the outskirts of the county seat of Carrizozo. (The old two-lane highway which cuts through this "malpais" or badland is being widened and improved.) The Valley of Fires is comprised of jagged black lava rock broken into a treacherous maze of sharp edges, deep crevices and hidden fissures. Yet somehow life has forced its way into the terrain. Desert plants decorate the rugged landscape. Printed materials at the park center advise visitors on the best times and places to look for coyotes, foxes, bobcats, deer and other wildlife which have made this improbable place their home.

From Carrizozo, visitors interested in history and archaeology can make a short drive south to see the Three Rivers Petroglyphs or head north a few miles to the ancient Gran Quivira Ruins. From there it's not far to the site of a famous UFO landing (the "Roswell incident") near the village of Corona.

East of Carrizozo on U.S. 380 is the town of Capitan. Near there a bear cub was rescued from a forest fire some 50 years ago. That bear became famous as Smokey, the U.S. Forest Service's fire-prevention symbol. Nowadays the Smokey Bear Museum, the final resting place for Smokey, is a popular family tourist attraction in Capitan.




**Highway 70** west from the Texas Panhandle leads through Roswell, site of the International UFO Museum and the Outa Limits UFO Enigma Museum plus the Roswell Museum and Art Center. The highway then leads through the well-irrigated Hondo Valley, the lush area which drew the first agricultural settlers to Lincoln County.

The setting of numerous novels and Hollywood films, the Hondo Valley today is best known for the Hurd-La Rinconada Art Gallery, where the late Peter Hurd, his wife Henrietta Wyeth and their children have captured the valley's unique light and scenery to create world famous works of art.

At the U.S. 70-380 fork in the road at Hondo, travelers encounter the Billy The Kid Scenic Byway or the "Lincoln County Loop." To the west just a few miles is the rustic town of Lincoln, virtually unchanged from those wild and woolly days when Billy the Kid and Pat Garrett played key roles in the Lincoln County War and created a legend.

Most of the original buildings still stand, including the two-story courthouse and jail from which The Kid made his most famous, daring and deadly escape. The scenes are reenacted every August during "Old Lincoln Days," giving visitors the most authentic experience of its kind found anywhere. The Lincoln County Historical Center and Museum, the Museum of the Old West, the historic Tunstall Store and the cylindrical rock "torreon," from which the original settlers defended themselves, all make Lincoln one of the most appealing towns in the West for history-minded visitors.

Keeping to the left on U.S. 70 at Hondo, visitors ascend the valley toward Ruidoso Downs. Just past Fox Cave, the Fenton Gallery and Ken Payne's Legends Gallery and bronze foundry, they are at the gateway to the village. From there it's about a mile to one of the region's most popular and visible attractions, the Museum of the Horse.

**Featuring** an incredible variety of historical and artistic items from prehistoric through modern times, the Museum of the Horse now is most famous as the site of the impressive "Free Spirits at Noisy Water" monument which stands at its entrance. The painted bronze sculpture is one of the world's largest equine pieces, stretching about the length of a football field and standing three stories tall at its highest point. Visible from the highway, the monument became an immediate tourist attraction following its installation, and affords terrific photo opportunities.

An artistic masterpiece, Free Spirits at Noisy Water also is an engineering marvel. The giant horses, which weigh in at up to 3,000 pounds, were cast in some 60 pieces each and then welded together on super-strong stainless steel armatures which were bolted and welded to steel bases embedded in buried concrete counterweights. The eight giant horses are supported by only nine legs touching the ground, giving each a fluid, graceful appearance, captured in midstride.

**Besides** the museum's permanent Anne C. Stradling collection, the featured exhibition for 1996 is "The West in American Art: Selections from the Bill and Dorothy Harmsen Collection of Western Americana." The Museum of the Horse will be the first stop on a 10-city national tour.

Paintings by Thomas Moran, Albert Bierstadt and William R. Leigh are among those chosen for this priceless collection. The works reflect the landscape and culture of the region. During the collection's stay

# t of the West Will Win You

## n County Loop

in Ruidoso (April 28-Sept. 22), Lincoln County residents and visitors will participate in activities in keeping with the theme of the exhibit.

Next door to the Museum of the Horse is the facility that made Ruidoso a resort in the first place, Ruidoso Downs Racetrack. A racing center for thoroughbreds and quarter horses for 50 years, the track is best known for hosting the $2 million All American Futurity each Labor Day. The world's richest quarter horse race, it is billed also as "Yard for Yard the World's Richest Sporting Event." The quarter-mile race is worth $5,000 per yard and clocks out at $100,000 per second!

Another key celebration of the area's Western heritage comes on Oct. 11-13 at the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, a three-day festival of music, story telling, cowboy poetry, horsebreaking demonstrations and cultural exchange. Chuck wagons line a pasture at the nearby Glencoe Rural Events Center and the cowboy crews compete to see who can create the most authentic cattle-drive grub.

Musicians play throughout the day, and after sundown the dance floor swirls with activity. Then on Sunday, a Cowboy Church service is followed by a day of gospel music.

No matter the direction from which one enters, and no matter what time of year, the easy-driving "Lincoln County Loop" has something for everyone.

## Mescalero Joys

When visitors to the Ruidoso area enter the Inn of the Mountain Gods complex on the Mescalero Apache Reservation, they see one of this century's greatest success stories. Nearly exterminated and driven from their native lands less than a century ago, the Apache people have overcome every obstacle put in their way and are on a path of prosperity and progress.

The breathtaking scenery, the luxurious accommodations and the exciting entertainment options at the Inn of the Mountain Gods have made it the region's number one resort. Round-the-clock casino gaming, trout fishing in the lake, fine dining at a variety of restaurants and one of the world's most beautiful golf courses combine to make the Inn of the Mountain Gods a jewel of the Southwest.

Officially sanctioned by the U.S. government in 1913, the half-million acres of mountains and plains now comprising the Mescalero Apache Reservation is just a small part of their vast original homeland, which extended into what is now West Texas and the Mexican state of Chihuahua. Legendary Apache leaders like Cochise, Geronimo, Nana and Victorio resisted encroachment for generations until dwindling numbers of survivors were finally taken as prisoners of war and sent by rail to Florida.

Twenty-seven years after their forced removal, the tribal factions were reunited on the present reservation and have resurrected their society through diligence, imagination and investment. These days, under the leadership of another near-legendary tribal president, Wendell Chino, and with their strong ties to the past and their vision focused on the future, the Mescalero Apaches have established a permanent place in the culture and history of the Southwest.



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## Racing Excitement

More than any other entity, Ruidoso Downs Racetrack is responsible for south-central New Mexico's resort status. The "downs," or level fields, which lay cradled in the Ruidoso valley, have long been the favorite location for horse races between cowboys, ranchers, Native Americans and visitors from Texas and Mexico.

A crude racing oval was constructed around a rodeo arena early in this century, and horses ridden in rodeos often raced against each other while competitors and onlookers bet substantial sums. Since 1947, racing has been sanctioned by the state and parimutuel wagering has lured hundreds of thousands of visitors annually to the charming mountain oval.

Known the world over as the home of the All American Futurity, the world's richest quarter horse race and once the richest race of any kind in the world, Ruidoso Downs begins its 50th year of parimutuel racing on May 24.

Live racing featuring thoroughbreds and quarter horses begins at 1 p.m. each Friday, Saturday and Sunday, as well as special holiday programs on Memorial Day, July 4 and Labor Day, when the season climaxes with the 38th running of the $2 million All American Futurity.

The Labor Day classic is one of the most appropriately named races anywhere, for the All American Futurity is truly a reflection of the American Dream. More rags-to-riches stories have evolved from this race than any other in the sporting world. Along with the expected assortment of oilfield tycoons and millionaires, a majority group of farmers, junkyard owners, used car dealers, cowboys and truckers all have seen their dreams come true as their horse won the $1 million winner's share.

Ruidoso Downs features free general admission with a wide range of reserved seating options, from box seats to Turf Club tables. There is a playground for the children. And a full menu of wagering opportunities from the nation's other major tracks is available; simulcast races are available all year round.

World Champion Quarter Horse Winalota Cash heads a list of star performers that will compete at Ruidoso Downs this summer.

Winalota Cash, who did just that in capturing last year's All American Futurity en route to his championship honors, will make his seasonal debut on May 25, with expected return performances on June 8, July 13, July 27, Aug. 16 and Sept. 1. Already considered one of the fastest quarter horses of all time, Winalota Cash is destined to become a racing legend. Racing fans should not miss an opportunity to see him run.

Big payoffs, cool mountain sunshine, great dining diverse racing action make a day at Ruidoso ns a sure winner for fun seekers.



*"They're off" all summer long at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.*

# Billy the Kid's story lives on in Lincoln

Simply saying the name Billy the Kid evokes images etched in the collective consciousness of Americana.

Gunfights, saloon brawls, daring escapes, robberies, and tales of The Kid's bravado have become so deeply ingrained in the legends of the Old West that it has become virtually impossible to distinguish truth from fiction.

Hollywood embraced the legend and Billy the Kid, directed by King Vidor in 1930, was the first of more than 50 films that were to portray him as romantic hero, savage outlaw, social outcast and tragic hero.

With the advent of television in the 1950s, millions of American homes saw a variety of interpretations about the Kid. Like England's Robin Hood, the legend continues to grow and change depending on the mood of the times.

## The real Billy

Researcher Michael E. Pitel has determined that Billy The Kid was born Henry McCarty sometime around 1859 and probably on the lower east side of Manhattan. Billy's mother Catherine married William H. Antrim and the family eventually moved to Silver City, N.M.

After his mother died of tuberculosis in September of 1874, the family disintegrated. Billy eventually ran afoul of the law and, after being accused of petty theft in 1875, he escaped from jail and headed for Arizona.

Billy returned to New Mexico in September of 1877. By that time he had become a horse thief and took up the alias of Kid Antrim. He was dubbed Billy The Kid by the Las Vegas (N.M.) Gazette in December 1880, less than a year before his death at the hand of lawman Pat Garrett on July 14, 1881.

Billy rarely drank liquor, didn't smoke, and enjoyed singing, dancing, and gambling. He spoke Spanish fluently and was popular with the senoritas. But beneath his happy-go-lucky exterior was a quick temper.

## Lincoln County War

Billy worked for John H. Tunstall, a wealthy young Englishman who attempted to break a mercantile monopoly held by the powerful L.G. Murphy & Co. in Lincoln County. Fourteen of Murphy's hands ambushed Tunstall and five of his men, including Billy in February of 1878. Tunstall was killed but the Kid escaped and became one of the Regulators, a posse formed by Tunstall's foreman to exact revenge on the Murphy Company. The two factions clashed in what has become known as the Lincoln County War.

Legend says that The Kid killed 21 men, but actually he was only responsible for the deaths of four, two of them his jailhouse guards. It was his bold escape from the second-floor jail of the Lincoln County Court House that caused his name to become forever inscribed in the annals of the Old West.




The Lincoln County Heritage Trust Historical Center has exhibits about the Lincoln County War and Billy the Kid.

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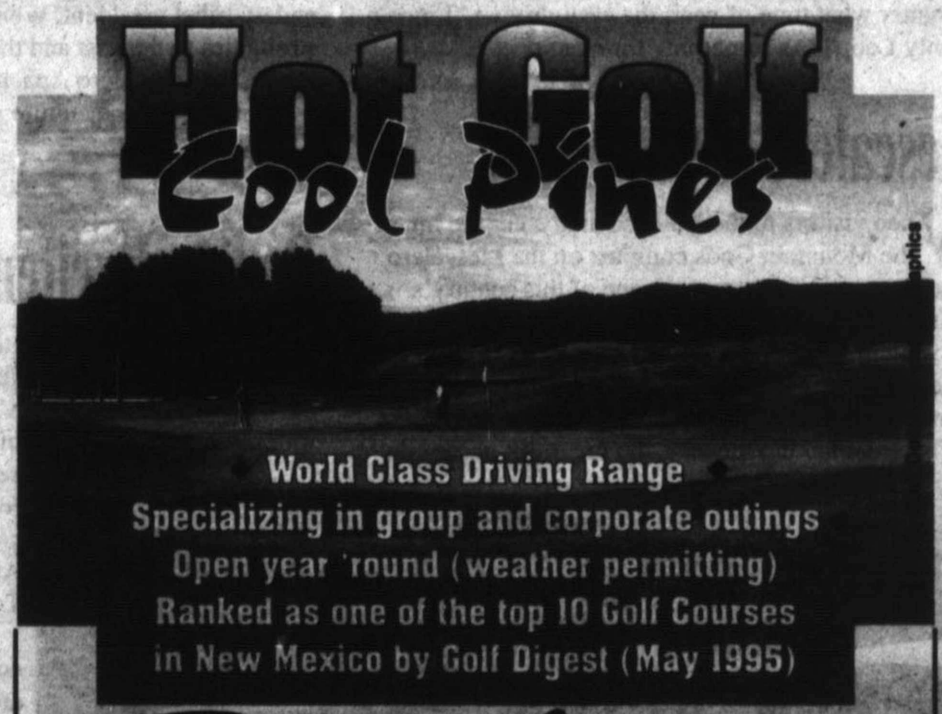
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### Dowlin's Mill

When Paul Dowlin built his adobe grist mill above the Rio Ruidoso about 1850, a settlement soon sprang up that eventually became what is today Ruidoso. The Kid, Pat Garrett and others involved in the Lincoln County War often patronized Dowlin's Mill, a combination mess hall, blacksmith, and mercantile, where they danced, gambled and bought supplies. Today it is a bookstore, curio shop and museum in the heart of Ruidoso.

### Old Lincoln Intact

Visitors to the village of Lincoln, located 35 miles from Ruidoso, will still find more than a dozen buildings standing that were witness to the Lincoln County War.

At the east end of town is the Lincoln County Heritage Trust Historical Center. The center houses exhibits pertaining to the Lincoln County War and Billy The Kid research.

The ticket gains visitors admission to the Historical Center, the Lincoln County Courthouse, a historically preserved country doctor's house, and the Tunstall store, behind which The Kid and his pals ambushed and killed the Lincoln County sheriff and his deputy in April of 1878. The store is now a museum stocked with 19th century merchandise.

The rebuilt, eight-room Wortley Hotel was where Deputy Bob Olinger had taken five prisoners to eat on April 28, 1881. Hearing shots, Olinger ran across the street to the Lincoln County Courthouse where he was shot and killed at the hands of the shotgun-toting Kid. Behind Squire John B. Wilson's office is where The Kid secretly tried to bargain with New Mexico Governor Lew Wallace.

Every August, an outdoor production called "The Last Escape of Billy The Kid" is presented as part of Old Lincoln Days Celebration.

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Daily guided town tours and slide shows are offered. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Adult admission is $4.50 and children under 17 are admitted free.

The myth of Billy the Kid continues to fascinate visitors to Lincoln County. If you listen hard enough you may hear his ghost laughing and shooting his six shooter through the historic streets of Lincoln.


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# Huge western art collection featured at museum

by SCOTT WELLS
Museum publicity director

The Museum of the Horse has never had a more fitting exhibition.

That's the conclusion reached by museum director Jay Wright when he thinks about "The West in American Art: Selections from the Bill and Dorothy Harmsen Collection of Western Americana."

The collection is on display at the museum through Sept. 22. The 59 paintings, all of western subject matter, comprise the museum's major 1996 exhibition.

"The images represented by this collection are really appropriate to the Lincoln County area. People who live here and those who visit here expect to see things tied to our rich Western heritage, and this wonderful group of paintings certainly fits that description," Wright said.

Assembled by the Colorado Historical Society, "The West in American Art" is comprised of paintings from one of the world's foremost collections of western art.

A May 25 theme party called "Chaps and Shooters" will simultaneously celebrate the exhibition and the opening of nearby Ruidoso Downs Race Track's 50th season of parimutuel racing. As opposed to the many formal affairs held in the museum, "Chaps and Shooters" is in keeping with the western theme of the artworks themselves.

"We're going to concentrate on having fun," said one museum staff member. "Everything from the music to the food to the entertainment will be of a western theme, and we're going to get our party-goers into the action.

"We'll have a shooting gallery, roping contests for both men and women, and even a special 'Buckshot' bar. There'll be prizes for the most authentic western outfits for men and women, and some special surprises in the entertainment. May 25 is a perfect date to celebrate the real tourist season and we're expecting a great turnout."

William and Dorothy Harmsen, founders of the Jolly Rancher Candy Company, began collecting major works of Western art decades ago, and have continually upgraded their possessions into one of the largest and most respected private collections anywhere. The total collection consists of approximately 600 paintings. The portion of the collection in Ruidoso represents many of the best works from that collection.

The exhibit is embarking on a 10-city nationwide tour, with Ruidoso as the first stop. Other cities which will be waiting for the collection include Coral Gables and Vero Beach, Fla; Palm Springs, Calif.; Augusta, Ga.; and Mobile, Ala.

"It's quite an honor for this exhibition to come to Ruidoso, and for it to kick off its tour here really highlights Ruidoso's growing prominence on the art scene," Wright added. "But most important of all is the enjoyment and the education an exhibit like this will create.

"Museums have traditionally been faced with the paradox of making education entertaining and making entertainment educational. I think with this exhibition we really are going to be able to do a good job of dealing with that paradox. People are going to enjoy seeing this artwork on all levels.

"And for those who wish to learn something from the works, they've been arranged in a manner which will make the educational content more accessible."

Included among the artists represented in the exhibition are Thomas Moran, Frank Tenney Johnson, Willaim R. Leigh, William Keith, Edward Hill and Albert Bierstadt. In putting together the exhibition, the Colorado Historical Society divided the works into five groups, each representative of a particular theme.

"American Landscape and a National Identity" portrays the magnificent vistas unique to the western states. Many of these paintings were created at a time prior to the statehood of their respective subjects, and might have helped encourage viewers to support annexing the scenic states into the Union.

"Colorado Inspiration," the second group of paintings, concentrates on that region's dynamic scenery and equally rugged populace. From the wild and boisterous mining camps to the inspirational mountain peaks, the scenes from this grouping are very similar to the world New Mexico settlers experienced not so long ago.

"Western Crossroads" truly describes the Lincoln and Otero county heritage, as the paintings in this section deal with some of the most powerful subject matter in the region's history. Many of these paintings depict westward exploration and expansion and the cultural clash between the settlers and the indigenous people they encountered.

Whereas the landscape paintings are of a more timeless and enduring content, the paintings in "Western Crossroads" depict a more dynamic, illustrative style. Adventure is a key theme in these paintings, and many of the paintings tell a story which could easily be taken from local archives.

"Creating the Myth of the West" carries the illustrative theme one step farther, as these paintings offer examples of how 19th century publishing and the romanticism of the western heritage influenced art and were in turn influenced by it.

The 'dime novels' of the time found a gold mine in westerns, and illustrators played a vital part in creating the heroic mood which sold millions of copies of those books. By the very use of the word 'myth,' it is apparent that adherence to the truth of the matter was not foremost in the concerns of the artists, either literary or illustrative. However, some of the most visually enjoyable works of art are in this section.

The paintings in the final grouping, "The Southwest," will strike a familiar chord with the majority of current art enthusiasts. Vivid paintings of contrasting styles make up a selection worthy of their own exhibition. The artists of the famous Taos and Santa Fe art colonies are represented in this group, and viewers will appreciate and recognize and many of the artists and themes. The rare light, the cultural diversity and the timeless beauty of our region are all dealt with in this enchanting selection of paintings.

"The West in American Art' is a treasure of memorable images," Wright reflected. "We've closed off and remodeled an entire section of the museum for the presentation of the exhibit, and we definitely feel that it will be one of the most popular displays we've ever had the pleasure of presenting."

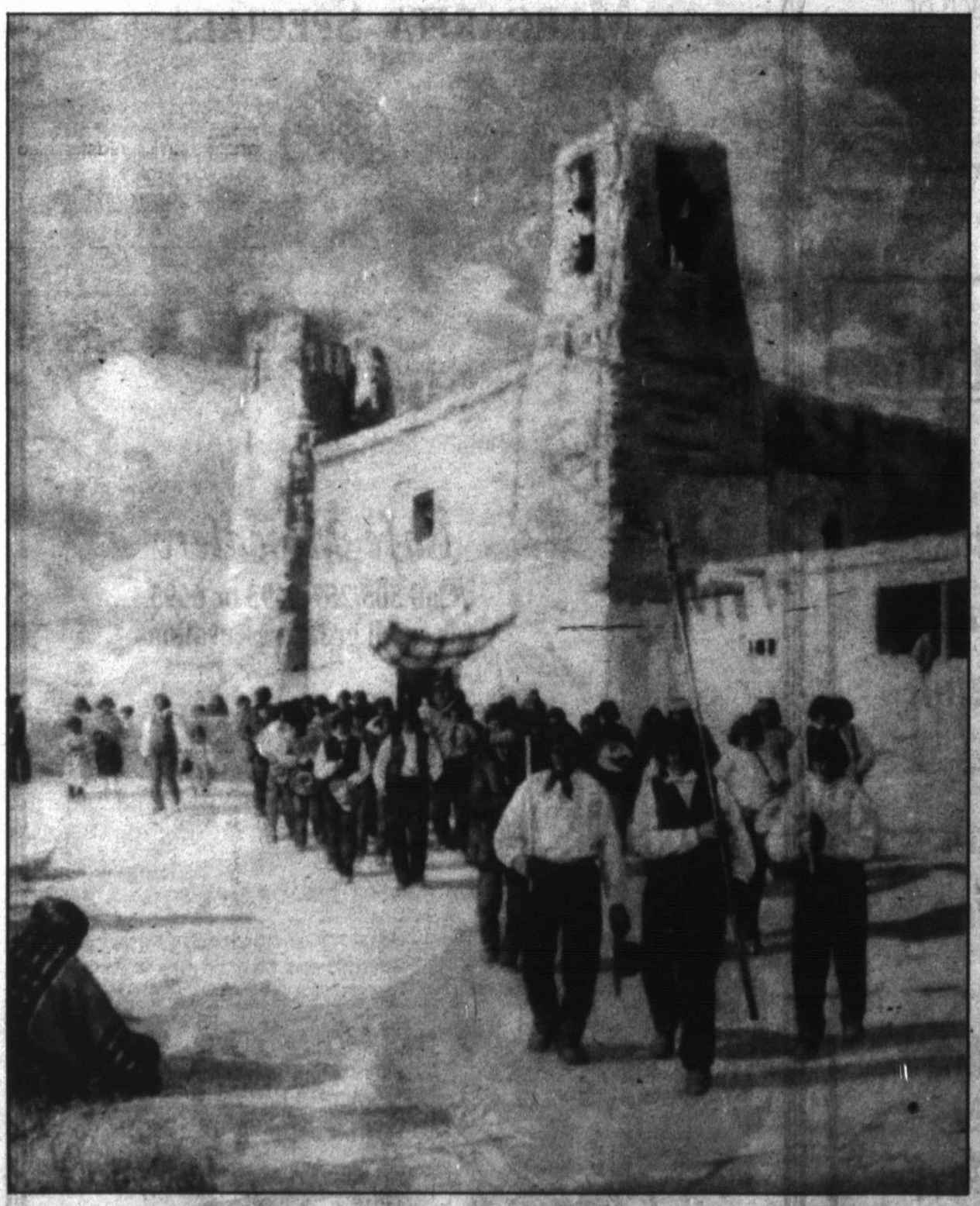
Those seeking details on either the "Chaps and Shooters" party or the art exhibition may call the Museum of the Horse at (505) 378-4142.

## A Quick Look

**What:** "The West in American Art: Selections from the Bill and Dorothy Harmsen Collection of Western Americana"

**When:** Now through September 22

**Where:** Museum of the Horse



'San Estevan Church,' undated oil on canvas, by Mathias Sandor, is part of "The West in American Art" exhibition at the museum.

# Hall of Fame honors greats at Downs

During the 50 years of its existence as a parimutuel racetrack, Ruidoso Downs has been nothing less than the Yankee Stadium or the Indianapolis Motor Speedway of Quarter Horse racing. Most of the sport's all-time greats have proven themselves on the oval reverently referred to as "The Mountain."

Commemorating this half-century of heroes, the Museum of the Horse, located next door to the racetrack itself, is opening the Ruidoso Race Horse Hall of Fame on Memorial Day weekend. The Hall of Fame will become a permanent exhibit in the Museum of the Horse. Much to the surprise of its visitors, the museum has previously lacked a strong presence of horse racing items.

But museum marketing and publicity director Scott Wells is a lifelong participant in horse racing, and he received direction from museum founders R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard, along with museum director Jay Wright, to add the all-important aspect of horse racing to the museum's displays.

Working with the New Mexico Horsemen's Association and the New Mexico Horse Breeders' Association, the Museum of the Horse staff compiled "60 Years of New Mexico Horse Racing," an exhibit which was first displayed at the capitol rotunda in Santa Fe before being shown at the Museum of the Horse. Artifacts from that display, in addition to materials honoring other deserving horses and humans, will be the seed material for the Ruidoso Race Horse Hall of Fame.

"Now that the Hall of Fame is becoming a permanent exhibit at the Museum of the Horse, we've been astonished by the generosity of people we've contacted for items relating to past champions who have raced at Ruidoso Downs," Wells noted.

"For instance, Mr. Milo Whitcomb has donated the beautiful trophy from the second running of the All American Futurity," Wells said. "Marvin and Lela Barnes have extended their loans of some terrific items from their unprecedented one-two finish in the '82 All American, and the American Quarter Horse Foundation and Heritage Center has donated an actual starting gate in which former world champions owned by the late Lewis Blackwell were trained.

"I believe the public will be fascinated with the array of items and information on hand as this display grows."

A video history of the All American Futurity includes rare footage of the very first running of the race, and placards and monoliths bear photos and news clippings of memorable moments in Ruidoso Downs history.

"Much of the credit for this exhibition should go to the late Walt Wiggins, who was the publicity director at Ruidoso Downs for years and then publisher of Quarter Racing World magazine," Wells said. "Walt was the best promoter the sport ever had and his photos, clippings, and mementos comprise a major portion of the exhibit.

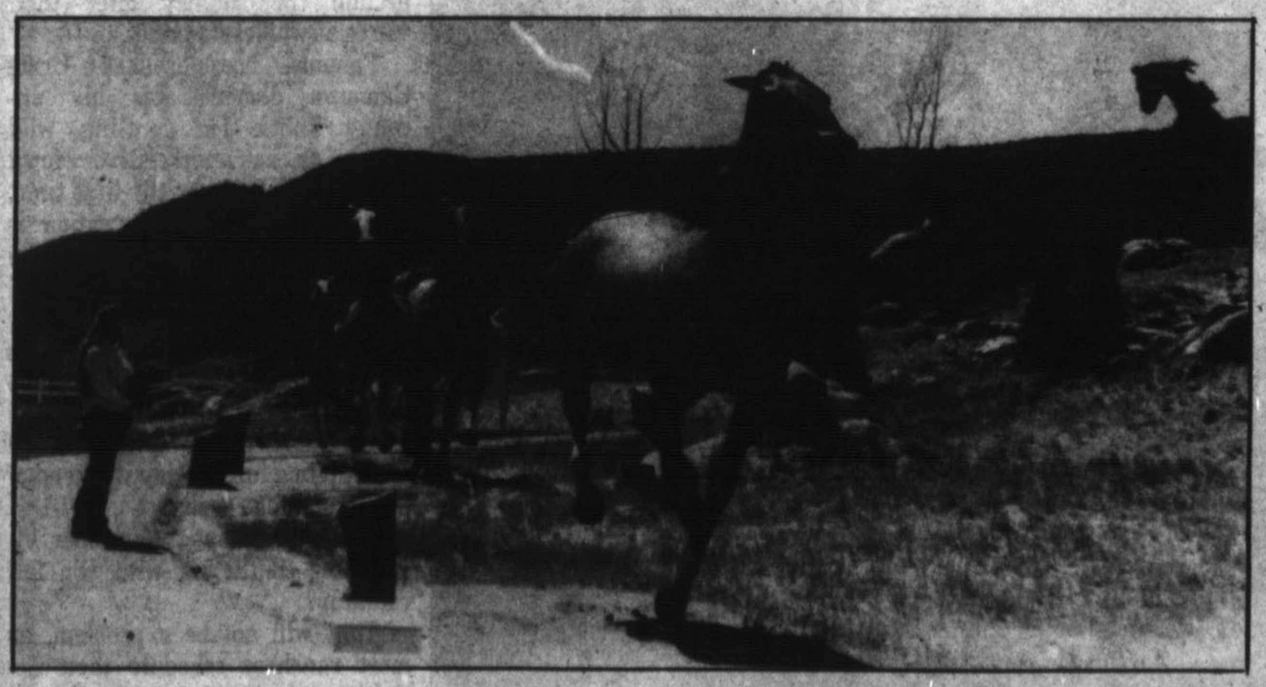
"His widow, Roynel Wiggins has been very generous in allowing us to utilize Walt's fabulous collection and his son, Walt Jr., is on the advisory committee. It's involvement like that which will make the Ruidoso Downs Race Horse Hall of Fame something we can all enjoy and be proud of."



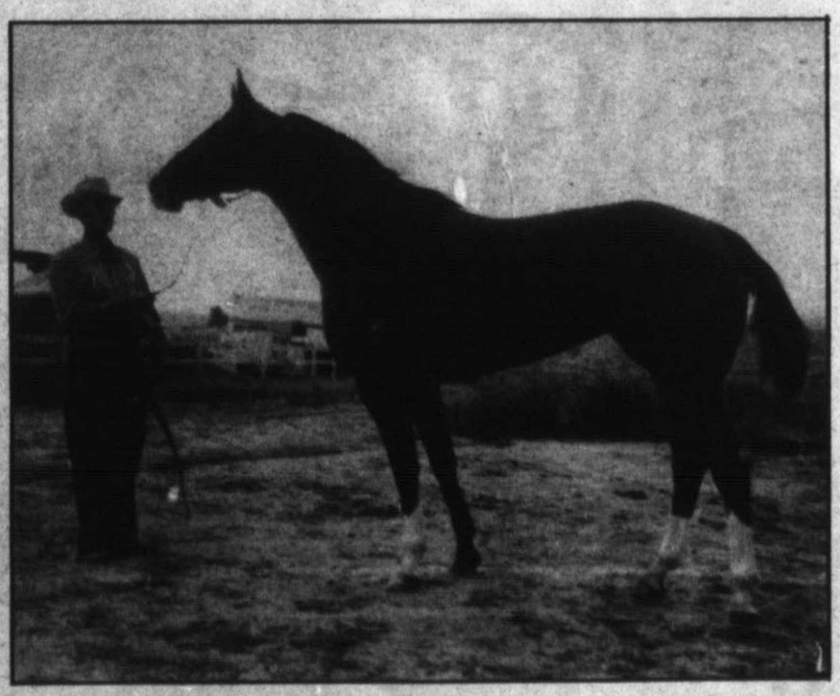

The legendary Go Man Go in his first race at Ruidoso Downs in 1955. The great roan speedster also met his first defeat here, however, he was voted World Champion three consecutive years. Pictured with Go Man Go are (left to right) friend Elmer Hepler, owner J.B. Ferguson and trainer Eldridge Strauss.




Timeto Thinkrich, owned by the Vessels Stallion Farm, won the 1973 All American Futurity and went on the become the sport's all-time leading money winner.



The monumental sculpture 'Free Spirits at Noisy Water' by Dave McGary marks the entrance to the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs. Unveiled in July 1995, it entices horse lovers to stop at the museum and see all the exhibits it has to offer. McGary also has a studio and gallery in downtown Ruidoso worth stopping to see.



C.L. Maddon and his great mare Bright Eyes. Bright Eyes was World Champion in 1949 and again in 1951. She was never defeated at Ruidoso Downs and some of her track records still stand.

# Cowboy Symposium takes you back in time

by SCOTT WELLS
Special to The News

Lincoln and Otero counties have been called the "Land of Legends." A vast area which includes snow-capped mountains and trout-laden streams as well as thorny deserts and every type of terrain in between, this area is famous for everything from horse racing to fine art.

But the most valued resource is the rugged brand of people who live here. Nowhere is a step back in time made more easily than along the walls of the Hondo Valley in the company of cowboys and their families when they gather for the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium the second weekend of every October.

Autumn has traditionally been a time when cowboys gathered their stock for the fall roundup. And that tradition means a great deal to the people who put together the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium. The entire event is a tribute to the traditions of cowboy culture, from the music to the food to the stories and verses. So why, when the other big-time cowboy gatherings are held in the dead of winter or the middle of summer, did the Lincoln County, New Mexico group choose mid-October?

"Just like everything about the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, the timing of our event was thought out very carefully," answers Ray Reed, founder of the event. "Everyone knows the fall of the year is the prettiest time of the year up here in the mountains. I went through the local weather records of the past 40 years and found that the second week in October had the best chance of sunshine and no rain and perfect temperatures for our trail rides and our chuckwagons."

Trail rides, chuckwagons and cowboy music are the cornerstones of the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, and they are things that Ray Reed knows well.

The 82-year-old has been riding the trails of historic Lincoln and Otero counties and the high country of the Mescalero Apache Reservation since he was a boy. Billy the Kid, Geronimo, Kit Carson and Pat Garrett were still very fresh on the minds of adults in those days, and Reed grew up hearing firsthand stories of those and other famous personages.

Reed's sense of history and his respect for the people who carved out their existence in the Western frontier moved him to commemorate them with what he insists is the finest of all cowboy celebrations. He makes a strong argument.

"You can combine all the local history of all the other events in the country and it can't come close to matching what we have right here," he asserts. "It's only about a mile from the Glencoe Rural Events Center where we have our symposium to the exact spot where John Tunstall was killed and the Lincoln County War started. You take our trail ride from Glencoe over the mountains to the town of Lincoln and you're riding over the exact same trails used by Billy the Kid and Pat Garrett and all the rest. You can ride right through old Fort Stanton where Kit Carson held command and where the Buffalo Soldiers served. The Apaches, the Mexicans, the U.S. Cavalry, the white settlers, they all drank from the Rio Ruidoso and the Rio Bonito where we water our horses today.

"That's authenticity, partner. A lot of the local folks who come to our symposium are descendants of the original families who dug in and hung on in this valley."

A far greater number of those attending the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, though, are interested parties from all points of the country who come to enjoy the food, the fun and the festivities. Entertainers from the Great Plains to the High Sierras make the trip to play their music, to recite their poetry, and to enjoy the old cowboy songs and the Western Swing jam sessions with their contemporaries. Sculptors, leather-workers, painters, and craftsmen from around the country offer their wares at wholesale prices.

Famous horse-breaker Craig Cameron demonstrates his uncanny knack for gentling wild horses as an appreciative crowd looks on. In 1996 for the first time, a cutting horse demonstration is planned. When the sun sets and the campfires die down, the dance hall is just getting started on Friday and Saturday nights. And this year's Sunday program will include a cowboy church service and a day of goodtime gospel music. It all adds up to a full holiday weekend of boot-stomping revelry.

And what about the October 11-13 dates conflicting with the fall roundup?

That will not be a problem, as most ranchers schedule their activities around the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium. They circle the second weekend in October as a special time to pay tribute to their rich heritage.

## A Quick Look

**What:** Cowboy Symposium

**When:** October 11-13

**Where:** Glencoe Rural Events Center



Tickets to eat the chow from the Cowboy Symposium's chuckwagon cookoff go to the fastest draws every year, because they always sell out. Cowboys make everything from beans to cobbler over an open fire, the old-fashioned way.



Cecil Chino, director of parks on the Mescalero Apache Reservation, opens the Turkey Canyon gate to the reservation for Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium trail riders. Those who sign up for the ride rave about their Old West experience and friends made along the way. Trail boss Gene Melton (left) of Ruidoso and wagon boss Buck Reams of Graham, Texas give riders a cowboy welcome.

# Ruidoso Downs Race Track celebrates 50th

It all started close to the turn of the century as a side attraction to the rodeo. A crude oval was constructed around the rodeo grounds, and the Ruidoso Downs Race Track was born.

This year, the granddaddy of all quarterhorse tracks celebrates its 50th year of state-sanctioned parimutuel racing.

**This year, the granddaddy of all quarterhorse tracks celebrates its 50th year of state-sanctioned parimutuel racing.**

A total of 49 race dates fill this season, with nine races each Friday, 10 each Saturday and nine more each Sunday, Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Like every year for 38 years, the Ruidoso Downs season ends Labor Day with the running of the All American Futurity, the world's richest quarter horse race where the winner receives a $1 million purse.

Track officials plan to focus on live racing this year, cutting back simulcasts to only Hollywood Park's Hollywood Nights and Santa Fe Downs.

Just about every race day will feature a stake or trial, so "We'll have a big race about every day," promised publicity director Paul Ryneveld.

Track officials are hoping to put together a match race in early August featuring last year's All American winner, Winalota Cash. Whoever puts up $500,000 gets to race against him. The $1 million, winner-takes-all matchup would be sure to draw lots of interest.

A new track announcer will join Ruidoso Downs this season, but his family has a long history in the racing arena. Keith Henson's father Rick was general manager at Ruidoso Downs in the late 1980s, and his grandfather Harry Henson is known to many as the granddaddy of race announcing. Keith's uncle is also an announcer.

Race fans heard Keith at Ruidoso Downs a few times last year, but he spent most of his time at Rillito Park in Tucson, Ariz.

One of Ruidoso Downs' unique features is fans' close proximity to the track.

## A Quick Look

**What:** 49 race days culminating in world's richest quarterhorse race

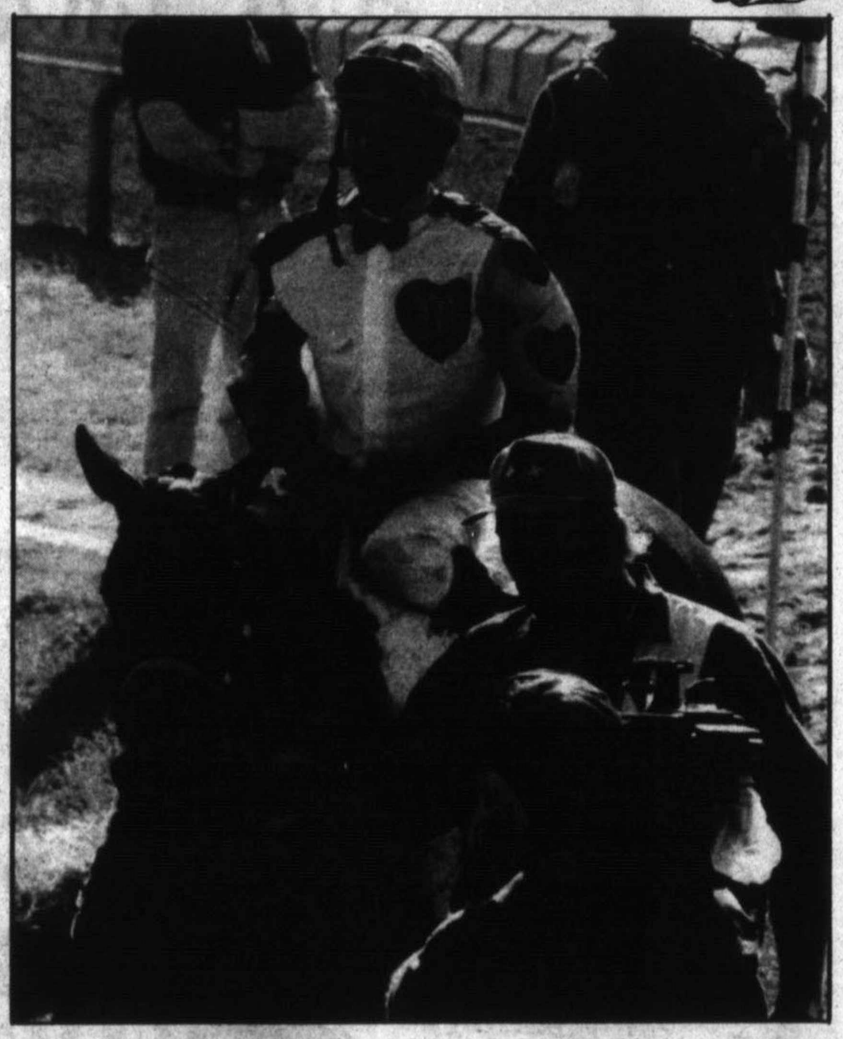
**When:** Memorial Day through Labor Day

**Where:** Ruidoso Downs Race Track

Children can play in a video arcade, or on the new playground located on the east end of the grandstand.

Watching the races can cost visitors as little as $3 - the cost to park their vehicle. General admission is free of charge. Cost of seating ranges from $2.50 for open-air reserved seats to $8.50 in the Turf Club, with levels in between. Box seats, table seating and individual seats are available.

The Turf Club features a full-service menu and buffet on weekends. In the grandstand, fans can choose from a variety of concessions. A gift shop and a full-service bank are located in the lower grandstand area.



Winalota Cash, pictured here after winning the world's richest quarter horse race last year, will return again this season to Ruidoso Downs.


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## May

**Through Sept. 22: The West in American Art Exhibit,** Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4142.

**May 10-25: "Crimes of the Heart,"** Ruidoso Little Theater, Ruidoso. 800/253-2255.

**May 16: "Khenany" Concert,** First Christian Church, Ruidoso. 505/257-9884.

**May 17-19: "Alice in Wonderland" and "Peter and the Wolf,"** Miners Castle Theater, Ruidoso. 800/253-2255.

**May 24: Ruidoso Downs Race Track Opening Day,** Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4431. Racing every Wednesday through Sunday until Labor Day.

**May 24-26: Memorial Weekend Arts and Music Festival,** Texas House Cafe, Ruidoso. 505/257-3506.

**May 25: Chaps & Shooters Gala,** Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso. Kick-off gala for Harmsen Collections National Tour. 505/378-4142.

**May 25-26: Mayfair,** Zenith Park, Cloudcroft. 505/682-2733.

**May 25-27: Rodeo,** Wimsatt Arena, Cloudcroft. 505/682-2733.

## June

**June 1-Aug. 10: "Cowboys, Racing and Other Horse Activities,"** Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4142.

**June 1: National Trail Day,** Cloudcroft. 505/682-2733.

**June 3-Aug. 9: Wilderness Camp,** Wingfield Park, Ruidoso. 505/257-5030.

**June 5-Aug. 28: Live Demonstration of Horses** or Life in the West, Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4142.

**June 7: Youth Fishing Daze,** Two Rivers Park, Ruidoso. 505/257-5030.

**June 7-9: Western Roundup,** Cloudcroft. 505/682-2733.

**June 7-9: Zia Rodders,** Zenith Park, Cloudcroft. 505/682-2733.

**June 9: Alternative Health Fair,** Ruidoso Convention Center, Ruidoso. 505/257-7555.

**June 15: "Ma'am Jones of the Pecos,"** Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4142.

**June 20-22: "Goodby to the Clown,"** Ruidoso Little Theater, Ruidoso. 800/253-2255.

**June 21-23: Bluegrass Festival,** Zenith Park, Cloudcroft. 505/682-2733.

**June 22: "Inventing the American West,"** Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4142.

## July

**July 4-7: Smokey Bear Stampede,** Capitan. 505/354-2224.

**July 4-7: Mescalero Apache Ceremonial Dances,** Pow-Wow and Rodeo, Mescalero. 505/671-4494.

**July 6: "Benefit Blast,"** Ruidoso Convention Bureau, Ruidoso. 505/378-4142. Dinner dance gala featuring car and cash give-aways to benefit the Committee for Breast Awareness and the Museum of the Horse.

**July 6-7: July Jamboree,** Zenith Park, Cloudcroft. 505/682-2733.

**July 13: "Charlie Russell's Old Montana Yarns,"** Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4142.



**July 26-28: 25th Annual Ruidoso Art Festival,** Convention Center, Ruidoso. 800/253-2255.

**July 27: "Baby Doe Tabor,"** Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4142.

**July 29-Aug. 9: Sierra Blanca Writers Workshop,** Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs. 609/275-2947.

## August

**Aug. 2-4: Old Lincoln Days,** downtown, Lincoln. 505/653-4025.

**Aug. 2-4: "Pony Express Trail Ride,"** with Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse. 800/253-2255.

**Aug. 3: Lee K. Abbott Lecture,** Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs.

**Aug. 6-7: Photography Seminar,** Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4142.

**Aug. 6-10: Lincoln County Fair,** Lincoln County Fairgrounds, Capitan. 505/354-2273 or 505/354-2202.

**Aug. 7: Readings from Leslie Ullman and Paul Zimmer,** Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4142.

**Aug. 9-31: "Star Spangled Girl,"** Ruidoso Little Theater, Ruidoso. 800/253-2255.

**Aug. 10-Sept. 22: All American Photo Show,** Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4142.

**Aug. 11: "Jurors' Choice,"** Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4142.

**Aug. 11: McGary Premier,** McGary Studio & Expressions in Bronze Gallery, Ruidoso. 800/687-3424.

**Aug. 17: "Pops Concert,"** Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4142.

**Aug. 23-25: Fifth Annual Noon Lions Antique Show,** Ruidoso Convention Center, Ruidoso. 800/253-2255.

**Aug. 15-Sept. 2: All American Festival,** Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4431.

**Aug. 18-20: Singing in the Clouds,** high school gym, Cloudcroft. 505/682-2733.

**Aug. 24: 13th Annual Runner's Classic,** Village Hall, Ruidoso. 505/257-5030.

**Aug. 31-Sept. 1: All American Gun Show,** Ruidoso Convention Center, Ruidoso. 800/253-2255.

**Aug. 31-Sept. 2: All American Arts and Craft Show,** Ruidoso Downs City Park, Ruidoso Downs. 800/253-2255.

**Aug. 31-Sept. 2: Labor Day Fiesta,** Chamber of Commerce, Cloudcroft. 505/682-2733.

## September

**Sept. 14: "Tejano Fiesta,"** Ruidoso Downs Race Track, Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4431.

**Sept. 18-22: Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally,** Ruidoso Convention Center, Ruidoso. 800/452-8045.

**Sept. 28: Santa Fe Opera - The Apprentice Tour,** Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4142.



## October

**Oct. 5-6: Aspenfest** weekend, Midtown, Ruidoso. 800/253-2255.

**Oct. 5-6: Oktoberfest & Aspencade,** Zenith Park, Cloudcroft. 505/682-2733.

**Oct. 6-Jan. 12, '97: Fall American Art Show & Sale,** Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4142.

**Oct. 11-13: Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium,** Glencoe Rural Events Center, Glencoe. 505/378-4142.

**Oct. 18-19: Oktoberfest,** Ruidoso Convention Center, Ruidoso. 800/253-2255.

**Oct. 26: Saunders Cavalry from NMMI,** Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4142.

**Oct. 26-27: Bowl-A-Thon,** Ruidoso Bowl, Ruidoso. 505/257-7107.

**Oct. 27-Nov. 11: Elder Hostel "Ruidoso...from History into the Heavens,"** La Junta Guest Ranch, Ruidoso. 505/257-2120.

**Oct. 27-Nov. 3: "Arts Week,"** Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. 800/253-2255.

**Oct. 27-Jan. 12,'97: Louise Serpa Collection of Rodeo Photos,** Musuem of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4142.

**Oct. 31: "On Broadway" Revue,** First Christian Church, Ruidoso. 505/257-9884.

## November

**Nov.1-16: "Lion in the Winter,"** Ruidoso Little Theater, Ruidoso. 800/253-2255.

**Nov. 5: Bluegrass Jamboree,** high school gym, Cloudcroft. 505/682-2733.

**Nov. 8-10: Christmas Jubilee,** Ruidoso Convention Center, Ruidoso. 800/253-2255.

**Nov. 8: "Gabriela Imreh" Concert,** First Christian Church, Ruidoso. 505/257-9884.

**Nov. 9: Writing Workshop by Judyth Hill;** Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4142.

**Nov. 9: "Wonders in Writing,"** Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4142.

**Nov. 16: "Place Names in New Mexico" lecture,** Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4142.

**Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Day — Ski Apache Opens.** 800/253-2255.

**Nov. 29-30: "Yule-Fest" Winter Carnival,** Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. 800/253-2255.

**Nov. 29-Dec. 1: "An 1880 Christmas in Lincoln,"** Lincoln County Heritage Trust Museum, Lincoln. 505/653-4025.

## December

**Dec. 13-14: Christmas in Cloudcroft,** Main Street, Cloudcroft. 505/682-2733.

**Dec. 14: Annual St. Nicholas Party,** 2 p.m., Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4142.

**Dec. 14: Santa Fe Desert Chorale,** 7 p.m., Museum of the Horse, Ruidoso Downs. 505/378-4142.

**Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Dance,** Ruidoso Convention Center, Ruidoso. 800/253-2255.


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