

DON'T LEAVE TOWN

Don't leave town the last weekend in August or you'll miss out on the most outrageous event this area has seen in years.

It's the Grand Opening
Extravaganza at the brand new
Borman Ford Mazda store at 470 West
Boutz in Las Cruces. There will be
seven different contests that will be
going on during this four (or more) day
event which begins August 28, 1987.

The main event will be the KGRT HANDATHON in which 100 contestants will test their endurance by standing with one hand on a brand new 1987 Ford Mustang. These contestants will get a five-minute break each hour and a fifteen-minute break every six hours. They will be well-fed with delicious meals from the Nooner Smokehouse B-B-Q, Domino's Pizza, Henry J's Gourmet Hamburgers, and others. And throughout the contest, paramedics will care for the contestants, checking their blood pressure, heart rate, etc. The one who can stand there the longest, wins the Mustang. As if that weren't enough, Skaggs Alpha Beta and Southwestern Bottling Company are going to load that new Mustang up with Pepsi for the winner to take home in their brand new car.

The LAS CRUCES TV CABLE HOT AIR BALLOON EGG DROP is the contest where participants will attempt to catch an egg that has been dropped from the Hot Air Ballon without breaking the egg. Any apparatus may be used to help catch the egg, provided the contestant can support the entire weight of the apparatus with their hands. The first five winners will receive a one year's subscription to Cable TV provided by Las Cruces TV Cable.

The FABULOUS FRISBEE THROW is just what it sounds like. The winner is the person who can throw the frisbee the farthest, provided it comes to a complete stop in the designated area. What makes this contest unique are

the prizes. Whoever won a Color TV, or a VCR, or a Stereo just for throwing a frisbee? Well, that's exactly what our **best** frisbee throwers will win.

In the exciting SKAGGS SKOOP event, contestants will see how many brand new pennies they can "scoop" into the "scooper". That sounds easy, until you consider they'll be doing this underwater in a swimming pool. These contestants will be competing for first prize--a G.E. 19" Color TV, 2nd prize-a \$100.00 gift certificate from Skaggs Alpha Beta, third prize-a \$50.00 gift certificate from Skaggs Alpha Beta, fourth prize-a Mr. Coffee Coffeemaker, and fifth prize a Waring Blender.

Other contestants will try to determine how many CARS ARE IN A JAR. What? Well, it's a great big

THIS COULD BE YOURS

jar with a lot of little tiny cars in it. That doesn't sound strenuous, but you can believe that these contestants will still be working hard to win the prize of a \$600.00 deluxe car stereo system from U S Tech, or a free one-year membership to Tom Young's Nautilus Fitness Centers, or a beautiful pair of boots (a \$220.00 value) from Justin Boot Company.

How can you become a contestant in one of these events? That's pretty easy. You can listen to the station that is ranked **number one and two** in the market with almost three times more listenership than the other stations in Dona Ana County. That station is none other than KGRT FM104 and KGRT

AM57. Just listen to KGRT and call in at the right time and you may participate in one of these exciting contests.

OR

You can take a test drive at any one of the Borman Car Dealerships in Las Cruces between now and August 22nd and we will enter your name as a contestant in our Grand Opening Extravaganza. Just take a test drive in any new or used, car or truck, from Borman Chrylser/Plymouth, or Borman Honda/Isuzu near South Main and Boutz, from Borman Lincoln/Mercury at 1601 North Main Street, or from the brand new Borman Ford/Mazda located at 470 West Boutz in Las Cruces.

Let's see, we've only described five of the seven events.

Oh, yes, there's our WORLD FAMOUS WATER CONTEST in which everyone who visits our new store during the Grand Opening Extravaganza may play. You just take a taste of some of New Mexico's famous water and try to identify its source. Water from four New Mexico cities will be used, so your chances of winning a prize are very good.

And then there's our most valuable event which everyone can get in on. That event is our GRAND OPENING SALE! We're offering great deals on every make we sell and the SALE STARTS TODAY and continues through the end of the month.

It's the biggest, most outrageous happening that this area has seen in years, so don't leave town.

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NEW MEXICO
HISTORISCOPE

BY DONNA BORMAN AND

MICHAEL MCKIM SWICKARD

 August 1-On this date in 1861, if you had been writing a letter to someone in Mesilla, you would not have addressed it "Mesilla, New Mexico", you would have addressed it to "Mesilla, Arizona." You see, Confederate Colonel John Baylor captured Mesilla in July of1861 and he made Mesilla his headquarters. He declared that New Mexico, south of the 34th parallel, was part of the Confederate Territory of Arizona, with Mealla an the capital.

• August 2-On this date in 1846, during the Mexican War, the first United States soldiers started into New Mexico territory from Bent's Fort. located on the Arkansas river. Colonel Kearny led his men down Raton Pass on his way to Santa Fe. Since these soldiers were not sure how the people of New Mexico would react, they had to prepare daily for a large battle. As it turned out, New Mexico surrendered without a fight. In fact, the only battle of the Mexican War which took place in New Mexico was fought seven miles south of present day Las Cruces in late December of 1846.

So all things

across northeastern New Mexico was a peaceful one for the 1,648 men. In fact, the only real excitement was when the soldiers spotted large herds of buffalo.

• August 3-At this time in 1887, John R. Hughes joined the Texas Rangers stationed in El Paso. For 28 years he chased outlaws and settled border troubles. Most people have never heard of Hughes as a gunfighter, but did you know he ranks #5 in number of gunfights. He was involved in at least 12 major gunbattles and there is no record of his minor skirmishes. In fact, most of his gunfights were quietly written in a report to his superiors, rather than printed in the newspapers.

Hughes was right-

handed but after an injury to his right arm, he switched to his left hand. Even so, he remained an expert shot.

 August 4-At this time in 1846, New Mexico's last Mexican Governor, Manuel Armijo, issued a plea for all citizens of New Mexico to band together and fight the invading Americans to the last man. Armijo went on to say he was "ready to sacrifice his life and interests for his beloved country." But at th same time that he issued this proclamation, he was also preparing to leave Santa Fe. He knew his people didn't have a chance against 1600 trained United States soldiers, so he assigned a temporary governor in his place and

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retreated south to
Albuquerque. But
when some of the
people realized what he
was doing, they
confronted him as he
tried to leave. Armijo
thought quickly and
pulled out a handful of
gold coins and tossed
them into the crowd.
While the people
scrambled for the coins,
Armijo left quietly.

• August 5-How's this for coincidence?

On August 5, 1819, David Meriwether was arrested by New Mexico's Mexican Government for being a spy for the United States. He was kept prisoner for one month in the dungeon at the Palace of the Governors in Santa Fe.

Exactly 34 years later, on August 5,1853, he was sworn in as New Mexico's 3rd Territorial Governor under United States rule. And on the exact same day, August 5, 1853, the roof of the dungeon cell where he had been held prisoner, caved in.

The event was seen by many as a good omen and David Meriwether served as Governor for the next 4 years.

off Solano Drive is a street called Gardner Avenue and it is named for a man who was born on this day in 1893. For thirty years Hugh Gardner worked at NMSU, serving as the Dean of Agriculture, the head of summer school, and

president from 1936 to 1937. During his many years of service he spent much of his time working to improve public education in New Mexico.

• August 7-At this time in 1876, John W. Gates arrived in San Antonio, Texas, ready to make his fortune. And here's how he did it. He built a corral on one of the plazas for a demonstration. When he finished fencing in the area, he took 25 of the roughest, toughest Longhorn steers and put them into the corral. Everyone was sure that the Longhorns would just walk right through the fence, but they didn't. Gates made a sign which said, "This is the finest fence in the world--Light as air--Stronger than whiskey--Cheaper than dirt--All steel, and miles long." And that's how he made his fortune, selling barbed wire fence for 18 cents a pound.

• August 8-On this date in 1907
George Curry assumed the office of New Mexico's Territorial Governor. He remained our Governor for three years, during the time when New Mexico was preparing to become a state.

Curry was the first Governor of New Mexico to own an automobile. In 1908 he purchased two matching cars—one to drive and one to use for bright yellow. The cars came with a 55 gallon drum of oil and 5 drums of gasoline. At that time New Mexico's roads were meant for horses and buggies, so it's easy to see why Governor Curry recalled with pride the time he was able to drive a whole 15 miles before his car broke.

● August 9—On this date in 1946, Jim Gilliland died at his home in Hot Springs, New Mexico (the town which is now called Truth or Consequences). At the time of his death Gilliland probably knew more than anyone else about the murder. He and Oliver Lee had been charged with the murder, but were found innocent. Just before his death historian William Keleher visited Gilliland in an attempt to get Gilliland to tell him what he knew. But, according to Keleher, Jim Gilliland took wha he knew about the killing to the grave.

● August 10—On this date in 1680, three Indian tribes in northern New Mexico banded together to overthrow the Spanish Government. The Spanish had ruled New Mexico

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3 for 82 years-from 1598 to 1680-under the leadership of an Indian name Pope. The Indians attacked a stronghold of Spanish soldiers in Santa Fe. The Spanish stayed behind their walls but the Indians cut off their supply of water. Within 10 days the Spanish were ready to surrender. The Indians let the Spanish people leave in peace and within a few weeks there were no Spanish people living in northern New Mexico. And for the next twelve years, the Indians basically had New Mexico to themselves.

• August 11-On this date in 1921, Harry L. Kent arrived in Las Cruces to serve as the President of our college which at that time was called New Mexico A&M. When he arrived, the college had a deficit of \$60,000 which he remedied through good budgeting and increased revenue from the legislature. In his 15 years as the President, the size of the graduating class increased from 15 in 1922 to a high of 67 graduates in 1936.

At NMSU's 50th anniversary in 1939, Kent was honored by having a building named for him. Kent Hall is located on the corner of Solano and University and now houses the University Museum.

• August 12-On this date in 1977, the space shuttle concept was tested. A developmental prototype called the Enterprise was used to see if the theory called, "Lifting Bodies," would work. This theory dealt with how the shuttle could glide to a safe landing despite weighing as much as a railroad locomotive.

loaded on a Boeing 747 and released over the desert landing strip at Edwards AFB in California. The Enterprise landed safely and just four years later the space shuttle Columbia made its first flight.

• August 13-On this day in 1896, two gamblers started quarrelling in a saloon in Phoenix, New Mexico (yes, New Mexico.) About the time the shooting started two lawmen. Harkey and Stewart, rode into town on bicycles. One gambler shot the other to death and headed out of town on a horse. The gambler started shooting and rode his horse right over the two lawmen and their bikes. Lawman Harkey rolled free of his bike, grabbed a horse, and captured the gambler three miles out of town. The gambler was found innocent in the death of the other gambler because they both had guns, but he was forced to pay for the two bicycles that were ruined.

Lawman Harkey reportedly gave up riding bikes while on duty.

• August 14-Some folks thought Walter Good killed George McDonald in an ambush, but he was never formally charged with the killing. The dead man's friends included Oliver Lee and Perry Altman who wanted to even the score their own way. So, on this date in 1888, Walter Good left his house early, intending to stop by Perry Altman's ranch to pick up a horse that had strayed. When several of Walter Good's friends realized he was missing, over 50 of them rode throughout the area.

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continued from PAGE 4 but found nothing. Many people in the Tularosa area left town fearing a large gunfight between the two groups.

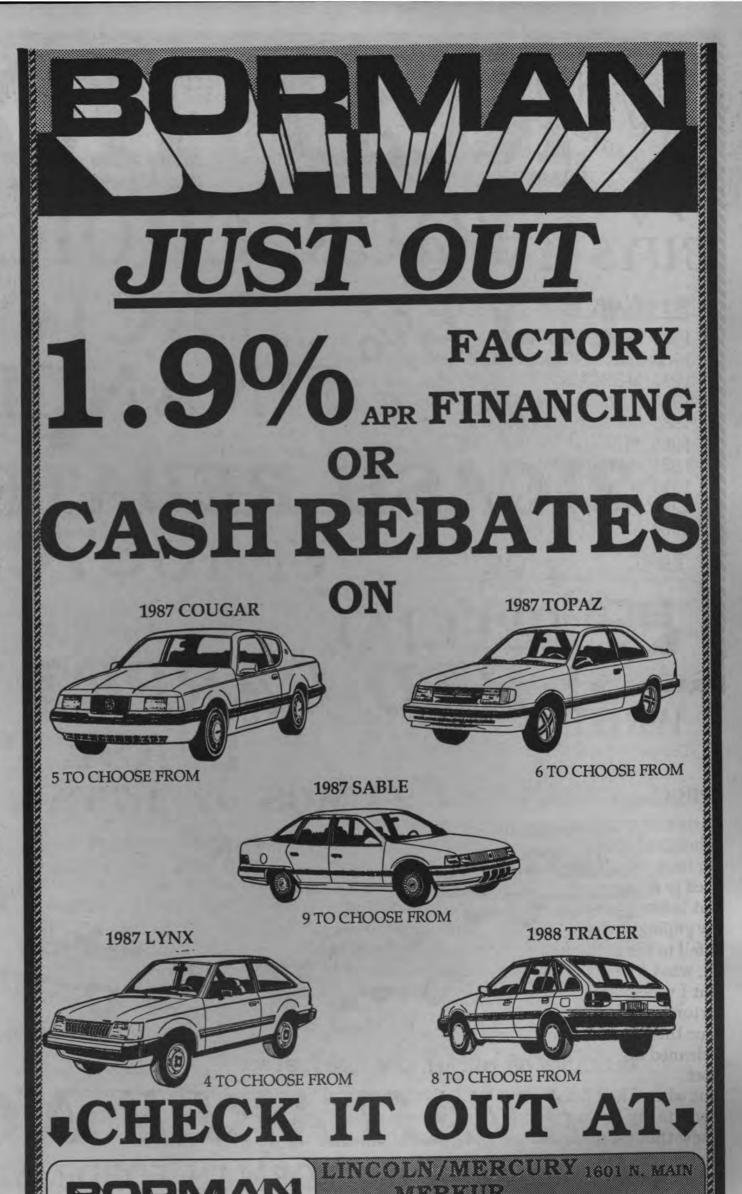
Walter Good was found two weeks after his disappearance, dead, obviously a victim of foul play. In some people's minds the thought was that the score was settled.

• August 15-On this date in 1869, William Pile, New Mexico's seventh Territorial Governor was sworn in. His first year as Governor was very quiet, but the second year was full of controversy. It seems one day in the spring of 1870, Governor Pile ordered that a bunch of old papers should be cleaned out of an office. The papers were given away to be used as wrapping paper. Governor Pile didn't realize that the old papers were the Territorial archives dating back to the time of the Spanish rulers.

When the error was noted, people throughout New Mexico were upset. At first Pile claimed no papers were lost from the archives. Then the librarian in charge of the archives ran an advertisement in the Santa Fe paper asking anyone with old papers from the Governor's office to please bring them back.

Several months later Pile was forced to resign.

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WRITING CONTEST

This poem was written by Laura Hutchinson, a 9th grade student in Mrs. Ioerger's class at Zia Jr. High.

PROCRASTINATION

Early this morning I thought I'd dine On those real fancy grapes used to make wine. But before it could reach my gaping cavity, It fell to the groundoh, what a calamity! But I was in luck. fortune was in store. 'Cuz this was the day I cleaned my dining room floor.

But when I had finished, I was to my last mow-I saw that old grape and gave it a throw, And it landed just yonder the gargage can hitchin' On some open cupboard on the floor of my kitchen. But I had all day

24 hours to file, So I scrubbed at my kitchen from ceiling to tile. And when I came upon that lonely old grape, I put to shot by the parlour drapes. But, lucky for me I wasn't pressed for time, And I polished that parlour till it shed golden shine. But as I was nearing those ugly old curtains, I looked down, and I was quite certain I was too lazy to bend once again. So I harboured that grape into the den. And after a couple more hours of work, I managed to sweep away

all of the dirt.

But as I missed one last spot and stuck my neck through a nine inch headroom. I found that old grape and threw it clear to the bedroom.

I hung all my clothing and made up my sheets And found that old grape next to Milton and Keats. And feeling no guilt, not betroubled by that, I side-passed that grape into the bath.

And I washed and I cleaned my tiny abode And discovered my burden behind the commode. And finally ditching the poor purple mess, I felt better than better. I felt better than best.

Because presently I gaped at my bewildering scene **MAURY GILES** and behold of beholdance, my house was all clean!



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