

'Guns of Paradise' returns to CBS

Western series
enters third year

By Amy Schmidt

Lee Horsley, star of "Guns of Paradise" and the former "Matt Houston," says it's hard for him to go anywhere unrecognized. "But as a general rule, as long as you move fast, people don't react," he laughs.

Horsley had better move like the Flash, because with the return of "Paradise" (now "Guns of Paradise"), he's not likely to be recognized to any less extent.

Much to the delight of cast members and fans, the drama was brought back by CBS as a mid-season replacement on Fridays, preceding "Dallas." The Western series now enters its third year.

To bring you up to date, here's what happened and what's to come on "Guns of Paradise."

Set in 1890s, the story centers around ex-gunslinger Ethan Allen Cord (Lee Horsley), who inherited the task of raising his sister's children after her death. The locale is the depressed gold-mining town of Paradise.

Cord with an unlikely man to be running a household. Volatile in nature, with a violent and mysterious past, he never wanted to be saddled with a family.

The abject Carroll children: Claire, 15 (Jenny Beck), Joseph, 14 (Matthew Newmark), Benjamin, 10

(Brian Lando), and George, 7 (Michael Patrick Carter), were thrust into the care of a seemingly cold and undependable man.

If it weren't for Amelia Lawson (Sigrid Thornton), the owner of the local bank, Ethan and the kids would have been out on the streets. Amelia kept the bank from foreclosing on their home and subsequently fell in love with Ethan.

As the new season begins, Paradise is booming once again following the discovery of a motherlode of copper. Ethan has reluctantly accepted the job of town marshal, and he and Amelia, newly engaged, are trying to make their way toward the altar.

However, the pair's path toward marital bliss becomes even more convoluted after the arrival of a young gunslinging gambler named Dakota, played by John Terlesky.

Unlike his character Ethan Allen Cord, in real life, Lee Horsley was and is very much a family man. "I

was like a clubbed baby seal," says the father of two and the husband of 10 years about the first time he saw his wife-to-be.

When Horsley's off the set, you won't find him hobnobbing with the rich and famous. Instead, you'll have to search very hard to find him hidden away in his Los Angeles home. If you're lucky, you might spot him on the ski slopes of Colorado with his family.

"We have a very private life, and that's the way we like it," says Horsley.

"Guns of Paradise" is the latest venture of executive producer, writer-director David Jacobs. Jacobs is credited with the first nighttime drama of its kind, known as "Dallas," and its spinoff "Knots Landing." Should his newest series reach the proportions of his prior projects, actor Lee Horsley had better move very fast, indeed.

Actor Lee Horsley has resumed his role as Ethan Allen Cord on "Guns of Paradise," picked up by CBS as a mid-season replacement on Fridays. A former gunfighter, as town marshal, Cord has his work cut out for him in the boomtown of Paradise.

THURSDAY



Lovely Lar Park Lincoln plays Linda Fairgate, a woman with a penchant for trouble, on the long-running nighttime drama *Knots Landing*, Thursdays on CBS.



Robin Williams plays an unorthodox VJ in the hit comedy/drama *Good Morning, Vietnam*, Sunday on NBC.