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Quick-thinking cashier foils robber

Allsups employee saw the man in the black ski mask heading for the store

BY SANDY SUGGITT
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Allsups store clerk Bonnie Cunningham disarmed a would-be armed robber early Thursday morning by telling him the police were on their way and there was less than \$30 in the cash register drawer.

The duty clerk at the Allsups Convenience Store, 127 Highway 70, told police a male, about 5 feet 9 inches, 180-200 pounds, possibly Caucasian, entered and attempted to rob the store at 3:03 a.m.

The man was carrying a gun, wore a black ski mask, black sweat suit, and black tennis shoes, Cunningham told police.

The mask alerted her to his intentions, the report states, and she activated the hold-up alarm. Cunningham said he entered the store with the black handgun in his left hand at about waist height.

She said he did not say anything, so she did.

"The police are already on their way, and there's less than \$30 in the drawer," she reportedly told the would-be robber. "Is it worth it?"

The suspect then turned and pushed the door open with the palm

of his right hand and ran toward the west side of the building, the report states.

Cunningham did not see any vehicles leave the parking lot after the suspect left.

There were no legible prints and a search of the surrounding area and dumpsters produced no related evidence.

"She's smart," said Lieutenant Wolf Born of the Ruidoso Police Department. "She's lucky."

Born said the profile of this suspect sounds similar to the profile of the robbery at Sierra Cinema on Jan. 9, in which two suspects took undisclosed amounts of cash.

Another robbery occurred at the Hollywood Bar a few minutes past midnight on Jan. 10, in which the suspect took both cash registers and a half-pint of "Hot Damn" liquor from the bar.

In the case of the Sierra Cinema robbery, one of two men pulled a mask on after he entered the theater.

The lone thief at the Hollywood Bar wore a black ski mask and baggy black shirt, pants and gloves.

This suspect, however, was described as being between 6 feet and 6 feet 2 inches in height.

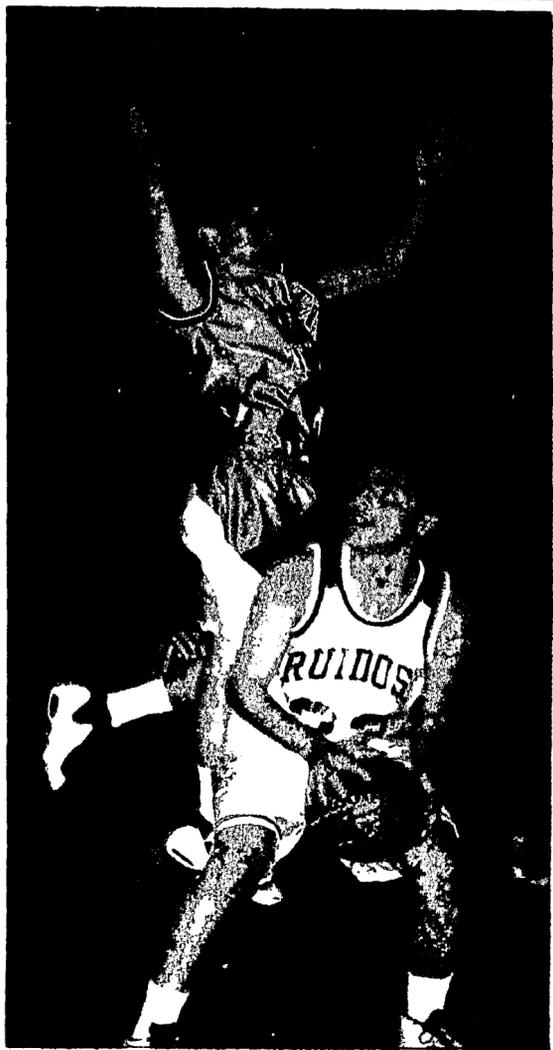
"She's smart."

Wolf Born,
Ruidoso police lieutenant

Psyched!

Ruidoso's James Adams gets a Santa Teresa player to bite on his shot fake during the Warriors' 76-66 win over the Desert Warriors Wednesday. Ruidoso plays Hot Springs in the District 3AAA semifinals today at 7 p.m. in Truth or Consequences. The winner plays Silver for the district title and earns a bid to the state tournament, while the loser goes home.

Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News



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Lodge owners express concern over new hotel

The \$7 million hotel would be owned by the village, Ruidoso's mayor says, but lodge owners are concerned about whether the facility would have an unfair advantage regarding state funds, property taxes and impact fees.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Of nine area lodge operators, only one strongly endorsed the village of Ruidoso's considerable efforts to land a \$7 million luxury hotel next to the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Ron Badouin, general manager at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, oversees the only establishment whose market would be most similar to that of the proposed 100-room Hawthorne Suites hotel.

"Personally, and this is just speaking for me, I think the hotel is a good idea," Badouin said Thursday. "I think anything that brings tourism in will benefit the whole area. I think we are bringing in more discretionary dollars and it's going to be spent in all facets of the community."

Several local lodging establishment owners or managers disagree with Badouin. Though three of the nine surveyed either withheld opinion or had no opinion, five said they were upset that \$500,000 in state money was being

sought to upgrade the hotel site. The lodge owners also expressed concern about other possible economic advantages that may be a part of the as of yet unsigned lease contract between the village and Leisure Hotels LLC.

"I don't understand why state tax dollars are being used to attract a private industry that already exists in the community," said Ron Andrews, owner of the West Winds Lodge and Condos and a member of the Ruidoso Hotel Association.

"I guess my basic opinion is that I don't have any problem with fair competition," Andrews added. "But these people are being given benefits that none of the rest of us have been given."

Sen. Pete Campos, D-Las Vegas, this area's state senator, has introduced the \$500,000 request in the Senate as an economic development project. Last week, Campos said he thought at least part of the request would be granted.

Mayor Robert Donaldson, who has been involved in negotiations with Leisure Hotels since July, said the village would spend part of the state money, if awarded, providing a viable building site for the hotel just north of the convention center. He estimated that cost at about \$125,000 and \$175,000.

Previous lease agreements for the hotel have always included the provision that the village provide a building

site foundation, he said. Ruidoso would spend any remaining state funds constructing both a new parking area to the east of the convention center and a road joining the two.

Donaldson said he believes opposition to the convention center hotel is based on a combination of misinformation and longtime opposition.

"I believe that when everything is laid on the table, people are going to be very happy with this," he said. "And we are going to have a number of (public) hearings on it."

The hotel lease will be presented to the public by the end of the month, he said. It does not differ much from other agreements drafted with previous hotel firms, which eventually backed out of the deal, he said.

But this time Ruidoso will own the hotel itself, he said. While Leisure Hotels will operate the business, the village will own the facility.

"This is a hell of a deal," Donaldson said, adding that the leaders of other communities have expressed considerable interest in trying to work out similar arrangements. "We are getting somebody to spend \$7 million to improve a property for us. We are not spending \$7 million to improve a property for them."

Other concerns by lodge owners tap into whether the village's new impact fees for development would be waived

by the village, whether property taxes would be required and whether the hotel would drop room rates during off-season times and cut into their business.

"The upshot is that when push comes to shove, they are going to price their rooms at what the market will bear," said Marchand "Mac" McDougal, owner of Sierra Blanca Cabins.

"If it's all that wonderful, why are we having such a hard time selling it? In fact, why are we having to give it away?" asked Andrews.

Donaldson said he was reluctant to discuss details of the lease in regard to property taxes and impact fees, saying that information will come out when the lease is presented publicly.

"I can't get into that yet ... There's a number of tax questions. And until the lease comes up when you can lay everything out, it's just not that simple," he said.

However, he pointed out that The Links at Sierra Blanca, the golf course next to the convention center, has a lease agreement with the village and does not pay property taxes. Donaldson added that The Links has brought more golfers to the area, which has benefited other golf courses.

He said Ruidoso as a community

Ruidoso water bond issue proposed for a May vote

A bond issue of up to \$5 million would be used for improvements to Ruidoso's water system and would be paid for through a 1-cent supplemental gross receipts tax.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso village leaders may make a second pass May 18 at a bond issue vote for as much as \$5 million for water system expansion and maintenance.

Last year, a similar issue for \$4.6 million failed to gain voter approval by a margin of only about two dozen votes. Two questions had been posed on the March 1998 ballot. One was for

approval of the bond, the second to extend the supplemental gross receipts tax to pay for the bond.

This week, Mayor Robert Donaldson said the previous bond failed because the ballot was too confusing.

"When you pass a bond issue 2-1, and you lose the tax side by 24 votes — clearly it is something people didn't understand," Donaldson said.

"So, we are proposing to come back in May with the bond election and tax collection. We have been and are working very diligently with the bond attorneys on the wording so that it is under-

standable, and not by just attorneys.

"We as a council are committed to going out and speaking about it," Donaldson said. "There won't be any other issues involved. And it will probably be a good time because we obviously are going to be in a drought."

If approved by voters, the bond would be paid for through an extension of the 1-cent gross receipts tax already in effect for a 1995 issue. Village Manager Alan Briley said he expected the 1995 bonds, which also went to water system improvements, to be paid off in either 2002 or 2003. At that time the penny would drop from the village's current gross receipts tax of 6.9 cents.

The May bond election, if passed by voters, would extend the 1-cent tax for another five to seven years, Donaldson

and Briley said. The penny tax generates about \$1.5 million in revenues a year for the village, Briley said. The benefit of bonding for short periods of time is that the village can pay the bonds off quickly and possibly re-bond again, if needed, he added.

"And it's not all interest up front," he said.

Village councilors on Tuesday are to schedule the bond election.

For years, Ruidoso's leaders have tried to upgrade and expand its water system. Besides having one of the most complex water systems in the state because of the different elevations, Ruidoso is faced with replacing more than 36 miles of inadequate and deteriorating water lines that were not maintained by previous administra-

tions, Donaldson and Briley said.

"It's not fun. It's not exciting doing water lines," Donaldson said. "But you just have to spend the money and do it. And we have the opportunity that the (state) Legislature gave us and Raton with the supplemental gross receipts tax. And that is such an important part of the long-term financing of these improvements because it reduces the need to have extraordinarily high water rates."

His platform when running for mayor last year, Donaldson said, was to find a way to upgrade the water system without overburdening the rate payer in Ruidoso.

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Donaldson

RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY High ... 50 Low ... 26



Partly cloudy

SUNDAY High ... 50 Low ... 27



Rain/snow

MONDAY High ... 46 Low ... 22

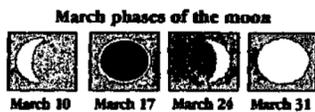


Mostly cloudy

WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	62	30	.00"
Wednesday	60	22	.00"
Thursday	65	26	.00"

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	60	38	Partly cloudy
El Paso, TX	72	41	Partly cloudy
Lubbock, TX	73	42	Partly cloudy
Midland, TX	76	44	Partly cloudy



STARDATE

From the dark country locations, evening twilight might seem to linger; a bit early this month. As true twilight fades, a faint pyramid of light takes its place, pointing upward from the western horizon. This dim glow is zodiacal light, sunlight reflecting off tiny grains of dust scattered about the inner solar system.

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Early Carrizozo bedecked in snow.

courtesy Johnson Stearns

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle
March 2, 1899

La Grippe seems to have traversed every part of the country before reaching White Oaks; however it has lost none of its terrors in its extensive travels.

Old Abe Company is now delivering first class lump coal at \$3.75 per ton. Orders left

with Levin W. Stewart will receive prompt attention.

Since our last issue the Old Abe mine has had four assays made on ore taken from No. 10 1/2, the average per ton being \$241.

A.K. Peterson, New Orleans, a cutlery and crockery drummer, came in yesterday and is stopping at Hotel Ozanne.

Married: Oliver Peaker and Mrs. Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, at the bride's ranch one mile east of town, Saturday evening, L.W. Stewart officiating.

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'One or more' Ruidoso Downs police under investigation

Ruidoso Downs is investigating one or more of its police officers following recent complaints filed with other law enforcement agencies, a village official said.

Dan Bryant, Ruidoso Downs village attorney, this week confirmed the internal investigation, which he said is being conducted by an outside agency. Bryant said the investigation involves more than one officer.

"I cannot comment about whether or not there is a particular officer (being investigated)," Bryant said. "We do have an internal affairs investigation ... There are two or three concerns at the police department."

Bryant did not release the name of the officers involved in the investigation or the nature of the incidents being investigated. As soon as the internal investigation is completed, then the

results will be announced to the Ruidoso Downs Village Council, he said.

Bryant said the village is using an outside agency to conduct the investigation because the Ruidoso Downs Police Department is too small to viably carry out the investigation itself.

Ruidoso Downs Police Chief David Hightower declined to make any comment regarding the investigation or the reported incidents.

Lanny Maddox, Ruidoso's police chief, said two complaints had been brought to his department regarding the actions of one Ruidoso Downs police officer. Both of the incidents reportedly involved verbal exchanges the officer had with his purported victims.

The Ruidoso department referred one of the complaints to

the 12th Judicial District Attorney's Office, Maddox said. The second complaint is being investigated by Ruidoso police.

Scott Key, district attorney, this week said he could neither confirm nor deny whether his office was involved in an investigation of the complaints.

Details of the first incident, which reportedly happened in December, were not available.

Ruidoso police Lt. Wolf Born said the other complaint stemmed from an incident Jan. 29. Though the complaint was officially turned over to state police, Born said he has done the majority of investigative work.

He is completing his investigation of the incident, in which a Ruidoso man said he was standing outside his estranged wife's home talking to her through an open window when the Ruidoso Downs officer, who was on duty

at the time, threatened the man from inside the house. The officer reportedly was not at the house for reasons related to his job.

Born said if a charge is filed against the officer for the above incident, it would be a petty misdemeanor assault. And because a Ruidoso police officer did not witness the exchange, the victim would have to make a citizen's complaint to the Ruidoso Municipal Court to have charges filed, Born said.

Lt. Bill Bower, with New Mexico State Police, said Thursday his department is closing the case.

"Essentially, we can't prove that there was a violation of law," Bower said. "We met with the district attorney's office yesterday and they are declining prosecution."

Jail manager could be held in contempt over prisoners released

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The man who runs Lincoln County's jail must appear in magistrate court Wednesday to show Magistrate Williams Butts why he shouldn't be held in contempt of court.

County Manager Tom Stewart said he spoke with Butts Thursday and is investigating what happened with two DWI offenders apparently refused a cell at the county jail in

Carrizozo.

Mike Borrego runs the jail for the county under a management contract with Correctional Systems Inc.

In a letter dated March 2, Butts pointed out that several months ago, the detention center refused to jail a defendant for a mandatory sentence on a driving-while-intoxicated conviction.

"We telephonically discussed the situation and you assured me that it would not happen

again and that you would comply with any commitment orders from this court," Butts wrote Borrego. "Within the last few days, Terrell J. Lacour was turned away from your detention center for a mandatory DWI sentence after he had traveled from out of town and took time off from work to comply with his sentence."

Lacour was told the jail was full, Butts wrote. Francis M. Shreve was denied space in jail "continuously" for the same rea-

sons, he wrote.

The 30-year-old jail in Carrizozo is under orders from the State Fire Marshall to keep the population at 30 or under, even though it was built for more than 40 inmates. New space requirements per inmate and other safety requirements must be met to keep the jail open while county commissioners decide how large a new jail to build and how to pay for it. The county ships inmate overflow to other jails.

WATER: 1995 bond money was used to replace 4 miles of water lines

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"When I essentially pushed this program forward, I said, OK, we're going to do the impact fee, we are going to raise the water rates, we are going to come back with the bonds. It was an overall plan of how to fund the water system improvements that are necessary but

keep the basic water rates reasonable.

"In time, a healthy water system should be able to operate off of the rates," he said. "But what we have is a convergence of water rates and the actual cost of maintenance of the system."

"And the great thing about this for a citizen of Ruidoso, is

that two-thirds of our gross receipts taxes are paid for by people outside the village limits. So, this helps," Donaldson said.

Briley said the Ruidoso River Association already is in support of the bonds.

In the 1995 bond election, voters approved \$2 million for work on the water system.

With that money, 4 miles of water lines were replaced and the village's water treatment plants improved to increase capacity.

HOTEL: It's a 'hell of a deal'

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made the decision 10 years ago to establish a three-part development at the convention center site — a golf course, the center and a hotel.

"And when we built the convention center, we competed with other places with convention rooms," Donaldson said. "But what I will tell you is that competition is not a bad thing."

Joan Zagone, executive director at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, said as a former lodge owner herself, she understood both points of view. Many lodge owners have to struggle to keep in business and cannot understand why assistance is being given to a competitor she said. And village leaders are pushing for the hotel

because of the potential economic benefits.

"Hindsight being what it is, it would have been a good idea for those involved in the process of bringing in the convention center hotel to have kept the community advised and educated on what the plan was," Zagone said, adding that people always tend to think the worst when they don't have all the information.

The argument over the convention center hotel is nothing new for Badouin, a former hotel manager in Las Vegas, Nev. Each time the city of neon lights grew by another 30,000 hotel rooms, debate erupted about whether there would be enough business to go around. However, the result each time was more visitors, he said.

PROJECT "UPDATE 48"



CAUTION AHEAD!

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Construction activities have resumed on the lower 48 project, including sidewalk installation between Terrace and Porr on the east side. Earthwork will start between Heath and White Mountain Road on the west side.

Look for weekly update of construction activities in every Friday's issue of the Ruidoso News. Any questions, please contact Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc. at 258-4400.

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Commissioners seek a solution to a dilemma

Elected county officials' chief deputies to get a pay raise — for three months

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

For the next three months, the chief deputies in the offices of Lincoln County treasurer, assessor, sheriff and county clerk will receive a larger percentage of the pay being collected by their bosses.

But that's only a temporary fix to an unusual salary dilemma. By the time the commission is ready to adopt a new budget for the 1999-2000 fiscal year, commissioners said Monday they want to settle on a pay approach that will be fair to all of the chief deputies for years to come.

The chief assistants to the four elected officials were receiving 87 percent of their bosses salaries, but when salaries went down last year, because raises for elected officials were rescinded, their wages dropped.

Assessor Patsy Serna and Sheriff Tom Sullivan went to bat for their seconds-in-command, but commissioners weren't sure how to handle the

matter. Now that the salary issue surrounding raises is settled with the four elected officials who run departments, the commission decided it was time to act.

Elected officials received 7 percent raises going back to an action in 1994, but that's 3 percent lower than raises approved in 1997 and rescinded last year.

In recognition of the loss those actions caused to the chief deputies in each of the four departments, Commissioner Wilton Howell proposed they be paid 95 percent of the salaries of their bosses through the end of the fiscal year, June 30. Although Commission Chairman Rex Wilson said he would like to see the higher 95 percent applied retroactively, County Attorney Alan Morel said that would be against the law.

In the meantime, County Manager Tom Stewart is to look at the financial impact on the county budget of three proposed approaches to setting the salaries for chief deputies, who are "at will" employees and

often are fired when new elected officials take office.

Stewart also will determine if the pay package can include incremental increases for the chief deputy and appraisers in the assessor's office when they earn more accreditations and certifications, and if something similar can apply to the other chief deputies. The answers should be ready by April, Howell said.

Three pay options proposed by Morel are:

• The salary of the chief deputy can be set up to 95 percent of the current salary for the elected official.

• The salary of the chief deputy can't exceed 96 percent of the highest paid elected county official.

• The salary of the chief deputy can range from 90 percent to 110 percent of the current salary for the elected officials, to be negotiated and set by the elected officials subject to approval by the county commission.

Sullivan urged adoption of third option, saying it's not unusual in New Mexico for the

undersheriff, who oversees the department's daily operation, to earn more than the sheriff.

"I agree that it's a good incentive builder and offers a place to go within the job," said Treasurer Joan Park.

Serna said she preferred the first option, but with the increment provision.

Morel said he checked with several other counties, and found that some had a range, others were set at a flat 85 percent. Curry County allocated \$28,828 for each of its chief deputies.

The county could be flirting with a lawsuit if two chief deputies doing similar work are paid different amounts under different methods, Morel said.

The decision on pay can't be arbitrary and all elected officials must follow the same criteria, he said.

No figures were available Thursday on what each of the chief deputies will be earning for the next three months.

County watches legislation

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Bills covering issues as diverse as a property tax cap and a requirement that convicted sex offenders notify communities of their presence, are facing the New Mexico State Legislature as the 1999 session nears its end.

Commissioner William Schwettmann, Lincoln County representative on the Association of Counties, and County Manager Tom Stewart reviewed some of the bills that have local impact.

They include:

• A bill dealing with "water banking" that would allow communities to take water during times of heavy run-off and pump it into the ground, then retrieve a similar amount in times of high demand, if they have adequate water rights. It would help villagers get through drought conditions, Stewart said.

• A bill dealing with state prisoners who are incarcerated in county jails. Senate Bill 347 would allow counties to make the state pay after prisoners stay a certain length of time. It would cover a prisoner whose probation was revoked. Counties currently pick up the bill, even if the prisoner has to be housed elsewhere or needs special medical care, a situation that has been costly for Lincoln County.

• House Bill 291, which would prohibit a city or county from enacting construction codes more restrictive than those of the state Construction Industries Division. Some commissioners say they didn't like the idea of someone else dictating how tough construction codes should be for counties and cities that want cer-

tain standards. A bill that would allow a vote on a change in the state constitution to permit the salaries of elected county officials to be changed mid-term. Counties now are in a dilemma, because while state law prohibits inequity in pay for elected officials, the state constitution prohibits raising or lowering pay mid-term. Because county commissioners and other elected officials serve staggered terms, counties are left with no way to give legal raises.

Schwettmann said State Rep. Dub Williams, a Republican from Glencoe, introduced the bill two weeks ago. County Treasurer Joan Park had given Williams two drafts of bills.

Sheriff Tom Sullivan says he supports and has testified for a bill that would funnel to the county's coffers revenue from traffic citations written by county deputies. Citations written by municipal police go to the villages.

A resolution that would have set up a procedure for recall of elected county officials was killed in a split vote in the Senate, Schwettmann said.

Stewart testified before the Legislature about an allocation for improvements to Gavilan Canyon Road. "I tried to explain that with heavy equipment from the state project using the road, there won't be much left of it in a year," Stewart said.

Although rehabilitation of the road is estimated to cost more than \$6 million, Stewart asked for \$881,000 to start.

RUIDOSO AGENDA

The Ruidoso Village Council is to convene at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday to consider the following agenda items:

CONSENT ITEMS
(passed in a single vote rather than separately):

• A resolution to ask the state to participate in funding a \$139,000 project to improve Hull Road from White Mountain Drive to Nevish Canyon Road. If the request is approved, 60 percent of the project would be paid for by the state and 40 percent by the village.

• A resolution to change policy for employee travel. The new guidelines would adhere to the rates set in the New Mexico State Per Diem and Mileage Act as established by the Department of Finance and Administration. The village manager also will be empowered to approve employee travel requests without council approval, as presently required.

• A grant agreement with the State Highway Department to buy a tractor and mower at a total cost of \$58,000 for the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. If approved, the state would contribute \$29,000 towards the cost.

• An addition to the village's contract with the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce for operating a Visitors Center. The contract addendum will give the chamber up to \$2,500 for a telephone

upgrade at the center.

• A bid for plumbing and heating maintenance for village facilities. The village issued just one bid packet, to Tri-State Corporation dba Total Comfort Services, for the service, according to a memo to village councilors. The company responded with a bid of \$50 for the contractor for services and \$30 an hour for a helper. In addition, parts that cost under \$100 would be marked up by the vendor by 105 percent, parts that cost under \$1,000 would be marked up 65 percent and parts that cost more than \$1,000 would be marked up 50 percent.

• Adding water fees to lease agreements for hangars at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. The base fee for water would be \$21.75 a month, the same charged to Ruidoso commercial customers.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

• A hearing and possible vote to prohibit some types of temporary structures, such as portable carpools, in residential areas. The amendment would not apply to existing structures.

• A hearing and possible vote to allow signs on or next to fences at sports complexes, such as the White Mountain Recreation Center. No permits would be needed; the signs, would promote organizations holding fund-raising events.

REGULAR ITEMS

• Schedule a bond election for May 18 that would continue the existing 1-cent gross receipts supplemental tax. The bond issue would pay for improvements to the water system.

• Award a professional services contract for a DWI coordinator, who would work with local courts to oversee the processing of drunken driving defendants. The council is to consider and vote on a candidate and contract.

CLOSED SESSION

• Discussion regarding the purchase, acquisition and/or disposal of village property and/or water rights.

Any action taken as a result of the closed session discussion will be brought into open session.

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Lura Riley

Private services for Lura Riley Gregory, 91, will be in Houston, Texas, where burial will follow. No memorial services are planned at this time in Ruidoso.

Ms. Gregory died Tuesday, March 2, in Ruidoso. She is survived by a son, Brian Riley Seale. Instead of flowers, memorials to Hospice of Lincoln County have been suggested.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Superl Chapel of Ruidoso.

VILLAGE BRIEFS

Village diverting less water out of Rio Ruidoso

The village of Ruidoso has decreased the amount of river water being diverted into Grindstone Lake to ensure that the Rio Ruidoso will be stocked with fish this spring.

Village Manager Alan Briley said.

The river's level is slightly down from normal and New Mexico Game and Fish officials had said it would not be stocked if the water level didn't rise. Briley said the village has been stocked with fish last week.



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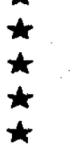
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OUR OPINION

**Defining moment:
defining 'indigent'**

Indigent care is one of those social responsibilities that nobody likes to dwell upon until it's needed; we simply don't like to think about anybody becoming ill without the money to pay for their own care.

Maybe that's why the Lincoln County Commission, the duly elected body that owns a hospital and has the power to tax, can't bring itself to establish an independent fund for the care of indigents in Lincoln County.

Our dictionary defines "indigent" simply as "poor," and our thesaurus agrees. Poverty is a state most everybody has been in at one time or another, if they've lived long enough. It doesn't mean they're bad or untouchable or even without resources; it simply means that at a given point in time they don't have enough money to make ends meet.

And that can be a terrible situation if a life-threatening illness comes along. Our commissioners heard a number of horror stories along those lines when they began to consider an indigent fund for Lincoln County (one of only two counties in the state that doesn't have one) last Monday.

A "medically indigent" person, it was brought out during the public hearing, isn't necessarily even jobless. They may well be working, but not earning enough to afford health insurance. Lincoln County Medical Center does have access to indigent care funds under a special state provision, but that leaves non-affiliated health care agencies out in the cold.

Commissioners, to give them credit, informally agreed that they back the idea of an indigent fund. But, even after two years of study and hearings by the Health and Wellness Board, they couldn't bring themselves to deal with it. They decided they'd conduct their own hearings — a major frustration for Dr. Arlene Brown of the Wellness board: "They asked us to study it and we did so. They asked us to conduct hearings and we did so. We held a series of hearings in Hondo, San Patricio, Corona, Capitan and Carrizozo, as well as in Ruidoso and the Downs."

Dick Weber, board president of Lincoln County Home Health Services, has a simple proposal: "Just look at what the other counties have in place and customize it to Lincoln County."

But that doesn't appear to be adequate for the county commission, which seems to have put a twist on an old cliché:

"Don't just do something—stand there."



YOUR OPINION

Y2K, fact or fantasy?

To the editor:

Explanations, to date, on the Y2K (year-end computer failure) question defy logic.

On CNN recently, two adverse views of Y2K were given that offered no opportunity for compromise, or an opinion somewhere between the extreme points made.

Consider these expert opinions: 1) as of the end of 1999 each of us should accumulate a supply of food stuffs, ample cash funds for emergencies, and a supply of firewood for heating. Computer problems at that time would affect many of the conveniences we now enjoy. 2) Opinion of the second expert disagreed with the first opinion, saying that there was nothing to fear — everything would be normal at the end of 1999. *Both can't be right!*

The Secretary of Commerce stated recently that the computer problem in the U. S. was not to be considered serious, but the problem was expected to be rampant in Europe.

The wide division of opinion regarding the problem with computers adapting to the year 2000 is very troublesome. Our

submarines are reported to contain more than ten thousand computer chips, and their actual location has not been determined according to news reports.

A local businessman has spent \$25,000 updating his computer system. The Ruidoso State Bank held two Y2K meetings this week to explain action taken to ensure their computer reliability. The cost of the upgrade over several years was \$400,000. Mr. Doug Conley of the bank did an excellent job answering questions of those attending the meetings. The question I ask is: Would the bank have spent \$400,000 unless the need was there? There has been no news to date giving assurance that our county or local government is considering the computer problem with plans to make the changes necessary to assure that the end of 1999 will not result in an interruption of the services we now take for granted.

The Y2K problem must be answered now. To ignore and wait could be a major problem.

J. A. "AL" Junge
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Kindness in the street

To the editor:

I would like to commend Ruidoso Animal Control (people) for their prompt response and kindness in approaching stressful situations.

Saturday, (we) found a badly injured cat. We knew it was in great pain. We called the police station (and they) patched the call to Peggy Williams (it was her day off and she was not in). Son, Peggy was at our place calmly assessing the kitty's injuries. She was kind, she was loving and she told us exactly what she was doing and why.

She put the cat in a cage and covered it with a blanket to prevent it from going into deeper shock. It was very sad, and yet Peggy's professional knowledge and compassionate attention made it less difficult.

Others in the community have also told us of excellent experiences with Peggy—letting them know what happened to a rescued pet, adoptions and keeping pets safe.

Thank you, Peggy!
Konn A. Rauschenbach
Derrick Quigley
Ruidoso

**Bruce, King
of the hill**

We had mentioned here earlier that former New Mexico Gov. Bruce King had published a biography called "Cowboy in the Roundhouse: A Political Life," to considerable critical acclaim.

**MOUNTAIN
ASIDES**



BY KEITH GREEN
Ruidoso News

Normally we don't go back and plow old ground, but a flyer mailed to us this week cast something of a different light on Bruce, one that political fans and enemies alike might find enlightening.

It also gives insight into book publishing in New Mexico, if you dare speculate a little bit.

So, some facts and speculation:

The promotional flyer pitched to newspapers offers a series of five 1,000-word excerpts from the book "recounting the career of New Mexico's most colorful and longest-reigning governor" for \$100 — mailed or by e-mail. Those, you order from the book's co-author, Charles Polling, in Placitas.

This suggests that Polling, the ghost-writer, will get to keep the cash for sale of the columns.

Every column printed would include the book's copyright notice and "ordering information" for purchasing an autographed book from the Governor.

Well now...here we have the co-author getting the newspapers to pay for the excerpts, including a sales pitch so people could buy the book. So far, so good.

It turns out that the autographed books may be ordered from Books by Bruce for \$28.50 plus \$2.50 postage and handling for each book. The mailing address is P. O. Box 83, Stanley, N.M. 87056. (Stanley is Bruce King's hometown.)

Hmmm...Is Bruce' beginning to act like a Republican?

The lament of ancient Southwest bones

One of the lasting mysteries of the Anasazi people is what they did with their dead. Human remains are scarce, and no graveyards, tombs or funeral pyres have been found.

**FOOLS AND
NEWCOMERS**



BY MORROW
HALL
SYNOPSIS: COLUMBIST

During Richard Wetherill's excavation of Pueblo Bonito he found only 14 skeletons.

This was from a "great house" of over 600 rooms, which must have housed thousands of people over its lifetime. The Anasazi culture that built the magnificent great houses spanned a period of about 800 years.

A significant number of the remains that have been found show evidence of violent death, and recent studies are causing anthropologists to revise previous conceptions of the Anasazi as peaceful farmers and traders.

In 1967, anthropologist Christy Turner II examined a box of human bone fragments excavated three years earlier from a site on the Hopi Reservation. He was struck by how much they resembled the bones of game animals that had been eaten.

Turner spent the next 30 years investigating human re-

mains from all over the Four Corners area where the Anasazi civilization flourished from about 700 AD into the 13th Century. He looked at 76 sites and found what he believes is powerful evidence that, in half of them, humans had been killed and eaten.

Turner recently published a book on the subject, co-authored by his late wife, entitled "Man Corn: Cannibalism and Violence in the Prehistoric American Southwest." It has caused a flurry of controversy.

Many of the bones found, according to Turner, were apparently broken open to remove the marrow. Some bones show evidence of roasting, and some have acquired a polish that indicates they were boiled and rubbed against the side of a pot. There are chips and scrapes that indicate the flesh had been cut away with stone knives or pounded with stone hammers.

Many of the skulls found had been smashed or broken open, and many were found separated from their skeletons.

If these remains are solid evidence that cannibalism occurred in that place and time, they don't answer the question of who the cannibals were. Could they have been marauding nomadic tribes, or were the Anasazi themselves the cannibals?

Turner theorizes that cannibalism may have been brought to this area as a religious cult by Indians from Mexico. Ritual sacrifice and

cannibalism were practiced for thousands of years in Mexico, and when the Anasazi began trading their turquoise with the tribes to the south, they may have received those customs as unwelcome companions of the trade goods they received.

That is the most controversial part of Turner's book, and it may be many years before evidence is found to support or refute it. But his evidence that cannibalism occurred is strong.

Did the Anasazi move on because droughts came and their crops failed? Or was the collapse of the turquoise trade the reason? Or were they fleeing a frightening outburst of ritual murder?

Questions like these have enthralled scientists for many years and may never be fully

answered, but new tools are developed all the time that give us new ways to approach them.

Someday, thanks to our new understanding of DNA, we may know precisely who these people were and where they came from. We may learn to comprehend their mysterious petroglyphs and petrographs. We may understand the meaning of the many legends their descendants still pass on to their children.

Many Anasazi sites have not yet been excavated, and undoubtedly more will be discovered. We will find out more and more about the people who once lived in the splendid dwellings of Chaco Canyon.

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OPINION

The forest through the trees

**This is the first in a series of articles addressing improving forest health while reducing the risk of wildfire. It is provided by the Forest Health Coalition of Lincoln County.*

All predictions indicate that we are facing an extremely serious fire season.

To enlighten the community about the wild fire issues and forest health inherent to our beautiful area, this is the first in a series of articles by the Forest Health Coalition of Lincoln County, assisted by the New Mexico Forestry Division. Such concepts as the need to reduce wildland fuels, hazard trees, creating fire defensible space for homes and humans, and forest disease will be discussed in this paper.

But first, let us make sure no confusion exists as to the central problem.

We are dealing with a very unnatural forest which threatens not only our home and livelihood, but our very lives. This is a very serious problem that can not be ignored.

The History

For most of recorded history (and long before), fire has played a central role in naturally thinning our forests.

For centuries, Native Americans set torch to the forest to protect grasslands, which, in turn, supported game necessary for the survival of hunting tribes. It only has been in the last century that man viewed forest fires as bad and that all fires should be extinguished.

We have learned otherwise. With fire removed from the equation and humans unwilling to cut and thin trees, our forests have become overcrowded.

Uncontrolled growth of trees creates an unhealthy forest where far too many trees are competing for water and their place in the sun. This situation leads to forest fires of major proportion costing millions of dollars of taxpayer monies to combat the fires and repair the damage.

The Problem

The existing forest is not the natural forest; it is unhealthy and a serious wild-fire hazard and depletes our water resources.

- The forest is overcrowded with trees.
- The trees are diseased and stunted.
- Fuel loads are high.
- Ladder fuels are common.

Forest experts warn that Ruidoso is one of the most fire endangered communities in the country and not enough has been done to reduce the risk of a catastrophic fire.

We are all guilty: property owners who have let their lots overgrow with trees and brush; local leaders who have not found ways to manage public land and promote forest health and wildfire safety.

It is time to stop finger-pointing and address these issues as a community deeply concerned with reducing the risk of wildfire and promoting a healthy forest.

Ranchers befuddled at 'waste' of BLM burnings

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Rancher Don Brewer doesn't understand why the federal government spends tax dollars burning grass that could be grazed by his hungry cattle.

The Bureau of Land Management last week burned about 1,300 acres on the northeast edge of the Fort Stanton reserve about 12 miles northeast of Ruidoso. A spokesman for the bureau says ranchers were not ignored.

Grazing would not have removed the invasive non-native plants targeted in this particular area, said public information officer Howard Parman, adding that currently, the agency is blocked from allowing grazing on the fort tract.

Those arguments don't mean much to ranchers who are buying alfalfa from the Pecos Valley and hauling in other food to keep their cattle healthy.

"All the ranchers are hurting because of the drought and are needing places to graze their cattle," said Brewer, who owns a 6,377-acre ranch that sprawls from Capitan to the fort reserve. "Looking in the Roswell Resource Management Plan (that includes Lincoln County), it says one of the four reasons they would lease it back out (to be grazed) would be to cut back on the fire danger."

"Then I read in the newspaper about the BLM planned burn at Fort Stanton. Brewer said he bought his ranch in 1959 and for a while grazed livestock on the fort land. That was stopped a few years ago.

"I've been trying to talk them into putting this back up for lease for a long time and there's always a reason why they can't do it," Brewer said. "All of us ranchers would have loved to put our cattle over there and grazed it and paid as much as \$15 per animal unit."

"Here they have federal disaster relief (because of drought), paying us with government money because we don't have any place to graze our cattle and here the BLM is out there spending tax dollars to burn the grass. All they had to do is say for how long — if not one year, what about 90 days? This danger (from wildfire) would have been stopped and the cattle fed and the tax dollars saved."

His herd consists of about 200 cattle, including 70 mothers-to-be. Brewer also complained that the burn was not announced until Feb. 18, less than one week before the Feb. 24 burn.

"They (BLM) operate like molasses until they want to do something and then they say, 'Get out of my way, we're doing it today,'" Brewer said. Not quite, Parman said.

"In 1995, we planned for this prescribed burn to go in 1996 or any year thereafter,"

he said. "We burned 1,300 acres with the goal of reducing the juniper, cholla, snake-weed and other (plant) invaders. Last Wednesday everything came together, the window, the weather and people, so we went out and did it."

He understands ranchers want to graze the land.

"We'd like to let them, but while grazing will reduce the grass, it will not reduce the invading juniper and other species," Parman said.

The area burned is BLM's first riparian showcase, he said.

It's acreage "where we believe we can demonstrate that livestock grazing and riparian recovery are not incompatible, as most people believe," Parman said. "We'd like to have livestock grazing available as a tool in the resource management plan."

However, right now there's a legal obstacle, he said.

When the area previously was grazed, it was by contract under which the BLM kept the money to make range improvements at Fort Stanton, such as fences and pipelines.

When the agency's attorney reviewed the contract, "He said 'whoa,'" Parman said. "As I understand it, the sticking point is collecting the fees and then applying them to the piece of grazed ground. Under the Taylor Grazing Act, all fees go into pot and a percentage comes back. We'd like to specifically use the fees

at Fort Stanton."

The money collected under the previous forage contracts is waiting in an escrow account for a final determination, he said.

"The BLM needs legislation from Congress to do that (use the money on site)," Parman said. "Both (U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-NM, and U.S. Rep. Joe Skeen, R-NM) introduced it last session, but it didn't receive action. It's supposed to be reintroduced this session."

Neighbors may see more smoke in the air, he said.

Some smaller burns also may be executed, Parman said.

While the U.S. Congress and the BLM try to work out new wording, Brewer rides the seven miles of fence line that adjoins the fort land, thinking about the grass his cattle are missing.

He bristles when he thinks about the resource management plan that lays out strict guidelines for grazing, but includes control of a fire hazard as an acceptable reason.

"They haven't grazed it in three or four years," Brewer said. "There's a bottleneck there. They say they're going to graze it, but they don't. I sit right on the fence line. All they had to say was for me to run 50 to 100 cattle for 90 days. I'd be willing to pay to do it or do it as a good neighbor, but the government is not trying to be a good neighbor."

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Ruidoso High School student elected second vice president of state student council

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Monica Keyes, Ruidoso High School Student Council vice president, was elected second vice president of the New Mexico State Student Council at a convention in Alamogordo Feb. 11 and 12.

"There are only four officers in the entire state and she got one of the seats," said Selina Steed, a junior and secretary of Student Council.

Keyes will go to statewide meetings three or four times a year, said Pixie Arthur, activities director and Student Council advisor.

"She got up in front of

nearly 1,000 kids and they voted for her. She gave a speech on why she would make a good board member," Arthur said.

"She was very witty and talked about her weaknesses. She was personable and calm, and ran against Monzano, Del Norte and Hobbs, so it's quite an honor for a school as small as we are," she said.

Keyes will attend her first state student council meeting in Albuquerque March 22. Arthur said the State Student Council is the governing body of the entire association in the state and the officers organize the convention for next year and work on policies.

"We don't really know what

she'll be doing," Arthur said, "because we've never had anybody on the state board before."

Ruidoso also won the scrapbook contest, which is a pictorial reference of activities that the council sponsored during the year, a reflection of the student body and activities, Arthur said.

Jayne Paxton was responsible for preparing the scrapbook.

Other members of the Ruidoso Student Council also went to the convention in Alamogordo and were voted in by the membership based on contributions they'd made throughout the year and how hard they've worked, Arthur

said. Holland Dorn, Leah Miller, Elizabeth Miller, Joshua Romero, and Nathaniel Hedin were voted to attend the convention.

The Ruidoso Student Council has a major project each month of the school year and some in the summer, Arthur said.

"Before school began, we painted stripes on the parking lot and sold parking stickers during registration," she said.

The officers also police the parking lot throughout the year. Money from parking fees is used to purchase supplies to decorate for dances, pep assemblies, homecoming flowers, crowns, scrapbook and slo-

gan supplies and other things needed for activities.

In August, the council organized class meetings and the election of class officers.

Football homecoming had members busy from September through October planning spirit week, a pep assembly, dance, and presentation of court during halftime of the football game.

In November they organized a canned food drive for Thanksgiving, collecting 5,000 cans and donating them to the Lincoln County Coalition of Churches.

They coordinated with elementary principals in December on the Angel Tree, bringing gifts for needy elementary stu-

dents. In January they prepared for the state conference and organized the basketball and wrestling homecoming.

Next month the student council will organize the Blood Drive and the election for next year's executive student council.

The Optimist Club invites the male and female student-of-the-month to lunch and presents them with a plaque each month, Arthur said.

Currently, Erica Oxford is president, Monica Keyes is vice president, Selina Steed is secretary, Bryn Castanon is treasurer, Jayme Paxton is historian, and Bryn Hatcher is parliamentarian.

New school board gets report on Ruidoso Middle School weather station

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

There's a "real time" weather station coming out of Ruidoso Middle School—just a finger-tip away for those on the Internet.

High school students have been working with Carla Burns, middle school science teacher, and Mark Hamilton, district technical support person, to make the links.

Now anyone can find out Ruidoso's downtown weather by clicking "local weather" or "RMS" at: www.ruidoso.k12.nm.us, said Paul Wirth, director of instructional support at the Ruidoso School Board meeting on March 2.

It takes three seconds for the message to be zoomed from the satellite to the east coast and back to Ruidoso, and browsers can find out "real time" temperatures, wind velocity, and barometric pressure, he said.

Wirth told the board the district will apply for another \$60,000 competitive Techno-

gy/Literacy Challenge Fund grant from the federal government through the State Department of Education to extend the technology installed this year at White Mountain.

This would put 32-inch color monitors in all the classrooms of the middle and high schools that would be connected to a satellite dish, Lincoln Cablevision and the teachers' computers, Wirth said, as well as internal closed-circuit television at each site.

The district was awarded more than \$30,000 in discounts on various services by the Universal Services Fund through the Federal Communications Commission, Wirth said.

"We just found out from

(our application of) January 1998 what funding they would support us with," he said, adding that the district is currently applying for discounts for the 1999-2000 school year. The discounts are based on the number of students that qualify for free and reduced lunches or students with higher needs, he said.

The school board reorganized because this was the first board meeting after the Feb. 2 election, and named James Paxton president, Susan Luteran vice president, and Jackie Branum secretary.

Newly elected member Frank Sayner was present, along with board member Ronnie Hemphill.

Science teacher Carla Burns is one of nine state finalists in the 1999 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, Superintendent Mike Gladden told the board. Burns was formally recognized by the State Board of Education in Santa Fe Thursday, he said.

"The winner will receive a \$7,500 grant to spend in the classroom and will get to go to Washington and have dinner with the president," Burns said.

Lisa Vasquez, Middle School social studies teacher, recently became a Dream Fund recipient for the fourth time, Gladden said.

Vasquez said her dream this year is to learn more about

how to teach different grade levels about the Holocaust and to share what she learns with other teachers.

"The way the world is going with prejudice, as teachers, we have a big responsibility to teach children about the Holocaust," Vasquez said. She will attend a conference and visit the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

White Mountain Elementary will have open house and parent-teacher conferences from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 11 and 12.

Student council members will take people on a tour of the new addition and the rest of the building. The open house is not just for parents

and the public is welcome, said principal Frank Cannella.

Eastern New Mexico University's George Mehaffy, vice president for academic affairs of the system, and Jim Miller, ENMU-Ruidoso director, presented the board with ENMU's fifth operating agreement, asking renewal. The district serves as fiscal agent and partner of ENMU and as such is called the Ruidoso Off-Campus Instructional Center, Mehaffy said.

The university contracts with the district for facilities, and as the demand here is more for daytime classes, last year's operating agreement does not need to be changed in this respect, Miller said.

REGIONAL BRIEFS

Arabela Fire Department gets boost toward reality

Volunteers hoping to see an Arabela Fire Department created by the State Fire Marshall received a boost Monday from the Lincoln County Commission. Under an agreement worked out between the Hondo Volunteer Fire Department and the Arabela group, with guidance by Commissioner Rick Simpson, Hondo will lose a 16x7-mile section of the county previously under its jurisdiction.

The Arabela district, if approved by the state, will start about 10 miles north of Hondo, Tinnie and U.S. 70 and run east for about 16 miles and north for another eight miles.

The Hondo department would continue to cover a 12-mile stretch along the highway and Rio Hondo north to the Arabela district, encompassing State Highway 368. Arabela residents decided to form their own fire fighting group after a dispute over the way Hondo equipped a fire substation in that rural community.

The substation will be used as Arabela's fire station.

DOWN'S AGENDA

The Ruidoso Downs Village Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday for the following agenda items:

- Consider a request from Fire Chief Nick Herrera to hire an assistant fire chief at \$7.50 an hour. The assistant fire chief will be the second paid fire official with the otherwise volunteer fire department.

- Consider a request from Fire Chief Nick Herrera to accept the lowest bid on an additional four-wheel vehicle for the fire department to accommodate the new paid staff member.

- Go into closed session for a discussion of pending litigation.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Where to find tax forms

The Ruidoso Public Library has the more common forms readily available, as does the Ruidoso Post Office.

If those run out or if someone is seeking a more obscure form, then the library has a binder of forms that can be reproduced.

The free tax assistance program offered by a group of RSVP volunteers has a variety of tax forms available to the public.

The volunteers are at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center 1-4 p.m. Fridays until April 15.

You can call the IRS at 1-800-TAX-FORM or 1-800-829-3676 and place an order for forms or publications.

If you have a computer and an Internet connection, you may call up forms at www.irs.ustreas.gov/forms.

The web site also offers extensive information about filing income tax forms for both individuals and businesses.

Free tax help

Volunteers will help people with low- to middle-range incomes prepare their tax returns until April 15.

The American Association of Retired Persons Tax-Aide volunteers will provide the free service and answer tax questions at area senior citizen centers on the following schedule:

Ruidoso — 1-4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, through April 15

Capitan — 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 10

San Patricio — 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 17

Corona — 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 24

Public input sought by welfare reform council

The Otero and Lincoln County Welfare Reform Community Council seeks public input on a report of the status of existing services and programs available to Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) recipients to assist them in finding employment.

The Status Report was developed with input from the various available programs and council members.

It outlines the available programs and presents challenges or barriers that the programs and TANF recipients face in accessing and utilizing the various programs.

Comments should be made in writing by March 12 and addressed to: Rielin Services, 1111 Tenth St., Suite 227, Alamogordo, NM 88310. Copies of the Status Report may be picked up at the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce, 1301 N. White Sands, Alamogordo or the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, 720 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso.

Raven's Nest offers a roost for hobby enthusiasts

► New Business

- What: Raven's Nest Hobbies
- Who: Carol Hettenbach, owner
- Where: Inside the Timbers Mall at 2553 Sudderth Drive
- When: noon to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through March. In April, the shop will be open Wednesday through Sundays.
- Phone: 420-3981

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

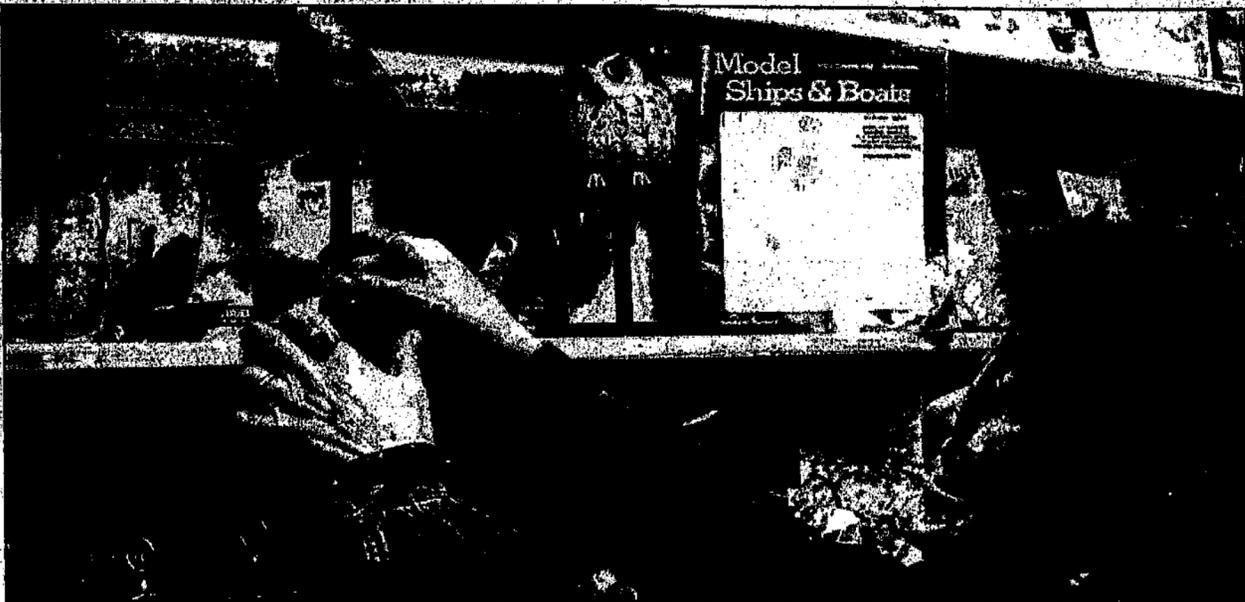
Carol Hettenbach started working on model kits at the age of 8 while recovering from surgery. The hobby became a lifelong passion for the Ruidoso woman.

Recently, Hettenbach opened a business that allows her to share that passion.

"I love to work with the details on the models, and the smaller the better," said Hettenbach, owner of Raven's Nest Hobbies. "It's a great hobby because you can get away from all the things on your mind. You can get away and relax a little. And it's not an expensive hobby, either, to get started in."

As a fledgling hobby shop owner, Hettenbach is still in the process of stocking her tiny shop inside the Timbers Mall at 2553 Sudderth Drive.

Though she has plans for expansion, Hettenbach currently offers a variety of model kits, which range in price from \$10 to more than \$100,



Carol Hettenbach at her shop, Raven's Nest, which is located in the Timbers Mall on Sudderth Drive.

Magic™ playing cards and beadwork accessories and books.

Because her selection is small right now, Hettenbach is only open on the weekends. In April, when she anticipates having a larger offering of hobby lines, she will open the store five days a week, from Wednesdays to Sundays.

Currently, she can order model kits for customers who don't find what they want in the shop, whose sign is to go up next week.

"The biggest difficulty has been that I have had to set up accounts with all the different vendors. And they're not the business industry (as a hobby

shop owner), and when you are opening a business, you don't have a history. It's a Catch-22," Hettenbach said.

Despite that obstacle, she has stock on its way to the store, where she is temporarily housing supplies for her other business as an Avon representative.

On display at the store are several models ranging from miniature clipper ships in glass cases to wooden birds to elaborate fantasy figurines.

All the models were put together by either Hettenbach, her now-grown son or her father, a model kit enthusiast who passed his love of the hobby to his daughter when

she found herself stranded indoors as a child.

Hettenbach, who was born with a club foot, started undergoing a series of surgeries as a little girl.

Since then, she's had 18 operations on one leg, Hettenbach said.

Her time spent working on models has been both a recovery pastime as well as therapy for stress, she said.

Though her store is not designed specifically to target children — most hobbyists are adults, she said — she has several who have been anxiously awaiting her store's opening.

Model kits make an excellent alternative to other youth-

ful past-times such as television and television games.

The hobby teaches children patience, diligence and rewards them with a feeling of accomplishment with the finished model, Hettenbach said.

Some styles of model kits have changed since she was a child.

For example, a new line of resin models feature Japanese animation figurines, called Enchantica™, that include intricate and delicate components.

Hettenbach intends to eventually offer classes on model kits as well as tournaments for Magic™ aficionados.

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New 4-H coordinator begins work in county

LAS CRUCES — Pete Gnatkowski began work Jan. 25 as Lincoln County's 4-H program coordinator with New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service.



Gnatkowski, a Lincoln County native, fills the position vacated by Barry Herd, who retired in October. Gnatkowski will work in the position for the next year. "I am really looking forward to working with the

kids," he said. Gnatkowski is returning to Extension after 22 years. He worked as the 4-H agent in Otero County from 1975 to 1977. Since then, he has operated his family's ranch near Carrizozo. He also worked on a ranch in Yrbania, Durango, Mexico for two years. "My goal is to increase 4-H enrollment in Lincoln County. I think the 4-H program has the potential to do a lot for the kids in this area," Gnatkowski said. Gnatkowski said he plans to work more in the Ruidoso

area to get the southern end of the county more involved. He has volunteered as the wool judging coach for the county's 4-H team and the Corona and Carrizozo FFA teams for several years. He took two state-champion 4-H judging teams to this national competition in Sonora, Texas. Gnatkowski received a bachelor's degree in animal science from NMSU in 1972. He is a member of the Corona Board of Education and the Lincoln County Public Lands Use Advisory Committee.

COUNTY NEWS

Heating, cooling system at jail to be repaired

Lincoln County Commissioners Monday awarded a contract for an equipment purchase and installation to fix the county courthouse's heating and cooling system. Ruidoso Plumbing and Heating submitted a bid of \$5,896 for the equipment and estimated installation time at a couple of hours for a total of \$6,226. Southwest Train bid \$5,000 for the equipment and \$4,315 to install it.

Duplication of services debate continues

Although Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan says the issue of consolidating emergency dispatch services is dead, Commissioner Wilton Howell hasn't dropped the subject. If government spending can be cut, it's always worth looking at eliminating duplications of services, he said. But Sullivan contends the operations of municipalities, ambulances and the county sheriff's office are too different to blend. Howell said he had tried to get a report from the sheriff, but

Sullivan preferred the request come from the entire board. "What bothered me was normally, a commissioner would call or come by (to ask for something)," Sullivan said. Howell said he went through the county manager's office, which he thought was following the chain of command. "I wanted the information because the budget is coming up and several people contacted me regarding duplications of services," Howell said. "Haven't we gone over all of that?" Sullivan said. "I've discussed it with other sheriffs who have done it and it was a disaster."

CLUB NEWS

Capitan couple joins Angus organization

James and Gwenda McDaniel of Capitan are new members of the American Angus Association, reports Dick Spader, executive vice president of the national organization with headquarters in St. Joseph, Mo.

The American Angus Association, with more than 31,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef cattle registry association in the world. Its computerized records include information on more than 13 million registered Angus.

The association records ancestral information and keeps records of production on individual animals for its members. These permanent records help members select and mate the best animals in their herds to produce high quality, efficient breed cattle, which are then recorded with the American Angus Association. Most of these registered Angus are used by the U.S. farmers and ranchers who raise beef for U.S. consumption.

State DAR holds conference this week

The New Mexico state organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution will welcome its national registrar general, Barbara Tucker Harrell, at the 79th Annual State Conference at the Amberley Suites Hotel, in Albuquerque. The three-day conference will end Saturday. The theme of the conference will be "Celebrating 100 years of DAR in New Mexico."

New Mexico has almost 1,000 members of the organization that "promotes patriotism, education, and the preservation of national monuments and pays homage to those soldiers and patriots who fought and sacrificed to win our War of Independence."

The New Mexico state regent, Guylyn Nusom of Hillsboro, will preside over the conference. The Northwest director, Suzanne Heske, of Bosque Farms, is the chairman. Hostess chapters are the Charles Dibrell, Lew Wallace and Zia Chapters of Albuquerque and the Desert Gold Chapter of Farmington.

Other guests include Sue Anderson, state regent of Utah DAR, Gloria Grotzinger, state regent of Colorado DAR, and Donna Reymond, state regent of Texas DAR.

During the state conference, Harrell will be the guest of honor and featured speaker. Harrell has been actively engaged in genealogical research for nearly 30 years. She proved the services of 22 revolutionary soldiers/patriots for NSDAR of which 13 are new records. She has researched and published one book and contributed to seven other published family histories and periodicals. She also is a DAR past vice president general, honorary state regent of Texas, and a member of the DAR information specialists in Texas focusing on computer genealogy and research to aid in acquiring new members and establish new records for NSDAR.

An awards luncheon will be held to recognize this year's state winners of the American History Essay Contest, DAR Good Citizenship and the Outstanding American History Teacher.

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• Skiing conditions: Good and variable
• Snowmaking: Yes, whenever conditions allow

This week

TODAY
Boys basketball
District 3AAA semifinals
Santa Teresa/Ruidoso, winner at Hot Springs, 7 p.m.
Boys Class A Region D semifinals at Hagerman
Hondo vs. Loving, 6 p.m.
Hagerman vs. Vaughn, 7:45 p.m.

SATURDAY
Boys basketball
District 3AAA championship
Hot Springs/Ruidoso winner at Silver City, 7 p.m.
Boys Class A Region D championship at Hagerman, TBA

Bowling
Lincoln County Men's Bowling Association city tournament, TBA, Ruidoso Bowling Center

SUNDAY
Bowling
Lincoln County Men's Bowling Association city tournament, TBA, Ruidoso Bowling Center

Scoreboard

Wednesday
Boys basketball, District 3AAA playoffs
Ruidoso 76, Santa Teresa 66
STHS 13 13 15 25-66
Ruidoso 12 17 21 26-76
Halftime score: Ruidoso: 29; Santa Teresa: 26. Leading scorers: R - Corey Saenz 16; Aaron Gillespie 14; Josh Varnadore 14; STHS - Jerry Spears 25, Andy Archuleta 15, Edward Anaya 12. Records: Ruidoso 13-11; Santa Teresa 4-20.

Pecking Order

Team	Record	Points
1. St. Pius	18-4	109
2. St. Michael's	15-6	100
3. Taos	16-7	75
4. Lovington	14-9	67
5. Shiprock	15-6	59
6. Los Alamos	15-8	38
7. Silver	13-9	37
8. Alb. Academy	10-12	35
9. Robertson	13-9	20
10. Wingate	13-9	15

Others receiving votes: Hot Springs, Tohatchi, Thoreau, Kirtland Central, Artesia, Pojoaque.

On deck

March Madness basketball tourney
A "men's 6-foot and under plus one" basketball tournament is set for March 12-14 in Mescalero. A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is due by today. First 16 teams with deposit will play. Roster limited to 10 players. Entry fee is \$150. Individual and team awards for first through fourth places, plus MVP, all tournament, sportsmanship and more. For more information, call Abraham or Gina Chee at 257-7300 and leave a message.

Adult organizational softball meeting
The 1999 adult softball league organizational meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center dining room. All team managers and/or coaches must attend. Agenda items include league by-laws, team classifications and tournaments. For more information, call the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation office at 257-5030.

Basketball tourney in Las Cruces
The 24th AISES Basketball Tournament will be hosted by the American Indian Science and Engineering Society April 9-11 at the NMSU Activity Center in Las Cruces. Format is men's double elimination tournament. Entry fee is \$150 with a \$75 non-refundable deposit due March 12. Awards will be given. Call Desiree Benally at 505-532-0301 or Rudy Keedah at 505-541-6895 for more information.

DISTRICT 3AAA BOYS BASKETBALL SEMIFINALS
Both coaches confident of his team's chances

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The last time the Ruidoso boys basketball team was this close to the Class AAA State Tournament, this year's seniors were tearing up the floor as eighth graders.

That was 1995 and the season belonged to Todd Young, Daniel Espinosa, Zack Turner and a transfer student named Malik Waters.

This is 1999 and the season belongs to a senior-leden Warrior team led by the home-grown talent of Corey Saenz, Josh Varnadore, Garvin Grant, Adrian Herrera and more.

Today, the Warriors will try to put another exclamation point on the 1998-99 school year with their second trip to the state playoffs, this time in boys basketball.

Ruidoso (13-11) visits Hot Springs (12-10) for a 7 p.m. District 3AAA semifinal game in Truth or Consequences. The winner earns a bid to the state tournament and plays No. 1-seed Silver at 7 p.m. Saturday in Silver City. The loser stays home.

Ruidoso and Hot Springs split their two games this season - each defended its home court - and tied for second place at the end of the regular district season with 6-2 records.

But by virtue of a coin toss, the Tigers won the No. 2 seed and the home-court advantage.

Interim Ruidoso coach Billy Page said, however, that the home-court advantage doesn't faze his ball club which is dominated by seniors.

Page said it used to make a difference playing on the road, especially in Hot Springs' notoriously small gymnasium. But not anymore.

"It doesn't matter where we play or who we play," Page said.

Ruidoso will rely on its experience (four seniors start), balance and depth. Saenz, who leads the team with a 20 points per game average, can both start the offense and finish it from his point guard position. Four other Warriors average between seven and nine points a game, including Varnadore who has come on strong during districts.

Varnadore's scoring, rebounding and ability to run the floor on the fastbreak gives the Warriors even more depth inside.

"The last few games, with the exception of Silver, we've been able to wear people down in the second half."

Billy Page,
Interim RHS coach

"I think he knows that his career is fixing to come to an end," Page said of Varnadore. "We always knew he could be a key player because of his hustle and his determination to make it happen."

Page is confident also of his reserve players.

"They don't have the bench we have," Page said of the Tigers. "The last few games, with the exception of Silver, we've been able to wear people down in the second half."

Hot Springs coach Doug Anderson says he has a team that can keep up with the Warriors because the Tigers play well as a team.

"Their seniors are going to play awfully hard," Anderson said. "But I have five kids who play extremely well together. They just get better every ball game they play."

Like Ruidoso, the Hot Springs players have played together for awhile, since they were seventh-graders to be exact, Anderson said.

Four juniors and a senior will start for Anderson, and even though

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GAME DAY
What District 3AAA boys basketball tournament semifinals
Who: Ruidoso vs. Hot Springs
When: 7 p.m. today
Where: Hot Springs High School gym
At stake: A bid to the state tournament and the opportunity to play Silver for the 3AAA title
Starters:
RUIDOSO: Corey Saenz (Sr. G), Solomon Barnett (Soph. G), James Adams (Sr. G), Josh Varnadore (Sr. F) and Aaron Gillespie (Sr. F)
HOT SPRINGS: Jason Combs (Sr. G), Chris Tucker (Jr. G), Cody Cole (Jr. F), Ryan Showers (Jr. G-F) and Billy Anderson (Jr. F)

Josh Varnadore is averaging seven points and seven rebounds a game for the Warriors. His late-season emergence has added balance and depth to Ruidoso.

Laura Clymer/Ruidoso News

► **DIST. 3AAA QUARTERFINALS**

Warriors outlast Santa Teresa

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Warriors boys basketball team had some 'serious fun' Wednesday in its 76-66 defeat of Santa Teresa in the quarterfinals of the District 3AAA tournament.

It was none more evident than when senior guard Corey Saenz tossed an alley-oop pass to classmate Adrian Herrera for an easy bucket, or when Saenz flipped a behind the back pass to Josh Varnadore for another lay-in.

Neither pass was showy or unnecessary - just the right kind of pass at the right time.

The Ruidoso victory didn't come without hard work, either. Senior Garvin Grant drew a charge, which pumped up the Ruidoso crowd, at a critical point of the game in the third quarter. The Warrior defense picked up its intensity in the second half, which finally shook the pesky Desert Warriors.

"We started out kind of slow," Page said of the Warriors' first half. "It wasn't pretty. But in the second half we

came out and turned on the after-burners.

"We were having fun. It's serious, but we're having fun."

The victory propelled the Warriors into today's semifinal game at Hot Springs. The winner plays Silver for the district championship Saturday in Silver City. More important, whoever emerges from today's game also earns a ticket to the Class AAA Boys State Basketball Tournament.

Page used an eight-player rotation to eventually wear down the upstart Desert Warriors, who upset Cobre Monday to make it to Wednesday's game. All eight Warriors made it into the scorebook with Saenz leading the way with 16 points. Varnadore and Aaron Gillespie each tallied 14 points for Ruidoso.

The Warriors took a lead they never surrendered early in the second quarter on a Saenz basket. Ruidoso increased its three-point half-time lead to nine in the third quarter.

But the Desert Warriors refused to fold.

Twice in the second half

Santa Teresa got close enough to take the lead, but each time the Warriors responded immediately with a run of their own.

The first STHS surge cut the Ruidoso lead to 41-38 on Edward Anaya's bucket. The Warriors answered with Saenz's alley-oop to Herrera and Grant's sacrifice on a Jesus Aragon charge.

With 5:30 remaining in the game, Andy Acheluta of Santa Teresa buried a three-pointer that trimmed the Ruidoso lead to 54-53.

This time Solomon Barnett and Aaron Gillespie answered for Ruidoso, pushing the lead back 58-53 with 3:30 left.

Santa Teresa's serious threats ended when the Desert Warriors had to gamble on defense in hopes of cutting the lead. The Desert Warriors never made any progress because they gave up as much as they took, and the final two minutes of the game resembled a fastbreak drill than anything.

The loss ended Desert Warriors' season with a 4-20 slate and a fourth-place finish in District 3AAA play.

Tiger basketball careers end for senior trio

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Capitan's boys basketball coach Royce Brown closed the book on the season one win short of his goal.

Brown's team finished 11-13 overall. The Tiger mentor had hoped for a .500 season.

"We came around as a team, but we didn't always play as a team and it showed," Brown said.

Capitan's season ended Thursday, Feb. 25, in the semifinals of the boys District 6AA Tournament. Dexter posted a 56-42 win over the Tigers to advance to the 6AA finals.

"We played in spurts," Brown said of

the Dexter game. "We got down in the second half and never recovered from that."

Matt Jackson's 18 points led the Demons.

"He hit everything he put up just about. He's a tough guy for us to defend," Brown said.

Three seniors played their last game for Capitan - Garydon Silva, Raymond Harris and Will Morris.

"They did what I asked of them. They were positive leaders," Brown said. "Their work effort overall was real good."

With Silva and Harris out of the lineup next year, Brown will have to find a way to replace 23 points a game.

"We came around as a team, but we didn't always play as a team and it showed"

Royce Brown,
Capitan coach

and the Demons will have back their top two scorers, Brown said.

All-district selections will be announced after the completion of the Class AA Boys State Basketball Tournament, March 17-20.

Eagle boys to compete in regionals

The Hondo boys basketball team, District 3A champs, plays Loving in the semifinals of the Region D Tournament hosted by Hagerman. The Eagles and Falcons tip off at 6 p.m.

The winner earns a trip to the Class A Boys State Basketball Tournament and will play the winner of Hagerman and Vaughn for the regional title on Saturday.

PLAYOFFS: Warriors seek first bid to state basketball tournament in 18 years

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none measures more than 6-foot, 3-inches, Anderson said, "They play well above the rim with their vertical leaps."

The Warriors enter today's game having won five of their last six. Their only bump in the road of late came at Silver City in the final regular season game. But the Warriors righted themselves with a victory over Santa Teresa Wednesday.

That win improved Ruidoso's record to 13-11, topping last year's 12-12 record forged by a Saenz-less team. This will be the Warriors most wins in a season since the 1980-81 campaign when Ruidoso finished 19-8 and was fourth in the state tournament.

The Tigers have spent the

week working on two areas Anderson said will decide the game: shooting and rebounding.

Don't expect any new wrinkles in the Hot Springs offense or defense.

"It's too late in the season to change much," Anderson said.

If that's the case, the Warriors can expect to the same Tiger zone that Herrera had a field day against with his passing and scoring Feb. 19.

"If we can move the ball and distort the zone, then maybe we can pull them out of it and feed it inside to our big guys," Page said.

Page's final bit of advice will be, "just go play hard, just get after them."

Much like they did when they were eight-graders.

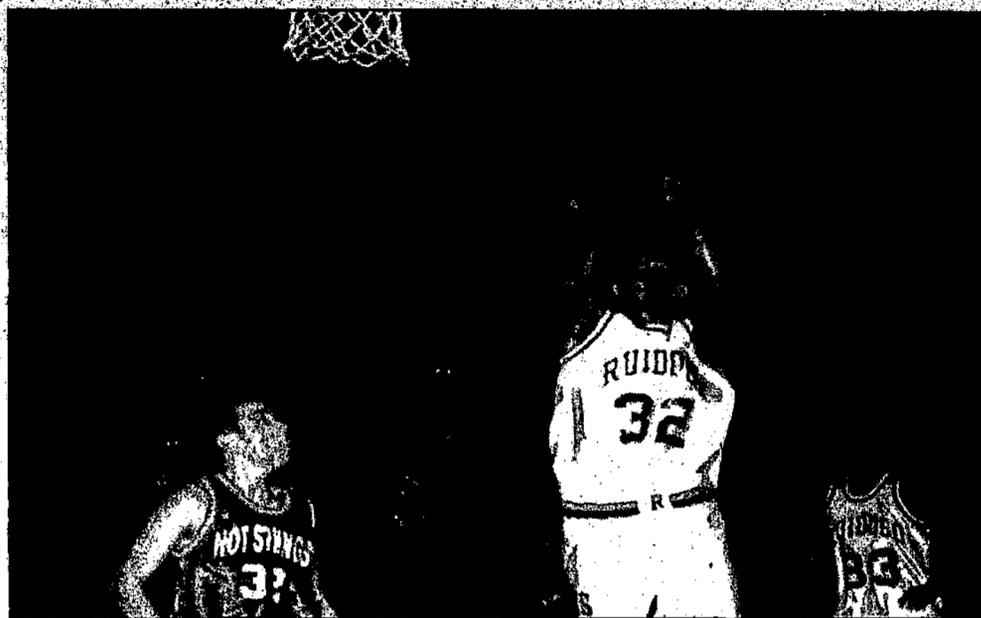
Junior varsity and freshman teams to compete, too

The Ruidoso junior varsity and freshman boys teams complete their respective seasons in Silver City Saturday at the district tournament.

The No. 1-seeded Warrior junior varsity team plays No. 4 Cobre at 10:30 a.m. at Silver High School. The Ruidoso JV team has a 18-4 overall record.

The winner of Ruidoso/Cobre meets the winner of Silver and Santa Teresa in a 5:30 p.m. championship game. The semifinal losers play at 5:30 p.m. also.

Ruidoso's freshman team plays No. 1-seeded Silver at 10 a.m. for a semifinal game with the Colts. The freshman winners play at 4 p.m., as do the freshmen losers.



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16x80 3BDRM/2BA ON RIVER, \$300 deposit, \$550/mo. Water & trash paid, fully furnished. No Pets, 257-9802.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN Mobile homes & RV Park. Mobile homes for rent and mobile homes for sale, owner financing. 378-8068

CAPTAIN 3BDRM 1 1/2 BA trailer, fully carpeted. Washer/Dryer, stove, refrigerator, fenced yard, small pets OK. Deposit required. 354-2083.

10 Condos for Rent VERY NICE 3 + 3 FULLY FURNISHED. Over 1800 sq. ft. full level. (808)265-3053.

2B/2C, 2-CAR GARAGE/PORT sleeps 6, furnished or unfurnished, no dogs, refrig, w/d, a/c, short or long term. Champions Run, 378-1163

WANTED: ROOMMATE to share my home; 3bdrm/3ba nicely furnished condo. Includes utilities, swimming pool/hot tub privileges. Available March 1st; \$300/mo plus \$100/dep. references. 257-2373, leave message.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH Townhouse for rent in White Mountain Meadows; furnished, sleeps 8. Five Day minimum. 257-5368

Mountain View Nice Neighborhood Clean 2BR, 2 1/2 BA, 2 living or 3BR, 2 1/2 BA, 1 living, 2 fireplaces, good storage. Six or 12 month lease. \$700 month plus utilities. 336-4922.

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2BDRM/2BA FOR RENT AT Gateway Condos on Sudderth Dr. New Construction, \$650/mo plus utilities. Call Doug 258-5533, 258-5874.

HAVE HOMES AND CONDOS for rent. Long term and 1 home week to week. Please call Kathy at Coldwell Banker SDC., Realtors. 336-8489.

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FOR LEASE 3 bedroom, 2 bath furnished modular home on cul-de-sac. Private, very nicely furnished. No pets please. \$900.00 month plus utilities for minimum of 6 months lease or \$1200.00 per month (includes utilities) for shorter term. Call Donna at Tall Pines Realty, 257-7786.

DUPLEX FOR LEASE: 1 bedroom, 1 bath, all appliances unfurnished, utilities & cable included. No pets, no smokers. References required. \$600 per month. \$250 cleaning deposit. 257-5699.

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CIMMARON CONDOS efficiency apts. available. \$325/1 mo. Call after 2P. 378-4375.

1 BEDROOM; FURNISHED; Skyland addition. Prefer single adult, no pets. 257-4399

9 Mobiles for Rent CAPITAN: 3BDRM/2BA; partially furnished mobile on 23 acres. \$600/mo, plus utilities, oil, door pets OK. One month security deposit & references. 506-420-4506

THREE RENTALS AVAILABLE All 3 bedroom. We pay water, sewer and trash. From \$375 to \$395 per month, \$200 deposit. References required. No pets. HUD okay. 258-4060 or 258-9005.

15 Storage for Rent L & D SELF STORAGE Hwy. 48, Space available. 258-4599 or 257-9463.

AGI STORAGE UNITS: 501 Camino Canyon Rd. 10x10, 10x20; security gate, easy in, easy out. Reasonable, clean, electric available, 24 hour access. 257-9891, cell 420-2837

19 Autos for Sale 1999 MUSTANG MACH 1 351W Indiariver w/white interior, Very Nice! \$8500. OBO 630-8003.

FOR SALE 1992 AUDI 100 4 DOOR sedan, immaculate inside and out, automatic, A/C, light wood interior, \$6850. 257-5029 days, 258-3041 nights.

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17 Business Rentals RESTAURANT WITH KITCHEN for lease at "The Barn". Busy location, Call for info. 257-5510, 519 Hwy. 70 West.

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Complete microbrewery with 15 barrel system & recipes. 88 seat restaurant and stool bar. Fully equipped. Turnkey operation and great location with excellent visibility. \$585,000. Call Dick Weber at Tall Pines Realty for details. 257-7786.

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31 Household

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34 Arts

LLADRO FIGURINES, CHRISTMAS year balls, 1987-1996, Call Ray 938-1298 evenings.

35 Sporting Goods

SALOMAN 180 SHAPED SKIS barely used. Comes with Tyrolia bindings and Goode composite poles. Call 338-8619 anytime. Excellent setup. \$475. OBO.

36 Miscellaneous

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38 Help Wanted

PUB 48, 'RUIDOSO'S WEST' restaurant/brewpub, is now accepting applications for the following positions: Servers, Bartender, Cooks & Dishwashers. Contact Janie at 257-8559, or come by the pub at 441 Mechem Drive, Monday thru Friday between the hours of 1-5 p.m.

PART TIME HELP WANTED in my home: Babysitting and housecleaning. Must be good with children. \$5.25 per hour. 258-4887.

NEEDED 23 PEOPLE TO LOOSE 30lbs by April 15th! Natural Guaranteed results. Dr. Approved! 1 lost 23 lbs. 1-888-858-1322. www.loose.com 10.43102.

HELP WANTED K-BOB'S All Positions Apply in person Mon-Fri, 3-5p.m.

WANTED: FULL-TIME HELP Job consists of heavy lifting and continuous moving of furniture. Must be in good physical condition. Starting pay \$9.50/hr. 257-8118

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Sports Coordinator Excellent benefit package included (vacation, sick, retirement & insurance). Apps accepted until position is filled. Complete job description and apps at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345, 258-4343. Fax 258-3017. EEOE

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Full-time Auto Service Personnel needed at Western Auto - primarily for oil changes and tire work. Employment available Mid-March. Apply in person at 400 Mechem, no phone calls please.

LAUNDRY HELP NEEDED: full-time. Apply in person Beckers Mountain Laundry, 721 Mechem.

LOOKING FOR AGGRESSIVE person with a good personality for Sales. 8-2 Monday thru Friday. Call Tracy 257-0000.

NOW HIRING FULL-TIME LAW OFFICE experienced medical and spiritual staff. Legal experience, references required. Submit Resume and three business references. 688-Allen, Office Manager, P.O. Box 2308, Ruidoso, NM. Deadline for application March 17, 1999.

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Restaurant is now accepting applications for experienced food servers & cooks. Apply in person between 2-4, Tuesdays & Thursdays only. Health benefits, 401(k), paid vacation, employee meals and the best compensation in the area.

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Part-time Contract Business Development Position with Reputable Public Utility. 378-4277 Ask for Debbie or Betty

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CHEF LUPE'S NOW HIRING experienced waitresses. Please apply in person at 1501 Sudderth.

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PARLEY'S Food Fun & Pubs All Positions needed at Farley's Health benefits plus 401(k) plan available, paid vacation. Apply in person at 1200 Mechem.

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SECURITY FINANCE NOW hiring seeking highly motivated and energetic persons. Collection experience preferred, excellent benefits, rapid advancement. Apply in person 1400 Sudderth Suite A. Ruidoso or send resume to Supervisor: Liz Marquez, 827 E. Bernardo Rd., Roswell, NM 88201. 505-396-7107

EXPERIENCED PART-TIME server and dishwasher needed. Apply in person at The Texas House, 2811 Sudderth Dr.

RUIDOSO FLOWER SHOP is now accepting applications. Apply in person, 353 Sudderth Dr.

THOROUGHbred HOMES Accepting applications for Secretary/Receptionist. Computer skills helpful. Call for phone interview, 378-8084.

NURSING ASSISTANTS

Needed for a long term facility. We will pay you while you train. Shift differential. Benefits available. For a career move come to Ruidoso Care Center - Caring for Generations. Contact Therese at 257-9071.

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Interpreter (2 to 3 positions), Sales Associate (2 positions) and Curatorial Assistant (1 position) needed. All positions will work 10 to 30 hours per week either at The Hubbard Museum of the American West at 841 Hwy 70 West, in Ruidoso Downs, NM, or in Lincoln, NM. For applications and complete job descriptions, come in person to the Visitor Center in Lincoln, NM from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday or the The Hubbard Museum of the American West 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. No applications will be mailed and no telephone calls accepted. EOE

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ABOVE, DETAIL OF "Sacred Images," a watercolor by Ruidoso artist Gordon Snidow. For more on Snidow's work, please see page 4C.

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The Montano Store

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Mtn. Arts Gallery & Framing

2530 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-9748
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Red Rose Art Studio

County Rd. E016, Hondo, 653-4203.
The studio of Hondo Valley artist Paula White features her works in oil, acrylic and porcelain in styles from impressionistic to abstract expression. Weekly classes are held on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for hours.

Rio Street Gallery

111 Rio St., Ruidoso, 257-6844
Opens to the public today. Beth Boag and Betty Bechum's gallery features original art by 14 artists from the Southwest, Colorado, Florida and Canada, including Neil Patterson, Dan Bayless, Cliff Fragua and local sculptor Candyce Garrett. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Monday, and Tuesday and Wednesday by appointment.

Sacred Images, Angels & Icons

416 First St., Ruidoso, 257-4627
New Orleans artist Jim Leasure specializes in portraits of clients' guardian angels. He also paints angelic themed school and church murals, ceilings and walls of private homes and businesses. His studio is open to the public by appointment.

Spring Canyon Gallery

2206 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, 257-1561.
Artist Misha Malpica opens her Spring Canyon sculpting studio to the public. Joining her is Jim Mauritzen and his works connecting stone and burrwood. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, or by appointment call 257-1561 or 257-0205.

Stribling Fine Art

1031 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso, 258-4892
Featuring contemporary Southwest paintings by New Mexico artist Stephen Stribling. Located in The Attic complex (upstairs in back). Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, or by appt.

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Nogal Canyon Road off Hwy. 37 between mile markers 9/10, Nogal, 354-4206.
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Western Trails Gallery

320 East Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan 354-4203.
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White Mtn. Pottery Gallery

2328 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, 257-3644.
Featuring Tim Wierwille's landscaped series, Will and Johana DeMay, Chris Heede, Larry Davidson, Vicki Conley, Ivy Heyman, Alan Butler and Bill Campbell. Call for gallery hours.

White Oaks Pottery Studio and Gallery

3 1/2 miles NE of White Oaks, 648-2985.
From her adobe studio, potter Ivy Heyman makes functional porcelain, sculptures and lighting in the shadow of Patos Mountain. A one hour drive north from Ruidoso. Open seven days, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

EYE ON THE ARTS

Photography workshop at White Sands Saturday

White Sands National Monument will host a photography workshop Saturday. This workshop is for beginning and intermediate photographers with automatic "point-and-shoot" cameras. Through classroom instruction and a field trip into the dune field, instructor and professional photographer Bill Walker will help participants learn how to get better results with their photography.

The workshop will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Topics to be covered include: use of "point-and-shoot" cameras, film types and speeds, use of flash and natural lighting, image composition and film processing.

Cost for the workshop is \$15. For reservations and more information, call 505-479-6124 ext. 230. Course participants need the following: a 35 mm "point-and-shoot" camera, an instruction manual for the camera, an extra battery, a note pad and pen, and 100 ASA print film. A tripod is useful, but optional.

Roswell artist to teach painting class in Italy

Dorothy Peterson, a Roswell artist, will teach watercolor in Italy at La Romita School of Art in Umbria from June 28 through July 20. The three-week session will cover many of the nearby towns including Narni, Assisi, and Portaria-Carsulatae.

La Romita School of Art is a non-profit organization in its 33rd season, and touted as "the perfect working vacation in the Italian Hill Country." It is between Rome and Florence with narrow streets and picturesque stone houses, in an exquisitely restored 16th century Capuchin monastery above the ancient Roman city of Terni.

Peterson's workshop will be devoted to sketching and painting on location, combined with studio sessions.

The deadline for registration and fees for Peterson's workshop is May 1. Air travel is not included in the workshop fee. For further information, contact Peterson at 505-623-0435 or La Romita in Albuquerque at 505-243-1924.

CALLS FOR ENTRIES

Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta

Fiber artists from New Mexico and surrounding states are invited to submit entries to the Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta scheduled for May 27-29 at the New Mexico State Fairgrounds.

Nine New Mexico textile-related guilds have joined together to sponsor the second biennial Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta. The three-day show features juried exhibits of quilts, weavings, wearable art, garments, beadwork, embroidery, lacework, silk painting, and doll making. Last year's show drew more than the 2,500 viewers.

Entries will be judged for quilting, beadmaking and embroidery. Entries will be accepted for the non-judged techniques such as dollmaking, lacemaking, silk painting, weaving and spinning, mixed media and sewing.

The entry deadline is March 15, and a person may not submit more than three entries. For complete rules call Laura Sandison at 281-8568 or Pat Drennan at 881-3796, or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: AFAF '99 P.O. Box 16443 Albuquerque, NM 87191-6443 for an entry form.

New Mexico 2000

The Museum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe seeks entries for its New Mexico 2000 exhibit, which is slated for Oct. 8, 1999 through

April 21, 2000.

The juried exhibition is open to all New Mexico artists who work with all media and in all traditions. Catalog awards. Jurors are curators of the Museum of Fine Arts. Entry forms are available locally from the Ruidoso Art Commission and at Ruidoso Village Hall. Those interested can send a self-addressed stamped envelope (6x9 with 55 cents postage) to: New Mexico 2000, Museum of Fine Arts, P.O. Box 2087, Santa Fe, NM 87504. Slide deadline is March 29, 1999, or call Stan Monks at 336-4896.

Wildlife of New Mexico

The first annual Wildlife of New Mexico juried exhibit, sponsored by the Sierra Art Society, will be in Truth Or Consequences Oct. 6-10. To submit two- or three-dimensional artwork you must be a resident of New Mexico (at least six months of the year) and be at least 18 years of age. Artwork must be original and depict or represent wildlife of New Mexico. The show will be juried by slides or photographs. A non-refundable entry fee of \$10 per entry (limit three) is required. Deadline for entries is July 29. For a prospectus, call (505) 894-0615 daily between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. or write: Sierra Art Society, 306 Main St., Truth or Consequences, NM 87901.



The Arts

The return of Gordon Snidow

story by Sandy Suggitt
VAMOS STAFF WRITER



Sandy Suggitt

GORDON SNIDOW and sculpted rendition of "It Takes More Than a Hat to Make a Cowboy."

Gordon Snidow saw original paintings of Frederic Remington and Charles M. Russell as a child, decided to join their ranks – and did.

He began painting the Western life around him in Oklahoma, Texas and Missouri, and sold his first painting in 1960 at the Taos Art Gallery.

"For \$265 – framed," he said chuckling. "I tell you I was thrilled."

His paintings now command upwards of \$100,000 each. The renowned cowboy artist who helped put Ruidoso on the art trail is back in town.

Spurring the Western arts

A graduate of the Art Center

College of Design in Los Angeles in 1959, Snidow discovered there was no market for cowboy art.

Original Western art was bought up before the paint was dry, went into private collections, and nobody else got to see it, Snidow explained.

He helped spur the Western arts movement by joining other frustrated Western artists to form the Cowboy Artists of America, and to organize the first show at the then-new National Cowboy Hall of Fame in 1965.

"What made the Western art movement become a movement was we would have a show in ... June that would run through September, the tourist season, so people got to see the work," he said. "Every year it would attract more and more people. That's really where it started."

Nothing stopped him, either.

Snidow went on to be a top medal winner of the Cowboy Artists of America, winning 27 gold and silver medals and three Best-of-Show awards. Last year, Snidow received the New Mexico Governor's Annual Award for Excellence in the Arts.

His paintings were exhibited with the National Academy of Western Art at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City. His paintings have been featured in exhibits such as "Artists of America" in the Colorado History Museum in Denver and "Southwest Realism" at the Museum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe.

Snidow's paintings have been hung in museums from Ruidoso Downs (Museum of the Horse) to London (London's National History Museum). He's had shows in Le Grand Palais in Paris, the Beijing Exhibition Center, the Central Artist's House at Grimsy Val in Moscow, and others in London and Canada.

Jim Stoddard, director of the Hubbard Museum of the American West (formerly the Museum of the Horse), credits Snidow with the basic concept of the 1990 Hubbard Art Award, "which brought some of the best artists from across America to the Hubbard Art Show," Stoddard said. Snidow served as adviser and instigator.

"He's a wonderful artist and a big asset for Ruidoso. I feel very strongly about Gordon. He cares about the field of art," Stoddard said.

Since 1973, Snidow's paintings



courtesy Gordon Snidow

"THE RAMROD"

have been exhibited at the Phoenix Art Museum, and in 1981, he had a one-man retrospective show at the Thomas Gilcrease Museum of American History and

Art in Tulsa, Okla. – the very place where, as a child, he saw original Remingtons and Russells.

Being able to see originals encouraged him to aspire to emu-



courtesy Gordon Snidow

"LOVE LETTERS"

late them and paint what he saw, Snidow said.

"I just thought there'd be Russell, Remington and me," he said. "Being a lil' 12-year-old kid, I just thought nobody else was inspired to follow their footsteps except me."

Snidow lived and painted in Ruidoso from 1977 to 1988, and moved to the Rio Grande Valley because of allergies and numerous bouts with pneumonia.

He and his wife, Grace, moved back to Ruidoso in August, hoping that improvements in pharmaceuticals would protect him from pneumonia. "It's a great place to live; it's gorgeous. And we have two kids and there are good school systems in Capitan and Ruidoso," Snidow said.

Reflecting life

Snidow paints cowboys because they were all around him, and most of the world thought they didn't exist anymore.

But in painting what he sees around him, the subjects of his paintings have broadened to include other aspects of contemporary life.

In the 1980s he painted the American Woman Series, and he's

Painted homeless Vietnam vets and the second generation of cowboys — the children of cowboys he worked with on the range years ago.

Still, it remains important to Snidow to paint the scenes of the American West that he sees, even though life is no longer an epic struggle and cowboys wear baseball caps and run around in pickup trucks.

Snidow's paintings chronicle that evolution, and although he's always thought of them as contemporary paintings, they've become history, he said.

"I'm just doing a continuing chapter in the story of the West and the American cowboy," he said. "It's my duty to paint that story and that life."

Where to find Snidow
Gordon Snidow's prints and posters are available at Fenton's Gallery on Sudderth Drive; Grace's Art and Frame; Mountain Arts; the Hubbard Museum of the American West; and the Snidow Studio at 1011 Hull Rd.



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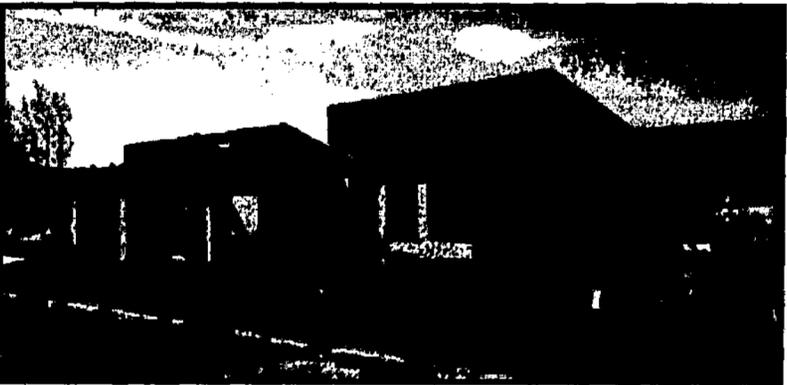
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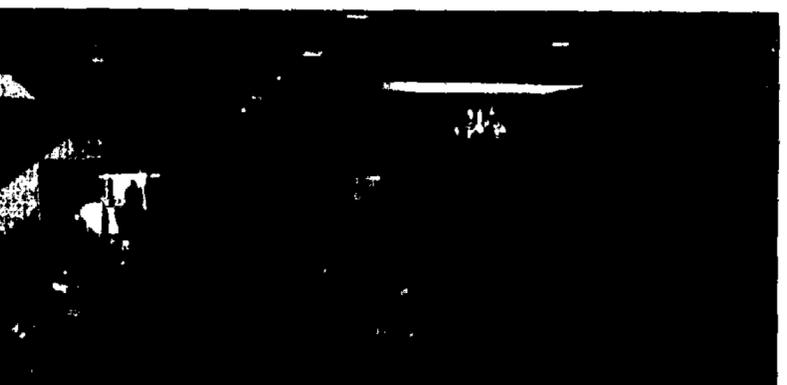
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 Sunday Brunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Lunch Mon. - Sat. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Dinner 6-9 p.m.

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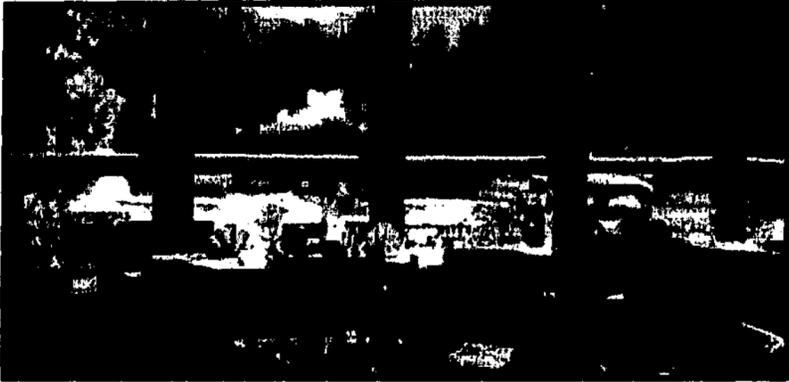
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Price Range: \$-\$\$
 Phone: 258-5676
 Address: 1200 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso
 Hours: The restaurant opens at
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 Dinner Monday-Thursday 5:30-9 p.m.
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dining guide

GONTS Out



Artist finds Georgia O'Keeffe's life entertaining

story by Meredith Keeton
VAMONOS STAFF WRITER



"AUTUMN TREES — The Maple," by Georgia O'Keeffe, 1924, oil on canvas, 36 inches x 30 inches, gift of Kathleen and Gerald Peters, ©Georgia O'Keeffe Museum.

For Robert Ewing, being an artist wasn't enough. Ewing began studying art at an early age. "Art was what interested me most all along," Ewing said. "But teaching ... people educated me and I teach hoping to encourage people."



ROBERT EWING

Ewing grew up in Denver and took an interest in Western art. After studying art in college and during his years of military service, Ewing began working as director at the Museum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe and continued his work there for 13 years until 1972. He went on to coordinate the First Western States Biennial Exhibition in Denver and to direct the 1979 Santa Fe Arts Festival.

Ewing teaches art and art history now, as well as lecturing and consulting for various institutions. His dedication to the arts is obvious. "The arts of man are one of the wonderful things about being alive. I will continue my involvement in the arts until I die," Ewing said.

Ewing will visit the Hubbard Museum of the American West Thursday, March 11, to present one of his more noted lectures, "Georgia O'Keeffe: Her Life, Artwork and Museum." The 7:30 p.m. lecture is part of the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum's statewide outreach program. The O'Keeffe Museum, in Santa Fe, is the only museum in the U.S. dedicated solely to the work of a woman.

Ewing's study and interest in Georgia O'Keeffe began as early as his

interest in art. "I've been gathering information about her all my life. She's such an interesting subject and one of the great inspirations of our times. I have no doubt of her genius," Ewing said.

The lecture Ewing will deliver has been more than 10 years in the making. Ewing usually spends about an hour giving information about O'Keeffe's life and art, and finishes with a question and answer session.

Though he has studied O'Keeffe for many years, Ewing has not lost interest. "It's new and fresh every time. You keep it alive and keep it going. Plus, I love the question and answer part of the program. She is such an enormous subject with so many interesting things about her. I try to focus on her art, but everyone wants to know about her life because she truly led the artist's life," he said.

Georgia O'Keeffe has been an inspiration to the art world and popular culture today. Ewing strives to share his knowledge of O'Keeffe's work and life with audiences. Though he lectures on other artists as well,

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performances

Spencer cancels April 2 concert

The Spencer Theater has cancelled the 10 a.m., Friday, April 2 New Mexico Symphony Orchestra Youth Concert, a one-hour matinee performance for families.

The concert was cancelled because of a lack of ticket sales, said a Spencer Theater official.

Ticket holders who have not been notified by the box office should call the Spencer Theater box office at 336-4800 or 888-818-7872.

The next family event at the Spencer is the April 9 production of a contemporary version of "The Jungle Book" by New York's Theatre Works. Performance time is 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and \$15. For more information about Spencer Theater events, please contact the box office.

what's brewing

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WHAT:
Lecture about artist Georgia O'Keeffe

WHERE:
Hubbard Museum of the American West

WHEN:
7:30 p.m. Thursday

COST:
Free of charge

SILVERSCREEN

Here's what is showing at Sierra Cinema For more information call 257-9444. *Indicates Friday and Saturday only

Shakespeare In Love

Rated: R
 Show times: 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.*
 Plot: It's the summer of 1593 and the rising star of London's theater scene, Will Shakespeare (Joseph Fiennes), faces a scourge like no other: a paralyzing bout of writer's block. While the great Elizabethan age of entertainment unfolds around him, Will is without inspiration or material. No matter how he tries, he can't work up any enthusiasm for his latest play, "Romeo and Ethel, the Pirate's Daughter."

What Will needs is a muse, and that happens when Lady Viola (Gwyneth Paltrow) enters the scene. Viola becomes Will's real-life Juliet. But all is not well for Will. He is plagued by real-life twists of fate, including the unavoidable reality that Lady Viola must marry the insufferable Lord Wessex (Colin Firth) at the command of Queen Elizabeth (Judi Dench).

Analyze This

Rated: R
 Show Times: 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 10 p.m.*
 Plot: Paul Vitti (Robert DeNiro) is one of New York's most powerful gangsters. He's grown up in the Mob life and has been well prepared for his future responsibilities by Manetta, his mentor and surrogate father. But when it becomes time for Paul Vitti to assume his role as the leader of the crime family, he suddenly starts having trouble breathing.

He can't sleep; he's distant and pre-occupied around his wife and kids; his mistress want to know why his interest in romance has flagged; and his loyal henchmen wonder at his suddenly anxious demeanor.

If the other crime families find out that Paul Vitti is having panic attacks, then how can he run the business? He's supposed to inspire panic, not experience it.

When Ben Sobol, a divorced suburban New York psychiatrist, rear-ends a car in traffic, it's not just any car, but a car driven by Jelly, Paul Vitti's bodyguard. A relationship is born - not between driver and driver, but instead between doctor and patient.

Blast From The Past

Rated: PG-13
 Show times: 2:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:15 p.m.*
 Plot: In the midst of the fearsome Cuban Missile Crisis, brilliant-but-paranoid scientist Calvin Webber and picture-perfect suburban wife Helen witness a blast and take cover in their elaborate bomb shelter in their back yard. While in the shelter, their son Adam is born. So they ensconce themselves and their son in the shelter to wait out the half-life of radioactive contamination - 35 years. Adam is raised on Jackie Gleason re-runs, Perry Como records and dreams about life on the surface. Now, for the first time, Adam is about to leave the safety of the underground for the overwhelming complexity of the '90s where he runs into Eve (Alicia Silverstone).

VIDEORAMA

Showtime Video's new March video releases

March 2
 Ever After: the Cinderella Story
 Soldier

March 9
 What Dreams May Come
 Dead Man on Campus
 Somebody Is Waiting
 Future Sports

March 16
 Water Boy
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Acts of Betrayal
 Gunfighter

Top Rentals for Feb. 26-March 5
 Ever After
 Soldier
 Ronin
 Urban Legend
 Permanent Midnight
 Practical Magic
 Snake Eyes
 Vampires
 Clay Pigeons

There's Something About Mary
 Information courtesy of Showtime Video, 1715 Sudderth Dr., Redondo, 257-2801.

EWING

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O'Keeffe is one of his favorites. "I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. O'Keeffe and talking with her many times. She had an incredible mind. She was just magnificent," Ewing said.

By focusing on teaching art history as well as his own painting and drawing, Ewing has an under-

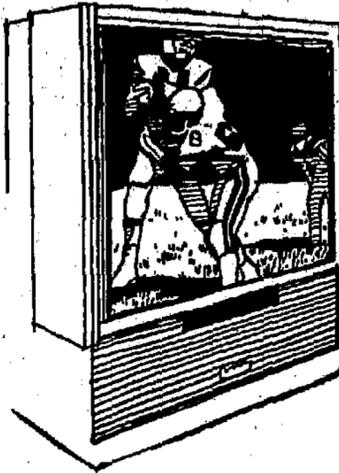
standing of the impact of art on our culture. "When Georgia O'Keeffe found this land it was her great inspiration. She has epitomized art of our times. When I teach I look for the response of students. They are very excited and happy to be learning. Where would we be without art, and where would we be without teachers?" Ewing said.

Ewing brings to the stage the story of one of art's greatest contributors. His knowledge of O'Keeffe is matched by a knowledge of art idea, composition and technique and the balance among these elements that is achieved by great artists. The presentation begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public. No reservations are required.

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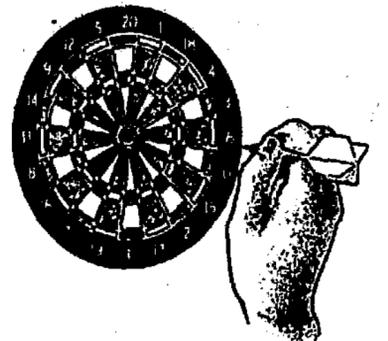
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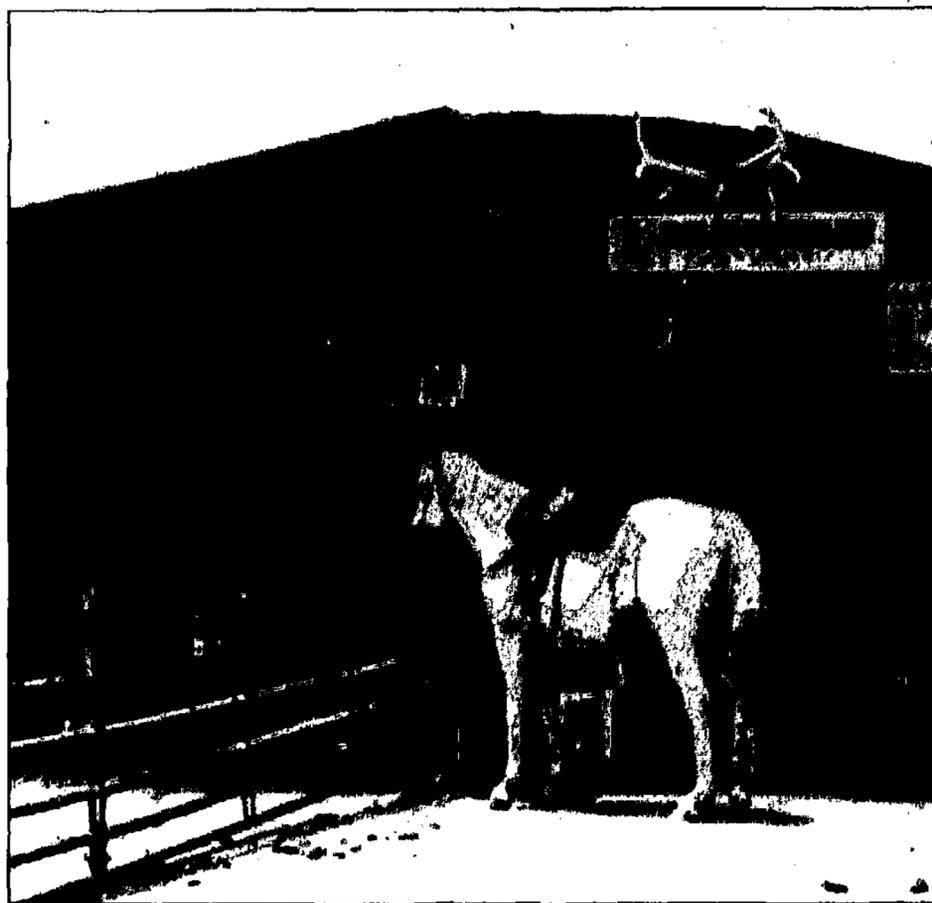
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According to legend, in the spring of 1885, a sense of foreboding came over virtually everyone in the town, and people who had been vociferously friendly to their neighbors began going about their labors in silence.



BONITO STABLES

There are enough stories and legends in the Lincoln County area to keep anyone fascinated almost indefinitely. Popularly, most of these stories have to do with Billy the Kid and the Lincoln County War and center primarily around Lincoln itself. But the county has much more to offer in the way of "tales to tell."

The Bonito Lake area is favored by tourists and locals alike for its fishing, trails and magnificent beauty. What is thought by many to be the finest riding stable in the area is nearby, offering horses for rent as well as guided hunting and camping trips. Few equine-oriented tourists can pass up the opportunity to ride up to Crest Trail and treat themselves to a view of the Malpais (Badlands), some

9- or 10-thousand feet below. On a good day, you can see hundreds of miles.

The area has been inhabited for many years. In fact, there used to be a town up there called Bonito City.

Originally, the area was part of the Mescalero Reservation, but when gold was discovered there, the government, with its usual bias against the Native American population, simply cut that part

of the Reservation off and made it open land for settlers to occupy.

In almost no time at all a town began to spring up. They called the place Bonito City. As is usually the case in a mining area, stories of the miners' adventures abound.

Poor use of explosives

There is one about a miner working in Dougherty Canyon that had some dynamite blow up in his face. It wasn't enough to kill him, but it was definitely enough to blind him. Disoriented and in pain, the fellow began wandering about, his bearings hopelessly lost in the confusion of the explosion. Depending upon which story you choose to believe, this man wandered, blind, for anywhere from a few days to a week. He was finally able to reach safety by determining which direction he was traveling by the location of the sun on his body, and the sound of railroad whistles in the distance. He finally stumbled onto the railroad line that runs down near Carrizozo. He survived.

Bonito City

By 1885, Bonito City was a throbbing little metropolis - at least for the time - with stores and even a boarding house. There was, of course, the obligatory saloon, run by a man named Pete Nelson, who was no relation to Martin Nelson, who also figures prominently in this little saga.

As the town grew - and by all reports, it grew by leaps and bounds - the necessity for a hotel became apparent, and an enterprising couple by the name of Mayberry enlarged their cabin to fill that need. This was the boarding house mentioned above.

Bonito City was a peaceful place and interestingly, unlike many places on the frontier, the residents seem to have been decent, God-fearing folks. However, according to legend, in the spring of 1885, a sense of foreboding came over virtually everyone in the town, and people who had been vociferously friendly to their neighbors began going about their labors in silence. And, in May of 1885, this premonition, or whatever you choose to call it, came to pass.

PAST TENSE

Monsters

The Mayberry family, in its modest little hotel, had few guests on the night of May 5. One of the guests was a young man, described as being "Swedish," who was about 24 years of age. His name was Martin Nelson, and he had been staying with the Mayberrys for some time. It may have been that Martin was sweet on teen-aged Nellie Mayberry, or it may also be that he was simply insane. His behavior during that last few hours of his life was certainly not that of a normal, rational human being.

The town usually went to bed early, and the night of May 5 was no exception. We will never know how well the townspeople slept that night, but after 1 a.m. we can reasonably assume that no one slept at all.

It was about that hour that Martin Nelson became something other than a normal man.

We have all seen and heard, in the 20th century, of men who commit deeds that no longer qualify them as men, or any of God's other creatures, for that matter. They are called serial killers and mass murderers. Of course, these creatures are not exclusive to the 20th century — they have appeared throughout history — it just seems that the

20th century, with all of our "progress," has produced more of them than any previous century. Even psychiatrists seem to be at a loss in labeling these creatures. I call them *monsters*.

The Horror

Everyone in the house, except young Nellie Mayberry, slept in the upstairs portion of the dwelling. Nellie, 14, slept under the stairs, which had been renovated to accommodate her in comfort.

It was just about 1 a.m. that Martin Nelson began creeping stealthily down the hall. In his hands he carried a .38 caliber rifle. The first room that Martin stopped at, on his mission of death, was that of the two Mayberry boys, Johnny, 17, and Eddy, 7. Neither boy would ever get a day older.

Nelson knocked at the door and Johnny answered, inquiring as to whom was rapping at his door at such a late hour. For all practical purposes, it was the Angel of Death standing out there in the hallway. Nelson did not identify himself, but simply commanded the youth to "open this door."

When the teen-ager got out of bed and dutifully opened his bedroom door, he was greeted by the sight of Martin Nelson holding a rifle that was pointed

directly at Johnny's midsection. Without another word, Nelson opened fire, hitting young Johnny in the side. Despite the fact that he was badly wounded, the teen-ager lunged forward and began grappling with Nelson.

He may have even been able to wrest the rifle from his crazed assailant, but he was rapidly losing blood, and lots of it. As the lad weakened, Nelson jerked the weapon free. Using the rifle as a club, Nelson struck the desperately struggling youth a blow across the head, knocking him to the floor and effectively putting him at Nelson's mercy.

But Nelson was merciless. At point-blank range, he finished young Johnny Mayberry off.

All the while this desperate struggle was taking place, which, of course, was less than a minute, 7-year-old Eddy Mayberry had been screaming for help. He was still in his bed, paralyzed by fear. Nelson then turned his rifle on Eddy, killing him instantly.

The killing continues

Dr. R.E. Flynn, a new arrival from Ohio who had been staying in the Mayberry place, was first on the scene, and that was his hard luck. Martin Nelson's first shot struck Dr. Flynn in the hand. As Flynn went down, Nel-

son leapt upon him and beat his brains out with the butt of his rifle. He then tossed Flynn's body on top of those of the two boys.

A moment later, Mr. Mayberry arrived on the scene and was instantly shot through the heart by Nelson. Mrs. Mayberry wasn't far behind, and Nelson unhesitatingly opened fire on her. Hit in the breast, poor Mrs. Mayberry fled out into the street, clad only in her nightclothes. First, she ran to the nearest cabin, but the people inside were too frightened to open the door. She ran to the next cabin, but by that time, Martin Nelson had caught up with her. Another bullet ended Mrs. Mayberry's suffering, and Nelson then threw her body into an irrigation ditch.

Pete Nelson, the saloon owner, was the next victim. Grappling with the madman Martin Nelson, Pete Nelson, a large man, was no match for Martin Nelson's psychosis. Regaining his weapon, Martin shot Pete to death and then beat his head into a bloody pulp.

The next and last victim was grocer Herman Beck, who came out to see what all the commotion was about. Nelson fired, killing Beck instantly. The rest of

the townspeople, cowered in their homes, waiting for morning to come.

The End

When dawn finally broke, the now heavily armed townspeople came out into the street. Three men, one of who was a man named Charlie Berry, were talking in the street when Martin Nelson suddenly appeared and began to raise his rifle. Berry was too quick for him however, and dropped the deranged killer with a bullet to the heart.

Bonito City never fully recovered from that night of horror, and the town began to go into decline. Ultimately, what is now Bonito Lake flooded the townsite, obscuring it forever from the sight of man. And no one ever knew what caused Martin Nelson's rampage.

Today, the area is one of the most beautiful in the state, and, if one is inclined to do so, you can rent a horse at Bonito Stables and ride the same trails that the doomed citizens of Bonito City once rode.

Sources: "The Mayberry Murder Mystery" by A.L. Burke; and the files of the Ruidoso News.

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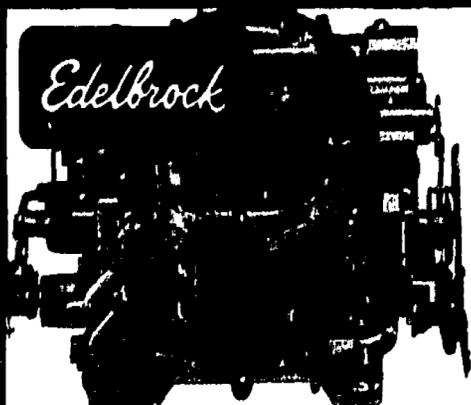


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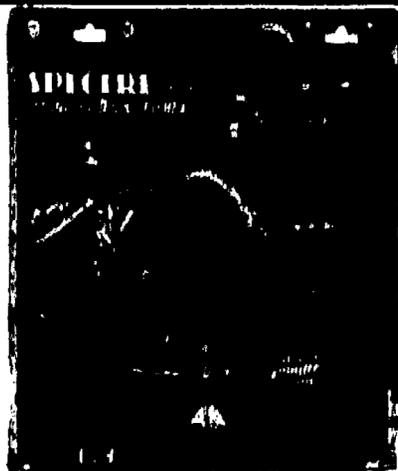
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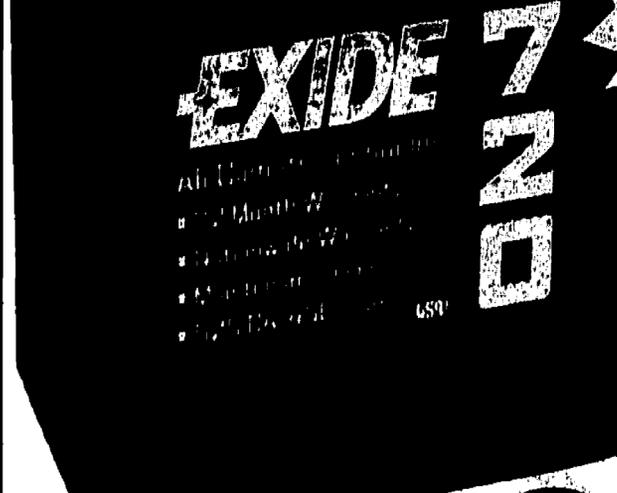
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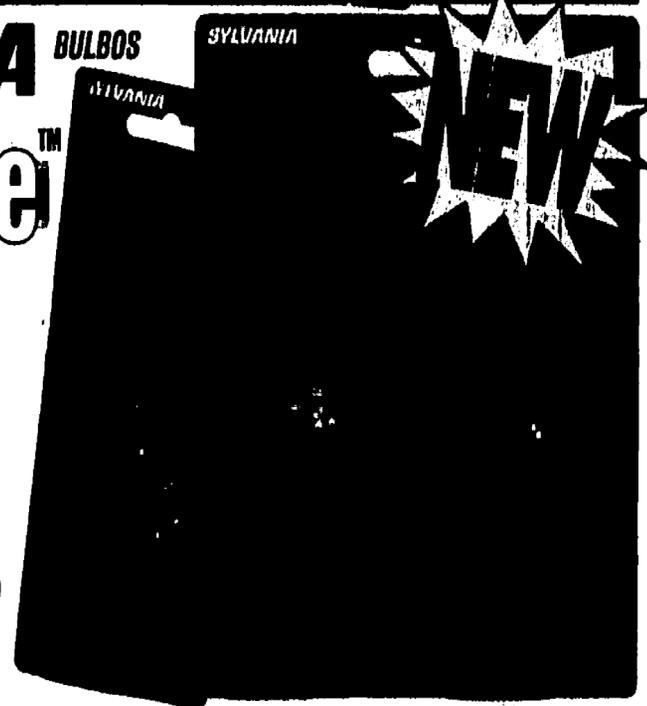
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