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## Holiday fills up Ruidoso lodgings

by Dianne Stalinecs
Criminals as well as tourists were on vacation in the Ruidoso area over
Labor Day weekend. While the Ruidoso Police Department logged only five crime reports, owners of shops and lodging businesses said they were swamped with buyers and people looking for a place to stay.
in Upper Canyon said she was Cabins in Upper Canyon saud she was booked
solid in advance, but the people kept coming. "Friday alone, we received 20 to 30 calls from people wanting to come in that we couldn't handle," she said. "We referred them to the chamber and to
other lodgings. We kind of call around up here and see if there are any vacan-

High Country Lodge on State Road 48 also turned away dozens of people looking for rooms. Highway construction took a breather over the holiday ange barrels left behind, an employee

## A worker at Misty Mountain

 Gourmet Shoppe said business was "exceptionally heavy" over the weekEven the emergency room of the county-owned hospital in Ruidoso, the edncoln County Medical Center, reporttients.mal "We usually see 25 a day on a normal summer weekend, but on Saturday, we saw 36 , on Sunday, 46 and on
Monday, 40 ," said hospital administra Monday, 40 , sad hospital admunistra-
tor James Gibson, "They came in for a variety of complaints."
Ruidoso Downs Race Track notched up a record attendance on Labor Day of 15,066 spectators for the annual All American Futurity. Attendance figures for the fult
not available Tuesday

Joan Zable Tuesday
the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, said while the races undoubtedly played a major role in the influx of visitors, she also heard that people
planning vacations in other Western planning vacations in other Western


All eyes were on Eyesa Spectal, left. as the horse went on to
ber crowd. For complete detalls on the event, see page IB.

## Hondo clinic could see opening on Sept. 18 with approval



| residents in ITondo and the surrounding area," Montano said Tuesday. "Offering the best health care services is our number one goal Our track record in Covis, Portales and Roswell has been outstanding and we will provide the best in health care for the residents of Hondo." <br> A community health board and Barbara Casey, Hondo school superintendent, have worked for the past two years to open the clinic doors. The Lincoln County (ommession donated a building to the cause and $\$ 20,000 \mathrm{mo}$ modeling money, but (ase'y chumed up) mome money from the state Legstature and other sources to fimish the work and to eqgup the clinic. <br> Last year durmg an mervew with the Rudese Newes, she learned that the cline aton would be eligible for money from a spectal |
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Winning approval from the commission for
$\$ 180,000$ from that levy and approval from the state to move ahead with a contract with La Casa took months more.
"We're "re not there yet," she said Tuesday. "We're still waiting for the tax levy money and were fine-tuning the language on the joint
powers agreement the county attorney propowers agreement the county attorney pro
posed. As soon as that is worked out, well jump in and open. I can hardly wat to start providing services to the people of the area. Iget stopped
all the time asking when the clinie will open It's a beaunful facility. I hope people take ad rantage of at It's taken a lot of work toget it to
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coln will head the staff. She's a graduate of the New Miversity of Southern Colorado and Eastern New Mexico University nursing degree program. her side will be family nurse practitioner Doug Barlow of Albuquerque, who has 23 years of experience from family practice to mill be living in the Hondo valley Although in the Hondo valles
veral applicants for the office manager's position, anyone who thinks their qualifications it the job can contact Montano. Monday through Friday.
primary health care needs, family plammg, mmunizations for stu-
dents, Well-child checks, assizance with the school-based clinic, pharmaceutical dispensing and referrals to dental services at the Portales

## Cell phone service officials

 say there's no 'big problem’ $\qquad$
If you've had a tough time ninging through to the cell phone you ve dialed, or if you ve missed
calls on your wireless telephone, you're not alone. While cell phone users in the Ruidoso area are griping over what they say is poor service, the wireless communications companies contend things aren't errible.
"Our area (iM did not indicate Macy Bodenhamer, a regional public relations specialist with Verizon Telecommunications, one of two magor wireless providers in fromensome, but it's not a big prob-

But the head of Emergency
Medical Servers at Lumoln Coun-
y Medical Center labels the cell phone situation critical with our (a) communcate the hospital", said Jim Stover "We're limited with our wes because it's the same system from. Socorro to Artetalk directly to areas of the hospital, like directly with a doctor." Stover said the cell phones
seem to not work mostly in the Ruidoso area, but are fine if used elsewhere. He said if he is in Ruidoso, most often his incoming calls voice mail.
""That's call blocking," Bodenhamer said. At capacity, there was too much traffic It should only be

PHONES Mge LA

Proposals for Fort Stanton to be revealed

"It will be the job of the compans uses for the fort and to muestigat the possiblities and opportunties. that sorts out the possibilitios and conmes $\quad$ 品, with something that
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daughters, Marge and Frances,
and Miss Sallie Burrow of De Rio, Texas, who is visiting P. M Johnson at Nogal, and Mrs Elva Drake, came up from Car
rizozo yesterday to attend the minstrel show last night. W. C. Melbonald has pur-
hased Jose Veqa's entire chased Jose Vega's entire stor-
of cattle something over 300 hearl. Vega intends to move his family to Mexico where he will send his children to school. Mass.. superintendent of the North Homestake Mining Co. is in the city in the interest of the

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WEEKEND: Travelers are expected to continue coming to Ruidoso this fall

Continued from page 1A that there was no room in town over the holiday," she said. From appearances and the sheer number of people around, it was one of the best Labor Days
we've ever had. I'm waiting on a report from retailers."
tures that ranged from 82 de grees on Saturday to a high of 85 on Sunday also were a big draw for Texans who in some areas have gone more than 60 straight
days without rain and with triple
digit temperatures, she said. over the had a lot going on all Zagone said. "Indicators are that the heavy crowds will continue into fall with Aspenfest and other celebrations.

CLINIC: Programs at the facility will be offered to help the elderly, indigent

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Montano said he hopes to be able to establish a similar relationship with physicians in Ruidoso.

Referrals at the Roswell Clinic include internal medicine, pediatrics, family practice and a surgeon

La Casa is part of a pharmaceutical service called Share the Care, which Mon-
tano described as a join agreement among the National Governors Association, Pfizer
and the National Association of

> Community Health Centers.
> Under that program, Pfizer provides up to nine of its top drugs needed by indigent pa-
tients. The only cost is a $\$ 5$ dispensing fee per 30 -day supply that goes to the clinic.
> "We have other programs targeting the (medically) indiincomes," Montano said. After being enrolled in the programs, participants are eligible for pharmaceutical supplies free, he said.
> hree ctineen our existing three clinics, we provide in ex-
cess of $\$ 2$ million a year in free

## ugs," Montano said.

Some laboratory work will be sent by courier to be ana
lyzed, he said. zed, he said.
Breast and cervical screen-
will be offered free to women who offered free to program funded by the state Department of Health and the Coderal

## Control "In

tempt to find future, I will atpansion of the money for the expansion of the clinic to provide will refer to our clinic in Portales," Montano said. "That's
quite a distance, I know, but

## our patients in Roswell also

 e referred there."In addition to Medicare and Medicaid, the clinic will residents of the Hondo area. Payment for services will be based on federal poverty guidelines for income and family size.

For example, a family of three earning up to $\$ 13,650$ either free or significantly reduced charges, Montano said. La Casa De Buena Salud Mexico for nearly 25 years

PHONES: Officials
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at times when there is a lot of calls on the network." wirellular One, the other wireless provider in the region, loaded system, said its distric manager.
$\qquad$ problem calls from Ruidoso problem calls from Ruidoso,
said Robert Clinton, whose Cel said Robert Clinton, whose Cel
lular One district covers south lular One district covers south
eastern New Mexico and far west Texas. "I have not heard of any capacity problem in Ruidoso. We do have a problem in the Roswell area."

James Stephens, with Radio Shack in Ruidoso, a Ver said he's heard from sub-
say service problem
scribers of both cellular ser-
vices. He said calls are not vices. He said calls are not
going through. Stephens said going through. Stephens said lightning damaged radio equipbeen strong, especially during the summer months, appear to be the main culprits.
said The Verizon representative said two factors in Ruidoso have contributed to the system,
which at times has been overwhich at times has been overber of subscribers is proprietary, Bodenhamer said there has been an annual increase. She said the summer horse racing season brings a lot of wireless phones into Ruidoso, with a corresponding increase in
calls. She promised those who have experienced trouble will have experienced trouble will
see an improvement with the

he proposed tower
ity. She rejects any connection of perceived service, degradalent efforts to site a new cell tower near mid-town Ruidoso. "Verizon would never compromise customer service to make a point," Bodenhamer said. "The new tower, that's a separate initiative. If and
when that tower is put in place that will alleviate the problem." Stover interviewed on his cell phone last week, said the phone call went right through at that time because he was out of the Ruidoso area.

Verizon officials said they were in taking efforts with cus-
tomers who complained about poor service to adjust bills.

FORT: the public will not be able to participate in the meeting but can listen

## Continued from page 1A

## proposing $649-2385$

 On another front for the advance ment of the historic 1855 fort, Stewart re ceived news from the U.S. Department ofCommerce that a $\$ 44,000$ feasibility study grant was approved.

Secretary Steven Beffort and Les SwinFort Stanton Inc. to obtain grant money for the preservation of the buildings at the fort.
Fort Stanton Inc. is a private, non-profit group formed with the ultimate goal of establishing a living museum at the complex,
which includes more than 80 buildings, several that are original historic structures.

Stewart will coordinate the grant-seeking ef-
From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, members of the New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance Board will tour the fort after a 10 a.m. meeting at the Ellis Store Country n in the settlement of Lincoln
The organization's director and board ing efforts to preserve and promote the fort.


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## Downs yearling sales jump by 33 percent, set record

BY DIANNE STALIINGS
RUIDOSO NEYS STAFF WRATER

Sales at the annual Rul Sales at the annual Ruidoso 2000 auction over Labor Day weekend increased by 33 percent from last year's record.
Nearly $\$ 10.3$ million changed hands over the three-day event that ended Sunday at Ruidoso Downs Race Track \& Casino.
a long, long time but sales here for a long, long time, but Tve never Hubbard, chairman of the track and casino board.

The activity reflects the grow-
ing trend of a healthy horse racing industry throughout American and particularly in New Mexico, he
$\qquad$ Seven percent of the 483 horrses that passed through the auction ring sold for $\$ 50,000$ or more. The about 15 percent higher than last year's $\$ 18,469$, according to Fritiz Widaman, head of marketing for e track and casino.
The comparison to 1997 is even more startling, he said. The 2000 triple the $\$ 3.4$ million in sales in 1997.

The sale that year occurred were approved and instituted by the New Mexico Legislatare and signed into law by Gov. Gary Johnstruggling parimutuel industry, Widamani said.

Heniry Brown of Mesa, Ariz., topped the sale with his winning bid of $\$ 350,000$ for HRH The Snowman, a son of Chicks Beduino out producer Florentine. HRH The Sroducer Florentine. HRA is full brother to champion This Snow is Royal and world record holder Evening Snow. He
was put up for sale by Abigail Kiwananakoa of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Last year, Brown was on the other end of the deal. He topped First Down Dash filly for $\$ 550 ; 000$. Jim and Marilyn Helzer of Arlington, Texas, purchased from $\mathrm{L} / \mathrm{J}$. Farms the second highest seller, First Down Streak, a son of World Champion First Down Dash sale price was $\$ 200,000$.

The Helzers campaigned for mer world champion and All American Futurity winner Refrigerator

Trainer Jack Brooks, a seventime winner of the All-American Futurity, purchased First Down Texas as agent for $\$ 150,000$. The colt by First Down out of Swingin
Val, dam of former Rainbow Futurity winner and $\$ 400,000$ earner Swingin Val, was consigned by Julianna Hawn Holt.
Everado Muzquiz of Eagle Pass, Texas, bought the highest selling filly when he paid $\$ 130,000$ for Roses Down; a daughter of First Down Dash and out of Rose Aming Symphony. She was consigned by Lymphony.

Ruidoso Planning \& Zoninc

## Guest house can't have attached carport

by James Kalvelage RUDOSO NEWS STAFF WETTER
$A$ request to construct a carport attached to a guest Ruidoso's Planning and Zoning Commission.

The commission wrangled with the differences between a garage and a carport, and a main home and a guest house. Village ordinances prohibit two garages on a single-family resialready has a detached garage. aiready has a detached garage. house and a guest house on the property", said D. T. Collins, a land planner representing the property owner. "We waint to
attach it to the guest house.".
honor of the daughter of the then postmaster, Mrs. Oney Ramond. Robert O. Anderson of Roswell bought the building in 1959 and spent hundreds of thousands of dolHe added a porch all around the building, a tower and a pavilion while putting in the Silver Dollar Bar and a steak house.

John Meigs, an art collector, artist and former gallery
owner in San Patricio, handled the restoration. He tracked down some of the original items in the building and purchased antiques from as far away as California to decorate the interior:


Village planner Darrell Bremner said the application Was for a second garage, but Collins said there is a differgarage. garage.
Tim (Collins) on the distinction between a carport and a garage," said Charles Rennick, an attorney representing the
village. "I suppose you could village. "I suppose you could call it a carport. But. you want to attach it to the guest house. Guest houses are not addressed in our code." not The village council last month turned down a proposed identified that would have identified and regulated guest

Rennick advised the commission their actions could set a president on multiple nonthe property was a large said the property was a large, 1.1 in addition to the home, guest quarters and garage.
Commission chairman Glen Barrow wondered if the lage council we sent to the vilfinal say, without a recommendation from the planning commission. Rennick said a recommendation, yes or no, was required.
The council will receive a variance request with a rejec-


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## OUR OPINION

## New Mexico's anomalous

 education systemEivery parent of students in the public schools should read today's Education Page (page 4B) and think carefully about the subject-ratings of schools by the New Mexipublic schools are noverned by locally elected schoo boards and operated by teachers hired by those boards. Yet most of the money is handed out by the state - followent of Education through the Le calls the tune.

Now the money - means, the stand the districts ar watching, and waiting for some hard information to see if those ratings make sense. A large question for teachers is content" or "teaching to the test.

It should be the same thing, but very few teachers see it that way.

And yet, going up the educational ladder, nearly every eollege in the land looks to ACT or SAT scores to determine college admissions and to award scholarships.

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## YOUR OPINION

Good care, with pride
To the editor:
We moved to Ruidoso
recently. My husband got very sick and we didn't know any physician, so a friend recommended Dr. Ray Seidel.
We made an appointment and the doctor knew something was wrong so he sent us to our hospital for X-rays and lab $\stackrel{\text { tests. }}{\text { We }}$
We were sent to Roswell for emergency surgery After
spending a week in the hospital we were released to come home but had to have home health care.

Our hats off to Dr. Ray Seidel and the Frontier Home Health nurses, Norma, Susie, have asked for better care and concern, and we appreciate every one of you.

Our viliage should be very proud to have to professional peopl

Bob \& Jane Dickson
River needs help
To the editor:
${ }^{20}$ "A River Runs Through It," but do you know where it has been? The Village of Ruidoso is
blessed to have such a beautiful river coursing through its heart. The Village obviously takes great care and pride in preaservdents as well as its visitors.
However, they will, as I was be However, they will, as I was, be
shocked and utterly appalled shocked and utterly appalled
with the quality of the river with the quality of the river
above the Village limits on the My family gathered in Rui-
doso for an annual reunion the first weekend in August to enjoy the cool mountain air and fish for trout in your Rio Ruidoso. As we drove up the canyon to fish the Reservation portion of the river; we were unprepared for and river.

Grante
ner weekend it was a busy sumabsolutely no however, there is arbage laying in $n$ and for the the river. The people at the but stated that the Resorvation cleanup crew often did not do their job adequately.
in the river and on the piled up in the river and on the banks is not the fault of bears, it is the
fault of "trashy campers," lack of adequate trash containers and an uncarinig and indifferent attitude of the Mescalero Apache Tribe members responsible for maintaining the quality of their I encourage a
I encourage all of the concorned citizens of Ruidoso to see condition of the upper river and do something about it.

Tbny Krakauskas
Health care, close up
Th the editor:
I am a life-long resident of
Ruidoso, and have had a Ruidoso, and have had a lot of dealing with a variety of health care professionals. In my dealit makes me realize just they have chosen their path of "calling." I would like to share a letter I wrote to my employer, Dr. Dylan Midkiff:
ety which allows much more
opportunities and a lot more stress. I have no idea how the help of a higher being to get you where you are today. Nevertheless in the Bible, 2 , Corinthians 6:16, The body is a temple' and one must treat as
such: With this being said a personi must remember our bodies are merely a loaner from God. Therefore the provider must keep in mind this directly to the patient.
to the patient
wanted was to on bed a to be a doctor, reason being $l$ wanted to be a perthe wo made a difference in Through observations people. ing with health care profession als I have found quality of care tends to peak and plummet at the drop of a dime. Now I have changed my major because I can only assume that over time a person's care diminishes. The stays the same is Dr. Dylan Midkiff, D.D.S. I have seen and heard the compassion the doctor has for everyone he treats. front office where I experienced front office where I experienced and all I could do was sympathize and try to fit everyone in our busy schedule. Now that I assist the doctor in the back now is to put important thing sympathize with them face to
face. Mr Midkiff I commend
you on the care and quality you
extend to everyone you treat."
Anthony Fitzgerald Gomez
Eileen Nunez
Eileen Nunez
Ruidoso
Making no noise
To the editor
Newspapers and guns are the same at times; the crooks don't want them making noise
The nice things about newspapers is you can print a retraction.

Norman R: Van Gordor

## Youth not a crime

To the editor:
After reading an article in "People" Magazine about opposition to rinciom drug compelled to write.
, too, vehemently oppose of the presumption of gecilta position all too oftën taken by public school systems. the country Indiana, Mars the country Indiana, Marythe testing to be unconstitutional after suits were filed by concerned citizens and par-
ents just like Larry Tannahill ents just like Larry Tannahill of Lockney, Texas.
Unfortunately what's right is not always popular
and what is popular is not always right. popular Mr. Tannahill and fellow freedom fighters across the country: Keep up the good work: County as we contemplate random drug testing, school uniforms, closed campuses, take to heart the Libertarian youth motto:

Youth is not a crime."
Susan Ruch
Ruidoso

## GUEST COMMENTARY

## Direct from farm to consumer, for extra income


directly to consumers. Many of these direct marketers are expanding on the quaint, lets. "We first started out calling ourselves Watt Fruit Stand," said Watt Farms opera-
tor Karen Watt of Albion, N.Y., tor Karen Watt of Albion, N.Y.,
now weve kind of raised that
to a level where we're calling ourselves a country market biecause we have expanded with a variety of items that are not particularly agriculturally oriented." A cursory scan of the home decorations, compact among the store's fruit, fudge and preserves makes it apparent that this is more thian a roadside stand. But the fact is, a decade ago it started just that
way Watt grows and sells is a cut above what is available through supermarkets, Consumers are accustomed to find-
ing direct-marketed fruit to be utter. "We pride ourselves on of the North American Farm ers Direct Marketing Associa tion. "We grow a very high quality fruit and that's what gets sold through our retail as Watt, who grows 250 acres as att, who grows 250 acres
of apples, soft fruits and berries with her husband, maintain operations that are highly labor intensive.
pioked and the fruit is handquaked and carefully sorted for sold in local food stores at $\dot{a}$ premium, some is sold at outdoor farmers markets but the best of the best goes immediately to Watt Farms' retail Direct marketing goes weyond serving the community fruit. In Watt's case, she promotes agriculture through the

Farm Bureau and hosts tourists on a faux train that runs on a
trail through their orchard while a conductor gives an educational narrative about growing fruit.
Traditional middlemen exist for a reason and are in no danger of disappearing. But,
there are, many reasons why some growers choose to become. direct marketers. For Watt, it's sconomics.

She laments waiting for payment for apples sord If I can a middleman in 1999. directly from the consumer and cut out other people who seem to nibble away at the final amount of money that I wind up with," said Watt, "I get that money sooner and I'm able to

Tom Stenver is a producer in briadcast services for the Amer
ican Farm Bureau Federation.

## RUIDOSO POLICE

Weapons stolen
The Linooln County Sher iffs Department is continuing an investigation of a burglary nvolving weapons from the WAmerican Legion buil ng near Ruidoso Downs. been arrested and two weapons doso Downs police to Rui-

County Undersheriff Ricky Verdon said the weapons theft is still under aggressive inve tigation by his department.
The value of the weapon

The burglary was reported to police on Aug. 23.

Inventory missing
Missing inventory at a

## FINERALS DEATHS

Melba Holder
An informal memorial service for Melba Holder, 57 , of
Ruidoso will be at 10 a.m. on Sept: 9 at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center. Mrs. Holder died Wednes day, Aug. 30, 2000 in Albu querque. 1942 in Ams born Sept. 22 E.S. and Verda Weber, both of whom preceded her in death. She married Jerry Holder on Sept. 5, 1964, in Modesto, Calif.

She was a homemaker doso Paint Center
Survivors include her husband, Jerry; a son, Shane Holdet, and his wife, Michelle; a daughter, Niccole Holder; Dranddaughters Brittanie and close family friend, Vanessa Onsurez; sisters Janet Dupuy of Odessa, Texas, Bonnie

Light of Clovis, and Erveda Rev. Bob Schut officiating She is also survived by a rother, Delvin Weber of Whiteface, Texas; and numer ous in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends.
She was preceded in death by a brother, Dorman Weber. The family suggests memorials to Home Heath o betes Association.

Wesley Kazhe
Visitation for. Wesley Kazhe, 87, of Mescalero, will he from $1-4$ p.m. today at Ruidoso, with the prayer serVice at $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in the Mescalero Reformed Church
The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the and burial will follow a White'Tail Cemetery, with th

Mob Schut officiating
Mr. Kazhe died Monday, Sept. 4, 2000, in Alamogordo. He was born May 1, 1913. He lived in Mescalero all his life. was a heavy equipment operator for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and a member of the Reformed Church. Survivors Anchude Paul Ortega and Shelton Ortega, both of Mescalera; a stepdaughter, Fleta Padilla of Mescalero; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren:
by a son; Gene Kazhe Sr .
Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

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closed Ruidoso business has police looking at a felony lar ceny case.

The owner of Helen's Choice on Sudderth Drive told police she noticed items missing during the period July 14 to Aug. 1.
the situation was reported to police on Aug. 10. An estimated $\$ 10,000$ in inventory was reported missing

## Riding gear taken

Riding gear valued at Aug. 22 from a pickup truck Aug. 22 from a pickup
A. student told an office that a western saddle an ther equipment in the bed o the pickup was present at 7:45 a.m., but gone- afte chool. Police are investigat ng the incident as felony lar

Electronics taken
A case of felony burglary and felony larceny was report
ed to police on Aug. 23 . Entry wa a chaves Roa an unlocked window
The break-in happened between Aug. 19-21.. Two stereos and at video camer valued at $\$ 1,150$.

Hammock stolen
A custom-made hammock as reported taken from Walnut Drive backyard.
The hammock, valued at $\$ 150$, was believed to have een taken overnight Aug. 2 -23. Ruidoso police have clas

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sified the case as a misdeGasolur drives off

A gas drive-off. Aug. 27 station Diamond Shamrock $\$ 30.35$.

A gas station attendan' was unable to get a description of the vehicle or
involved in the larceny.

Girl accused of theft
A 16-year-old Ruidoso girl was accused of shoplifting and being a minor in possession of According to a Ruidoso police report, an officer sup's
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Mechem drives shortly after 11 p.m. Aug. 26 of beer report A package of beer report-
edly was taken out a back door of the corivenience stor and the girl allegedly retrieved the beer.

Felony break-in, theft
Police are investigating a felony burglary and felony larceny case involving the possible theft of cash. Between 9. p:m. Aug. 29 and 2.30 p.m. Aug. 30, $\$ 660$ in effrice at was taken from an Apartments on South Willow Road:

The reporting party said an office window had been broken, but police said only the exterior pane of the win out was broken. Police ruled


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## Bridge tournament at ranch

Bridge players convened en masse last week, for the pencer Guild First Annua heon. heon. players at 25 tables, spread across several buildings at th La Junta Guest Ranch in Sun Valley.
"This is the first annual uncheon and bridge, sai the guild of the Spencer Theater for the Performing Art and organizer of the new very year want to do thi ime at the end of August. Today is for (guild) members and their guests."
Any contributor to the Spencer Theater is eligible to RUIDOSO DOWNS

Mobile Home approved
The Ruidoso Downs Village Council on Monday approved a variance for a 1977
mobile home at 613 Valley View Lane.

Paul Van Gulick, chairman of the village's Planning and Valley View Lane lot was large enough and the mobile home, which is more than ten years old, was consistent with surInding use
In requesting council
approval, Van Gulick seid approval, Van Gulick seid from neighbors.
said. The guild hosts artist receptions at the theater. The newly formed group organized
in April. Finley called it the in April. Finley called it the ater.

The event began at 11 a.m with canapes and then lunch Cards were dealt beginning at 12:20 p.m. At 3:30 p.m. players gathered in the Big Haus of La Junta for the awarding of the door prize and 17 other door prizes. The bridge playing women were assembled in a dining area of the ranch as well as guest rooms, appropriately "I really think Ruidoso is missing out by not advertising as the bridge capitol of the southwest," Finley said.

## Village purchases new pickup

The council approved the purchase of a new pickup truc for the village's animal contro department.

Gladys Dillard, Ruidoso Downs clerk/treasurer said afte Ford responded with a bid.

Dillard said there have been some "complimentary responses before the request for bids was published, but only one after the ublish date
The four-wheel drive, F150 title and license.

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## MAGISTRATE COURT

The following cases were recently bation and ordered to pay $\$ 538$ in fines adjudicated in Magistrate Court for Lincoln County with Judge William R. Butts presiding.

Jiminy R Baca, 30, Ruidoso Downs, through a plea agreement, was found the influence of an intoxicating liquor or drug. Charges of DWI second offense and having an open container in a motor vehicle were dismissed. Baca was placed on probation for 90 days and assessed $\$ 399$ in
Jay L. Rai

Jay L. Ramirez, 40, Alto, through a plea agreement, was found guilty of DWI first offense. Charges of DWI second offerise and speeding were dismissed. Ramirez was placed on 90 days probation and assessed firies and costs totaling $\$ 399$.
Gregory S. Pitts, 45, Midland, Texas, through a plea agreement, was found ving. A count of first offense aggravated DWI was dismissed by the prosecutor's office. Pitts was sentenced to 90 days pro-
$\qquad$ Jose D. Santillan, 48, El Paso, Texas, through a plea agreement, was found guilty of DWI third offense and driving
with a revoked license. Counts of felony DWI, a lane violation, no insurance and open container in a motor vehicle were dismissed. Santillan was sehtenced to 30 days in jail, placed on probation for 691 days, fined $\$ 1,050$, and assessed costs and es of $\$ 338$
Robert O. Hargus, Jr., 46, Ruidoso
rough a plea agreement was found through a plea agreement, was found ving. A charge of aggravated DWI first offense was dismissed and the prosecutor's office agreed not to file any additional charges. Hargus was placed on 180 days probation and assessed fines and costs

Selina Darnell, 25, Ruidoso Downs, hrough a plea agreement, Was found guilty of possession of less than one ounce
of marijuana and possession of drug para-
phernalia. A count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor was dismissed with a das plat onder to with a
Ysidro Gonzales, no age or home town listed, through a plea agreement was convicted of 18 misdemeanor counts of attempt to issue worthless checks over $\$ 25$ and three petty misdemeanor counts of plea agreement were 18 felony counts of issuance of worthless checks. Gonzales was placed on probation for 728 days and required to make restitution and pay court fees totaling $\$ 2,323.50$ in quarterly instal lations over the next year.

Rena: M. Chee, 34, Mescalero, through a plea agreement, was found license and concealing identity. Charges of driving with a revoked license and a stop sign violation were dismissed. Chee was placed on 272 days probation and assessed
fines and costs of $\$ 290$.

New clerk hired
Anew clerk/specialist for vil. lage hall in therkidososo Dowws wis will come from Ruidosos's govermment ranks. Terri Mosley. Ruidoso's
purchasing agent was one of purchasing agent, was one of
seven applicants for the position in Ruidoso Downs said Dillard who added Mosley was well

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Special projects added to budget

A special projects line item has been established within the

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## Carrizozo rattled

 by TucumcariBY Matt WARren
For the Ruidoso News
CARRIZOZO - The Car rizozo Grizzlies volleyball team was caught off guard by Thursday, falling 3-0 in a trio of close games. Carrizozo, playing host to Tucumcari, was overwhelmed by the visiThe Gri
th a handful of saves and often times the lead. However, the Zozo girls could not prevail, with the Rattlers taking the first game 15-2. In a cometook the second game 15-13 The Grizzlies played "phenomenal" in the final game, giving the crowd the most heart-stopping game of the night. They were overcome by only a three point taking a15-12 victory.

Stopping at nothing keep the game alive, Grizzly Ariel Vallejos was all over the court, diving and jumping. for the ball. She had help from Christa Franck, who cleared

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## Eyesa Special cruises to All American win

by Karen Bozhler

RUDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDTTOR

who've jockey and trainer who ve been there many time before proved why theyre so
successful Monday at the 42nd annual All American Futurity.
Jockey Jacky Maitin rode Eyesa Special to a two-length victory over Fashionisanatti tude, posting a stakes record
time of 21.097 just nissing the track record set 27 years
ago. The All American win wa the seventh for Martin and eighth for trainer Jack Brooks, who said he's like to streak. "I hope I do it for several "I hope I do it for several more years because I'm going to keep coming back,
laughed.
But he was still pleased But he was still pleased and excited about the victory. Brooks said. "T knew this Brooks said have a breathing problem, as hot as it was. He bled a little in his trial."

Martin said the win really was as easy as it looked. push (Eyesa Special) because he was in front and the main thing was just let him keep his feet in front of him and don't do nothing to mess him up at that time," the jockey ust accelerated. Then he, he so far in front he wasn't running. He wasn't really just ousting a gut to stay out there, so I hit him a couple more times and boy, when did; he really accelerated
Brooks wasn't surprised with the big edge his horse had, eithier.
horse is really. Like I say, this hors.

Eyesa Special's win Fashionisanattitude ${ }^{-\cdots \text { with }}$ First Down N Surfin thir marked the same 1-2-3 finish as in the trials. But the horse did pick up seconds on, thei times over the muddy, wind trial race

Martin had a choice of
which horse to ride. He also
quallied No. 2 Fashion-
isanattitude, but said he
atways knew he'd ride Eyesa
Special.
hime whew, before I got off of
ish line in he crossed the fin-
probably be the one Id hat ride,
Martin said."
And despite the apparent
ease of the win, Martin said
the competition was up to the challenge.
horses. It really was," he said Favorite Copper Buff finished fifth:
was really running good and he was really running good," said jockey Alex Bautista, But reached out and grabbed his (right front) shoe and pulled it off. He was running real god but after that he just slowed Baby Runned up
Baby Runaway posted a Futurity Consolation, leaving hometown favorite Stoli to fin ish a distant seventh.
Results of the Ail Ameri-
can Futurity can Futurity follow.




All American Derby A Delightful Dashe made it two years in a row Sunday when the 3-year-old
gelding came from behind to win the All American Derby edging Big on Charm and becoming only the fourth horse in history to win both and Derby Unlike
ty, times wer year's Futur Derby. A Delightful in the covered the 440 -yard course in :21.52, the stakes' slowes winning time since I Hear
Symphion's :2l.52 in 1994 Part of that might ha been due to a crush just out of the starting gate.

A Delightful Dasher was bumped by Chicks Call Me which ran second to the geld ing in last year's All American


Amanda Montes sprinted to the finish of Saturday's Alamogordo Invitational.
Runners impress in first race

## by Karen Boehler

ALAMOGORDO R doso and Capitan runners got doso and Capitan runners go competition Saturday at the hot and steamy Alamogordo Invitational, with the Tiger boys scoring as a team and everyone else competing'as dividuals.
The Warriors had four girls and three boys in the varsity division, with Amanda Montes finishing sixth overall for the girls and Josh Romero 18th for AÂA and Romero third and Romero third
The contpetition drew runcompeting along a fairly flat but toasty course.
tle "It was hard, dry with a little bit of pebbles," Montes said on the in a while course. "Every once in a while yourd step balance. But it was a good course."

## Montes said she was sur

prised with her finish fast at the be started out real "It at the beginning," she said and I fell once.;. Romero said the heat and
distance had its effect on the Warrior runners.
"It was really hot and honestly I don't think we did enough endurance training run three miles straight," he said. "When we have been run ning, we would run two miles, walk a little while, do some
400 s and then run 400 s and then run two niles again. But thats a big difrer straight, race pace."
Coach Ronnie Maskew was pleased vith the overall effort. ty well" hought they did pret ty well," he said. "We really didn't know; at this stage, what
they would do, but we had

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Jockey Jacky Martin and trainer Jack Brooks are all smiles as they walk Eyesa Special toward the winner's ccrcle after the colt won the All American futurity in almost record time
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Futurity, in post 1. Rallying } & \text { starts. } & \text { tle, but it didn't really affect } \\ \text { with determination, A A } & \text { "He left decent," said jock- } \\ \text { us. We were never really so } \\ \text { Delightful Dasher pased } & \text { ey Joe Badilla. "He broke bet far out of it that I was wor- } \\ \text { early leaders. Significant } & \text { ter than he usually does. (Big ried. }\end{array}$ good, and we got bumped a lit

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## Fort Sumner out foxes Tigers

by Karen Boehler Ruiboso News Srokts Eittor

Capitan's Tigers had a tough night in Fort Sumner Friday, gett
Foxes $37-0$ Foxes $37-0$.
said coach Ed Davis. "(The" said coach Ed Davis. "(The Foxes) took the ball the first
series and took it all the way down and scored and we never could put it together, offensively or defensively."

The stats are not pretty
Fort Sumner Fort Sumner tallied 457 total yards to Capitan's 34. The Tigers passed for 48 yards but
lost 14 on the ground. Both lostes were close in the number of passes attempted - 17 for the Foxes and 13 for Capitan - but the Tigers only completed two to Fort Sumner's seven.

## Tiger highlight <br> Tiger highlight. "We punted the ball well.

## Lady Tigers perfect after opening matches

by Karen Boehler
Ruidoso New's Smort emtor
CAPITAN - Capitan's volleyball squad is off to a good start

After two days of competition, the Tigers are $2-0$ on the season with wins against Melrose and
Thursday, $C$
they won 15-11, 14-16, 15-2, 15-12 despite torrid conditions.
"It was just hotter than heck," said Tiger coach Sherry Gowan. "It was bad.' I was scared the girls weren't drinking enough, it was that the heat. And the coach down there has some good hitters, too."

About all I can say is we punted the ball well," he said. well but we punted well.
Capitan averaged 39 yards
The Tigers did cut down on urnovers froni the previous week, giving up the ball only
Fort Sumner lead 15-0 after one quarter and 35-0 at the half. If there was some good news for Capitan, it was that they held the Foxes to only a safety in the second hall, under the mercy rule.
"We held them twice in the second half, and moved the ball a little but nothing to what we'r Thable of doing," Davis said. That capability is what
ohcerns Davis.
"There are no excuses to be nade. We just weren't ready to
play football", he said. "We've
got the talent. It's just the men tal thing, that's what it is.' Davis is ther thing that scares to the start of last year's disastrous season.
"We did the same thing last year we did (Friday) night except we did it in the Lordsburg and it was a carbon copy of (Friday) night's game."

And the coach wants no similarities to that season. facsimile at all to last yeear" any facsimile at all to last year," he said. "We don't want to look
back, we want to look to the back, we want to look to the the only ones who can change it. And I believe in my heart they will:"
The Ti
The Tigers will try to get back on the winning track Friday dury square off against Lords-
burg.

Saturday, the Tigers hosted their home open
10.

But it wasn't easy as Melrose never Tigers fins back and forth in ganie one, with the Tigers finally winning on three unanswered ace, by Jessica Tully-Mitchell.
Melrose led for a good part of games two and Tandee Delt. "But they came back too late. They didn't start playing their gane until the third game then it was too late."

Gowan said the Tligers adjusted their game

## Warrior netters aiming high despite changes



The Warrior volleyball team is taking a n
ing to earn a berth in the state tournament

Rojas, Kami Sparks and Eve Reyes all have experience, meaning the "missing gradu*.
ates won't be quite as missed. ates won't be quite as missed.
Add in junior Carrie Line and freshman Erin Nutting, and you have the nucleus of a solid Warrior team.

They do have varsity experience, they really do, and we have about four of them that got serious varsity experience. So that helps, - Webb
said. out The number of warriors about 13 between the varsity
and junior varsity squad, with eight full-time varsity players lack of quality makes up for a strength is going to be its hit strength
wing going to be very strong hitting," she said. "Our setting is coming around, and of course you've got to have that to have hitting. But
when our sets are good, our when our sets are good, our hitters are very strong. So things we're going to bank on a lot. We want to use our strong hitters to cause the defense to not know who they're going to
because we will be well spread as far as hitting. Hopefully that will make the defense uncertain as to where we're going with our hitters.? the team needs to work the it's passing and serving "The thing is, again, if you don't have a pass, you can't have a hit. So we're really going to focus a
passes," Webb said

Despite the tough district competition, the coach is
thinking positive. She really

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take the new district title, said. "I really think we've got a good said, think we seniors are strong workers and the ones who are below them are following right along as far as following their lead. And
there's some talent. The four there's some talent. The four seniors are very talented,
They're just an athletic group. They're just an athletic group. excited about them.
But first, Ruidoso is going to have to get past the Rams. Webb thinks sibility.
"Just
ranked No.-1 I don't think're can't beat them," she said. "I think we've got to really focus on them and we're going to have to play the top of our
game, but I don't think they're game, but I don't think they're
undefeatable. ... We can't look at Portales as our Silver City. We've got to look at them as ust Portales and that we can beat them. We got this thing with Silver City that we just can't beat them, we can't beat really aim high."
The Warriors will get a
chance to prepare for Portales 'riring a pre-district season that includes facing such top AAAAA and AAA squads as Roswell, Goddard, Moriarty, Deming and Artesia, as well at the Roswell Tburnament. "We're going to go for death or victory, I guess,"
Webb laughed about the earlyeason schedule.

Even with the strong competition, Webb said she's excit-
$\qquad$
bunch and got a good strong hopes too high to set my hopes too high but I really think it's very possible for these guys to do very well. They've got the athletic ability. And they've got the killerinstinct mentality, which is something we don't get very often."


X-C: Warriors, Tigers perform well in opener
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some good times compared to where we started out last year weme of them finished real overall effort and time and we thought these kids have improved a bunch since last year."

Capitan
The Tiger boys were the that competed as a team, and despite five of the six runners being completely new to the sport, the boys finished fifth verall in the Open ( $J V$ Divischools, and ahead of AAAA squad Goddard.
Tady, Tiger Randi Goss ran what coach Zale Woodward said was "a smart race," starting out dead last but moving ap to finish 14 th. Armand Haughness, finishing 20th with Haughness 22nd. Woodward was also pleased with the time of third-place runner Kur is Lee, who crossed the finish 21:25.
think things went well," Woodward said of the opening njoyed the competition. We're
not seasoned veterans yet, but at least we've got one competi
tion under our belt."

And he's expecti
And hes expecting to see
improvement as the season progresses.
good," the the times were course, the coach said. "Of we're capableat took its toll; we're capable of running faster but we've got a starting point
now and something to now and something to build Rnvitational follow
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ZOZO: Grizzlies stay close to AAA Rattlers
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to keep the ball in play. Outstanding team skills were displies:
Maranda Romero was a standout for the Rattlers, accuthe games. the first match earlier in the day, with Theumcari coming back int the junior varsity
match.
This early in the season sity players of Carrizozo High School are improving thei skills and finding out what it takes to put together a winning Moam, Grizzly coach Deanna Morton said.

The Grizzlies were scheduled for a rematch with cari, then face Hondo Thurs day in Carrizozo.

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## Mescalero looking for $\mathbf{v}$-ball success

by Karen boehler RuIDOSO NEWS SPorrs EDrton

MESCALERO - The Lady Chiefs are finally hoping to get some respect in district. After a few tough early years, coach Ardena Orosc ompete with the best ${ }^{1}$ body (in District 8A) who really awesome, who will real ly blow us out of the water, she said. "The girls can play with each one in the district. mined when they to. I think we can be competitive in the district.

The Chiefs graduated only two seniors - Angel Aragon and Deena Dolan-but are eturning five of 13 total play ty.) "We do two years experience, so that's good for us," Orosco said. "For a long time, we haven't had any experience.
Leading the team will be seniors Sasha. Aragon, who's Tahnito, who's had mostly. junior varsity experience.
Juniors Petra Valdez and Rosie Smith, sophomores Nicole Dolan and Penny Chimal and freshman Charlotte Orosco, who watched her eam defeat the Ruidoso freshman Thursday, said fans can expect to see lots of hard work from her squad.
"I got compliments from
FUTURITY
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"I was riding him hard and "ressive" he dded "But was just a matter of him want ing to get by them. I guess he knows where the wire is
 game) that they played really and going for more balls and watched us develop over the blay a little more active in past four years, and he said started, we would just stand they're really more aggressive there and watch the ball drop.

tful Dasher tops in All American
because he got in front of them
about 30 yards from the about 30 yards from the wire, and then I just sat on him relaxed." (The (The American Quarter

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They're really into playing That. Iefs doesn't mean the on the best yet.
$\because$ They got a late start to the season because only four players came out for the Squad before school started season would have to be canceled if more girls didn't play Orosco got her crew. But the team is still trying to get into shape.
The Chiefs also aren't sery the's just roing to have to work around.
"I don't have anybody taller than 5 -foot- 5 ," she said. "Our hitting and defending the high spike is going to be our problem. Thats one or the be a little more scrappy to te those balls that come from good hitters."
Their strength, the coach said, is being like family.

They each know they can play together, which is good, been plaving together for: been playing together for of them knows their limits. I they see one other player getting down, they can either says, Come on, you can do too much to where it affects your play."
Orosco said she hopes her squad surprises some of the schools in the district.
"I would like to see them compete hard for it in district, because I watch my girls play, she said. "(I want them to) get up there and be a district competitor. Since we're such a young school, they don't think they can do it. But I see them They have the heart to play in district."

## Corona falls in season opener

by Karen Boehlier Ruidoso news Sports Eittor

The young Cardinal volleyball team opened the season with a lass, falling 3-1 to Ta'hajiilee in Tb'hajiilee, but despite lack of experience and low numbers, still won one garne. "We played better than I had thought we would," said better.but it could have been worse, too."
The Cardinal squad of
seven squared off against a


Kaycee Gilson gets the ball up during Saturday's match against Melrose
CAPITAN: Tigers top Buffalos in three

Continued from page 1 B
to handle the Melrose offense. "We didn't know what to expect and stuff, but they had two really good, strong hitters said. "The block wasn't on but the defense adjusted to it and we got them." Senior Lindsay Bush had some strong spikes that had the hometown crowd cheering, match, but other. Tigers did
just as well.
"They had their strongest blocker on Lindsey," the coach said. "What I was impressed up there because a lot of teams are looking at Lindsey Bush and they don't know our second rotation is just as strong." Capitan was scheduled to play Estancia at home Tuesday, then gets a break before
traveling to the Roadruinner Classic in Dexter and Hagerman Sept. 14-16.

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# SCHOOL \&ACCOUNTABILTYY 

A State Board of Education ratings report of schools leaves many in the area questioning the methods used - even those schools with favorable status.

## How the state says we rate

- Part I School ratings and the
accountability system: Are they
fair? Part II will appear next
Wednesday. by Sandy Suggiti RUDOSO NEW'S STAFF WRITER

Ratings of schools in New Mexico are out - at least Ruidoso area adminis trators, for the most part, ques tion the validity of the rating system. Ad

Administrators claim that they have requested information Department of Education (SDE and not received it. They say not all districts test all students, so the districts' test results are not comparable. No definitions have criteria used to make the ratings, say others, such as for $\varepsilon$ ttendance and drop-outs.
validate districts are unable to the rating data used to make the SDE, and their administra tors mistrust the accuracy of the SDE's records. Basing a school's rating so heavily on standardized test scores is also criticized, even in those schools - such as Cloudcroft - that received good ratings from the SDE.
the SDE's accountability syster an attempt to get on a political band wagon, and say the result will be a loss of real education as teachers replace teaching content with "teaching to the test.

## The model

"This model they devised is just a philosophical model they invented, and they've changed it
several times," said Paul Wirth, several times," said Paul Wirth,
director of instructional support for the Ruidoso Municipal School District. They havent had the of the model and pilot it first to see if it makes any sense."
Wirth also pointed out that the SDE has come up with no common definitions for atterdance; in some schools this can mean a student is in school all dent showed up for one class. Yet attendance is one of the criteria used to rate the schools.
used "For the life of me, I can't fig-
ure out the system," said Glenna

Goodwin, superintendent of school was one of the few in the state to receive an "exemplary" rating. "I do think there's some problems with the system they're using and there's much controver-
sy over it. There's been a lot of sy over it. There's been a lot of quested and the data."
-We'll know nothing as to the specifics (of the ratings). for another two to three weeks on what we scored where,",said Dale Jackson, principal of Capitan
Middle School. ${ }^{\text {We }}$ We do know it can be as simple as having one area of concern that drops you from 'exceeds' to 'meets,' like your CTBS (standardized) test scores."

Jackson mentioned that some of the schools listed as "on proba-
tion" in an Albuquerque Journal tion in an Albuquerque Journal
report were not actually on probareport were not actualty on probatendent of schools, Michael Davis, made a public apology.
we "We don't know what areas we need to concentrate on because we haven't got the inforWirth said " Jackson said
Wirth said he requested inforLas Cruces, so that he could verify that the SDE was using accurate data.
available in that it would be available in a couple weeks,"
Wirth säid. "We still haven't Wirth said

The deputy director for accountability and information services of the State Department of Education, Patricia Rael, said she wasn't aware that Wirth had requested information, and that and sent preliminary ratings "as a heads-up." She said all the data used to make the ratings came from the school districts, so they already had that information

## Test. participation

Rael said the test participation rate for all districts in the state was close to 100 percent, but no data on this has been provided,
and many administrators doubt and many administrators doubt
"If she is claiming that close to 100 percent participate," said
Helen Kobelnyk, principal of White Mountain Intermediate School, "we have asked for them (the data) for the last several years. When are they going to
publish the participation rates?

District School

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| Ruidoso | High |
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| Ruidoso | Intermediate |

## Rating

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## Becaus know."

Kobelnyk said 97 percent of the Ruidoso students take the test, and she has talked with tricts and believes it's much tricts and believes its much
lower, with many students who wouldn't score as well not taking the tests.:

Kobelnyk also said the model used by the SDE is faulty, thatel it uses the number of free. and allowed by the federal government for its programs.
"The more free and reduced students you have, the lower the expectation on the score," Kobel nyk said. "That's like saying poor kids are dumb. The federal gov this, so the state is still going ahead with this rating system based on a model that the federal government has told me is unactable."
Some district administrators and Rael disagree on whether the gation by special education students are clear enough that al districts participate uniformly, resulting in data that are actually
comparable from district to dis-
rict.
Probation: what does it mean?
Hondo High School received a Wrobationary rating, and Eddincipal, said no one has been able to explain to his satisfaction what that means. He said it appears that the standardize ests are the main indicators.
"There are a lot of other indi cators we feel should be used to the individual schools," Ward said.

Only 36 percent of the children entering kindergarten and first grade last fall were proficient in English, Ward said, and only 27 percent rated in the high profi ciency range. Yet 83 percent of proficient in English, scoring in the mid-level range in reading and writing skills.
This shows, he said, "that the school is making great strides to improve the literacy, reading and you take into consideration it's a status population, not transient.

The students that are coming in at a low level of English proficiency are leaving elementary
they are is because of all the pro grams we have in place, and we implement new programs all the time."

Ward cited accelerated reading programs, a high school readin program for students reading tive programs, a computerized reading program as some of the things the district has done to raise the skills of students.

A computerized reading program will be installed this wee use the program, he said
Hondo has 125 computers four computer labs, Ward said "more than most schools our size." "We know we do certain things well," Ward said, "and are continu ing to do those well and trying to improve on the deficit areas we those on a daily basis."

Raiel said probationary status "means that, using the statewide indicators, which are assessmen results, dropout results and atten
dance results; a school is consid dance results; a school is consid ered not to be meeting the state
standards, that they are in need of some actions that will improve its status."

The first time a school is rated probationary, Rael said, the school "and they are required warning and plan for student success; to work closely with their district to align their work with the district cur riculum and, in turn, the distric curriculum is angned with stat dards." The
The second year a school is assist the school by sendirg staff to train personnel in how to do a thorough needs assessment and to review the progress of students the data apart to determine which needs of students are not being met. If a school still does not improve its status," Rael saíd "then it goes into requirements for school improvements that are closely monitored ment of Education."
In the second year of probation ary status, a community meeting is required, with SDE staff present and the community involved in helping the schoo decide whi

## EDUCATION BRIEF

College-bound SAT
New Mexico's college-bound students scored higher in 2000 than their national peers on the major college entrance examination measuring verbal and mathernatical reasoning skills. The administering College Board reports that on a 200 to 800 scale, New Mexico students averaged a score of 549 on the verbal portion of the test and 543 on the math portion, compared with national averages of 505 on the verbal and 514 on the math. high school graduates, or 2,322 tudents (including 1,779 public school students), took the SAT, an increase of 21 students over last year, reported the College Cheryl Brown-Kovacic, the State Department of Education
director of assessment and evaldirector of assessment collegebound students prepare by taking advanced-placement cours-
es and participating in concur

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Oct. 11.
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The fee is $\$ 45$ and the location will be announced doso Instruction Center Com munity Education Program at 2572120 .

## SCHOOL MENUS

Capitan
Wednesday, Sept. 6 - Breakfast: rench toast, sausage, juice or fruit Lunch: Green enchiladas, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato, crackers Thursday; Sept. 7 -Breakfast: Tbast, jelly, cereal, juice or fruit

Friday, Sept. 8-Bread, cobbler mon roll, cereal, juice or fruit

Lunch: Sub sandwich, cheese. French fries, lettuce; tomato, pickles, Jell-O
Monday, Sept. 11 - Breakfast: BisMonday, Sept. 11 - B
it, sausage, juice or fruit
Lunch: Pizza, corn, fruit, brownies
Tuesday, Sept. 12 - Breakfast: Bagel,
jelly, cereal, juice or fruit Lunch: Frito pie, pinto beans, salad, cake
Nob Hill Early Childhood Center, Sierra Vista Primary, Whit

Wednesday, Sept. 6 - Breakfast: eal, milk, graham crackers, fruit Lunch: Beef taco, beef enchiladas, chicken patty on bun, refried beans,lettuce and tomato, sugar cookies, fruit Thursday, Sept. $7-$ Breakfast: Cin-
namon rolls, fruit, milk

Lunich: Hot dog, corn dog, chef salad with ham and cheese, Fritos, tomato, fruit, applesauce cake, fruit
Friday, Sept. 8 - Breakfast: Cereal Friday, Sept. 8 - Breakfast: Cereal, milk, graham crackers, fruit Lunch: Hamburger on a bun, French fries, lettuce and
Monday, Sept. 11 - Breakfast: Cereal, raham crackers
Lunch: Sliced ham, chef salad with
ham and cheese, pizza, green beans, appleauce, rolls
ruesday, Sept. $12-$ Breakfast:
nch toast strips, fruit, milk
Lunch: Beef burrito, nachos with ground beef, turkey and cheese sandwich, cherry cobbler

## Ruidoso Middle Schooi

Wednesday, Sept. 6 - Breakfast: Donut

Lunch: Spaghetti, green beans, garlic Thursday, Sept. 7 - Breakfast: Cin Thurgday, Sept. 7 - Breakfast: Cinmon rolls
Lunch: Fried chicken, mashed potafruit

Friday, Sept. 8 - Breakfast: Cerea


## By BETTY DEBNAM

Warming Up for the Summer Olympics


Australia is in the Southern Hemisphere Its: name comes from the Latin "southern. autral. Austrathas seasons ar almost fall here, while it almost spring down there. Soon the whole world will be watching the Sunimer Olympics to be held in Australia from Sept. 15 hrough Oct 1 :
The natives
 60,000 years, Few Aboriginals today live as their hunter-gatherer ancestors cities. Today they make up more than 2 percent of the population.
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ittories. The two territosies are the Northern Terries. The two territories, ane the Northern
Teritory and the Capital Territory the area Territory and the Capital Territory (the are
around the coumtry's capptal, Canbeira). The British arrive

## Australia is

the smallest continent

- the largestisland in the world - the only country that takes up an atire continent. Hs real name is the commonwealh or Great Britain. - a low, flat continent that is like a bowl, with low flatlands in the mid und mountains along the coast. - next to Antarctica, the driest contisent, with about a fifth of the country covered by 11 deserts
- about the size of the continental United States (which has a population of 75 million).
With so little area suitable for settlement, there are few people (about 19 milple - 80 percent live in cities along ple - 80 percent- - live in cities along The host city


Rookie Cookies Recipe Anzac Biscuits
"Biscuit" is another word for cookie in Australia. This popular Australian treat was created during World War I. They were sent in food parcels to troops known as "Anzacs" (Australia and New Zealand Army Corps).

## You'll need:

- 1 cup oats
- 3/4 cup coconut
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar
- $1 / 2$ cup butter
- tablespoon golden corn syrup
- 2 tablespoons boiling water
- $1 / 2$ teaspoon baking soda \#

What to do

1. In a medium bowl, combine oats, coconut; flour and sugar. Mix well.
2. In a small saucepan, combine butter and syrup 3. In a small bowl, combine boiling water and bak ng soda. Mix until smooth.
3. Add water mixture to butter mixture. Mix until smooth.
4. Add liquid mixture to dry mixture. Mix well. 6. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto a greased cookie sheet. Press with a fork.
5. Bake in a preheated 300 -degree oven for 20 min utes or until golden-brown

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## Mini Spy

Mini Spy and her Basset Brown are sailing around the Sydney Opera House in Australia. See if you can find:

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## POOP SCOOP

by dianne Stallungs.
Canine behavior considered a problem by new pet
owners usually is normal behavior for the dog or cat.
Once the ownier understands the pet's behavior, the aproblem, write Suzanne Hetts and Daniel Q. Estep in the second edition of "New Parent Guide," a free publication distributed through some shelters to new adopters.
ers should expect at some point to lose something of value that is important to them as a re-
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The a kiten or pupy. ventative and working with the animal in the first few months
a new home
Miscomman
Miscommunication be tween owner and pet often is
the problem and may be rooted in the tendency of people to at-
ribute human actions and mo For instance, people sa their dog was acting guilty after a misdeed, when it merely was showing submissive or
appeasement behavior, the au-
thors wrote. hors wrote.
Owners should plan ahead havior to turn situations into havirning experiences, they ${ }^{\text {said. }}$ The
They offered four hints:

1. Find ways to and reinforce acceptable behavior instead of focusing on how to stop unwanted behav-
2. Find ways to prevent or minimize chances for unaccept3 Minimize and use it appropriately when necessary. ddeally, punishment shouldn't be part of the problem prevention process, they wrote. If scolding is used, it
should occur right after the owner sees the pet misbehave, otherwise the pet. won't under-
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Libra: (Sept 23 - Oct 22) One down and two to go! You'll feel like you're playing foot-
ball asking yourself. what's ball asking yourself. what's
next. If all else fails, PUNT! Have fun anyway!
Scorpio: (Oct 23 - Nov 21) This is not the time to worty about things' you can't change. You're on the right track
keep up the good work!

Sagittanius: (Nov 22-Dec 21) Hang on for the ride of your life because your world is about to change!! For the better?? That's up to you. Take a chance.
\$\$\$ "easy come, easy go". Don't assume anything - you made your \$, you're responsi bie for it . Be careful.

Aquarfus: (Jan 20 - Feb 18) STOP!! Sit down and plan out What you need to do instead of running around in circles. Relax, it will come to you.
Pisces: (Feb 19 - March 20) Expect the unexpected. Don't get upset when you're not prepared for the things you head start.

Aries: (Mar 21 - Apr 19) You may think this isn't a good time for what you are about to making any promises

Taurus: (Apr 20 - May 20
Watch your temper! There Watch your temper! There
will be people, places, and
things that can make you lose your sweet disposition. Don't do it!

Gemini: (May 21-June 20) Giving good advice to someone else is very nice for you to yourselfing good advice to

Cancer: (June 21 - July 22)
You're feelings could be a little tender. Ask why. your feelings, you have to talk it over.

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