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Today

Four from Valley named to SNHU **President's List**

MANCHESTER, N.H. Christa Bogle and Melissa Tibbits of Alamosa, Jennifer Clevenger of South Fork, and Talyx Steele of Sanford have been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) Fall 2023 President's List. The fall terms run from September

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with a 91-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 225,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, N.H.

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CAC opens call for entry for Willow Creek Journal

CREEDE — The Creede Arts Council is excited to announce that the call for entry for the 2024 Willow Creek Journal is officially open. The Willow Creek Journal is a community-centered annual creative anthology. Through the journal, we celebrate and nurture the creativity of artists of all ages.

The Willow Creek Journal features poetry, prose, photographs, and artwork. Find the 2024 call for entry and submission instructions at www.creedeartscouncil. com/willow-creek-journal.This year, the CAC is utilizing a new method for submitting work in the hopes that it can streamline

For more information, contact CAC at creedearts@ outlook.comorcallat 719-658-0312. The deadline to submit is

and simplify this process.

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Mostly Cloudy, Wind Chill 30/2

Sun: Chance of Snow,

Wind Chill 30/4

Mon: Chance of Snow, Windy 27/-13

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Simpson previews bills (so far) for 2024 legislative session

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Cleave Simpson State Senator (R-D6)

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — When asked what his legislative priorities were for 2024, Colorado State Senator Cleave Simpson (R-D6) chuckled and then answered in two words.

"To survive," he said, referencing the rigors of running for re-election in a district with new boundaries that include a large part of the Western Slope up to the Utah state line

and voters who have never ranging from wastewater Green Infrastructure for the Colorado legislature, which is already promising to be as hectic (with hints of chaos) as 2023.

sures, Simpson appears to be keeping pace with his highly successful first discusses six pieces of legislation he's sponsoring. moving to Colorado. As diverse as they are —

seen his name on a ballot to licensure of physicians Water Quality Managebefore. Simpson was also assistants to potato seeds ment", would create a pireferring to the upcoming — they each have com- lot program involving the 2024 regular session of monalities with some of Mortensen Engineering the issues Simpson has made a priority since of Colorado and the Colotaking office, including support for farmers, lo-Even with those pres- cally and across the state; support for small, rural communities; support for water conservation, three years in office as he and removing obstacles for health care providers

One bill, titled "Study

Center at the University rado Water Institute at Colorado State University to see if, as Simpson describes it, "we can demonstrate an effective way to meet quality water standards in a way other than building a multi-million dollar wastewater treat-

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2023 weather year in review across Southern Colorado

July was the driest on record

for Alamosa By NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE COLORADO — The first week of January

2023 was relatively cool unsettled across south-central and southeast Colorado, before upper-level ridging brought warm and dry conditions to the region for the second week of January. The last half of the month saw occasional disturbances bringing surges of cold and unsettled weather to the area, with a bout of Arctic air across the southeast Plains at the

February started warm and dry across southcentral and southeast Colorado, with several passing weather systems throughout the rest of the month bringing periods of cool and wet weather, as well as another surge of very cold Arctic air across the region.

end of the month.

March saw a predominately strong westerly flow pattern across the Rockies, which brought moisture and

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Mountain Valley Transit rides throughout SLV

Courier News Editor ALAMOSA — Moun-Valley Transit (MVT), formally known as the Chafee Shuttle is now offering service throughout the San Luis Valley. The scheduled service that runs from Alamosa to Antonito, Creede to Alamosa, KV Estates to Alamosa, Saguache to Alamosa, and Saguache to Salida. MVT continues to serve Chafee County. The free. non-profit organization was formed in Salida in 1996. Yes, the service is free, and donations are welcome to help MVT maintain operations.

In 2022, a transit study determined the need for public transport between Antonito and Alamosa and now on Monday and Thursday, there is a 7:40 a.m. departure from Antonito with a return departure

where you would like to started providing trans- to Alamosa. We are now



Courtesy photo Mountain Valley Transit, the free public transportation service serving the San Luis Valley and Chafee County is a great resource to reach medical appointments, see friends, or go shopping.

tainvalleytransit.com or ebrated our 20th year.

call 719-530-8980 from Alamosa at 1:30 ecutive Director of MVT Colorado

go when you board. For portation services and doing as much work in a full schedule see the the Chafee Shuttle was website at www.moun- born, and in 2023 we cel-

"About five years ago, Mike Bischoff, Ex- in cooperation with the Department p.m. The bus stops in told the Valley Courier of Transportation, we Manassa, Romero, and the service began to, started servicing the "Provide service and as- northern part of the San There are on-demand sistance to older adults Luis Valley, Saguache, services available in and the disabled to help Center and Moffat and scheduled service are Alamosa between 8:30 them age in place and provide once a week a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Just stay in their homes a transit up to Saguache let the bus driver know little longer. In 2003, we and once a week down

the Valley as Chafee County. Our board of directors decided it was time to rebrand and create an identity that encompassed all of our areas of service, Mountain Valley Transit was born," said Bischoff.

Reservations for the not necessary, passengers just show up at the bus stop and jump on when it arrives.

Golden Pick Hockey heads to Creede for a goal in 2024

By LYNDSIE FERRELL

CREEDE — Nothing says Creede in January like warm fire pits, cold ice and pond hockey. For nearly two decades, the Golden Pick Tommyknocker Hockey Tournaments have brought people out of their warm homes to enjoy the short winter days on the ice in one of the most beautiful places in Colorado. The 17th annual Golden Pick Tommyknocker Pond Hockey Tournament is set for Jan. 13 and 14.

Nestled among the high caldera cliffs at the northern end of town, the Silver Ice Park ice skating rinks will once again

play host to people for some wintertime fun and some ice hockey. The event has taken hold as a tradition for the town.

This non-professional hockey tournament is for "the rest of us" as co-founder Brian Brittain dubs it. The ponds are lined with burn barrels to keep players warm and bleachers for fans to come and enjoy the two days

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The 17th annual Golden Pick Tommyknocker Pond Hockey Tournament is about to hit the ice in Creede. This year's event will take place the weekend of Jan. 13-14.

Photo by Lyndsie Ferrell





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Record

Rep. Lamborn won't seek reelection, leaving all of Colorado's GOP-held seats in Congress up for grabs

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{By LYNDSEY} \\ \textbf{TOOMER} \end{array}$ Colorado Newsline Republican U.S. Rep.

Doug Lamborn will not seek reelection to a 10th term in Congress.

The Colorado Springs Republican said on a radio show Friday morning that he will retire at the end of 2024, meaning all three congressional seats held by Republicans in Colorado are now without an incumbent contender.

Colorado has a total of eight congressional seats. U.S. Rep. Ken Buck won't run to keep his seat in the 4th Congressional District, and U.S. Rep. Lauren Boebert said she will move out of the 3rd District, which she currently represents, to run in the 4th District.

Karl Schneider, a Republican who formerly served as vice chair of the El Paso County Republican Party, told Newsline Friday that he started an exploratory committee and is officially considering a run for the 5th Congressional District seat.

"About time," he said about Lamborn's retirement in a text.

Republican Colorado liams told Colorado Poli-Williams ran against Lamborn in the 2022 GOP primary election and lost.

Democrats celebrated the news of Lamborn's retirement Friday. Colo-Paso County first."



Katherine Beard for Colorado Newsline

U.S. Rep. Doug Lamborn takes part in a roundtable discussion on fentanyl overdoses at Colorado Springs School District 11 central office on Aug. 15, 2023.

El Paso County, but it's clear he was a disappointment to the Republican Party as a whole."

Party Chair Dave Wil- crats Chair Mischa Smith told Newsline Lamborn's tics he is also considering resignation "marks a piva bid in the 5th District. otal moment" for the El al Elections Commission, Paso County community. the only Republican who She said Democrats in has has filed to take Lamand inclusive.'

rado Democratic Party Democrats firmly believe bid. Lamborn is still list-Chair Shad Murib said that the people of this dis- ed as the strongest fundhis party hopes to elect trict deserve a represen-raiser, with only one oth-"someone who puts El tative who is fully com- er candidate — Democrat "Doug Lamborn was an interests," Smith said in raised any substantial architect of the MAGA a text message. "Our fo-funds.

far-right movement we're cus is on ensuring that seeing breed division in our next representative is this country, and it's good someone who prioritizes for Colorado that he's the well-being of our comretiring," Murib said in munity, actively engages a statement. "Not only in addressing our conwas he a disappointment cerns, and upholds the to Colorado Springs and values of democracy and integrity.'

was first Lamborn elected to the U.S. House in 2006. The 5th District El Paso County Demo- is centered on Colorado Springs and historically leans Republican.

According to the Federthe community hope to born's seat as of Friday elect leadership that em- morning is Cory Parella, bodies being "responsible but several Democrats and members of other "The El Paso County parties are pursuing a mitted to their needs and River Gassen — having

PENDING OBITUARIES

Betty Mary Ann Maestas

Betty Mary Ann Maestas entered into eternal rest on Dec. 27, 2023, at the age of 83. Betty is the daughter of the late Pete and Matilda Martinez of Monte Vis-

ta, Colo. She had two Domey sisters, Salazar, and the late Francis Medina, three children, Max Maestas, Geri

Our loving mother McKinney and Joanne Maestas, and her grandchildren Joseph, Taylor, Sara, Samuel, and Rae-

Betty retired from the Department of Defense and served 8 years in the United States Naval Reserves. She had many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends whom she loved

She resided in Charleston, S.C., with her daughter. She will be greatly



Jennifer A. Velasquez

MONTE VISTA Jennifer A. Velasquez, 35, of Denver, Colo., and formerly of Monte Vista, was born June 2, 1988, to Filiberto Velasquez and Erlene Ortega. Jennifer gained her angels wings on Dec. 15, 2023.

She is survived by her love of her life Shaine Sykes, her mother Erlene Ortega, Kaliano and Lupe Bernal, grandmother Rose Ortega, Aunt Judy Ortega, Uncle Anthony Ortega all of Monte Vista, Colo. She is also survived by extended family and friends.



She was preceded in death by Filiberto Velasquez, Grandfather/Dad Tony E. Ortega, Aunt Connie Alamosa.

She will be forever loved and deeply missed by all those she leaves

Celebration of Life will be held at St. Joseph Parish, Monte Vista, Colo., on Jan. 9, 2024, at 10 a.m. Inurnment will be held at the Monte Vista Cemetery.

To leave online condolences please visit, romerofuneralhomes. com. The care of arher Father rangements has been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral home of

Karen M. Williams

Monte Vista resident Karen M. Williams, 63, of Chicago, Ill., was born on May 30, 1959. She gained her wings on Jan. 4, 2024. She was the strongest,

bravest person we knew. Her heart was huge and open to all, lighting up a room and bringing laughs of joy. She brought excitement and joy to many people in her life. A grandmother that went

above and beyond for her grandchildren. She will be greatly missed and forever cherished by all who were fortunate enough to

have her. I Will Have to Wait Until I'm a Mother

I struggle so deeply to understand

How someone can pour

their entire soul, Blood and energy into someone without



Wanting anything in

Rupi Kaur from Milk



In 2023, volunteers with Saguache County Search and Rescue logged 1,158 hours in

Saguache County Search and Rescue 2023 recap

By SAGUACHE **COUNTY SAR**

Year Report is that no not located 1. personnel were injured during any training or field operation.

SAGUACHE COUN- 46, teams deployed to 21.7%, overdue 10.9%, TY — Saguache County field 39, rescuer hours injury 10.9%. Medical Search and Rescue (SAR) 1,158, rescuer miles emergency 26.1%. thanks all the volun- driven 8,484. Total perteers who made 2023 a sons rescued 55, de- es: successful year. A high- ceased persons recovlight of the 2023 End of ered 1. Missing persons quired 21.8%, aircraft/

Scenario:

Non-emergency vice call 8.7%, acciden- command transferred to 2023 Mission Sum- tal/false call 6.5%. Assist another agency 8.7%.

law enforcement 13.0%, Total calls for service lost 21.7%, stranded

Special Circumstanc-

Technical skills redrone utilized 17.4%, mutual aid to or from ser- another agency 47.8%,

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission to meet Jan. 10-11

By COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

DENVER — At a hybrid meeting Jan. 10-11 in Denver, the Parks mountain lions and reas a legal method of take for mountain lions statewide, revising Mount Evans to Mount Blue Sky as changed by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, modifying the Game Management Unit (GMU) 43 and creating GMU 431 and modifying the GMU boundaries for

79 and 791. The Commission will also open for final consideration of annual changes to season dates, limited license areas and manner of take provisions for bighorn sheep, mountain goat, deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, moose, and bear (statewide), quotas for bighorn sheep and mountain goats, and creating a Disabled Veterans Outreach License.

The Commission will open for consideration of annual changes to waterfowl and migratory bird hunting seasons and related provisions, including season dates, bag and possession limits and manner of take provisions. The Commission will

also discuss draft South-

west Deer Herd Manage- Association and Colorament Plans and SB23- do Cattlemen's Associa-059 State Parks and tion v CPW and USFWS, Wildlife Area Local Ac- and Colorado Consercess Funding.

The meeting is sched- CPW and USFWS. and Wildlife Commis- uled to begin at 8 a.m. streamed live on CPW's YouTube page.

> Additional agenda items include:

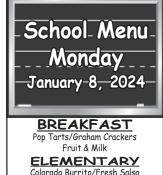
- · Department of Natural Resources Update
- Department of Agri-
- culture Update Financial Update
- Outdoor Equity
- Grant Program Update • Wolf Update
- · Mountain Lion Man-
- agement Update · Bison Update
- Boyd Lake State
- Park and Castlewood Canyon State Park Up-
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife Volunteer Program Overview
 - GOCO Update
- Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program - 2023 RFP Update
- · Species Conservation Trust Fund
- · Eagle Update
- Bobcat Research Up-Future Topics Dis-
- The commission will

enter executive session to receive legal advice regarding Gunnison County Stockgrowers'

vation Alliance et al v. A complete agenda

sion will open for final on Jan. 10 and adjourn along with all materials consideration of annual at 12:55 p.m. for a com- for this meeting can be changes to season dates mission site visit. The found on the CPW weband harvest limits for commission will recon- site for public review. vene at 8 a.m. on Jan. The public is encouraged moving electronic calls 11 and adjourn at 5:30 to email written comp.m. The meeting will be ments to the commission at dnr cpwcommission@ state.co.us. Details on providing public comments for hybrid meetings are available on the CPW website.

> The commission meets regularly and travels to communities around the state to facilitate public participation. Anyone can listen to commission meetings through the CPW website. This opportunity keeps coninformed stituents about the development of regulations and how the commission works with Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff to manage the parks, wildlife and outdoor recreation programs administered by the agency. Find out more about the commission on the CPW website.



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Weather

■ Continued from Page 1 snowfall to areas along and west of the Continental Divide, as well as generally cool, dry, and windy weather to most of eastern Colorado.

April saw a rollercoaster of temperatures, as passing weather systems brought periods of warm and cold temperatures and generally dry

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pack across the state is off to a slow start.

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The pilot program would

determine if, using green

infrastructure techniques

(think nature-based, wa-

tershed-scale water qual-

be used upstream from

a community to prevent

"If the pilot program

proves there's an effective,

green way to treat water, it

would probably be isolated

to very specific instances,"

he says. "But, in my dis-

trict, there are a number

of wastewater treatment

facilities that don't ser-

vice thousands of people,

they just service maybe a

couple of hundred. Faced

with building a \$30 mil-

lion wastewater treatment

facility, those communi-

ties just can't do that. So,

get the same results using

practices upstream."

cility to remove.

ment plant."

drought-stricken east Colorado Plains.

May began warm and dry across south-central and southeast Colorado, before a slow-moving weather system brought east Colorado, much cooler and abundant precipitation to brought record precipithrough May 12th, with wet heavy snowfall across portions of the southeast mountains and heavy rainfall to portions of the southeast Plains. On cipitation for the month, conditions through the May 11, Colorado Springs but also became the wetfirst half of the month. recorded 3.18 inches of test month ever in Colo-A stronger storm system precipitation, which set a rado Springs, surpassing moved across the region new daily rainfall record the 8.13 inches recorded through the last week for that date and a new in May of 2015. of April, bringing wide- daily maximum for May. spread beneficial precipi- A relatively cool and wet Cities" across southern tation to portions of the weather pattern contin- Colorado, with dry and

south- ued across the region through the end of the month, especially across southeast Colorado.

June was cool and wet, especially across southwhere several storm systems the area from May 10th tation amounts for the month. Colorado Springs recorded 9.62 inches of precipitation through June, which not only set a record for the most pre-

July was "A Tale of Two

ing across south-central Colorado, while cooler and unsettled weather prevailed across southeastern Colorado. Alamosa received 0.01 inches of precipitation throughout the month, making it the driest July on record there, while Campo and Walsh Colorado received 6.33 inches and 6.39 inches respectively, becoming the 5th and 4th wettest July's respectively. Unfortunately, the unsettled weather across the south- moved across the region east plains also brought through October, with bouts of severe weather, with large hail of 2 to 4 inches in diameter, flash storms and good rainfall the region helping to flooding, strong dam- for southern portions make November of 2023 aging wind gusts, and of the region, as well tornadoes all observed across southeast Colorado throughout July.

August was a generally warm and dry month across the region. with upper-level ridging parked across the southern High Plains through the Desert Southwest and Great Basin through the keeping monsoonal moisture south and west of the Rockies. This anomalous weather pattern kept eastern Colorado in northwest flow with continued bouts of severe weather, including August 5th, when several funnel clouds were reported in El Paso County. The upper ridge broke down through the end of the month, bringing a few bouts of monsoonal mois-

warm conditions prevail- ture and locally heavy colder weather system rainfall to portions of moved across the state south-central and southeast Colorado.

ended warm and dry across south central and southeast Colorado, with a passing, unseasonably strong weather system, bringing cool temperatures, good moisture and some accumulating snow to the higher mountain peaks through the middle of the month.

A few weather systems the first system bringing showers and thunderas some snowfall to the higher mountain peaks through the first week of October. The second system moved across through the middle of of December, gave way the month, bringing some for a few Pacific weather mountain snowfall, as systems to move through well as a brief cool down the region. These passacross the region. In be- ing systems brought bentween these systems, eficial moisture like snow first half of the month, very warm temperatures and rain to the region, were experienced across along with only brief coolthe region, until a much downs in temperatures.

October 28 and 29. This system brought abun-September started and dant snowfall to areas over and near the higher terrain, along with well below seasonal temperatures to the region.

Weather systems moved across the region through the second and third week of November, bringing some precipitation to areas over and near the higher terrain, as well as cooler temperatures areawide. In between these systems, warm and dry conditions were experienced across warmer and drier than normal for the month as a whole.

Upper-level ridging, in place across the Rockies through the majority



The Golden Pick Tommyknocker Pond Hockey Tournament was started nearly two decades ago by two Creede business owners.

■ Continued from Page 1 of friendly hockey fun.

The ponds are at 8,900 feet elevation, adding an owner of Kip's Grill, hapadditional challenge to pened across a friend that the tournament and its owned a production complayers. The views sur- pany called Pride of Gyprounding the rinks add sies. After hearing about part in the hockey tourogy in Costilla High Plain nament. Players from cials for Carhartt. After all walks of life travel to filming was completed, Creede just to enjoy the a shed that was built for laid-back fun tournament prop purposes was donatthat caters to all levels of experience.

The tournament consists of two levels of competition and is set up in a way that ensures each participating team gets to play at least one playoff game by the end. The schedule is known to hockey enthusiasts as a round-robin format with a three-on-three team play.

The event began with two business owners from of the largest pond hockey tournaments in Southwestern Colorado. Tomwith a few people at the com to sign up.

beginning and allowed it to grow into a full-on hockey event.

Several years while visiting a neighboring bar, Kip Nagy, nim a series of commered by Carhartt to be used as a warming hut during the hockey tournament. The shed now has a per-

lower pond. In the years since, the ponds above town have gone from mere recreational ponds to becoming a designated city park, suitably named for Creede's unique mining history as Silver Ice Park. The City of Creede adthe Creede area wanting opted the ponds during a to have some friendly fun series of meetings in 2015 among residents during and helped with funding the slow winter months that purchased several and has turned into one lights that now line the outer edges of the ponds

manent home next to the

Registration is now myknocker Tavern and open, visit www.creede-Kip's Grill came together pondhockey.wordpress.

January

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to allow for night skating.

Colorado later Equivalent (SWE) % Jan 05, 2024

Courtesy National Resources Conservation Service The current snow water equivalent is 56% for the Upper Rio Grande. In 2024, snow-

> Local entity is defined as a home rule or statutoterritorial charter city or town; a special district;

industrial property.

ity management), could driving around Denver," Simpson says, "and seeing these big, huge green licensed in Colorado upon areas that aren't parks or moving to the state. The common pollutants found in steams from enter- ball fields or used for any- bill would set standards ing water that, with curthing other than aesthet- for their training and or rent practices, requires a ics. The only time they experience and would only time because they didn't travel from all over the and picturesque scenery,

> when they're mowed. "They look spectacular, but they're non-functional and consume a lot of water. So, the idea is, if you want a kid's soccer field or a park with grass, knock yourself out. But be more mindful about planting Kentucky Blue Grass."

When asked if it was referencing all grass, Simpson said, "I'm supportive of using native cover that doesn't require irrigation.'

A third of Simpson's we want to see if we can bills relates to incentivizing food and beverage businesses plus bakeries and other businesses A second bill with statewide impact is titled grown locally in their op-Landscaping Practices for Water Conservation". This bill would prohibit local entities from planting or allow the would like for regenera- of Colorado Counties to planting or installation of tive farming practices to please, let's make sure we artificial turf, non-func- be incentivized, as well. get everybody who's intertional turf, or invasive He's also realistic about ested gets on board this how quickly this bill could time," he says.

mercial, institutional, or be passed as it may take some time.

"It's a very sound bill that makes a lot of sense, ry city, county and county, but the devil's in the details," he says.

In the "health care" and unit owners' associa- space, Simpson is sponsoring legislation that "I got sensitive to this would provide reciprocity to already licensed physicians assistants becoming states that have passed similar legislation.

Three of his bills have strong local implications. One bill, which was already sponsored by Sen. Simpson and Rep. Matthew Martinez (D-62) last year, would allow counties the opportunity to change their classification. This change, which can only be made by the legislature, allows more flexibility in what county officials can be paid.

'Matt and I got this bill through last year, and we stressed that everyone who was interested needed to take advantage like breweries to use food of changing their classification. Well, this year, eration. "Locally" would several want to do this, connotate food grown in as well, so we're stress-Colorado, and Simpson ing with the Association

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Another bill, which came out of the Water Resources and Ag Review Committee but is not crafted yet, would "find a way or create a mechanism" to help Costilla County and nonexempt groundwater well owners comply with rules and regulations from the state requiring plans to augment groundwater they use.

The rule became effective in 2021 and the state exempted farmers at that an incentive to those who the steep caldera cliffs wastewater treatment fa- ever see any activity is apply to PAs coming from understand the hydrol- southwestern US to take the company decided to ogy of water and geolenough to implement the rule. "But that exemption

> won't be there forever. I'm just trying to find a way or create a mechanism where there aren't hundreds of individual plans augmentation," says. Finally, Simpson hasn't introduced a bill yet but

> he's working on legislation to help the potato seed industry fight Potato Virus Y (PVY), which has been described as the most important virus impacting potato growers. "Farmers have had a lot

> of trouble fighting that virus and would like some help in their efforts," he says. "The levels have grown exponentially in the last few years and, without some help, counties like Rio Grande could be severely impacted."

plant species on any com-Adams State University

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Movin' On

with Nellie

Nelda Curtiss

Loose tomatoes and other dog finds

Historically, all my dogs have been fed healthy dog chow. Ask any of them. When my back turned, or when I napped, they rooted out the best prizes.

A decade ago, and dog-tired, I came home from

shopping then fell into a nap. I noticed that my spaniels didn't climb into siesta position with me. "Oh, well," I thought, 'maybe later."

Diligently and before I dozed, I refrigerated the yogurt and put the avocados on the counter. When I woke from my brain-reset, I wrestled with the groceries I had propped up on the couch. Shifting the avocados on the counter, I thought, "Oh, yeah, I have tomatoes and onions for guacamole salad." So, I scrunched the City Market bags

together in my hand and, with dogs and cats under foot, I began putting away the goods. "Ha!" "And where are the tomatoes?" I won-

dered. Then I saw Schroeder, diving onto to the La-Z-y Boy to find a loose tomato still attached to its vine. "No, no, no," I said.

As I looked down, the evidence was all around. Both Lena and Nikki looked guilty. But I couldn't tell if Schroeder was speaking the truth or not. I saw pieces of tomato skins all along the sofa cover, and huge wet spots, too, from the juiciest of the once-and-future "guac tomatoes"!

Nikki's tummy was pretty taut. Lena's likewise. "Hmmm," I thought.

I texted a friend who tapped back, "Who would have thought that dogs would eat tomatoes?" I never once suspected the cats of anything – though yesterday Augie nearly took my fingers off when I popped the can of green olives.

Tiffany was the most feminine of my cocker spaniels. If it snowed, she would step like a band marching through a blizzard. If it rained, she would make an about-face for her spot. She wasn't one for muddy or sloppy scenes. She waited until I was busy cooking or bathing before she would unzip and dig for her prize – lipstick. Many a time, I thought I had put my purse where she couldn't reach it and to discover later just how inventive she was. She LOVED that lipstick – especially the Cover Girl and Mary Kay.

Looking back those ten years ago, I still don't know which dog lunged at my bag of apples and ate all of them through the mesh sack. The missing chunks give away the story. "They can't hide from me," I recall saying to myself. "Those rascals!"

Sometimes my long-ago friends would chomp their fill from Crayola colors or Prism colored pencils that you can only get from art shops. Ultimately, the pups taught me to secure the colors in wellsealed tubs or cookie tins.

I still shake my head at how they survived their investigations. Sometimes, I suspect the acts were psychological in nature. Obviously, they were trying to get my attention since I was a college professor and always had my eyes on papers or lesson plans back then. At that time, I didn't have a "doggy door" to push their probing noses outside.

All I can say, is those pups must have been hungry to root out those tomatoes. Or then again, maybe their New Year's Resolutions was to eat healthier with or without my help.

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Black women in charge

By ANN COULTER

The Claudine Gay affair reminds me that we need a reckoning on how the "intersectionality" project is going.

The idea was that after centuries of being kept down by racism and sexism - although that didn't seem to hurt accomplished black women like Barbara Jordan, Condi Rice, Jessye Norman, Zora Neale Hurston and on and on — black women would finally be given a fair shot. Think of all that untapped talent!

But so far, intersectionality has mostly placed a lot of black women in high-profile jobs far beyond their abilities. Or as the former Harvard president once said, "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

This will be the first in a series of columns I will issue periodically reflecting on the accomplishments of those at the top of the "intersectionality" heap. We'll start with two heroic black lady prosecutors.

Marilyn Mosby started the trend of fabulous black women saving America by becoming prosecutors. One of her first cases involved a notorious Baltimore heroin dealer, Freddie Gray, who sustained fatal injuries while being transported in the back of a police van. A mere 10 days later, Mosby charged all six officers involved (three black and three white) with crimes up to murder and manslaughter, after summarily blowing off the police investigation, but without having completed her own investigation first.

For this, Mosby was instantly acclaimed as a national hero! She was firearm would be an anomaly." pnotographed by Annie Leibovitz for Vogue, invited onstage at a Prince benefit concert, featured on the "Today" show, named the 2015 Junius W. Williams Young Lawyer of the Year by the National Bar Association, given a Woman of Courage Award from the National Women's Political Caucus that same year, and chosen as 2016 Newsmaker of the Year, among the nonstop accolades.

She told the public that Gray's switchblade was legal. (It wasn't.) She said the career criminal in the van with Gray - who said he heard Gray deliberately banging his head against the partition – was a "police informant." (He wasn't.) Then her office argued in court that even if Gray's knife had been illegal (it was), the police didn't know about the knife when they detained him. (That's not the law; the stop was legal.)

As a friend of Mosby's put it in The New York Times, "These are pretty rudimentary things, which is why it's bewildering that Mosby's team chose to make them an issue in the case."

The first three trials against the officers ended in "not guilty" verdicts and one hung jury, after which Mosby dropped all remaining charges.

Her first year in office, the homicide rate in Baltimore increased by an astonishing 60%.

Rounding out Mosby's record of accomplishment, this past November, a jury found her guilty of two counts of perjury for lying about her loss of income in order to withdraw money under the CARES Act so she could purchase two vacation homes in Florida. She is currently facing disbarment by the Maryland Supreme

Another groundbreaking intersectional prosecutor was Kim Gardner, who became St. Louis' first black circuit attorney in January 2018, promising to end the "flawed tough-on-crime rhetoric that has never been successful." (Actually, it's always been successful, but why not give soft-on-crime policies a try?)

Gardner proceeded to drop 75% of the felony cases brought to her by the police, while becoming Elliot Ness when pursuing police officers and white homeown-

In 2011, Officer Jason Stockley shot a convicted drug dealer, firearms offender and thief, Anthony Lamar Smith, following a high-speed car chase, whereupon Smith refused commands to show his hands and "open the f-ing door!" and instead reached for his gun - as proved by the gun found in the car, along with a bag of heroin, the forensic evidence of the angle at which shots entered Smith's leg, and the fact that, earlier, he'd brandished the gun at the officers chasing him.

As the judge observed, "based on his nearly 30 years on the bench, ... an urban heroin dealer not in possession of a

State and federal prosecutors declined to prosecute, but six years later, Gardner was still trying to send Stockley to prison for first-degree murder. He was found

The year of Stockley's trial, St. Louis had the highest crime rate in the coun-

Under top law enforcement officer Gardner, in 2020, the city set a new record of having the highest murder rate in the country. Children in St Louis were being killed or injured by guns at 10 times the national rate. In a 12-hour period in May, 17 people were shot.

But Gardner threw herself into prosecuting a white couple, Mark and Patricia McCloskey, who did not so much as fire a gun, much less kill anyone, but merely brandished guns from their property at BLM protesters passing by, whom they feared were coming to destroy their

As Gardner had explained her "reform" agenda, "we're looking at how we can use innovative data to direct decisions of who we charge." Turns out, the "innovative data" involved determining whether the suspects were white.

She charged the McCloskeys with firearms felonies. They eventually pleaded guilty to misdemeanors, paid fines and were pardoned by the governor.

Gardner had a secret "exclusion list" of 28 veteran police officers with unblemished records for their allegedly "racist" posts on Facebook. (One egregious example: calling Gardner "kimmy g.") Her office refused to accept cases or testimony from those on the exclusion list, resulting in destroyed careers and forfeited mur-

In 2019, she falsely accused the police of trying to intimidate her by pulling her car over on Christmas Eve for no reason whatsoever and holding her for 15 minutes. Video evidence established that she was pulled over for driving without her lights on and was detained for only six minutes. Also, it was two days before Christmas.

Within a few years, more lawyers had left Gardner's office than were on staff when she took over.

In November 2022, Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt issued a report in anticipation of removing her from office for not doing her job, detailing Gardner's "persistent refusal to prosecute."

On May 16, 2023, she resigned just before being forced out of office.

I think we're all on board with the idea that one shouldn't be denied a job because of his race or sex. What we're learning the hard way is that no one should be given a job for these characteristics, either.

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How to plan an interfaith wedding

aries. Couples about to tie the knot are drawn to each other regardless of cultural differences, geographic proximity, age, or religious beliefs.

planning can be both exciting and overwhelming. There are many decisions to be made and a vast amount of coordination required when planning a wedding, and couples from different religious backgrounds may find they have some additional responsibilities.

The good news is that interfaith couples are not alone nor treading new waters. In a comprehensive study released in 2015, the Pew Research Center found interfaith marriages have increased in recent decades. Couples married before 1960 were predominantly (81 percent) from the same religious

Saturday, January 6,

2024

brothers, be you stead-

fast, unmovable, always

abounding in the work of

the Lord, for as much as

you know that your labor

is not in vain in the Lord."

Sunday, January 7,

2024

frail I am." (Psalms 39:4

Life is fragile. Every

day is a gift from God.

Monday, January 8,

Use them for His glory.

AKJV)

Corinthians 15:58

"Therefore, my beloved

ווע you know?

Love knows no bound- been in steady decline. they are loved by delegat- wedding day. terfaith couples.

> suggestions can make the planning go more smoothly.

ity. Some members of other faith means that your families may feel the marriage will not ofbeing more inclusive of feedback from parents, grandparents and other

Celebrations of Easter 2021, but it returned in priests, 25 bishops and 23

Sunday Mass are known 2022. A sizable number cardinals. But the crowd for their joyous nature re- of celebrants returned attending Mass was just

gardless of where Chris- along with it, as esti- the beginning, as Pope

tians happen to be. But mates suggested around Francis later delivered

few, if any, celebrations 50,000 people were on his Urbi et Orbi benedic-

of Mass can match the hand to celebrate Easter tion, a papal address and

scope of the celebration Sunday Mass on the pla- apostolic blessing the

in St. Peter's Square in za directly in front of St. pope delivers on solemn

Vatican City. The CO- Peter's Basilica on April occasions, from the loggia

VID-19 pandemic forced 17, 2022. Pope Francis of St. Peter's Basilica be-

the public celebration to led the Mass, which was fore an estimated crowd

be canceled in 2020 and concelebrated with 280 of 100,000.

Thirty-nine percent of ing tasks that help them couples who tied the knot feel important rather after 2010 did so in in- than isolated. Explain terfaith marriages. Fur- certain customs of the unmarried couples living them in the incorporawith someone else are in- tion of these traditions, whether it is through When navigating an creating favors or helpinterfaith wedding, these ing to pick out reception

• Pick key rituals. In some instances, marry-· Commit to inclusiv- ing someone from anthat an interfaith wed- ficially be recognized by ding could dilute some of the religious institutions the traditions and beliefs of that faith. A Roman they hold dear. These Catholic who is marrying fears can be quelled by a Hindu may not be able to have the ceremony in a Roman Catholic church, for example. However, close relatives. Couples there are ways to impart also can reassure others elements of rituals that by mentioning the tradi- would take place durtions they will be incor- ing religious ceremonies, porating into the day's such as reading specific Biblical passages or par-· Delegate tasks to ticipating in the Haldi group. However, that has loved ones. Show family ceremony prior to the

· Ask for translations. When interfaith weddings include different languages, it can be helpthermore, nearly half of other faith and involve ful to ask the officiant or officiants to translate for guests who may be unfamiliar. Also, think about including a list of which rituals may be included during the ceremony and their meanings in a printed program, so all guests can grasp their significance.

Interfaith weddings require negotiation, patience and a little extra planning. But the end result is a beautiful ceremony and a happy couple.



Sunday, 9 a.m. - Morning Worship

Office Hours: Mon. 9:00 am - 12:00 Sunday 9:00 am - Contemporary Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am

400 Ross Avenue, Society Hall, Alamosa

Services - Sundays at 10:00 p.m.
The second Wednesday of each 4 p.m.

Presbyterians 630 Spruce St. (1.5 blocks south of Hwy.

Àdult Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Sunday

School Room. Choir is held on Wednesday at 6pm during the summer months

Coffee Fellowship – 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service – 11:00 a.m. Sunday

Church of the South Fork 0116 Landen Dr., South Fork, Co. 81154

Christian

Sunday are at 9 am - Services

Worship Service Sunday 3:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Friday, 6:00 p.m. M.O.S.H. Youth Night

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Alamosa Pentacostal Church 184 East 2nd St., Alamosa - 719-589-0475

Bible Studt Wednesday 7:00 p.m

Sunday School Sunday 1:00-1:45 Worship 2:00-3:00

Pastor Martin Montoya • 719-587-6197 Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Sunday School

Alamosa Christian Churui 410 McQuerry, Alamosa Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. - Family Night & Group

Alamosa Christian Reformed, 719-589-3493 1861 Rd 10 S., Alamosa Pastor Philip VanderWindt

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Worship Churches of Christ

group meets, every Friday at 7 p.m.

South Fork Chuch of Christ

205 Birch St, South Fork, 719-873-1259

Nathan Wheeler Pastor

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.

Central Chirar of Christ 200 Franklin Street, Monte Vista, 719-852-3811 David L. Baker Preacher Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Class Sunday, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study

Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Central Church of Christ

San Luis Valley Church of Christ 704 Del Sol, Alamosa, 719-589-2114 Sunday Bible Study 9 am Sunday Worship 10 am

Clinic
Pastor Mark 719-657-9107

teachings

Episcopal Saint Thomas Episcopal Church 607 4th Street, Alamosa

Saint Stephen the Martyr 729 3rd Avenue, Monte Vista

Sunday, 10 am Service First Christian Church

Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service

518 First St. (First & State) Alamosa 589-6805

Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - Church Service

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship, Prayer and Bible Study

*Bible Studies during the week, call for informa-

Valley Fellowship 240 East 5th Street, Center - 719-754-3904

Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm Cornerstone Community Church
Hwy. 160 Del Norte next to Rio Grande Medical

Sunday 9:50 a.m. free breakfast Sunday 10:20 a.m. Contemporary

Wednesday 5:15 p.m. Dinner, music, fellowship,

Worship & Children Sunday

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Classes Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study Healing Hearts, a Bible-based 12 step

Alamosa Church of Christ

408 Victoria Avenue. Alamosa

Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6:30 p.m. - Victory Service Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - Revival

Instrumental Classes 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Voice & Bass Guitar 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Word of Faith Christian Center

01 Sante Fe, Alamosa Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

The Peak Community Church 510 San Juan, Alamosa

Christian Fellowship Church

1300 West 12th St., Alamosa

Christian Independent Alamosa Christian Church

Christian Reformed

Pastor Carl Sutter

Thanksgiving Day 10 a.m.

Pioneer United Church in Del Norte, Colorado

A Congregation of Evangelical Covenant Order

Hooper Church 3rd and Adams, Hooper

United Church of La Jara

Terry Buckman, Pastor Cell Phone: 339-8444

Emmanuel Chapel - Independent Bible Church 1432 Hwy 149, South Fork

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
Church of the Living God

Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6 p.m. - Book of Acts Study Monday, 7 p.m. - Youth Thursday, 7 p.m - Bible Study San Luis Valley Christian Center 305 S. Broadway (3rd & Broadway), Monte Vista

Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Bible Study Prayer House Church 410 Main Street, La Jara

Pastor Jaime Flores - 719-298-0007
Sunday Morning Service, 10:30 am
Wednesday Family Ministry, 6:30 pm
Friday Night Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Sargent Community Church
6967 N. County Rd. 2 E., Monte Vista (across from
Sarrent School)

Sargent School)
Pastor Stephen Burns • 719-852-2980 Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Back Row Church - Church Community

www.backrowchurch.com

Kim Nipple • 303-532-9342 Worship Service - Wednesday Evening at 5:00 pm Apostolic Alamosa Apostolic Churcg 510 Fist St., Alamosa Meets Sundays 1-2 p.m.

2-3 p.m. - Lunch 3-5 p.m. - Worship Service Antonito Apostolic Church 710 Main St., Antonito Meets sundays 11-12 p.m. - Sunday School 12-1 p.m. - Worship service

Apostolic Pentecostal urch of Champions, Acts 2:38 9056 Hwy 285 South, Alamosa - 719-587-3351 Dan Dawning Pastor, 719-588-7307 Sunday 2-100 p.m. - Service

Assembly of God
River of Life Church 2602 Clark Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Service Center Assembly of God 7th & Miles • P.O. Box 507, Center, CO 81125 Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Worship, 7:00 p.m. Assembly of God Sons And Daughters Of God Ministry 677 Madison Street, Monte Vista Pastor Leonard Sandoval, 719-849-0212 Sunday 10.00 a.m Service Wednesday 7.00 p.m Prayer

New Life Fellowship 520 7th St., Del Norte, 81132 Adult Sunday School - 9:00

Services - 10:00 meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m on Zoom. Email hartline@gojade.org for a Zoom invite

Baptist Grace Community Baptist Church
431 Lincoln Ave, Monte Vista
Rev. Bill Walstrom, 719-937-1451
Worship: 9:30; Sunday School: 11:00 am Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm Living Water Bible Fellowship

2910 Clark Street, Alamosa

719-589-6351 Sunday, 9:00 & 10:45 am Worship Services* Sunday, 10:45 am Children's Ministry (PreK-5th grade) Sunday, 10:45 am Teen Bible Study (6th-12th grade) Tuesdáv 7:00 pm Young Adults/College Group Wednesday 6:30 pm Bible Quizzing (1st-6th grade) Wednesday 6:30 pm Reign Youth Group (6th-12th grade) Wednesday 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study* Saturday 5:00 pm Worship Service**

Sunday, 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. - Sunday

Pastor R.L. McDonald

Wednesday 7 p.m. - Worship Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6 p.m. - Evening Worship Spanish Ministry- Iglesia Bautista Rehobot Pastor Sal Garcia, 589-3020

7160 Brush Lane, Alamosa Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 10:20 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Ministry of the Word Small group studies meet during the week. Pastor Mathew Leonard - 719-379-3317 Sunday, 9:30 am - Bile Study

Sunday, 11:00 am - Service Wednesday, 6:30pm - Community Get to Know Calvary Baptist Church

Carvary Baptist Church
2160 Sherman Ave, Monte Vista
Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Bible Study
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship
Tuesday, 6 p.m. - C.L.A.Y. Youth
Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study
South Fork Baptist Church
01:30 Four Seasons Dr.(Old Chizum Bldg), South
Fork Fork (East side near laundromat & car wash)

Sunday Scool, 9:30am Sunday, 10:30am - Worship For more information - Pastor Paul Moon - 719-United Presbyterian Church of Antonito P.O. Box 665, Antonito Office Hrs. Tues, 9:00am -12:00

First United Methodist First United Methodist Church Sunday -9:45am - Sunday School 10:45am - Service Catholic
Sacred Heart Church
715 4th Street, Alamosa
Saturday, 4:00 p.m. - Mass
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Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Mass 2005 Mullins Ave., Alamosa - 719-589-2243 "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" Morning Worship - Sunday, 11:00 am Children's Church - Sunday, 10:30 am Community Churches Community Churches
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Sunday School 9:30-10:30

> Sunday worship 10:30 Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm www.bbcchurch.co 330 San Juan Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship

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Sun. 5:00 p.m. Worship

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Sunday, 10:45 am - Morning Worship
Sunday, 10:45 am - Morning Worship
Sunday, 12 Noon - Potluck Dinner
Sunday, after dinner - Afternoon Worship
Thursday, 7:00 pm - Mesita, Bible Study and

Prayer meeting

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927 Weber Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Sierra Vista Branch (Spanish Language) 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Lutheran Lutheran
St. Peters Lutheran Church & School
Church: 1821 Grande Avenue, Monte Vista
School: 330 Faraday Street, Monte Vista
Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Services
School: K-8, Monday-Thursday

Trinity Lutheran Church & School 52 El Rio Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 8:45 a.m. - Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship *Small Bible Study Groups Throughout the Week* - Pre-School through 5th grade Church: 589-4611, School: 589-3271 Conejos Canyon Community 52 El Rio Drive, Alamosa

20002 Saler Myv. 1 (Delweetnine posis 21: Fellowhip Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service Mountain Valley Church 408 State St. 17, Alamosa Pastor, Richard Pinkerton

Sunday 9:30 a m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service Presbyterian Church of Monte Vista

702 Second Avenue, Monte Vista (719) 852-2555

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Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship United Methodist Mosca United Methodist Church 538 Barker Street, Mosca

Pastor Steve Dunkel Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. Unitarian Universalist

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa
*North Wing of Alamosa Presbyterian Church Service & Youth Programs at 10:30 am

Sunday.

Valley Church of the Nazarene Pastor: Chris Yocom 228 Madison, Monte Vista - (719) 852-5858 churchoffice@valleynaz.com

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Wednesday Dinner at 6 p.m. Small Group Classes at 7 p.m.

Thursday
Teen Activities (beginning at 6:30 p.m.)
*Nursery is available during all services
Visit website at www.valleynaz.com for online
bulletins and service information or call the

number above. Church of Scientology 511 Main Street, Sutie #12, Alamosa 719-587-5554

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Monday and wednesda Grace Assurance Ministry Church without Religion 9851 CR 4 S, Alamosa, CO Sunday Mornings - 10:30 Randy Brown - 719-588-7004 Eric Wolf - 719-480-3977

Bible Digest

"There is no wisdom nor AKJV) understanding nor counsel against the LORD." (Proverbs 21:30 AKJV)

Fighting God is a losing strategy. God wins!

Tuesday, January 9,

first of all that which I Keep on keeping on also received, how that ty: for God loves a cheerdear Christian. God is on Christ died for our sins ful giver." (2 Corinthians the throne and God wins! according to the scrip- 9:7 AKJV) tures; And that he was buried, and that he rose loves that kind of heart. "LORD, make me to again the third day acknow my end, and the cording to the scriptures:" Corinthians 15:3-4 measure of my days, what

it is: that I may know how Sin is our problem. Jesus is our answer.

> Wednesday, January 10, 2024

"For I will declare my iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin." (Psalms 38:18

Sin should bother all of us. Are you sorry for your

Thursday, January 11, 2024

"Every man according as he purposes in his "For I delivered to you heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessi-

Be a cheerful giver. God

Friday, January 12, 2024

"Behold, I was shaped in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Psalms 51:5 AKJV)

We sin because we are sinners. Sin is our problem. The Lord is our an-

Loving Prickly People

Have you ever had that one person in your life? You know, that one person who seems to be able to push all your wrong buttons at all the wrong times? We've all been there. And in our world today-with all the anger, hatred, and violence—it's easy to feel overwhelmed. So, what should we do?

Fortunately, people who have flaws and faults are nothing new. All you need to do is read Genesis-the first book of the Bible, often referred to as "The Book of Beginnings"-to realize that. One of the earliest recorded stories in Genesis is about Cain, who killed his brother, Abel, because he was jealous of him (see Genesis 4:8). As the book goes on, we see a number of broken people do terrible, terrible things (see Genesis 4:19; 16:1-4; 19:30–38; 27:1– 35; 37:18–20). And yet, the people involved in these situations are people God used for His plans and purpose—so this means there's hope for us too.

It seems like if we're going to love anyone, then no matter who they are, they'll have flaws. We must learn to live in peace and walk in love. And we absolutely need to learn to love people who are hard to love, which includes most of us, at least at times. Love is so much more than a feeling;

it's how we treat people, and it changes everything. Just imagine how different our world would be today if people truly loved one another. I have decided that I am going to love people, which includes those who are hard to love. I am asking vou to make the same decision, and I believe if enough of us do it, we will impact the world in a very positive way. In the animal kingdom, probably the

most difficult animal to get close to is the porcupine. Porcupines are not usually considered loveable. Every one of them has about 30,000 sharp quills that can stick you and be very painful—but it's their way of protecting themselves. People also often develop ways of protecting themselves, especially if they

hurt may be extremely defensive and think they are being rejected when that is not the case at all. Or, they may argue all the time, striving to be right in every situation because that is the only way they can feel good about themselves.

I happen to know a few people like this, and you probably know some too. I call them "porcupine people." They are dangerous to be around because you are likely to get hurt. It would be so nice if we could just place an order for the kind of people we would like to have in our life, but people come "as is" and we either take them as they are or end up alone. God takes us the way we are and helps

us become all that we should be. The question is: Are we willing to do this for other people? My husband, Dave, did it for me, and had he not loved me unconditionally, I probably wouldn't be in ministry today. You see, when Dave prayed for a wife,

he asked God to give him someone who needed help, and God certainly answered his prayer because I needed a lot of help. Growing up, I experienced terrible physical and sexual abuse from my father. And because of that past abuse, I ended up becoming a porcupine person. Dave said he knew the first night he met me that I was the girl for him. As it's turned out, he was right, but he had to be willing to love someone who was very hard to love for a very long time before he had a wife who was somewhat

Now I pray regularly to be good to people and make them feel good when they are around me. I'm sure I don't always succeed, but I don't always fail either. I still stick out my quills occasionally, but God is working with me, and I always want to be willing to work with the porcupine people He outs in my life too. We may sustain little wounds as we walk through life with others, but we are much better off in relationships than in isolation.

have been hurt in the past. I like to use Despite their prickles, I don't believe the saying, "Hurting people hurt people." there is a person on the planet who





doesn't want to be loved. As a matter of fact, most people who are hard to love are the way they are because they have never experienced real love. They are dissatisfied and looking for something to fill the emptiness they feel, but often they don't know what they are looking for, so they search in all the wrong

But we can make a difference. When we have God's love in our hearts, we can let it flow through us to other peopleeven porcupine people. Everything God gives us should flow through us to others—His love, peace, kindness, mercy, forgiveness, joy, and many other blessings. Loving people who are hard to love will be difficult on most days and seemingly impossible on others, but God never asks us to do something that we cannot do with His help. You can do it because God is in you, and He will do it through you. So, let me ask: Are you willing to say yes to God?

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San Luis Valley Baptist Church 930 State Avenue, Alamosa

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Mean Moose hold off Mustangs rally for 32-31 win

By KEN HAMRICK

Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA - The Alamosa High School boys basketball team had a tough game with Sanford as the two teams met Friday at the AHS gym.

The Mean Moose, however, came away with the victory by a score of 32-31 as they erased a Mustang lead and then had to hold off a late rally.

Brant Jackson gave Alamosa a 2-0 lead 28 seconds into the game and he later made a 3-point basket for a 5-0 advantage. Kiler Ullery split at the free throw line and Jackson made another basket for an 8-0 Moose lead.

Roj Larson scored for Sanford with 51 seconds left in the first quarter, but Alamosa led 8-2 at the end of the period.

Ben Sittler opened the second quarter with a layup, and Alex Sittler drained a three to bring Sanford within an 8-7 deficit. Kiko Ruybal made two free tosses for a 10-7 lead, but Larson scored again to bring the Mustangs within 10-9 at halftime.

Trason Gartrell drove for a layup to open the third quarter and give Sanford its first lead of the game. Parker Gilmore hit a jump shot and later added two free throws for a 14-11 Alamosa lead.

Gartrell scored five straight points to put Sanford back into the lead at 16-14, but Jackson, R.J. Meis and Victor Zepeda all scored to give the lead back to the Mean Moose at 20-16.

Gartrell and Cash Caldon both scored to tie the score



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

Alamosa High School's Victor Zepeda (0) looks to make a move to the basket as Sanford's Cash Caldon (5) and Ben Sittler (11) play defense in Friday's game at the AHS gym. The Mean Moose defeated the Mustangs 32-31.

at 20-20, and Gartrell made two from the line for a 22-20 Mustangs lead at the end of the period.

Gilmore tied the score to begin the fourth quarter,

but Colter Canty drained a trey to put Sanford on top at 25-22.

Jackson closed the deficit to 25-24, and Zepeda made back-to-back 3-pointers. Jackson then rebounded a Zepeda miss for a layup and Alamosa had a 32-25

Emmitt Larsen made one of two free throws, and Alex Sittler made a three to close the gap to 32-29. Caldon then scored in the paint to reduce the Alamosa lead

to 32-31 with 2:18 left in the game. The Mustangs had several opportunities to regain the lead in the final two minutes but came up empty.

Jackson was Alamosa's leading scorer with 11 points, followed by Gilmore and Zepeda with eight

Gartrell led Sanford with 11 points and Alex Sittler was next with six.

Alamosa (6-2) will play Delta on the road today. Sanford (4-4) will play at Escalante (N.M.) on Friday.

Alamosa 32, Sanford 31 Sanford - A. Sittler 2 0-0 6, Caldon 2 0-1 4, B. Sittler 1 0-0 2, E. Larsen 0 1-2 1,

Gartrell 4 2-2 11, Larson 2 0-0 4, C. Canty 1 0-0 3, T. Canty 0 0-0 0, C. Larsen 0 0-0 0. Total 12 3-5 31.

3-point goals - A. Sittler 2, C. Canty 1, Gartrell 1. Total 4.

Alamosa - Zepeda 3 0-2 8, Gilmore 3 2-2 8, Jackson 5 0-0 11, Motz 0 0-2 0, Meis 1 0-0 2, Ullery 0 1-4 1, Lujan 0 0-0 0, Crowther 0 0-0 0, Ruybal 0 2-2 2. Total 12

3-point goals - Zepeda 2, Jackson 1. Total 3. Sanford

Alamosa

Lady Mustangs pull away from Lady Moose

By KEN HAMRICK

Courier sports editor ALAMOSA - The Sanford High School girls basketball team, ranked seventh in Class 2A, used a late rally to pull away from Alamosa, the eighthranked team in Class 4A, by a score of 44-37 Friday at the AHS gym.

Taybor Wiedeman and Jaelin Garcia both drove for layups to give the Lady Mean Moose an early 4-0 lead. Shasta Bond made two free throws for the Lady Mustangs' first points, but Wiedeman hit a jump shot for a 6-2 Alamosa lead.

Bond scored two baskets to tie the score, and Brooklynn Reynolds drove for a layup to give Sanford an 8-6 edge. Arreli Felix tied the score, but Bond scored again.

Felix added a layup to tie the score at 10-10 at the end of the first quarter.

Garcia scored the first four points of the second quarter, and Felix scored again for a 16-10 Lady Moose advantage. Brinlyn Smith accounted for the Lady Mustangs' first points of the period, but Morgan Ortega scored in the paint for an 18-12 Alamosa lead.

Riley Willett scored for

Sanford, but Wiedeman answered for the Lady Moose. Sadie Caldon made a 3-point basket with 46 seconds left in the quarter to bring the Lady Mustangs within 20-17 at halftime.

Reynolds opened the third quarter with a three to tie the score at 20-20. Wiedeman put Alamosa back into the lead, but Willett scored two straight baskets, Erica Miller split at the free throw line, and Bond scored a layup to give Sanford a 27-22 advantage.

Lexi Montoya ended the run, but Miller knocked down a jumper on the other end of the court.

Laci Christensen made a jump shot, but Claire Crowther made a jumper and added a free throw to give the Lady Mustangs a 32-26 advantage at the end of the third quarter.

Garcia made one of two from the line to begin the fourth quarter, but Crowther scored again for a 34-27 Sanford lead.

Christensen made Alamosa's only 3-pointer of the game, and Garcia split at the line to bring the Lady Moose within 34-31 with 4:18 left in the game.

Bond had an answer on the other end as she drove

for a layup and added a free throw for a 37-31 Lady Mustangs lead.

Ortega made two free throws and Garcia buried a jumper to bring Alamosa within a 37-35 deficit. But Caldon scored in the paint to push the lead to four

Ortega's layup again brought the Lady Mean Moose within two points, but Miller drained a trey with 51 seconds remaining. Caldon made two free throws to put the game out of reach.

Garcia was Alamosa's leading scorer with 10 points, followed by Wiedeman with eight. $Bond\,led\,all\,scorers\,with$

13 points, followed by Caldon with seven.

Alamosa (6-2) will play at Delta today at 1 p.m. Sanford (6-2) will host

Mancos next Saturday with a 2 p.m. tip-off.
Sanford 44, Alamosa 37

Sanford - Crowther 2 1-1 5, Reynolds 2 0-2 5, Willett 3 0-2 6, Bond 5 3-3 13, Miller 2 1-2 6, Smith 1 0-0 2, Koenig 0 0-0 0, Faucette 0 0-0 0, Caldon 2 2-2 7. Total 17 7-12 44.

3-point goals - Caldon 1, Miller 1, Reynolds 1. Total 3. Alamosa – Christensen 2 0-1 5, Ortega 2 2-4 6, Rothermich 0 0-0 0, Garcia 4

2-4 10, Wiedeman 4 0-0 8, Quintana 0 0-0 0, Montoya 1 0-2 2, Felix 3 0-2 6, Villalva 0 0-0 0, Rice 0 0-0 0. Total 16 3-point goals - Christensen 1. Total 1.

Sanford 10 7 15 12 – 44 Alamosa 10 10 6 11 – 37 Fouls – Sanford 11, Alamosa 17. Fouled out – Ortega.







Courier photo by Ken Hamrick Sanford High School's Shasta Bond (23) looks to put up a shot against **Aubrey** Alamosa's and Rothermich (5) Jaelin Garcia (15) in Friday's game at the AHS gym. The Lady Mustangs defeated the Lady Mean Moose 44-37.

Sports Bulletin

Follow sports editor Ken Hamrick on X. His handle is @KenHamrick1.

> **SCOREBOARD THURSDAY Prep boys** basketball

Pagosa Springs 62, Sanford 34 Rocky Ford 51, Cen-

ter 26 Prep girls basketball

Center 47, Rocky Ford 30 Pagosa Springs 38,

Sanford 27 **Prep boys wrestling** Mountain Valley 18, Antonito 17

> **FRIDAY Prep boys**

basketball Alamosa 32, Sanford 31

report Centennial at Sargent - no report

Centauriat Delta-no

Creede vs. Moffat no report **Prep girls**

basketball Centauriat Delta-no report

Centennial at Sargent - no report Creede vs. Moffat no report

Sanford 44, Alamosa **Prep boys wrestling**

Rocky Ford 44, Mon-

te Vista 28 College men's basketball Black Hills State (S.D.)

90, Adams State 87 College women's basketball

Adams State 69, Black Hills State (S.D.) 60

> **SCHEDULE SATURDAY Prep boys** basketball

Center at Peyton,

noon **Evangel Christian at** Sierra Grande, noon Moffat at Weldon Valley, 1 p.m.

Centennial at South Baca, 2 p.m. Sangre de Cristo at

Trinidad, 2 p.m. Alamosa at Delta, 4 p.m.

Ignacio at Monte Vista, 4:30 p.m. **Prep girls**

basketball Center at Peyton, noon

Evangel Christian at Sierra Grande, noon Moffat at Weldon Valley, 1 p.m.

Centennial at South Baca, 2 p.m. Sangre de Cristo at Trinidad, 2 p.m. Alamosa at Delta,

2:30 p.m. The Vanguard at Centauri, 2:30 p.m.

Ignacio at Monte Vista, 3 p.m. **Prep boys wrestling** Alamosa at Peoria

(Ariz.) Invitational, 9

a.m.

Mountain Valley at Gunnison Invitational, 9 a.m.

Sierra Grande/Centennial at Rye Invitational, 9 a.m.

Centauri, Center, Monte Vista at Rocky Mountain Wrestling Invitational (at Pagosa

Springs), 10 a.m. **Prep girls wrestling** Alamosa at Peoria (Ariz.) Invitational, 9

Monte Vista, Mountain Valley at Gunnison Invitational, 9 a.m.

> College men's basketball

Adams State at South Dakota Mines, 6 p.m.

College women's basketball

Adams State at South Dakota mines, 4 p.m.

College men's wrestling

Adams State vs. Findlay (Ohio) (Tracy Borah Duals at Gunnison), 10:30 a.m. Adams State vs. Mi-

not State (N.D.) (Tracy

Borah Duals at Gun-

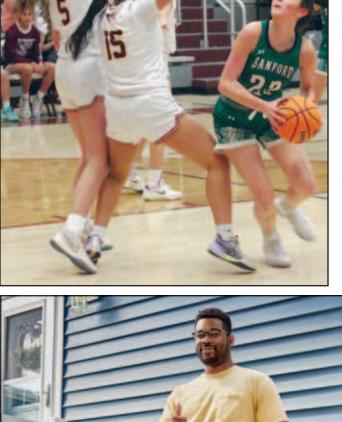
nison), 1 p.m.

TUESDAY Prep boys basketball

Dolores at Sargent, 4:30 p.m. **Prep girls**

basketball Dolores at Sargent, 4:30 p.m. Pueblo County at

Alamosa, 5:30 p.m.





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Based on Colorado's 1945 variant (Retired Style Black plate in the attached report), the Blackout plate quickly became one of the state's most popular license plate designs.

Colorado DMV unveils top license plate designs for 2023

By COLORADO VEHICLES

LAKEWOOD — The Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) on Friday revealed the most popular license plates of 2023, including a rereleased plate and a longstanding design that honors victims and survivors

of a Colorado tragedy. Based on Colorado's 1945 variant (Retired Style Black plate in the report), the Blackout plate quickly became one of the state's most popular license plate designs. Coloradans chose the classic black-and-white design 169,998 times in 2023, contributing more than \$4.2 million to the Colorado Disability Funding Committee this year. The \$25 plate fee contributes to grants supporting community organizations that work to improve the quality of life and independence of Coloradans with disabilities.

The Columbine "Respect Life" design was Coloradans choice for most popular specialty design, with over 75,000

vehicles registered with DIVISION OF MOTOR the plates in 2023. Released in 2001, the plate honors the 13 lives lost Awareness (modified) during the shooting at 25,962 Columbine High School on April 20, 1999.

> "Our choice in license 16,302 plates reflects things we love to do, organizations we support, our service. our hobbies and interests National Park — 13,299 and provides financial support to these orga-Director Electra Bustle said. "What a great way to demonstrate our spirit and uniqueness as individuals."

Historical **Plates**

- tired Style Black) 169,998
- Style Red) 6,922
- 3. Blue 1914 (Retired Style Blue) — 6,439
- 4. Green Mountains (Historical Background) -6,026
- **Top** 10 Specialty Plates 2023
- 1. Columbine 75.692 2. Wildlife Sporting -
- 3. Pioneer 30,963
- 4. Ski Country USA 28,934

- 5. Adopt A Shelter Pet -26,447
- 6. Breast Cancer
- 7. Firefighter 19,681 8. Broncos Charities -
- 9. 150th Anniversary Under 13 - 13.696
- 10. Rocky Mountain

Colorado has nearly 6.2 million actively regnizations," DMV Senior istered license plates on the road and has 218 license plates designs. In 2024, Coloradans now have more options with the introduction of four new specialty license plate designs, including 1. Blackout plate (Re- the Born to be Wild License Plate, the "In God We Trust" License Plate, 2. Red - 1915 (Retired the Stegosaurus State Fossil License Plate, and the Navy Seabees Military License Plate.

Coloradans interested in seeing all available license plate designs should visit DMV.Colorado.gov/License-Plates. Residents can purchase license plates online at myDMV.Colorado.gov or a county-operated motor vehicle office.



Colorado Parks and Wildlife is now accepting applications for shooting range construction and improvement grants through the Shooting Range Grant Development Program.

CPW accepting applications for shooting range grants through March 15

By COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

DENVER — Colorado Parks and Wildlife is now accepting applications for shooting range construction and improvement grants through the Shooting Range Grant Development Program. Established in 2009, the program is the largest of its kind in the nation and has supported dozens of shooting range improvement projects

An estimated \$750,000 will be available in the 2024 grant cycle, although that amount could increase based on berms and backstops, available funding. Archery ranges are also eligible for grant funding. access, new firing lines is available online at Applications are due by and shade structures, https://cpw.state.co.us/.

across Colorado.

March 15, 2024.

tor of the Shooting Range ditional Grant Program, notes shooting opportunities. that grants have helped develop new ranges, im- cover up to 75% of eliproved safety and upgraded facilities at existhave told us that their support is an important membership and usage dramatically improved as a direct result of program investments. That pansion of recreational helps grow the sport by shooting opportunities bringing in new partici- for everyone in our pants as well as retaining existing ones."

Some range improvements over just the last few years include taller better lighting and elec-

development of entire-Travis Long, coordina- ly new ranges and adrecreational

> Program funds can gible project costs. "Public access com-

ing ranges. "Many ranges mensurate with funding consideration," Long. "CPW is committed to the continued exstate, and this program highlights our commitexamples of ment to a collaborative approach to achieve that goal."

Information and further details on CPW's Shooting Range Develtrical connections, ADA opment Grant Program



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Public Notices

Notice of Request for Bids to Source and Install a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD), Subdistrict No. 3 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District is seeking bids to source and install a VFD on a well it owns just north of Antonito, CO. Bidders should itemize bids and should include the costs to: 1) Source a 3 phase VFD that would accommodate a 200 hp motor, plus all required connections, 2) Repair and/or replace all disconnects, as needed, and 3) Install the VFD at the well (as opposed to the power source). Bids should also include a description of the VFD, the equipment to be used, and the bidder's qualifications. The Subdistrict will be responsible for all costs associated with the completed installation of the VFD. The Subdistrict reserves the right to accept the bid it deems most accurate for the scope of work proposed. To schedule a site visit or to answer further questions and/or get more details please contact Angelo Bellah at 719-589-6301 or angelo@rgwcd.org. Proposals will be accepted through January 15th, 2024, and may be submitted in person or by mail to 8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO, 81101, or by e-mail to angelo@rgwcd.org. No. 3725.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on January 23rd, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at the South Fork Community Building, 254 Highway 149, South Fork, Colorado, the Town of South Fork Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on a proposal to seek an increase in the Town's Sales Tax to enable the Town to add additional employees and provide funds for capital improvement projects throughout the Town.

Any person may appear at such hearing and present evidence upon any matter to be considered by the Town Board of Trustees, Any person unable to attend the hearing and wishing to present information pertinent to the proposal may do so by email to: townadministrator@southfork.org or mail to the address below.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on January 23rd, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at the South Fork Community Building, 254 Highway 149, South Fork, Colorado, the Town of South Fork Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on a proposal to seek grants and other funds to pursue the purchase and development of the property located at 30081 W Highway 160, parcel #21-340-00-127, in the Town of South Fork for a Town Riverwalk and Park.

Any person may appear at such hearing and present evidence upon any matter to be considered by the Town Board of Trustees, Any perany matter to be considered by the fown board of missless, any person unable to attend the hearing and wishing to present information pertinent to the proposal may do so by email to: townadministrator@ southfork.org or mail to the address below.

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NEWS RELEASE

THREE BLANCA TRUSTEE SEATS UP FOR ELECTION IN APRIL Blanca will hold an election for three trustees on April 2, 2024. Anyone

resided within the

town limits of Blanca for at least consecutive 12 months is eligible to run for any of the positions. Nomination petitions can be picked up at Town Hall, 601 Main Street,

beginning on

January 2, 2024. Candidate's packets will also include the election calendar and instructions for the process of getting on the ballot.

Any Blanca resident, who wants to vote in the upcoming election and has not registered to vote, must do so by April 2, 2024. The Costilla County Clerk and

Recorder in San

Luis will accept registrations during normal business hours Absentee voter applications for the municipal election will be avail-

able at Town Hall beginning on January 2, 2024. Anyone applying for an absentee bal-lot and mailing or

taking the application to Town Hall can only vote using the absentee ballot. He/she will not be allowed to vote at the polls on Election Day. The application must be returned by

4:30 p.m. on March 29, 2024, and the absentee ballots must be turned in by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day at Town Hall.

The incorporated limits of the Town of Blanca constitute the boundar-

ies of the municipal precinct for the purposes of Municipal Elections

Published in the Valley Courier on January 6 & 12, 2024.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held be-fore the Alamosa Planning Commission on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 6:00 PM and again before the Alamosa Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 8:30 AM, in the Al-amosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado for the purpose of considering an application for a Special Use Permit submitted by Clarence Lee Ridgely on property currently addressed as 895 Hwy 160, Parcel 528736400043.

The applicant is proposing to develop a self-storage and vehicle sales facility. This property is in the Commercial (C) zone district. The legal description of the property is: A tract of land located in the

NE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 19 and the NW4 NW4 of Section 20, Township 38 North, Range 9 East, N.M.P.M., which tract is more particularly described by metes and

Bounds as rollows, to-wit:
Beginning at the Northeast corner of the tract herein described, being the point of intersection of the South right of way limit of Alamosa County Road 3 South with the Northwesterly projection of the Westerly boundary of Parcel 5D as described under Reception Number 200812 of the Alamosa County Clark and 99812 of the records in the office of the Alamosa County Clerk and Recorder, whence the Northwest Corner of said Section 20 bears N73°01'24"W, 101.6 feet distance; thence S33°14'18"E, 2.61 feet along said projection of the Westerly boundary of Parcel 5D to the Northwest corner thereof; thence along the Westerly boundary of said Parcel 5D, the following courses and distances; S33°14 '18"E, 114.90 feet; thence 174.48 feet on the arc of a non-tangent curve to the left, having a radius 344.49 feet, the long chord of which curve bears \$14°34′52 "W, 172.62 feet, \$00°03′20"W, 232.40 feet; thence 104.53 feet on the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 214.48 feet, the long chord of which curve bears \$14°01 '22"W, 103.49 feet; and S28°00'38"W, 54.52 feet along said Westerly boundary of Parce 5D to the Southwest corner thereof, a point on the Westerly bound ary of Parcel SC as described under Reception Number 300192 of the records in said office; thence S72°58'08"W, 33.35 feet along the Westerly boundary of said Parcel 5C to the Southwest corner thereof, a point on the Northeasterly right of way limit of U.S. Highway No. 160, which corner is identical with the Southeast corner of the tract herein described; thence N62°00'21 "W, 1401.08 feet along said Northeasterly right of way limit to its point of intersection with the South right of way limit of said Alamosa County Road 3 South, which point of intersection is the Northwest corner of the tract herein

described; thence S89°55'48"E, 1298.99 feet along the South right of way limit of said County Road to the Point of Beginning, LESS AND EXCEPT those portions deeded to Department of Transportation, State of Colorado, in Warranty Deeds recorded November 17, 2011 under Reception No. 347311, and recorded July 10, 2012 under Reception No. 349644 of the Alamosa County, Colorado, re-

cords, in the County of Alamosa , State of Colorado Details regarding this application are available for public inspection in

Use Office at 8999 Independence Way Suite 100 during regular office

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bounds as follows, to-wit:

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THE EAST ALAMO-SA WATER & SANI-TATION DISTRICT is taking applications for a PART TIME CLERI-CAL POSITION, mainly 12:00 – 4:00 pm daily, average 20-25 hours per week (\$14.42/hour). Ideal candidate will have excellent customer skills and computer skills. Resume may be dropped off at 10 Costilla Ave., in EAST ALAMOSA or mailed to P.O. Box 1092, Alamosa, CO 81101. Resumes accepted until position is filled. (1/6/24AS)

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TOWN OF CENTER is accepting applications for the position of full time COMMU-NICATIONS OFFI-CER. Position requires High School Diploma or equivalent. Individuals must have computer experience, ability to multi task and function in a sometimes stressful environment. Bilingual preferred but not mandatory. Two-way radio and multiline telephone experience also required. Commu-nications Officer is a benefited position. This will position additionally requires shift work. Position starts at \$15.50 with an increase after successful completion of six-month probation. Successful candidates will be trained in all phases relating to the communication center. Must be 18 years old, and be able to pass a background, psychological and drug test. You may pick up an application a Center Town Hall or online at: www.townofcenter.colorado.gov. 294 S. Worth St Center, CO 81125. Applications accepted until the position is filled. For more information, please contact Center Police Dispatch Supervisor Jerry Montoya at 719-754-2442. (1/10/24AS)

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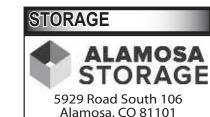
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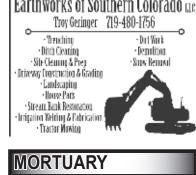
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HEAD HIGH SCHOOL eSPORTS COACH is needed at DEL NORTE SR. HIGH SCHOOL. We're looking for a leader to develop & maintain our new eSports program promoting sportsman-ship and teamwork. Our eSports coach will assist each student in gaining skills and confidence while learning game rules and strategies; as well as CHSAA eSports rules. The Coach must be professional, organized, dedicated, and well versed in gaming. The Coach is responsible for conducting practice times after academic classes and supervising the team at school activities. The Coach will also train, test, and receive our small-vehicle certification for driving school vehicles to gaming tournaments. CHSAA eSports competition games include Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, Mario Kart 8, Rocket League, Splatoon 3 on Nintendo Switch; Madden NFL & NBA 2K on PS4. Please complete our coach application found on our website, urtigers.co please con-

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tact Gibbs Sanchez,

Athletic Director, at:

gsanchez@urtigers.co 719-657-4020; or An-

nie Hardy, Principal, at: ahardy@urtigers. co, 719-657-4020 for

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HEAD FOOTBALL COACH needed at DEL NORTE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL. The coach's responsibilities include: leading training sessions, providing motivation and advice during gameplay, de-veloping game plans, and attending tryouts, as well as scheduling team meetings. The coach should be able to identify the individual abilities of each player and provide one-to-one coaching wherever required. The coach should demonstrate great love for the game of football, and be able to foster good sportsmanship in your players. Outstanding candidates are highly motivated, committed, disciplined, and patient. We are looking for the following abilities in our Coach: experience as a football coach or assistant coach at the high school or college level is preferred. Must possess: effective coaching techniques and skills; a thorough knowledge of the rules, regulations, strategies, and techniques of the sport; and have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with school administrators, parents, and students. Please contact Gilbert "Gibbs" Sanchez, Athletic Di-

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HERMAN



"We're nine points down. You're fired!"

Man's silent-treatment tactics have worn thin

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for two years. We rushed into marriage, unfortunately, before getting to know each other very well. Whenever we have a disagreement, he gives me the silent treatment for days. Sometimes, it lasts weeks.

He won't eat anything cook or help around the house. If I'm in one room, he will lock himself up in another one. He sleeps on the couch or on a pull-out mattress. Eventually, he will end it by returning to our bed and trying to initiate intimacy. I usually accept, but the issue never gets resolved or discussed -- we just carry on. When I've tried discussing the issues, he says, "Don't start!"

I'm fed up with his childish behavior. We have a 7-month-old baby and children from my previous marriage, so it has become increasingly difficult for me to leave him. He's not the type to go to therapy. He will admit we have communication issues, but that's the extent of it. I've reached the point that I no longer care about our marriage, and if I had the means, I'd happily leave. Please help. - ŠÍLĚNT TREATMENT

IN THE NORTHEAST DEAR SILENT TREATMENT: Because your husband doesn't want to go to therapy does not

mean you shouldn't. When you tell him that you plan to schedule some sessions, expect him to find a dozen reasons why you "don't need it" or to go into another silent phase. Therapy for you would be illuminating and could help you decide how much longer you want to tolerate an increasingly $intolerable\,living\,situation.$

DEAR ABBY: We recently attended the wedding of a close family member on my husband's side. All went seemingly well until the next day when I was sharing snapshots of the beautiful day with my stepdaughter.

I promptly received what I'll call a form letter via text from her, saying: "Hi! As the holidays approach, we're sending this message to our close family members. With flu season coming up and a rise in CO-VID cases, we're asking everyone to not kiss the baby. This is also a reminder not to take or post photos of the baby. We take lots of beautiful photos of her and if you'd like some, we are happy to send them to you. Our goal is to minimize her media presence until she's

old enough to consent to how her pictures are used." When I spoke to other family members, I realized none of them had received this message. I'm hurt. I

spent what I thought was

a beautiful day at a family



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

function, taking snapshots of the event and of our grandchild. Now here's a text telling me not to take pics of her. I don't know how to handle this. -- JOY DESTROYED IN THE WEST

only person who received that message because you are the only person who was taking photos. Parents are entitled to decide whether they want pictures of their children posted on social media. You should always ask whether it's OK to post pictures of an event or a child before doing so. Now you know how your stepdaughter feels about it, so "handle this" by apologizing for any mistake you

might have made.

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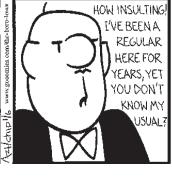






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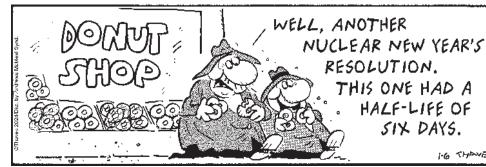








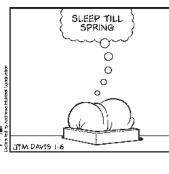
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THIS ONE HAD A

HALF-LIFE OF SIX DAYS.

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THE GRIZZWELLS





PEANUTS









New arrivals at the Alamosa Public Library

From the Librarian's Desk

By MARIE KRMAER ALAMOSA books are always coming in at the Alamosa Public Library! Here are 10 of our most intriguing arrivals. For more information, or to have a book reserved for you, check alamosalibrary. org or call 719-589-6592.

Murder of an Amish Bridegroom by Patricia

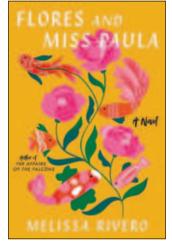
Petunia Yoder is an Amish seamstress - and an outspoken, independent "spinster" at twenty-two. When she discovers her best friend Eden covered in the blood of her boyfriend, Petunia has to work with the new Sheriff to prove her innocence.

Fiction

• The Other Mothers by Katherine Faulkner

Tash is looking for a story to jumpstart her journalism career as she cares for her two-year-old son. When a nanny turns up dead in a neighboring community, Tash thinks this might be the story she's looking for. Using

group to find out more but there's a chance her ing secrets - and romantic



new friends could be mur-

 Flores and Miss Paula by Melissa Rivero

In this intergenerational tale a Peruvian-American mother and her adult daughter navigate the frustrations of sharing an apartment while they process their grief about the death of their beloved husband and father.

Inspirational

A Winter By the Sea by Julie Klassen

The Duke and Duchess of Kent are visiting Sea View for the Winter, and the Summers sisters are excited to host three of the

Colorado Springs Microchip facility could see a \$90M federal investment

Colorado Newsline

The Biden administration announced Thursday a preliminary agreement that could bring about \$90 million from the bipartisan CHIPS and Sciences Act into Colorado to expand semiconductor producer Microchip Technology's facilities in Colorado Springs.

If the agreement is executed, Microchip would receive about \$90 million the largest award from the CHIPS and Sciences Act — to modernize the comcility and about \$72 million to expand another facility in Gresham, Oregon. Currently, the announcement is only "a non-binding preliminary memorandum of terms," which is an early step in the process securing CHIPS and Science Act funding for a commercial fabrication facility.

Laurie Locascio, U.S. Commerce Department undersecretary for standards and technology and director of the National Institute Standards and Technology, said the U.S. used to manufacture 40% of the world's supply of semiconductors. Today, the U.S. only manufactures 12% of the world's semiconductors, which are used in building technology for automotive, commercial, industrial, defense and

"CHIPS for America is a once in a generation opportunity to build a thriving domestic semiconductor industry and a resilient supply chain along with research and development to keep the U.S. at the forefront of semiconductor electronics innovation," Locascio said at Microchip's Colorado Springs facility.

aerospace industries.

Colorado political leaders including Democratic Gov. Jared Polis, Democratic U.S. Sen. John Hickenlooper and Republican U.S. Rep. Doug Lamborn joined Locascio for Thursday's announcement, as well as local officials including Colorado Springs Mayor Yemi Mobolade and El Paso County Commissioner Stan VanderWerf.

Polis said the federal funding will create hundreds of good paying jobs in Colorado Springs and that he's proud to see Colorado receive the

largest award so far from the CHIPS and Science Act. "We're proud that the cided to keep U.S. Space largest federal investment Command in Colorado.

By LYNDSEY TOOMER in the semiconductor industry to date is an investment in Colorado," Polis said. "That's a testament to the strength of Colorado's economy, our collaborative work to make sure that our state is the very best to live, work and do business."

The preliminary agreement with the Department of Commerce would allow Microchip to grow its production of microcontroller units and other semiconductors found in cars, phones, appliances, medical devices and other pany's Colorado Springs fa- technologies people use daily. The modernization of Microchip's facilities will allow the company to triple the amount of semiconduc-

tors it produces annually. Microchip is pursuing a \$940 million modernization and expansion of its facilities and could see product lines in Colorado Springs increase up to seven times current capacities. The company expects the project to bring 400 new jobs to

El Paso County. "By investing in production of semiconductors here at home, we are capitalizing on the opportunity to strengthen our domestic supply chain while bolstering America's ability to produce systems and the components we need, and our allies also need, and we rely on for our collective national and economic security," Locascio said.

Lamborn, who serves on the House Armed Services Committee, said Microchip is the largest supplier to the Defense Industrial Base, a worldwide system contributing to the research and development of military operations. He encouraged the Department of Commerce to move forward quickly to finalize the next steps to secure the proposed funding.

"Providing our defense industry with a secure, reliable and domestic supply of semiconductors is even more important at a time when our adversaries think about Russia and China and what they're trying to do — as they continue to modernize their militaries at an alarming rate," Lamborn said.

The announcement adds another win for Colorado Springs months after the Biden administration de-

she joins a local mother's house. These three men bring with them intrigupossibilities. Meanwhile, Emily Summers dreams of being a writer. When the local publisher turns her down, his dashing rival might give her the opportunity she hopes for.

Mystery

Rigged for Murder by Jenifer LeClair

Brie Beaumont is on medical leave from the Minneapolis Police Department, looking forward to a relaxing sailing voyage. When someone is murdered onboard during

her son as an entry point, royal staff in their guest detective hat back on and and international record- and been shaped, by the solve the case.

Nonfiction

· Dazed and Confused by Blaine T. Browne

As America reflects on the 50th anniversary of the 1970s, Blaine Browne reexamines the decade's major international, political, social, cultural, economic, and intellectual developments, giving special attention to how its developments continue to impact American life.

• My Life is Art by Emmanuel Jal

Drawing on lessons from his remarkable life, former child soldier turned activing artist Emmanuel Jal provides 11 pillars for overcoming adversity and Hamburg by Steven Ujiliving a life of purpose.

 Animal Magic by Rieka Moonsong

From spirit guides to power animals to familiars, learn what role animals play in our lives and the significance of the magic they offer.

• The Book At War by Andrew Pettegree

Acclaimed historian Andrew Pettegree traces the picket lines outside of the surprising ways in which written culture - from travel guides and scientific papers to Biggles and a storm, she has to put her ist, author, entrepreneur, Anne Frank - has shaped, an intimate and epic scale.

conflicts of the modern age. The Last Ships from

Over thirty years, from 1890 to 1921, 2.5 million Jews arrived in the United States, fleeing discrimination and violence in their homelands of Eastern Europe. Moving from the shtetls of Russia and the ports of Hamburg to the mansions of New York's Upper East Side and the notorious Triangle Shirtwaist Factory, "The Last Ships from Hamburg" is a history that unfolds on both

