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ALAMOSA— Save \$10 this weekend at Society Hall by attending both the Friday night concert with Joe Craven and David Thom and the Saturday John Denver Christmas show with Chris Collins. Call or text Ruthie Brown at 719-580-7838. For more information on the shows, go to societyhall.org.

SLV Community Band performing Dec. 2

MONTE VISTA — The SLV Community Band, under the direction of Dr. Kerry Hart, will perform at the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce Holiday Bazaar at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Ski-Hi Complex.

Holiday events at Conejos County Library

LAJARA — A holiday Bake Sale/Yard Sale and Craft Workshop are planned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 9, at the Conejos County Library Maria De Herrera Branch in La Jara, 17703 Highway 285.

People can create greeting cards at the workshop led by

For more information, call the library at 719-274-5858.

Holiday Art Fair set for Dec. 9

SAN LUIS — A Holiday Art Fair is set for Dec. 9 in San Luis. Local artisans from the surrounding area offer paintings on various media, painted items like T-shirts, hats, items like dreamcatchers and other unique art. The Art Fair goes from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 9, at the Sangre de Christo Cultural Heritage Center Theater. There will also be food, and live music.

Santa coming to Antonito on **Dec. 10**

ANTONITO — Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will be stopping at 1 p.m. on Dec. 10 at the Antonito Water Park in Antonito to bring toys, candy and a special gift.

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Alamosa State Bank donates building for new DA's office she had thought was pos-

DA Kelly, 'We're ecstatic and humbled'

> By PRISCILLA WAGGONER Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — After repeatedly making the case for a space large enough to accommodate the 21 people who now make up her staff, 12th Judicial District Attorney Anne Kelly is getting her wish, and it is more than even Sometime before the

end of 2024, the DA's office will be moving from its current location on San Juan Avenue to the Alamosa State Bank building, located at 601 Main St. on the corner of Main and State Avenue in downtown Alamosa. That, alone, is welcome news for Kelly. But most extraordinary is that the property is being donated by Alamosa State Bank to ■ See OFFICE page 3



Alamosa State Bank, located at 601 Main St., to serve as new, permanent location for the 12th Judicial District Attorney's Office sometime within the next year.



The Alamosa State University Department of Music and the School of Visual and Performing Arts presented the ASU Music Department Holiday Concert at Richardson Hall on Nov. 29.

ASU Music rings in the holiday season at Richardson Hall

Chamber Brass to perform tonight at Celebration of Lights

> By JOHN WATERS Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — In yet another stellar production from the Music Department at Adams State, the audience gathered at Richardson Hall on Wednesday evening was serenaded by the talented musicians at the university

At the beginning of the concert, Director Beth Robison handed off the conductor position to Madelynn Siegrist, a student who conducted the first piece of the evening, "Mary Sat A-Rockin," by Ruth Morris Gray. The work was a great start to the concert and is described by Choristers Guild as a "Vibrant up-tempo a cappella Christmas choral set in the style of a traditional spiritual." The Chamber Choir with Randy Macy on piano continued with a performance of "Happy Xmas

Chamber Winds and (War is Over)" by John Lennon and Yoko Ono. The set finished with "Brightest and Best," a traditional Southern Harmony

> The Jazz and Percussion Ensembles under the direction of Prof. Melinda A. Leoce, performed, "I'll Be Home for Christmas" with vocals by Madelynn Siegrist. The audience was then invited to partici-

pate in a sing-along of the Christmas favorites "Deck the Halls" and "Let it Snow! Let it Snow!, Let it Snow!" William Lipke was

The university's vocal jazz ensemble, 68 West, directed by Robison had a robust interpretation of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," composed by Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane.

The remainder of the concert was led by James Lind and included a splendid rendition of the 1916 composition, "Carol of the Bells," by Mykola Leontovich. In a personable interaction with the audience, Lind explained the popular holiday tune is a traditional Ukrainian tune to celebrate plentiful harvests. The song's original name is "Schedryj," a Ukranian word that trans-

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High-speed chase covers three counties

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER Courier Reporter

BLANCA — A routine stop of a driver exceeding the speed limit by 36 mph

through Blanca in Costilla County on Tuesday afternoon led to a high-speed chase that crossed into two counties and ended in Saguache with the driver surrendering without incident.

According to Blan-

ca Chief of Police Israel Lopez-Molinar Rick Rodriguez, who initiated the traffic stop, on Nov. 28, Israel Lopez-Molinar, 34, was going 86 mph in a 50-mph zone. When Rodriguez attempted to pull him over, Lopez-Molinar failed to yield and headed

Rodriguez pursued Lopez-Molinar into Alamosa County where deputies with the Alamosa County Sheriff's Office deployed stop sticks. Lopez-Molinar then headed north into Saguache County where the Center Police Department and the Saguache County Sheriff's Office

west on Highway 160, driving erratically

and reaching speeds of 100 mph.

(SCSO) also deployed stop sticks. As Rodriguez describes it, the deployment by three law enforcement agencies was effective as all four tires of the vehicle Lopez-Molinar was driving were deflated. Nonetheless, he was driving at approximately 60 mph on just the rims of the wheels when the Saguache County Sheriff's Office got into position to use

their car to stop the vehicle. Upon seeing what SCSO was doing, Lopez-Molinar came to a stop on Highway 17 near County Road D where he was arrested without incident at 3:20

p.m. Chief Rodriguez told the Valley Courier that Lopez-Molinar had four active warrants for his arrest out of Mesa County, including warrants for failure to appear

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Howlin' Dog Music Group hosts a 'livestream-athon'

'A concert to help us fund the music we love, old and new'

STAFF REPORT ALAMOSA — At 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3,

music lovers from all over Pochop, Chris Arellano, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas and beyond will Richmond will present have an opportunity to an online concert — live something that

just doesn't happen often as well-known and well-loved musicians will be bringing their music straight into homes, workspaces, back porches or wherever it is that fans enjoy their music. Compliments of the

Howlin' Dog Music Group (HDMG), Eliza Gilkyson, Gibson, David Clemmer, and Don ■ See MUSIC page 3





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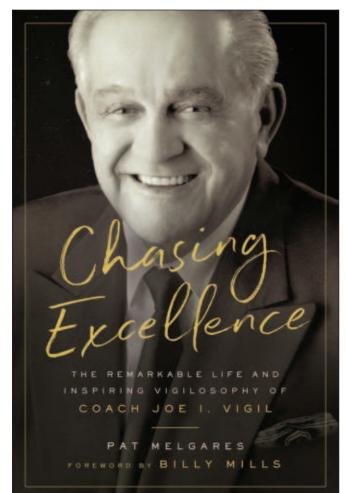
By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

ALAMOSA — Just in time for the holiday season, Soulstice Publishing reprinted the award-winning "Chasing Excellence: The Remarkable Life and Inspiring Vigilosophy of Coach Joe I. Vigil," by Adams State University Alumnus Pat Melgares, Class of 1989.

"Chasing Excellence" brought home the gold in the International Latino Book Awards in the sports category. It also won a national competition for books published independently in 2020, winning the biography category in the Independent Book Publishers Association's annual contest. "Chasing Excellence" was also a finalist in the Colorado Book Awards in the biography category.

Melgares shares Vigil's tale through his own words and those of more than 50 family members, friends, former runners, and foes who have been shaped by his presence over a lifetime.

https://soulsticepublishing.com/product/



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A portion of the book's and wherever books are proceeds will go to the sold, including Amazon, Joe I. Vigil Scholarship cal independent book- and track and field athletes at Adams State.

Range Beef Cow Symposium brings educational opportunities to Colorado

Biennial event set for Dec. 13-14 in Loveland

By LARRY BROWN **CSU Extension**

COLLINS, Colo. - The Colorado State University Department of Animal Sciences is hosting the 28th Range Beef Cow Symposium, Dec. 13-14, at The Ranch in Loveland. The biennial symposium, sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service and Animal Departments of Colorado State University, South Dakota State University, University of Nebraska and University of Wyoming, offers an exclusive program of practical promanagement information specific to the region's cattle producers.

This year's program will highlight a variety of industry speakers delivering valuable, cutting-edge information on beef cattle management strategies ranging from consumer drivers

er calf marketing. Additionally, sessions will incorporate up-to-date information and data from nationally and internationally known speakers, including several producer panels focusing on hot topic issues and opportunities in the beef cattle indus-

An always-popular feature of the Range Beef Cow Symposium is the evening "Bull Pen" sessions. Speakers will be present for questions and discussion of their topics, offering attendees an opportunity to acquire more in-depth and applied knowledge from presentations earlier in the program.

The symposium also boasts a top-notch trade show showcasing a variety of commercial displays from more than 50 allied industry vendors. Individuals and businesses interested in participating in the of sustainability to feed- trade show are encour-

Leadership tour-camp opportunities

aged to register online at https://blueprintmedia.regfox.com/rangebeef-cow-symposiumxxviii-trade-show.

pre-symposium Beef Quality Assurance training will also be provided on Tuesday, Dec.

Cattle producers across the Great Plains are encouraged to join the Colorado State University Department of Animal Sciences in Loveland to take advantage of the educational profit-building and seminars at this year's Range Beef Cow Symposium. Online registration is available at https://blueprintmedia. regfox.com/range-beefcow-symposium-xxviii.

For a full schedule of events, speakers and additional tion, visit www.rangebeefcowsymposium. com or contact Rvan D. Rhoades at 970-217-0239 or ryan.rhoades@

D to the rescue





Courtesy photos

On Nov. 27, at approximately 6 p.m., South Fork Fire Rescue was paged to the area of Drew Circle, where a deer had fallen through the ice. A Colorado Parks and Wildlife officer was on scene upon arrival of the SFFR ice rescue crew. The crew utilized a rope to assist the deer out of the Rio Grande river. The deer did not appear to have any injuries and was released.

OBITUARY

Martin Mose Lucero

Martin Mose Lucero was born Oct. 22, 1938, in Alamosa, Colo., to Timitia and Anita Lucero.

Martin married the love of his life Florence Valdez in 1992. Martin and Florence moved to Alamosa in 1996 and worked side by side as owners of Absolute Bonding from 2000 to 2020. Martin went to be with God on Nov. 20, 2023.

Martin was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Lucille Ortega, Mary Arellano, Cordelia Tate and his brother Tommy Lucero, as well as his sons Jesse Lucero and Timothy Lucero.

Martin is survived by



his son Branden Lucero, his daughters Angie Hamil, Valorie Aguiniga (Rey), Yolanda Smith, Michelle Lucero, Crystal Lucero Alvarado, Sherry Lucero (Julio), 26 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and three greatgreat-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters Linda Avila (Ted) and Judy Lucero, as well as his brothers Ike Lucero (Josie), Michael Stefano (Angela), James Lucero (Elaine), and Manuel

Lucero (Lupe). There will be a viewing at Romero Funeral Home on Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, from 4-7 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023, at 5 p.m. at River of Life

To leave online condolences. please visit romerofuneralhomes. com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

for high school students By SAN LUIS VALLEY REC SAN LUIS VALLEY – Every year San Luis applications is Jan. 9, Valley REC sponsors the 2024. More details can be handwritten; we will

Washington D.C. Youth Tour and Cooperative Leadership Camp for high school juniors and seniors. Students' parents must be active SLV REC members (get their electricity from San Luis Valley REC).

One student receives the "trip of a lifetime," an Washington, D.C. from lected trip, June 17-24, 2024. They dents from towns in rural America to spend a week in the nation's Capital as

Cooperative Youth Tour. will be chosen to attend Education Institute's Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp (CYLC) in Clark, Colo., just outside of Steamboat Springs, from July 13-18, 2024. There they will join approximately 90 students from Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Wyoming to improve upon their leadership skills, set up and operate a coopera- ing questions: tive, participate in legislative forums and enjoy some classic Colorado activities like rafting and touring the Trapper Mine.

includes

a 500-word essay or a three-minute video. The to gain from this experideadline for submitting ence? com (Community tab). Call or email Jennifer Alonzo at 719-852-6660 jalonzo@slvrec.com with questions.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE: Eligible applicants must be:

1. High school students that are at least 16 years all-expense paid trip to of age on or before the se-

will join more than 1,800 ents or guardians that CO 81144). other high school stu- are members of SLV REC.

You must currently still be attending high part of the 2024 Electric school at the time of application. If you will have overall One additional student graduated during the grammar. summer of 2023, you are the Colorado Electric still eligible to attend the tour or camp.

Complete the 2024 Youth Tour OR Leadership Camp Application (online at slvrec. com (under Community tab, Youth Tour/Youth Camp))

Submit an essay (minimum length of 500 words) or a three-minute video covering the follow-

· Why do you want to attend the Washington D.C. Youth Tour or Youth Leadership Camp?

· What are some of your hobbies, extracur-To be the winner of ricular activities, volthe Youth Tour or the unteer experiences or Youth Leadership Camp, academic achievements the application process that you would like us to submitting know about?

· What do you hope

Essays do not need to be found online at slvrec. accept word documents or pdfs as well.

Send us your completed application and essay/ video by Jan. 9, 2024, either by email submission (ialonzo@slvrec.com) or by dropping it off at our office, 3625 Hwy 160 W, Monte Vista. Mailed in applications will be accepted with a postmark date by Jan. 2, 2024 (P.O. 2. Dependents of par- Box 3625, Monte Vista,

> Winners will be contacted by Jan. 17, 2024. Applicants will be judged on if the required questions were answered. content



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Valley News

Armando Valdez named sole finalist for CSU Pueblo presidency

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DENVER — The Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System on Thursday named Armando Valdez as the sole finalist for the CSU Pueblo presidency. A longtime academic and emeritus professor at Adams State University, Valdez is currently the state director for USDA-Rural Development in Colorado and operates Valdez Land & Livestock, LLC, his family farm and ranch operation near Capulin, Colo. Valdez will finish out the

2.5 years remaining on the term of outgoing President Timothy Mottet, who announced his intention earlier this year to resign on Dec. 31, 2023. At the end of that current term, the Board and Valdez will as-

sess how and whether to leadership on the Board, move forward. This designation comes after a national search in which the Board of Governors. Board ultimately was unable to move forward with a finalist. When it became clear that the search process was not going to yield a candidate in whom the Board had full confidence, Valdez – who has served as the chair of the Board of Governors since June and a member since 2018 - formally resigned his seat on the Board to interview for the position.

In its decision, the Board for CSU Pueblo and its mission, and strong knowledge of the challenges and opportunities facing the University gained through his CSU Pueblo president."

said John Fischer, the new chair of the CSU System

"Anyone who knows Ar-

mando knows how passionate he is about the transformative potential of higher education – especially for First Generation and Hispanic students," Fischer said. "Anyone who knows him knows how committed he is to the success of Southern Colorado and CSU Pueblo. And so anyone who knows him would likely not be surprised to hear that during these recited Valdez's deep roots in flections, Armando reached Southern Colorado, passion the decision to resign from the Board of Governors so that he could be interviewed and considered by the Board for the role of

a national search in August, with the 14-member Search Advisory Committee bringing forward three candidates, all of whom were interviewed by the Board. When the search did not identify a viable candidate, Valdez elected to resign from the Board to be considered for the role. Following his resignation from the Board, the Board interviewed Mr. Valdez in a manner identical to the interviews of the initial slate of candidates.

"In Armando, we have a solid leader who knows this campus and community really well and is 100 percent invested in the future of Southern Colorado," CSU System Chancellor Tony Frank said. "Above all, we

The Board embarked on heard from the Pueblo campus that they don't want to lose momentum or continuity during the presidential transition, and Armando will be able to step in on Day 1 with the knowledge and experience to keep the campus on track and moving forward." In accordance with Colo-

rado law, there is a mandatory 14-day notice and waiting period following the announcement of a finalist before the Board of Governors can enter into an employment agreement. In mid-December, the Board of Governors will meet to consider the formal appointment of Valdez as the President of CSU Pueblo.

Valdez is an emeritus professor of business at Adams State University, where he served for 15 years as an assistant professor of management in the School of Business. There, he created and served as the director of the Health Care Administration program and was integral in development of the agribusiness program. Valdez also previously served as a dean, department chair, program director, and faculty member at Front Range Community College.

During his long tenure at Adams State, he received the Presidential Teacher Award in 2010; the Student Engagement in Teaching Award in 2008 and 2015; and the Excellence in Ad-

visement Award in 2013. He is a two-time graduate of Colorado State University in Fort Collins, with a bachelor's in Business Administration and an MBA. He completed the coursework for a Doctorate of Philosophy in Education and Human Resource Studies at CSU Fort Collins but has not yet com-

pleted his dissertation. In addition to his role as USDA Rural Development director for Colorado and running his family farm, of the Conejos County Land continued positive impact Use Planning Commission, we can make in southern chair of the Conejos Coun-



Armando Valdez

ty Board of Adjustments. chair of the St. Joseph Parish Finance Committee, Board president for Guadalupe Parish Credit Union, a member of the 12th Judicial District nominating commission, and member of the Noxious Weed District for Conejos

A native of the San Luis Valley, Valdez is a 16thgeneration American who can trace his roots back to northern New Mexico in the early 1600s. His family first arrived in southern Conejos County in the

Valdez was appointed to the Board of Governors of the CSU System in 2018 by Governor Jared Polis and served as vice chair before becoming Board chair in June.

Valdez responded to the designation: "I am tremendously excited about this unique opportunity. During my time on the Board of Governors, I have always admired the hard work, dedication, and commitment of the faculty, staff, and administrators of CSU Pueblo. Now, I get the opportunity to serve students and the community as part of their team. I have a deep appreciation for the culture and community influences that support the economic and lifestyle base of Pueblo, the upper-Arkansas Valley, the lower-Arkansas Valley, and the San Luis Valley. I am grateful to the Board of Governors of the CSU System for their confidence in my abilities to serve in this Valdez has been a member role. I look forward to the

Concert

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performing Before "Stille Nacht (Silent Night)," Lind told the story of the origin of the song in Austria where Joseph Mohr collaborated with Franz Gruber and first sang it together in 1818. The work had its first performance in the United States in 1839, when the Rainier family singers delighted the audience at Trinity Church on Wall Street in New York. The ASU rendition was a version as recorded by Mannheim Steamroller, an American neoclassical new music ensem-

"Silent Night" was been

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- from the Howlin' Dog

Record studio in Alamo-

sa, punctuated with pre-

recorded videos from local

favorites such as Michael

Hearne, Bill Hearne, Lib-

The concert will stream

on the Howlin' Dog Music

Group Facebook page and

"livestream-athon" is to

both commemorate the

launch of HDMG and also

to invite contributions

from the public to further

At the beginning of Oc-

tober, the Valley Courier

reported on a new non-

profit organization in

Alamosa that was doing

something that simply

In an evolution of How-

lin' Dog Records, a record

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hasn't been done before.

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HDMG's mission.

by Koch and the Rifters.

Music



Courier photo by John Waters

James M. Lind, Director of the ASU Winds and Percussion ensemble at the ASU Music **Department Holiday Concert.**

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translated into 300 lan- Celebration of Lights guages and is now recog-festivities at City Hall nized as a UNESCO item in Alamosa, the Adams of Intangible Cultural State Winds and Chamber Brass will perform Tonight, as part of the holiday music from 5:30-6

On Dec. 5, at 7 p.m., Brooke Miller will perform a Clarinet Recital in Leon Memorial Hall on campus.

the label has stepped onto ey made from streaming doesn't contribute much of anything toward making a living for artists in our regional sphere. We feel compelled to try and do something about that."

Recognizing these challenges faced by so many musicians, the founders to the music, Howlin' Dog of HDMG came together Music Group is poised to with a shared vision: to become a transformative invest in the music they force for positive change love and the livelihood of the people who create it. With unwavering determination and a heart full of hope, they launched this nonprofit organizaeffort to do something to tion to address these critical issues affecting the

music industry today. The non-profit has built a growing base of "pathe music business that trons" who support the mission, which is an exficult (and borderline impossible) to continue to cellent first step. But it's

put music out for the pub- just a first step. In their typically "With the disappear- humble yet determined ance of physical media." fashion, the founders of he says, "there's very HDMG are picking up little reason for artists to the tradition of troubamake the investment to dours from former days release recorded music. by passing the hat (albeit Unfortunately, the mon-virtually), hoping those

who are touched by music they've heard and are committed to great music yet to be made will do their part in supporting artists and keeping that original, regional music flowing.

Howlin' Dog Music Group operates with the belief that a better world and more music is possible when individuals and organizations come together to support the troubadours who inspire us all.

We invite partners, audiences, and supporters to join us in our mission to create a brighter and more equitable future for all," says founding mem-

ber Teri McCartney. "We are excited to host this fabulous online concert, and invite everyone to join us in supporting the treasure of regional music and the artists that create it," Richmond adds. "Together, we can help to make sure the gifts these artists offer to us all are able to continue on into the future."

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on felony menacing, domestic violence, failure charge, and burglary. The vehicle Lopez-Molinar was driving was also reported stolen out of Garfield County.

Lopez-Molinar was County Jail on suspicion of felony eluding, less speeding, passing

right when not safe, and second-degree motor vehicle theft as well as the four active arrest war-

rants. He is currently beto appear on a narcotics ing held in the Costilla County Jail on a \$2,500

cash bond.

Chief Rodriguez expressed his gratitude to the Alamosa County Sheriff's Office, Alamosa booked into the Costilla Police Department, Center Police Department, Costilla County Sherreckless driving, reck- iff's Office, the Saguache endangerment, County Sheriff's Office, driving under restraint, and CSP dispatch for on their assistance.

Americana" releases and artists from Colorado, New Mexico and Texas,

Office

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Alamosa County. When asked to confirm, Alamosa State Bank President Chas Moeller wrote, "It will be a full donation. The ownership will be going to Alamosa County."

Russell Achatz, CEO of Alamosa State Bank, issued the following statement. "The Alamosa State Bank

and its Board of Directors are proud to donate our branch building at 601 Main St. to Alamosa County for the DA's office and its multiple functions.

"We believe this is a win-win for the community, downtown, and the DA's office. We have a top-notch DA, and for her to recruit top-notch employees and attorneys, their own building with much, much more space and safe environment is crucial for their success.

"With a fully staffed DA's office, it can only help in keeping the community safer, which

all those employees working in the area is only a positive. It will be exciting to see a building that was our home for 70plus years get a new life and updated and to serve such a great purpose for the community."

Since being elected to office, Kelly has recruited enough attorneys to be considered fully staffed, which includes seven full-time prosecutors, including herself, and one attorney who works remotely half-time monitoring situations that do not require his or her presence in person.

Now that she will have ample room to accommodate a staff of 21 people, each member of her team — including the prosecutors, two investigators and administrative staff — will have their own office, allowing them to have confidential conversations while being confident that people without a need to know

was important for us. It is also is ecstatic and humbled by the Bank but, Kelly says, they will

great for downtown, keeping efforts of Alamosa County and be moving out. Alamosa State Bank in finding us an appropriate office space," Kelly says. "We will be able to do so much more for this community when we have the space to do it.

excited about with the new space," Kelly continues, "is our public discussions, community forums and training for law enforcement.

"Also, what we don't have right now but will have in the new building is a comfortable, confidential, safe and private place for victims and their family members to meet with people from the DA's office without having to walk through all the other offices to get there. That's a big need in the community that will be met with a smaller conference room.'

Colorado Legal Services, a pro bono provider of legal sercan't overhear what is being vices to people in the Valley, is currently occupying some "The district attorney's office of the space in Alamosa State

"They provide a very valuable service," Kelly says, "and, fortunately, they're going to stay in the Valley. I think they needed a different space, too."

"We are very grateful to "One of the things we're most Scott and Angie Graber [owners of the San Juan building for working with the DA's ofability to have a conference fice for over 20 years and the room that will accommodate relationship that grew out of that," says Megan Bagwell, the DA's Director of Administration. "The main priority — not the only priority but the main priority — in moving is that we need to have a space that can fit the growth that the DA's office is experiencing."

Bagwell says they're hoping to close on the new property within a month and move in sometime within the next year once needed renovations are made. But, in the event that the building they're currently occupying is sold before they can move into the new space, Bagwell says they are working on a lease agreement with their

current landlords.

office, we're resilient and we can make things work as long as we have to until we move into our new space," Bagwell

"We are the recipient of this amazing work and haven't been involved in the intricacies of what was negotiated," Kelly says. "But I want to express my deepest gratitude to Alamosa State Bank who has been amazingly generous and a really strong supporter of our office and, in service to the community, have provided us with this opportunity. "I especially want to thank

Russell Achatz, Alamosa State Bank's CEO, Chas Moeller, the president of the bank, Roni Wisdom with Alamosa County, and Commissioner Lori Laske. "This is going to be a game-

changer," Kelly says. "The entire office is so grateful for the work of Alamosa County and Alamosa State Bank.'

Kelly anticipates that the next meeting of the Alamosa County Commissioners will provide more details about fu-"If we're anything in the DA's ture plans.

Hiding in plain sight

Trout

Republic

by Kevin Kirkpatrick

All my life I have heard the phrase "hiding in plain sight" and the older I get the more that seems true as I can be looking at something right in front of me and not see it. That is usually when I have to do one of two things.

One is to ask Miss Trixie if she has seen

my keys or phone or whatever it is that I have misplaced. The other – probably better choice – is I pray and ask God to show me. Both seem to work although the latter is more foolproof and does not elicit a bunch of back talk such as "well, where did you put it." Thankfully God is not like that and simply aids me when I need help.

The phrase is based on something that can be so obvious that it blends into the background to the point of almost disappearing from sight. All of us have had that happen at one time or another as we can look right at what we are searching for and seemingly not see

The one thing that has happened all over the U.S. that bolsters the effect of not seeing things is the advent of the use of camouflage in every aspect of our lives. You don't have to look far to find it used in everything from cups to clothes to seat covers to ATV's and yes, even entire pickups covered in a varying array of lush leafy luster.

At first it was just men who wore camo



and could be seen periodically at a store or gas station upon return from a hunting foray. But suddenly it seems that everyone from men to women and kids and even baby clothes are decorated in preparation for hiding out somewhere.

Just this last week I saw more women than men with the green patterns adorning their curvaceous bodies. It dawned on me that maybe they are onto something as it did seem to reduce the amount of noticeable skin square footage on their frames. And with the addition of pink camouflage, they can still be feminine and blend into the background at the same time.

You may think that since I am in Texas that is the reason, I am seeing so many camo'd out women, but I see them wherever I go and at functions you would not believe.

Soccer moms have discarded the tight spandex pants for cargo britches in varying patterns of hide out material. Their tight tops have been replaced by floppy things and that's not just the shirts. Coolers and chairs in camo with Buckees logos on them have replaced the yearning for Yeti that was so popular just a few short years ago.

I even saw an entire family with some sort of camo on at church and while that might seem a tad sacrilegious to some, it may be a good idea to be able to hide out when they pass the plate for donation. I don't know.

But regardless of people's reasons for donning the colors, it's been a Godsend for Ol' Dutch as I have been wearing camo since before it was popular, and Miss Trixie was getting darned tired of it I must say.

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But they are comfortable and have some elastic in the waistband so Ol' Dutch was wearing them even before the masses took my hint and followed my stylish lifestyle. Now if they will only wear a plaid shirt with said camo pants then Ol' Dutch will finally be in style and maybe shut up Miss Trixie's constant yammering on and on about my clashing shirt choices.

That being said, I hope you all get some kind of camo for Christmas so that you too can be less obvious in a world that is looking for you.

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Team Biden's double-quarter-pounder 'misinformation' campaign

By BYRON YORK

On Sept. 20, Politico published an article headlined, "Biden campaign set to counterpunch on misinformation." The story reported that President Joe Biden's 2024 reelection campaign is "overhauling" its strategy to fight "misinformation" on social media. The new effort includes "recruiting hundreds of staffers and volunteers to monitor platforms." To supervise the work, the campaign hired a former Biden White House staffer named Rob Flaherty, who was described as a "bulldog" and a "controversial figure" whose "combative emails to social media firms have become part of a Republican-led federal court case and a congressional investigation."

That's important. The federal court ase is Missouri v. Biden, a landmark COVID-era case involving government censorship of social media. Discovery in the case brought revelations that the Biden White House and other Biden administration officials, working with outside activist groups, "held biweekly meetings with tech companies over how to curb the spread of misinformation during the pandemic," with Flaherty "in constant contact with social media executives," in the words of the Wall Street Journal editorial page.

The White House claimed it was just "flagging problematic posts ... that spread disinformation." But the Journal continued: "Officials weren't merely flagging false statements. They were bullying companies to censor anything contradicting government guidance." Flaherty demanded that social media companies ban alleged offenders from big platforms like Facebook. After the companies' initial hesitance, Flaherty and his adminis-

tration colleagues got their way. "All 12 people dubbed the 'Disinformation Dozen' by the Center for Countering Digital Hate were censored, and pages, groups, and accounts linked to them were removed," the Journal said.

An important fact to remember is that Flaherty and his colleagues weren't just targeting misinformation. Many of the postings they sought to ban were "scientifically debatable," in the Journal's words. What Flaherty and the Biden team really wanted to do was ban speech that was contrary to or inconvenient for Biden administration policy.

And now Flaherty has a new role at the Biden 2024 campaign. He moves into the job as his former colleagues at tonic: alleged misinformation about inflation. They believe it is rampant the misinformation, that is — and they want to stamp it out.

You might think you are paying crazy high prices at the grocery store, at restaurants and at the gas pump. You might also think you can't afford to buy a house because of rising prices and high mortgage interest rates. You might think it's also expensive not to buy a house, with rents going up and up. And you might have spent a lot, if not all, of your savings and have higher credit

card balances than you used to. From your personal experience, you might conclude that the economy is not doing well. What Flaherty at the Biden campaign and the misinformation team at the White House want you to believe is that the economy, the Biden economy, is actually doing quite well. You've got it wrong.

One of the first vehicles for this cam-

paign is, of all things, a McDonald's Smoky BLT Double Quarter Pounder with Cheese. This is what happened: In December of last year, a man ordered the sandwich, which was available only for a limited time, along with large fries and a large Sprite, at a McDonald's in Post Falls, Idaho. The cost was \$15.19, which, along with 91 cents tax, made a final bill of \$16.10. The man, Topher Olive, was unhappy and made a TikTok video to complain. "So I get there's a labor shortage," Olive said on the brief video. "I get there's wage increases and a number of other things. But \$16? \$16 for a burger, a large fry and a drink? It's just crazy.'

The video went viral. It became the the White House have turned to a new source of stories in some conservative media outlets. "These stories soon reached the White House office of Digital Strategy, which tracked the meme as one of many exaggerated examples of the nation's economic woes," wrote the controversial and oft-corrected Washington Post reporter Taylor Lorenz. "In reality, inflation has been steadily subsiding." (Actually, in reality, it is more accurate to say that inflation "steadily subsiding" means that prices are still rising but at a slower rate than earlier.)

The White House and Biden campaign want to push back against complaints like Olive's. It's important to note that the White House did not accuse Olive of misrepresenting the price of his meal. Olive included the receipt in the video, and he really did pay \$16.10 for his Smoky BLT Double Quarter Pounder with Cheese, plus fries and drink. But the Biden team worried about other Americans learning about the highpriced dinner -- as if Americans some-

how didn't already know things are terribly expensive. Now, Lorenz reports, the Biden White House is "working with social media platforms to counter misinformation.

Does that sound familiar? It's precisely how the White House described the work of Flaherty and his colleagues that resulted in Missouri v. Biden. During that time, as Politico reported, evidence showed that Flaherty "harangued employees at Facebook and YouTube when he was at the White House, insisting the companies do more to combat rhetoric against the COVID-19 vaccine. His aggressively worded messages have made him the target of conservative allegations that the White House and other Biden officials wrongly pressured private companies to take down internet

speech.' And remember, behavior like that came after the Biden 2020 campaign's successful effort, again working with social media companies, to suppress the Hunter Biden laptop story. Pressuring social media companies is something the group around the president has done very effectively. So now, Team Biden is taking on "misinformation" about inflation. But here's a problem for the White House: Americans have experienced Biden-era inflation in their own lives. They know what it has done to their finances. They don't feel positively about an economy that has made it difficult for them just to get by. And no Biden effort to suppress discussion or attack "misinformation" will change what those

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Americans already know to be true.

LETTER

Cannot believe people do not know what 'Stop' means

the car accident on Highway 285 and means "Stop." County Road 7 which caused a fatality.

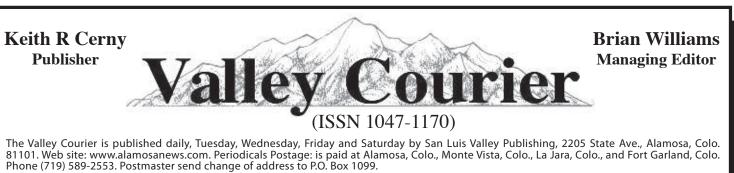
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Mitzi Hunter Young died in a crash

We cannot believe people do not know on County Road 4N on Aug. 20, 2018, when a driver failed to stop. Mitzi was a daughter, mother and grandmother. drew and Brenna Studer, and Alex Car-This has changed all of our lives forever. roll

So, to all drivers please "Stop." Ed and Tootsie Powszukiewicz, An-

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Winter Sports Preview

Alamosa High School Winter Sports Schedules

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At Class 3A State Tournament (at Denver) Boys Basketball
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At University Invitational

GUNNISON (ASU CLASSIC)

LA JUNTA (ASU CLASSIC)

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At University Invitational
SUMMIT (ASU CLASSIC)
LA JUNTA (ASU CLASSIC)
SANFORD Time Dec. 1 7:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 7 p.m. Boys Wrestling
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At Rocky Ford Invitational Dec. 1 Dec. 2 Dec. 7-9 Dec. 7 Dec. 8-9 Dec. 15-16 Time At Delta At Ignacio* MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ* At Gunnison
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San Luis Valley Winter Sports Schedules Date Boys and Girls Basketball Opponent Nov. 30-Dec. 2 At Sangre de Cristo Shootout

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At Creede At Lake City PRIMERO SANGRE DE CRISTO HANOVER Feb. 8 4:30 p.m. Feb. 10 Feb. 16 Feb. 17 CENTAURI FALCONS Boys Basketball Time TBA Date Nov. 30-Dec. 2MOUNTAIN TOP INVITATIONAL At Sanford 7 p.m. TBA At ASU Classic (at Alamosa) LAMAR Dec. 15-16 Dec. 19 7:30 p.m. Jan. 5 At Delta 7 p.m. At Pagosa Springs* BAYFIELD* Jan. 12 Jan. 13 4 p.m. MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ*
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At Pueblo East Invitational
At Northern Colorado Invitational
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At Pagosa Springs Invitational
At Monte Vista
At Florence Invitational
ALAMOSA*
BUENA VISTA, PAGOSA SPRINGS
At Valley Classic (at Center)
At Class 3A Regional Jan. 11 6 p.m. TBA Jan. 12-13 Jan. 18 Jan. 20 Jan. 26-27 Feb. 9-10 At Class 3A State Tournament+ Feb. 15-17 +At Denver CENTENNIAL RAMS Boys and girls basketball

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 Nov. 30-Dec. 2
 At Sangre de Cristo Shootout

 Dec. 7
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 Dec. 15-16
 VIKING INVITATIONAL

 Jan. 4
 ROCKY FORD

 Jan. 12
 At Peyton

 Jan. 13
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 Jan. 19
 TRINIDAD*
 Time Opponent At Salida 4:30 p.m. TBA 4 p.m. TBA 2 p.m. 4 p.m. noon

4:30 p.m. San Luis Valley Federal Bank

Feb. 16 Feb. 17 Southern Peaks League games 5 p.m. 5 p.m. Date 4 p.m.

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At Del Norte, w/Sargent
At Fowler Invitational
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At Custer County Invitational
At Salida duals
At North Park Invitational
VALLEY CLASSIC
At Class 2A Regional Tournament
At Class 2A State Tournament+ Jan. 13 Jan. 20 Jan. 26-27 Feb. 9-10 Feb. 15-17

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Boys and Girls Basketball
Opponent
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At Buena Vista
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At John Mall Invitational
At Pagosa Springs Invitational
At Custer County Invitational
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At Class 3A State Tournament+ 10 a.m. Jan. 6 Jan. 13 Jan. 20 9 a.m. TBA Jan. 26-27 Feb. 15-17 +At Denver Date

MOFFAT COWBOYS
Boys and Girls Basketball
Opponent
At Cotopaxi Invitational
At South Park Invitational Dec. 1-2 TBA Dec. 8-9 Dec. 16 Jan. 5 At Primero Invitational Creede (at Saguache) At Weldon Valley 9:30 a.m. 5 p.m. 1 p.m. 5 p.m. 2 p.m. 6 p.m. 5 p.m. Jan. 6 Jan. 12 Jan. 13 At Antonito At Lake City Jan. 19 Jan. 20 At Sangre de Cristo ANTONITO Jan. 26 Centennial (at Saguache) p.m. Jan. 27 At Creede 5 p.m. Feb. 2 Feb. 9 SIERRA GRANDE LAKE CITY 5 p.m. 4 p.m. PRIMERO 2 p.m. 5 p.m. At Centennial

MONTE VISTA PIRATES
Boys Basketball Opponent At Rye Invitational Nov. 30-Dec. 2 Dec. 14-16 Dec. 19 Jan. 6

At Florence Invitational At Bayfield IGNACIO CRESTED BUTTE*

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At Del Norte Feb. 9 Feb. 13 Feb. 15 Feb. 17 At South Park At Pagosa Springs SARGENT* TRINIDAD* *Southern Peaks League games

Girls Basketball Opponent
At Rye Invitational
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At Fowler Invitational
At Vista Ridge Invitational
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Jan. 25 At Alamosa
Jan. 26-27 At Valley Classic (at Center)
Feb. 3 At Sierra Grande Invitational
Feb. 9-10 CLASS 2A REGIONAL TOURNAMENT
At Class 2A State Tournament+ + At Denver

Girls Wrestling
Opponent
At Rob Mickel Invitational (at Salida)
At Gunnison Invitational
At Vista Ridge Invitational
At Grand Junction Central Inv.
At John Mall Invitational
At Regiseal Towns west Date Dec. 9 Jan. 6 Jan. 13 Jan. 19-20 Feb. 2 Feb. 9-10 Feb. 15-17 At Regional Tournament At State Tournament (at Denver) MOUNTAIN VALLEY WOLVES
Boys Wrestling
Opponent
At Rob Mickel Invitational (Salida)
At John Mall Invitational

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At Custer County Invitational
At Gene Gagliardi Inv. (at Trinidad)
At Valley Classic (at Center)
At Sierra Grande Invitational
At Class 2A Regional Tournament
At Class 2A State Tournament+ Jan. 6 Jan. 12 Jan. 13 Jan. 20 Feb. 9-10 Feb. 15-17

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Boys and Girls Basketball Opponent SALIDA Date Dec. 1 Dec. 8 Dec. 12 At Ignacio CENTAURI At Denver Christian Invitational PAGOSA SPRINGS Dec. 21-23 Jan. 4 Jan. 5 At Alamosa At Alamosa
At Escalante (N.M.)
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MONTE VISTA*
At Custer County
SOUTH PARK Jan. 12 Jan. 13 Jan. 20 Jan. 27 CRESTED BUTTE* At Trinidad* At Sargent* COTOPAXI Feb. 10 Feb. 16 Feb. 17 At Center* DEL NORTE*

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Dec. 9
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 $\underline{\text{Girls Wrestling}}$ Girls Wrestling
Event
At Pueblo Central Invitational
At Gunnison 4::
At Reno Tournament of Champions
At Peoria (Ariz.) Invitational
At Palmer Ridge
At Vista Ridge Invitational
At Brighton Invitational
At Brighton Invitational
At Tri-Peaks League Tourney (at La Junta)
At Class 3A Regional Tournament (at Lamar)
At Class 3A State Tournament (at Denver) Time 9 a.m. 4:30 p.m. TBA TBA 6 p.m. 9 a.m 6 p.m.

Feb. 15-17 At Class 3A State Tournament (at Denver)

LAKE CITY*
CUSTER COUNTY
LA VETA
At Primero 3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5 p.m. MOFFAT* DEL NORTE 4 p.m. 5 p.m. At Swink At Centennial* CREEDE* 5 p.m. 5 p.m. Nucla (at Saguache) At Sierra Grande At Antonito* *Southern Peaks League games SARGENT FARMERS
Boys and Girls Basketball
Opponent
Nov. 30-Dec. 2
At Sangre de Cristo Shootout
Dec. 9
SANGRE DE CRISTO

4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. DOLORES At Creede LA VETA 4:30 p.m. 6 p.m. 1 p.m TRINIDAD* CENTER* 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. At Crested Butte*
At Cotopaxi
At Del Norte*
SANFORD*
At South Park 4 p.m. 6 p.m 1 p.m At Monte Vista* CUSTER COUNTY *South Central League games

Girls Swimming
Opponent
At Pueblo South, Pueblo Centennial
SALIDA
NUMBER Time 5 p.m. 11 a.m. SALIDA
PUEBLO WEST
At Arapahoe Relays
PAGOSA SPRINGS
At Durango Invitational
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Jan. 20
Jan. 23
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SARGENT INVITATIONAL
Feb. 2-3
Feb. 8-10
Home meets are at Plachy Hall pool
+At Pueblo County
*At VMAC, Thornton 5 p.m. 10 a.m. 5 p.m. 11 a.m.

Boys Wrestling
Opponent
At Del Norte, w/Center 6 p.m. At Der Norte, Woenter
At Fowler Invitational
At Pueblo East Invitational
SARGENT HOME MEET
At John Mall Invitational
At La Veta Tri-Meet
At Custer County Invitational
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Time

SIERRA GRANDE PANTHERS
Boys and Girls Basketball
Opponent
At R.L. Ballard Inv. (at Springfield)
TRINIDAD
At Ellicott
At Kim/Branson At Kim/Branson At Center Invitational PRIMERO EVENGEL CHRISTIAN LAKE CITY* 4 p.m. At Cheraw 2 p.m. 2 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5 p.m. 5 p.m. 5 p.m. At John Mall At Creede* ANTONITO* At Moffat* At McClave 2 p.m. SANGRE DE CRISTO* At Centennial* LA VETA 4 p.m. 4 p.m. 4 p.m.

HOPEHNE *Southern Peaks League games Boys Wrestling (co-op with Centennial)
Opponent
At John Mall
At Fowler Invitational
At Rob Mickel Invitational (Salida)
SIERRA GRANDE DUALS
At John Mall Invitational Time 6 p.m 9 a.m. 6 p.m. At John Mall Invitational At Rye Invitational At La Veta Tri-Meet 9 a.m. 9 a.m. TBA At Custer County Invitational At Gene Gagliardi Inv. (at Trinidad) 9 a.m. 9 a.m. TBA At Valley Classic (at Center)
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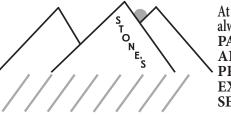
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Alamosa High School's Jeremiah DeLaCerda (left) battles Brush's Eian Blake for position in the 106-pound match in Thursday's dual meet at the AHS gym. DeLaCerda won the match, but the Mean Moose lost to the Beetdiggers 51-23.

Mean Moose wrestlers defeated by top-ranked **Brush**

By KEN HAMRICK Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA - The ninth-ranked Alamosa High School wrestling team had a late addition to its schedule on Thursday. But it was a tough draw as top-ranked Brush came

The Mean Moose looked good in the lower weights as it had an early 23-6 lead. The Beetdiggers, however, dominated the rest of the way and went on to a 51-23 win.

"We're really pretty good in the little weights and they're really good in the big weights," said Alamosa coach Rusty Johnson. "That's the way it's going to be with them, and we're going to be the opposite. We had four or five freshmen wrestle tonight. We're young. We had no seniors tonight. We had three juniors and the rest are freshman and

sophomores. "They're the No. 1 team in the state and we're No. 9 and that's about what we expected," Johnson added. "We got a got a good test to see where we're at and

we'll keep getting better."

Jeremiah DeLaCerda gottheMeanMoosestarted in the right direction as he won by technical fall over Eian Blake. The score was 15-0 and the time was 5:46.

Alamosa won the next two matches by forfeit with Andres Gaspar winning at 113 and Uriah Martinez claiming the victory at

The Beetdiggers scored their first win of the meet at 126 pounds as Dustin Hernandez pinned Elijah Salazar in 2:39.

Anthony Griego won at 132 as he pinned Alizar Acosta in 5:33.

There was no match at

138 pounds. That would be the last

match the Mean Moose would win. Brush took the next two matches by fall as Nick Cardenas pinned

Dyson Woodward in 4:39

at 144 pounds, and Axton

Haswell pinned Caleb



Alamosa's Anthony Griego takes down Brush's Alizar Acosta in the 132-pound match. Griego pinned Acosta in 5:33.

Quintana in 1:42 at 150.

The Beetdiggers took the lead at 157 pounds as Tenner Ludgate won by a 7-0 decision over Jace Morgan.

Brush scored three straight wins by fall. Austin Lay pinned Ryan Cordova in 1:14 at 165, Wiley Eicher pinned A.J. Joshua in 1:46 at 175, and Riley Tuck pinned Max Dokson in 50 seconds at

Colt Curtis won by forfeit at 215, and Samuel Poss pinned Aaron Morgan in 2:40 at 285.

Alamosa (0-1) will next compete at the Rocky Ford Invitational on Saturday. It will be a dual meet tournament.

"I'm sure Canon City will be there," Johnson

said. "They're always good and we'll wrestle them. We'll wrestle Lamar and Rocky Ford. Beyond that we don't know who's coming. It's going to be a tough tournament.'

The first dual meets begin at 9 a.m.

Lady Moose wrestlers open season today

The Alamosa girls wrestling team will travel to Pueblo today for the Pueblo Central Invitational. The first matches begin at 9 a.m.

Brush 51, Alamosa 23 - DeLaCerda (A) tech. fall Blake, 15-0, 5:46; 113 – Gaspar (A) by forfeit; 120 – Martinez (A) by forfeit; Hernandez (B) pinned Salazar, 2:39; 132 – Griego (A) pinned Acosta, 5:33; 138 – no match; 144 – Cardenas (B) pinned Woodward, 4:39; 150 Haswell (B) pinned Quintana, 1:42; 157 – Ludgate (B) dec. J. Morgan, 7-0; 165 – Lugate (B) tec. J. Morgan, 7-0; 165 – Lay (B) pinned Cordova, 1:14; 175 – Eicher (B) pinned Joshua, 1:46; 190 – Tuck (B) pinned Dokson, 0:50; 215 – Curtis (B) by forfeit; 285 – Poss (B) pinned A. Morgan, 2:40.

Sports Bulletin

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SCOREBOARD TUESDAY Prep boys

basketball La Veta 61, Creede 44 Salida 71, Center 10 **Prep girls**

basketball La Veta 36, Creede 35

Salida 38, Center 35

THURSDAY Prep boys basketball

Center 62, Creede 41 Sargent 51, Cheraw

Monte Vista vs. Rocky Ford - late Dove Creek at Centauri - late

Antonito at Sangre de Cristo - late

Prep girls basketball

Center 66, Creede 30 Sargent 47, Cheraw Antonito at Sangre

de Cristo - late Dove Creek at Cen-

tauri - late Monte Vista vs.

Pueblo Centennial -**Prep boys wrestling**

Brush 51, Alamosa 23 Center, Sargent at Del Norte - late Sierra Grande/Centennial at Walsenburg

- late **SCHEDULE**

FRIDAY Prep boys basketball

Creede vs. Cheraw (Sangre de Cristo Shootout), 9:40 a.m. Dolores/Soroco loser vs. Antonito/Sangre de Cristo loser (Sangre

1 p.m. Salida at Sanford, 3:30 p.m.

de Cristo Shootout),

Durango vs. Olathe (Mountain Top Invitational), 3 p.m.

Center vs. Sargent (Sangre de Cristo Shootout), 4:20 p.m.

Del Norte vs. Lamar (Erik Melgoza Shootout at Alamosa), 4:30

Moffat vs. South Park (Cotopaxi Invitational),

4:30 p.m. Dove Creek vs. Ignacio (Mountain Top

Invitational), 6 p.m. Monte Vista vs. Swallows Charter Academy (Rye Invitational), 6

p.m. Ellicott at Alamosa (Erik Melgoza Shootout), 7:30 p.m.

Sierra Grande at Springfield (R.L. Ballard Invitational), 7:30

Dolores/Soroco winner vs. Antonito/ Sangre de Cristo winner (Sangre de Cristo Shootout), 7:40 p.m.

Prep girls basketball

Creede vs. Cheraw loser (Sangre de Cristo Shootout), 8 a.m.

Lake City vs. Antonito/Sangre de Cristo loser (Sangre de Cristo Shootout), 11:20 a.m.

Durango vs. Olathe (Mountain Top Invitational), 1:30 p.m.

Center vs. Sargent (Sangre de Cristo Shootout), 2:40 p.m.

Moffat vs. South Park (Cotopaxi Invitational), 3 p.m. Del Norte vs. Lamar

(Erik Melgoza Shootout at Alamosa), 3 p.m. Salida at Sanford, 3:30 p.m.

Dove Creek vs. Ignacio (Mountain Top Invitational), 4:30 p.m. Monte Vista vs. Pueblo Central (Rye

Invitational), 4:30 p.m. Dolores vs. Antonito/Sangre de Cristo winner (Sangre de Cristo Shootout), 6 p.m.

Ellicott at Alamosa (Erik Melgoza Shootout), 6 p.m.

Sierra Grande at Springfield (R.L. Ballard Invitational), 6 **Prep girls swimming**

Salida at Sargent (at Plachy Hall pool), 11 a.m. **Prep boys wrestling**

Monte Vista at La Junta, 6 p.m. **Prep girls wrestling**

Alamosa at Pueblo Central Invitational, 9 a.m. College men's

basketball Adams State at West-

ern Colorado, 7 p.m. College women's basketball

Adams State at Western Colorado, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY Prep boys basketball Sangre de Cristo

Shootout seventh place game, 9:40 a.m. Del Norte vs. Ellicott

(Erik Melgoza Shootout at Alamosa), 11:30 Dove Creek vs. Mc-

Clave (Mountain Top Invitational), 11:30 p.m. Ignacio at Centauri (Mountain Top Invitational), 11:30 p.m.

Monte Vista vs. St. Mary's (Rye Invitational), 11:30 a.m.

Sangre de Cristo Shootout consolation championship game, 1 p.m.

Durango at Centauri (Mountain Top Invitational), 2:30 p.m.

Sierra Grande vs. Holly or South Baca (R.L. Ballard Invitational at Springfield), 3 or 6 p.m.

Lamar at Alamosa (Erik Melgoza Shootout), 2:30 p.m. Sangre de Cristo

Shootout third place game, 4:20 p.m.

Moffat vs. Cripple Creek-Victor or Cotopaxi (Cotopaxi Invitational), 4:30 or 7:30

Sangre de Cristo Shootout championship game, 7:40 p.m.

Prep girls basketball

Sangre de Cristo Shootout seventh place game, 8 a.m.

Del Norte vs. Lamar (Erik Melgoza Shootout at Alamosa), 10

Dove Creek at Centauri JV (Mountain Top Invitational), 10 a.m.

Ignacio vs. Olathe (Mountain Top Invitational), 10 a.m. Sangre de Cristo

Shootout consolation championship game, 11:20 a.m. Ellicott at Alamosa

(Erik Melgoza Shootout), 1 p.m. Monte Vista vs.

Swink (Rye Invitational), 1 p.m. Sierra Grande vs.

Holly or South Baca (R.L. Ballard Invitational at Springfield), 1:30 or 4:30 p.m. Durango at Centauri

(Mountain Top Invitational), 2:30 p.m. Sangre de Cristo

Shootout third place game, 2:40 p.m. Moffat vs. Cripple Creek-Victor or Coto-

tional), 3 or 6 p.m. Sangre de Cristo Shootout championship game, 6 p.m.

Prep boys wrestling

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Alamosa at Rocky Ford Invitational, 8:30 Centauri at Buena

Vista Invitational, 9 Center, Del Norte,

Monte Vista, Sargent, Sierra Grande/Centennial at Fowler Invitational, 9 a.m. College indoor track

and field Adams State at Sha-

ron Colyear-Danville season opener (at Boston), 10 a.m.

MONDAY Prep boys basketball

Cripple Creek-Victor at Moffat, 5 p.m.

Prep girls basketball

Cripple Creek-Victor at Moffat, 5 p.m.

Prep girls swimming Pueblo West at Sargent (at Plachy Hall

TUESDAY

College men's basketball Adams State at Fort

pool), 5 p.m.

Lewis, 7 p.m. College women's

basketball Adams State at Fort

Lewis, 5 p.m. College women's wrestling

Adams State at Bob Smith Open (at Hays, Kan.), TBA

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Lifestyle

President in stop at Pueblo wind tower factory touts 'Bidenomics,' blasts Boebert

Tony Salerno is a for-

steelworker who has worked at CS Wind's sprawling wind tower factory outside of Pueblo for 10 years. Only a few years ago, he said Wednesday, the plant — the largest manufacturer of wind towers in the world — was struggling amid an uncertain outlook for the clean energy industry.

"We had recently been through a layoff, and our future was in question. When President Joe Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act, this factory found life," said Salerno, CS Wind America's production manager, as he introduced Biden on the facility's floor.

The president's stop in Pueblo, a blue-collar town and political battleground on Colorado's southern Front Range, comes ahead of a pivotal election year during which the Democrat will look to sell voters on the IRA and its \$369 billion in clean energy spending and tax credits as he bids for a second term.

Beneath banners reading 'Bidenomics" and "Investing in America," Biden said his landmark climate law, passed by slim Democratic majorities in Congress in 2022, is already benefiting communities like Pueblo. CS Wind broke ground earlier this year on a factory expansion that the company says will double its output and add more than 800 new jobs.

"When I think climate, I think jobs," Biden said. "That's what climate is about — not only saving lives and saving the environment, but jobs."

Echoing earlier remarks made at a Denver fundraiser on Tuesday — part of a Colorado visit that was rescheduled after a postponement last month following the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war — Biden blasted Pueblo's representative heating systems. in Congress Ren Lauren Boebert, a Silt Republican history where 50 years 45,000 wind tower sections

"massive failure."

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By CHASE WOODRUFF prior to Wednesday's event sition to clean energy, to that Biden "should be coming here to apologize for his ogy, to a better way of life," all out war on on fossil fuels and his Green New Deal agenda which have cost the great people of Colorado's 3rd District dearly.'

Boebert won reelection last year by a razor-thin 546-vote margin, and is expected to face another tough challenge from Democratic former Aspen City Council member Adam Frisch in 2024.

"She's one of the leaders of this extreme MAGA movement," Biden said in a speech that lasted about 20 minutes. "She along with every single Republican voted against the law that made these investments and jobs possible."

"Do you all know you're part of a 'massive failure'?" he said to laughter from a crowd that included CS Wind workers. "Tell that to the 850 Coloradans who will get new jobs in Pueblo at CS Wind thanks to this law. Tell that to the local economy that benefits from these investments."

'A great transition'

Scientists with the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change have warned world leaders that in order to avert the most catastrophic consequences of global warming, governments must cut global greenhouse gas emissions roughly in half by 2030, and achieve net-zero emissions by midcentury.

Biden, who recommitted the U.S. to the Paris Agreement on climate change shortly after taking office, has endorsed those goals. In addition to tax incentives for wind and solar power generation, the IRA's \$369 billion package of clean energy measures established a new rebate of up to \$7,500 for electric vehicles, along with a variety of grant programs to boost home energy efficiency and the electrification of home

who has called the IRA a from now, people are going per year — triple the industo look back at this period In a post on X, formerly as the beginning of a great Twitter, Boebert wrote transition — a global tran-

new innovations in technolsaid Democratic U.S. Sen. John Hickenlooper ahead of Biden's remarks. "And I think that this great transition is starting right here in Pueblo."

But a report released this year by the Rhodium Group, an influential energy think tank, concluded that even with the IRA, the U.S. is likely to fall significantly short of Biden's goal of a 50% to 52% overall emissions cut by 2030. Depending on a wide range of economic variables, the group projects that current federal law will achieve emissions reductions of between 29% and 42% by that date — though actions taken at the state and local level could push that figure higher.

"While critical, these federal regulatory policies will need to be paired with ambitious state actions," the report's authors wrote. "The IRA is the most substantial federal action the U.S. has ever taken to combat climate change, but it was not intended to solve every decarbonization challenge in one bill."

Biden's Pueblo visit came just one day prior to the opening of a major U.N. climate conference known as COP28 in Dubai on Thursday. The White House announced this week that the president will skip those talks, with Vice President Kamala Harris taking his place.

'A lot of work ahead'

At the factory just south of Pueblo, which was formerly owned by Danish company Vestas, workers bevel, curve and weld together the enormous sections of steel plate that are shipped in 60- to 80-foot segments to be assembled at wind farms all over the country.

Wind executives estimate that producing 75,000 new wind turbines by 2030, as the Biden administration has promised, will mean manufacturing try's current U.S. production capacity.

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"We've come a long way. We know there's a lot of work ahead," Polis said Wednesday. "With this federal funding partnership with President Biden and his administration. Colorado will continue to push the limits of what's possible (and) drive innovation here in Pueblo and beyond.'

Along with the CS Wind expansion, Polis and his fellow Democrats have touted plans by manufacturers of batteries and solar panels to open new facilities in Colorado in the wake of the IRA's passage. In Pueblo, which is already home to the world's first and largest solar-powered steel mill, plans are underway for major new solar projects, utility-scale battery storage and a regional "carbon sequestration hub."

Welcoming Biden, Pueblo Mayor Nick Gradisar called the city "the renewable energy capital of Colorado," and said emerging industries like wind and solar can help revive economic fortunes in a community that has struggled to recover fully from the collapse of the U.S. steel industry in the 1980s.

"One of my goals as mayor is to help create an econ-



Mike Sweeney for Colorado Newsline

President Joe Biden, flanked by CS Wind employees, addresses the crowd at the plant in Pueblo Wednesday.

omy where every young the beginning stages of person who wants to stay transitioning our economy in Pueblo is able to find a and our country, and reducjob that will allow them to support their family," Gradisar said.

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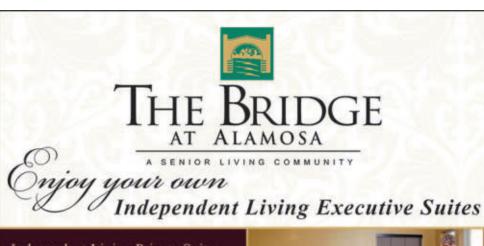
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General Contractor RFQ for the Boyd School Redevelopment

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Meet at the entry of the existing school located at 1107 Hunt Ave. December 1, 2023: Question Deadline, 2:00pm MST December 8, 2023: Question Deadline 2:00 pm MST

December 11, 2023; Question Response Deadline, 5:00pm MST December 22, 2023: Qualification Package Due, 12:00pm MST December 29, 2023: Interview List Released

January 5, 2023: Interviews, Virtual, (Tentative 8:00am - 12:00pm , 45 minutes each) December 19, 2023: Notice of Award January 8, 2024: Project Commencement Find full RFQ here https://sites.google.com/slvhc.com/slvhc/open-

All inquiries regarding the RFQ can be submitted via email to Dawn Melgares at dawn@slvhc.com on or before 2:00pm MST on December 8, 2023. A response to all inquiries will be posted in an Addendum

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ORDINANCE NO. 23-03

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING SITE SELECTION AND CON-STRUCTION OF MAJOR NEW DOMESTIC WATER SYSTEMS AND MAJOR EXTENSIONS OF EXISTING DOMESTIC WATER SYS-TEMS AND MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL WATER PROJECTS AS ACTIVITIES OF STATE INTEREST.
WHEREAS, the Areas and Activities of State Interest Act, Sections

24-65.1-101 to -502, C.R.S. (the "Act") allows local governments to designate certain areas and activities as "matters of state interest;"

WHEREAS, once a local government has designated an area or ac-tivity as a matter of state interest, it may adopt guidelines and regulations to administer such areas or activities; and

WHEREAS, any person who would engage in development in a designated area or conduct a designated activity must first obtain a permit from the local government; and

WHEREAS, the surface water and groundwater resources in the San Luis Valley are the lifeblood of the human and natural environment, and the communities' continued ability to thrive; and WHEREAS, certain activities of state interest that would transfer

water from the San Luis Valley could endanger the viability of these water resources; and

WHEREAS, the Town intends to designate these activities of state interest and adopt regulations in accordance with the requirements

of the Act. NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF SOUTH FORK BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AS FOLLOWS: Section 1. Findings and Determinations.

At the Town of South Fork, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, a public hearing was conducted regarding the designation of activities of state interest in accordance with the Areas and Activities of State Interest Act. Based upon the testimony, evidence, and documents considered at the public hearing, the Board of Trustees hereby

makes the following findings and determinations:

A. The public hearing was duly noticed in accordance with the requirements of Section 24- 65.1-404(2)(a), C.R.S.

B. The Board of Trustees has taken the following into account: 1. All testimony, evidence, and documents taken and admitted at the

2. The intensity of current and foreseeable development pressures

3. The potential for transfer of water from the jurisdiction of the governing body and from the San Luis Valley.

 The potential locations of the activities of state interest.

C. The uncontrolled conduct of such activities would threaten the surface water and groundwater resources of the San Luis Valley, and the

designation and regulation of such activities will allow for a coordinated approach to protecting these resources.

D. The municipalities and counties in the San Luis Valley will or have be the into an Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") to establish the San Luis Valley Planning Area to Protect Surface and Groundwater Resources to allow a coordinated approach for regulation of these

activities of state interest.
Section 2. Joint Planning Area Defined. The boundaries of the Joint Planning Area are the geographic bound-

aries of the Counties of Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache. Section 3. Designation. The following activities are hereby designated as matters of state

 Site selection and construction of major new domestic water systems and major extension of existing domestic water systems.
 B. Efficient utilization of municipal and industrial water projects. Section 4. Applicability and Exclusions

A. Applicability. Except for activities set forth in Section 4.B. below, this Ordinance applies as follows:

 Major domestic water treatment system shall include any collec-tion, treatment, storage, or distribution system and any of its compo-nents for the export of water outside the Joint Planning Area directly or by exchange with the eventual capacity to serve 15 or more service connections. The term components includes without limitation all di-version structures, dams, reservoirs, ponds, water bodies, streams, trenches, wells, pipes, conduits, tanks, pumps, buildings, structures,

trucks, and other methods or conveyances.

Municipal and industrial water project means a project, and any of its components to export water outside the Joint Planning Area for eventual use for municipal or industrial purposes, directly or by exchange. The term components includes without limitation diversion structures, dams, reservoirs, ponds, water bodies, streams, trenches wells, pipes, conduits, tanks, pumps, buildings, structures, trucks, and other conveyances.

 These designated activities of state interest do not include aug-mentation or replacement water to the Rio Grande basin for the purpose of replacing injurious depletions caused by the use of water within the San Luis Valley if such water is provided in accordance with the Rules Governing the Withdrawal of Groundwater in Water Divi-

sion No. 3, the Rio Grande Compact, water court decrees, or other state administrative or judicial requirements.

2. The export of water from Joint Planning Area that remains for

eventual use within the Rio Grande Basin shall not be considered an export of water for purposes of this Designation.
3. A Major Domestic Water Treatment System or a Municipal and Industrial Water project that will not export – directly or as a component

of another project – any water whatsoever from the Joint Planning Area shall not be considered an export of water for the purposes of this Designation. Section 5. Permit Required.

No person shall conduct a designated activity of state interest until the activity has been reviewed and permitted by the Town in accordance with duly adopted guidelines and regulations in conformance with the IGA.
Section 6. Severability.

B. Exclusions.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction invalid, such judgement shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.
INTRODUCED AS AN ORDINANCE AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH FORK

COLORADO, ON THE 24th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023, AND DETER-MINED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: Mayor Schmidt yes Trustee Stickens Yes Trustee Entz

Mayor Pro-Term Sparrow yes Trustee Cruse yes Tru Trustee Taylor absent Trustee Morgan yes
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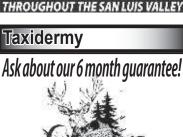
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CITY OF ALAMOSA is seeking a full-time POLICE OFFICER or POLICE APPREN-TICE to protect the lives, safety, health, welfare, and property of individuals within the corporate limits of Alamosa by enforcing municipal, state and federal statutes, ordinances and laws. Incumbents may be assigned to the Patrol Division, Investigations Division and/or special assignments necessary to protect and serve the needs of individuals ment. Hiring annual salary is \$49,400 - \$59,383 DOQ, FLSA Non- Exempt. Fringe benefits include a 401K retirement with a 10% employer and employee match, 11.5 holidays per year, 2 personal days, 80 hours of sick leave, 80 hours of vacation leave per year. Employer paid life insurance, STD, LTD & AD&D, 75% of medi-cal, vision, and dental premiums paid by the employer, Wellness Program, and discounted recreational memberships. For a full job description and to apply, visit cityofalamosa.org or stop by City Hall at 300 Hunt Ave. The City of Alamosa provides Equal Opportunity Employment for accommodations please submit them in writing with the application. Application

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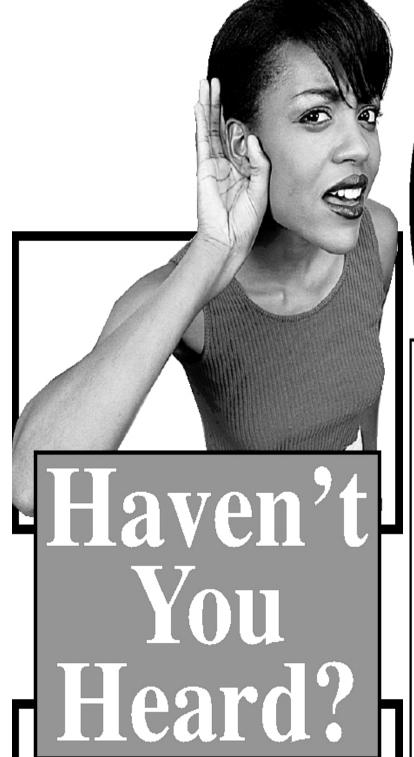


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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

HERMAN



"I never said a word. He said it!"

Man likes to let others do the heavy lifting

plays a college sport for which he receives four complimentary tickets for each game. It works out well because there are four of us in his immediate family.

However, my husband has been asking friends of his to join us at games by offering them free tickets. Our son then must find a teammate with unused tickets and ask for them. My husband gives no warning. He just announces a couple of days prior to a game that he has invited so and so. Then, on game day, we are responsible for getting these friends in and seated with us.

More than once, we haven't been able to enter stadiums and see our son before games, or the beginning of a game, because his friends are late and he must stay behind to meet them.

My take is this: These are public sporting events. Our son is given tickets for IMMEDIATE family. If a friend expresses a desire to go to a game, send them the schedule and say, "Awesome! Here's the schedule. See you there!" and recommend an online

ticket vending site. I think it's inconsiderate to me and our son that my husband turns it into a three-ring circus.

He thinks "the more the merrier" and isn't concerned about the hassle he creates for our son or my feelings. Am I being irrational?--IRRITATED IN THE EAST

DEAR IRRITATED: You are not being irrational. Your husband behaves this way because HE doesn't have to bear the burden of the inconvenience he causes. If you would like to put an end to what he has been doing, make HIM responsible for buying his friends' tickets and missing the start of the game if they are late. Stop making it your problem and place it where it

really belongs. DĚAR ABBY: I have a serious problem I have lived with for practically my whole life. I'm sloppy. I am incapable of keeping my surroundings clean and taking care of my belongings. Each time I resolve to get busy and clean up my house or car or whatever, I become overwhelmed with anxi $ety\, and\, nothing\, gets\, done.$ Being unable to keep my surroundings clean and take proper care of my possessions has led to some very unpleasant situations in the past. I

can no longer afford to

continue this pattern of

behavior. Please tell me

what to do. -- SLOPPY

JOE IN INDIANA



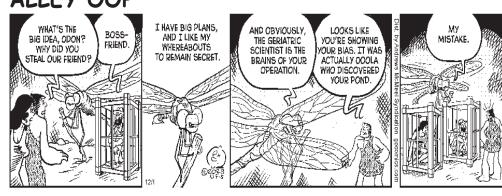
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DEAR JOE: You have already taken the first step, which is admitting you have a problem with which you need help. You might feel less overwhelmed if you take on these projects one at a time. Start with one drawer or counter before moving on to the next. An important next step

would be to tell your doctor what has been going on, and ask for a referral to a psychotherapist who can help get to the root of your anxiety. Talking with a mental health professional and possibly taking medication could be helpful, and I hope you will consider it. I applaud you for reaching out. You are not alone in having

this issue.

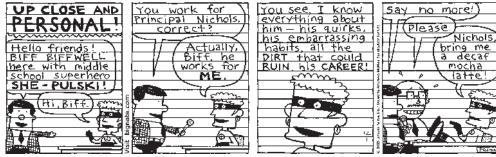
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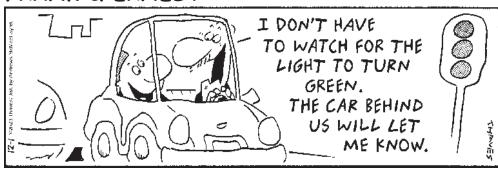
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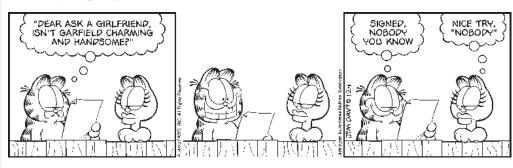
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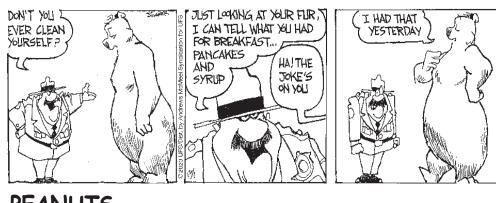
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Lifestyle

Kosmowski art finds a home at Tiny Gallery in Crestone

CRESTONE — Artist Noemi Kosmowski is ecstatic about having her art in the Tiny Gallery in Crestone.

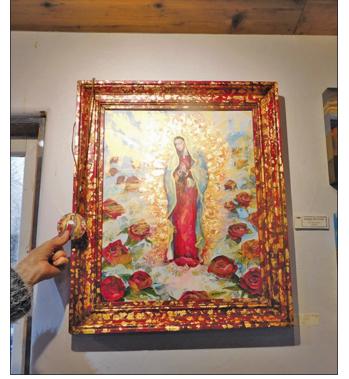
"I am thrilled with a lot of my art being here at the gallery in town. I have a lot of my art set up at home, my bigger art, but this place is just great and doing well for me and other artists," she said.

Kosmowski has been an artist for as long as she can remember and has been with the Tiny Gallery for 3 months now and is a permanent placement. The Tiny Gallery features different local artists, but Kosmowski's art is set up in half of the gallery and has done well at the gallery.

Kosmowski is a spiritual artist, who enjoys painting animals, Jesus, the Blessed Mother. She also paints pictures on clothing.

Kosmowski was recently showcased at the Baca Grande library but is excited to have a permanent placement for her artwork at the Tiny Gallery.

"This was just something that worked out for I need to do. I am doing pottery items on bot-



Painting of the Blessed Mother inside the Tiny Gallery.

said. "The owner asked if heart tells me." I would like to use half the gallery for my work, they many different types of helped me with the space, art. On one wall, paint-I am making good money hang. There is a rack here. I love working with with handmade jewelry. the public. I love sharing The jewelry has been cremy art with this commu- ated in the likeness of nity. This community and rainbowed people are so special. This moths, and other insects. is what my heart tells me There are also handmade

The Tiny Gallery has and now here is my work. ings of a spiritual nature dragonflies, me and the owner," she what I love and what my tom shelves, with other



ent pictures and shapes. Many painted clothing items are also hanging in the gallery, including a long leather coat, with white wolves painted on the front and back.

Local resident Lori Whiteside was leaving the Tiny Gallery on Saturday, Nov. 25, and said, "Noemi has been such a great addition to the community with her art. It's near Christmas, and I have heard so many people talk about this gallery, and her art in town. I am going to purchase one of her pieces near Christmas. This gallery is a great benefit here in Crestone because people are artists here, and they love art too. Crestone in itself is a small town that is painted with multiple beautiful facets of people and artists. I hope everyone visits this place of peace, calming, and beauty in the heart of Crestone here."

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