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**SLV Today**

**Sangre de Cristo School BOE Biennial meeting Nov. 14**

**MOSCA** — The Biennial Re-Organization Meeting will be at 5 p.m. prior to the Regular Meeting. Sangre de Cristo School Board of Education regular monthly meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m. in the school library at 8751 Lane 7 North, Mosca. Copies of agendas are posted at school site, website, the Hooper and Mosca Post Offices, and the Mosca Pit Stop. Meetings are open to the public.

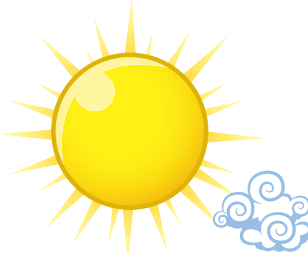
**Crestone Winter Fest Dec. 9-10**

**SAGUACHE COUNTY** — The annual Crestone Winter Fest, which benefits the Crestone Charter School, is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 9-10. Interested vendors can pick up an application at the school or email kristyknight1@live.com.

**Toys for Tots toy drive by ASU football team**

**ALAMOSA** — The Adams State University football team will have a Toys for Tots toy drive from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11, in front of the entrance to Rex Field. VFW will also have a bake sale.

**SLV WEATHER**



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## Alamosa Board of Education District 1 race too close to call

*Uncounted votes may impact outcome*

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER  
*Courier Reporter*

**ALAMOSA** — Unofficial results in the Alamosa School District's (ASD) Board of Education (BOE) District 1 race currently show Andria Gay, the incumbent appointed to the position after the resignation of Justin Rilling, with just a four-vote lead of 1,508 (50.07%) over challenger Kaylee Romero Gomez at 1,504

(49.93%). But that outcome may be impacted by votes from a variety of sources that have not yet been counted.

Those tallies include voters in Alamosa County and a small segment of voters in northern Conejos County whose addresses fall within ASD boundaries.

According to the clerk's office, as of Wednesday morning, 109 ballots — comprised of military and overseas voters — have yet to be counted. The deadline for those ballots to be received at the clerk's office is, by law, Nov. 15, eight days after the day the

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Andria Gay



Kaylee Romero Gomez

## Veterans honored with tributes and lunch



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Left to right, Hon. Judge Amanda Hopkins, Hon. Judge Kimberly Cortez, Kyle Gustafson, Alamosa County Commissioner Vern Heersink, Veterans Service Officer Bill Brown, Jack Rudder (American Legion), Chief Probation Officer Bill Gurule, Alamosa County Commissioner Lori Laske, and Monte Vista Police Chief George Dingfelder.

By JOHN WATERS  
*Courier News Editor*

**ALAMOSA** — On Nov. 9, officials and the public honored Veterans with a lunch at the Alamosa Justice Center.

In honor of Veterans, Alamosa County Commissioner Vern Heersink offered this Bible quote from John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this then he that lay down his life for his friends," Heersink continued, "A lot of people in the military, both men and women did that, not only for friends but for people they don't even know. We are reaping the benefits and I appreciate those Veterans."

Alamosa County Chief Probation Officer Bill Gurule said in part, "So, today we honor all" ■ See VETERANS page 3

## Visit Alamosa and Visit Pagosa Springs awarded \$40,000 grant

**STAFF REPORT**  
**DENVER** — The Colorado Tourism Office (CTO), a division of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT), announced last week that its Marketing Matching Grants program awarded more than \$569,000 in grants to 16 Colorado organiza-

tions, from across the entire state, to aid in their marketing efforts.

The Tourism Marketing Matching Grant program provides financial assistance. ■ See GRANT page 3

**Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve is one of the many destinations Visit Alamosa promotes.**

Courier photo by John Waters



## Creede Repertory Theatre announces 59th season



Courtesy photo

Creede Repertory Theatre's 59th season begins on May 25. The critically-acclaimed theatre company has produced such classics as 'Steel Magnolias' over the years.

*CRT presents an adventure of discovery with its 2024 summer season*

By CREEDE REPERTORY THEATRE

**CREEDE** — Beginning May 25, Creede Repertory Theatre (CRT) will produce its 59th season, which includes mystery, comedy, a classic, a world premiere with local ties, and a concert series with Creede Musical Arts Collective. CRT will continue to champion its flourishing educational and audience engagement programming.

The 2024 season starts May 25 at the Ruth Humphreys Brown Theatre with Ken Ludwig's "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery." From the award-winning mastermind of mayhem, Ludwig ("Sherwood"; "Dear Jack, Dear Louise"), comes a fast-paced comedy about everyone's favorite detective solving his most notorious case. Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson must crack the mystery of "The Hound of the Baskervilles" before a family curse dooms its newest heir. Watch as five actors deftly portray more than forty characters. Does a wild hellhound prowl the moors of Devonshire? Can our heroes discover the truth in time? Get your ■ See CRT page 3

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# Record

## OBITUARIES

### Margaret 'Peggy' Reynold Curtis

Margaret "Peggy" Reynold Curtis passed away peacefully on the morning of Nov. 4, 2023, from natural causes after a long and adventurous life.

Peggy was born at home on March 28, 1930, in North Platte, Neb., to her parents Charlotte Littlefield and Donald Reynolds. Peggy attended a one-room schoolhouse for most of her childhood and went on to graduate from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln with a degree in business.

It was at the University of Nebraska that she met the love of her life, James "Jim" L. Curtis Jr. Peggy and Jim were married in North Platte, Neb., on May 15, 1952. After a honeymoon in Cuba, Peggy and Jim returned to Saguache, Colo., to operate Flying X Cattle Company, Inc., along with Glenn Curtis and Gordan Gothelf. Peggy's father was worried about her new life in Colorado, so he sent her with a working cow horse and a milk cow and further insisted that she received every vaccine available to survive the "San Luis Valley wilderness."

Peggy embraced ranch life in Colorado, as she had grown up on her family's farm and ranch in Nebraska during the Great

Depression. Peggy could always be counted on to feed ranch hands and facilitate annual parties with local ranchers and those supporting the agriculture industry in the San Luis Valley. While on the ranch, Peggy enjoyed horseback riding, looking for arrowheads, being chased by longhorn cows, keeping the prairie dog population at bay, raising cattle dogs, and keeping the cookie jar filled for anyone who would come visit the ranch. Peggy and Jim kept an RV on their grazing allotment in Saguache Park for many summers. It was there that Peggy ensured her grandkids were a part of the cattle business and rode horses through many miles of high country trails regardless of rain, snow, or thunderstorms. Many trail rides involved catching small brook trout in streams that most people didn't know existed. When exhausted, Peggy convinced her grandkids that stacking flat rocks to twice their height was a normal day in Saguache Park.

As Peggy and Jim handed over the ranch reins to the next generation, they began to enjoy traveling in their RV. Peggy would always take her grandkids with her and Jim on their adventures (school

schedules be damned). Oftentimes, she would allow her grandkids to dictate the traveling schedule — this allowed many fortuitous stops near swimming pools, trainyards, and trinket stores. It was an annual rite to visit Peggy's family homestead ranch in North Platte along the river. Other trips included Galveston (extended 10 days due to a broken station wagon), Decatur, Texas, (with a frozen RV where a cat was adopted and brought home), and many other adventures involving jet boats, amusement parks, and off-road adventures.

Peggy was preceded in death by Jim, her husband of 60 years, her parents, brother Don (Pat), niece Debbie, and son Jay.

Peggy's legacy lives on with her daughter Anne (Ed) Nielsen, grandsons Scott (Carlin) Nielsen and Stan (Brenda) Nielsen, two lovely great-granddaughters Eva and Lexie, and her nieces Pam, Diane, and Becky.

Peggy's memorial service will be at the Saguache Methodist Church at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Abode Hospice and Health of Pueblo, Colo., or a charity of your choice.

### Peggy Doyle Luster

Peggy Doyle Luster passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Nov. 5, 2023. Peggy was born on Nov. 11, 1946, at Alamosa Community Hospital to Jane (Schecter) Walstrom and Gene Walstrom.

Peggy was raised on the Schecter ranch, south of Alamosa. She attended school in La Jara and graduated in 1964. She was part of the last graduating class of La Jara High School. Peggy was a cheerleader and participated in band for all 4 years. During high school, she met and dated her soon-to-be husband, Louie Luster.

After high school, Peggy moved in with her best friend. She attended college for one year at Adams State College while working part-time at Montgomery Ward. After college, she began a full-time position with Montgomery Ward as a catalog manager.

On June 19, 1965, Peggy and Louie were married at Sacred Heart Church in Alamosa. They were married for 58 years. Peggy and Louie were blessed with three daughters: Bridget, Shelly, and Natalie. During this time, she worked at Arapahoe Super Market as a bookkeeper. Then Peggy chose to stay at home and babysit neighborhood children while raising her three



daughters. She started working at Mt. Carmel Credit Union once her two younger daughters started school. Peggy completed her working career at City Market. She retired after 31 years.

Throughout her retirement, Peggy could always be found spending time with her loved ones. She was the greatest caretaker to her mother and mother-in-law in the last of their years and made it a priority to support her daughters and nine grandchildren in all their life events. She was also very active in the Sacred Heart Parish and the community of Alamosa as a whole. She was a devout Catholic.

She found joy in the simplest pleasures in life. Peggy loved her flowers, and growing tomatoes in the spring and summer. She enjoyed canning green chile in the fall to last through the cold win-

ter season, and loved quiet evenings crocheting or curling up to a good book. She was well-known for her strong-will and courageous spirit and will be remembered most for her generosity toward others.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents Jane and Gene Walstrom.

She is survived by her husband Louie, her brother Tom (Diane) Walstrom, her children: Bridget (Joey) Romero, Shelly (Matt) Mendenhall, Natalie (Gary) Martin, her grandchildren: Josh (Micaela) Romero, Amanda Romero, Dylan Romero, Shaylynn (Noah) Jones, Madison Mendenhall, Kendall Mendenhall, Samantha Martin, Alexis Martin, Haley Martin, and one great-grandchild: Olivia Jones.

A visitation will be Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023, at Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa from 6-8 p.m. A Recitation of the Rosary will be held 9:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, followed by a Funeral service at 10 a.m., both at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Alamosa. Interment will follow services in the Alamosa Cemetery.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. Leave online condolences and words of comfort for Peggy's family at [www.RogersFunerals.com](http://www.RogersFunerals.com).

### Beverly Rose 'Bee' Miller



Loretta, Michael, Liz, Laura and David; as well as countless dear friends. You know who you are!

Beverly graduated from Centauri High School in 1968 and obtained a bachelor's from Adam State College in 1973 with a teaching degree that she put to good use as an elementary teacher on the Navajo Reservation, living at various times in Shonto, Dennehotso, and Kayenta, Arizona. She returned to school at Northern Arizona University (NAU) in Flagstaff, Ariz., and obtained her master's degree in English as a Second Language (ESL) in 1992. Flagstaff remained a dear place in her heart, Macy's coffee shop with all its good pastries.

After leaving Flagstaff, she returned to the Valley and taught English to ESL adults, many from Guatemala, through the SLV Immigrant Resource Center in Alamosa. She also worked as a professional English Tutor at Northern NM Community College in El Rito, N.M., in 1994. Bee started her own "Bee's Cleaning Service" and was a Home Care Provider working with disabled individuals.

She was an Americorps Volunteer and enjoyed being a part of the community. She participated in the Conejos County Writer's Circle for several years and served on the Conejos County Library committee. The satellite

libraries in Antonito and Capulin were dear to her heart. She volunteered at the Welcome Center in Alamosa and was a bright spot for many a visitor. On top of all of this, she was her Mother Leola's companion and caregiver for many years until Leola's passing.

Bee was a writer. Many days saw her sitting outside with her furry companion of the time, drinking a coffee concoction or Bengal Spice tea, crafting essays and poetry, many of them nostalgic and funny. All of us who loved her were the recipients of lovely cards or poems for special events which included large numbers of thoughtfully placed stickers from her sticker trove.

Beverly was a philosopher and pondered life seriously. Many lifelong friends called her often, seeking advice or just wanting to hear her sweet voice. "It's bigger than us," she would say, "but we're doing it." She was also noted for many other cute sayings such as: "Not today!", "Es La Vida", and "If only I had another cup of coffee!"

Although short in stature, Bev possessed the heart of a giant, with a tremendous capacity to love. She was kind and saw the beauty and goodness in everyone she met and shared with us the joy of the simple pleasures she saw in life.

We will miss you terribly and forever remember your laugh, your writings, and songs. We know you would say to those of us who loved you, "just keep doing it!". It's now time to spread your angel wings, our little Bee, as we say goodbye with grateful hearts to the one who loved us all so much.

A celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

### Maria Perfecta Cordova



MANASSA — Lifetime Manassa resident Maria Perfecta Cordova, 78, died Nov. 7, 2023, at Parkview Hospital in Pueblo, Colo.

Maria was born in Antonito, Colo., on June 7, 1945, to Herman Chavez and Edna Martinez. She married Harold Cordova on Nov. 11, 1978, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Conejos.

Maria loved spending time with her family and her dog Bella. She enjoyed baking wonderful desserts for her friends and family. Maria was very active and enjoyed walking and exercising. She also had fun shopping, especially when she could find a good bargain. She worked for many years at Bagwell's Turquoise and worked as a cook in the North Conejos School District as well as for the Conejos County Hospital.

Maria is survived by her children; Patricia Annette (Allan) Turner, Pueblo West, Colo., Brian Cordova, Los Lunas, N.M., Anthony (Cassidy) Cordova Belen, N.M., Bobby Cordova Manassa, Colo., Yvonne (Alan) Cordova Albuquerque, N.M., Beverly (Lyle)

Blakleigh Martinez Belen, N.M. Maria is also survived by many other nieces and nephews.

Maria was preceded in death by her husband Harold Cordova, the father of her children Canuto "Nudie" Cordova, parents Herman Chavez and Edna Martinez, and their infant child Susan Cordova, Brother Dwane Chavez, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, from 5-7 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Conejos, with recitation of the Rosary at 7 p.m. Further visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until time of service 10 a.m. with a Funeral Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Conejos. Committal services will follow in the Manassa-Romeo Cemetery.

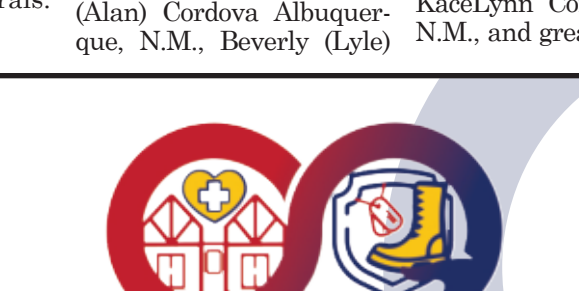
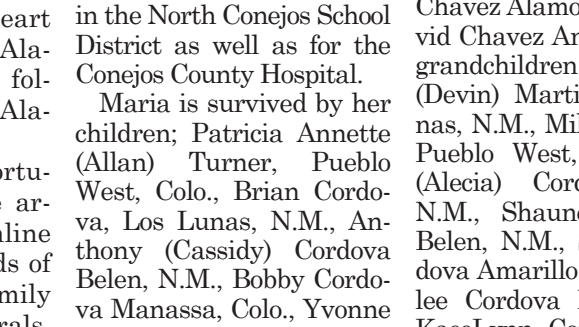
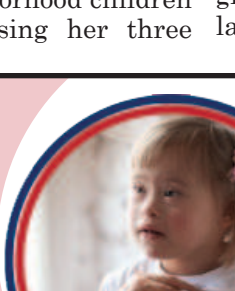
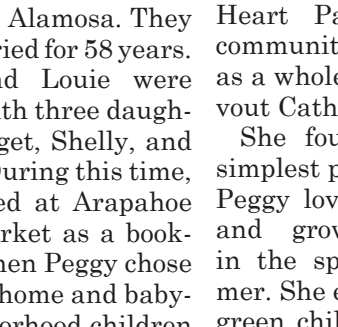
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# Valley News

## Alamosa Commissioners hike wastewater fees in Mosca

By JOHN WATERS  
*Courier News Editor*  
**ALAMOSA COUNTY** — Higher rates are in store for customers of the Mosca Wastewater System. At the Alamosa County Board of Commissioners meeting on Nov. 8, commissioners voted to raise rates for users of the system to cover operating costs.

Alamosa County Land Use and Building Director Richard Hubler, gave the commissioners an overview of the finan-

cial situation stating, "Our expenses, were far outpacing our revenues, and at the board's direction, we did an analysis and review and discovery related to adjusting rates at the Mosca Wastewater System. I want to be clear, we are not trying to get to 100% match this year." The rate increase is intended to cover part of the operating costs of the system.

Since the system opened in 2018, revenue generated has fallen far short of operating

costs at the county-owned facility. The system has operated at a loss for several years; in the fiscal year 2022, the loss was about \$55,000 and is projected to operate at a loss of \$46,000 in fiscal year 2024.

Currently, the 46 residential users pay \$40 a month to use the system. That will increase to \$50 a month in 2024 and increase incrementally to \$80 a month by 2030 under the rate structure approved by commissioners. The 24 commercial

connections will also experience increased rates.

The annual revenue generated by user fees is currently \$30,245 and will increase to \$66,480 and will cover 83.38% of operating costs by 2030.

"It's not that the costs are going up, it's that we are finally remedying the situation," said Commissioner Vern Heersink.

In other commissioner meeting news, Controller Mari Cruz Mora presented a "recommended budget that should not be

viewed as a final budget document, but rather as a decision-making tool to facilitate financial discussion, and to promote understanding."

Alamosa County Administrator Roni Wisdom said of the proposed budget, "Because proposition HH did not pass, this is the budget we're going to work with, although there may be a special [legislative] session...and this is the budget we will have the approval [by the county commissioners] of on Dec. 6.

## MySLVConnect.com relaunches to advance health equity in the region

STAFF REPORT

**COSTILLA COUNTY** — Costilla County Public Health and the San Luis Valley Public Health Partnership recently announced the update and relaunch of MySLVConnect.com. MySLVConnect.com is an online resource guide dedicated to improving health equity in the San Luis Valley region of Colorado.

The website provides fast and accurate information on health and human services.

By providing wider access to healthcare and community resource information, people are empowered to manage their own health and well-being, fostering a healthier and more equitable com-

munity.

The site has a user-friendly interface which is searchable by topic, county, or multiple counties. It is easy to use and understand. Many resources are listed in Spanish. The website was created to be easy to read and easy to use, even for those with limited internet skills. Information can be printed out or emailed to a friend at any convenient time.

The website is also a hub for a comprehensive list of resources as information has been updated and 128 services are listed with more community services and non-profits added every week. Resources listed include contacts, service locations

and hours, helpful links, referral requirements and eligibility information.

Paul Wertz, Costilla County Public Health Director, expressed enthusiasm for the relaunch.

"Our mission is to ensure that everyone in our region has equal access to quality healthcare and community services," Wertz said. "We invite the community to help us promote MySLVConnect.com as a regional resource and join us in advancing health equity in the San Luis Valley."

For assistance with navigating MySLVConnect.com, contact Beverly Rodriguez, Costilla County Community Health Worker, at 719-672-3332.

## Grant

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financial support for tourism marketing and promotional campaigns, with a maximum grant amount of \$40,000. The grant operates on a 2-to-1 match basis, meaning that for every \$1 contributed by the grantee, the CTO provides \$2 in matching funds.

In a first-ever collaboration, Visit Pagosa Springs Executive Director, Jennifer Green, "both destinations have prioritized growing international visitation and we understand the strength of working together to promote our destinations to reach a unique audience. Alone, our

into the area. This campaign will allow the destinations to highlight an area of Colorado that features many aspects that would be interesting to an international traveler, including Great Sand Dunes National Park, Wolf Creek Pass, Chimney Rock National Monument, hot springs and the uniqueness of each destination.

According to Visit Pagosa Springs Executive Director, Jennifer Green, "both destinations have prioritized growing international visitation and we understand the strength of working together to promote our destinations to reach a unique audience. Alone, our

destinations can only do so much with international marketing, this collaborative effort expands our reach that aligns with the international traveler."

Kale Mortensen, Executive Director of Visit Alamosa explained, "A combined advertising campaign will allow us to promote an "off the beaten path" segment of Colorado for many international travelers. We are focusing efforts on the strongest markets for both destinations. We are excited about creating new itineraries and a marketing campaign that ties together both destinations seamlessly to improve the visitor experience."

## Veterans

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of our Veterans ... who unselfishly placed their lives on the line for our freedom. Those men and women were ordinary people... until they heard the call of duty and answered it. They left their families ... their homes ... and their lives ... not for recognition or fame or even the honor we bestow upon them today. They fought to protect our country ... to maintain our way of life. As we honor our

Veterans and remember their great deeds, let us also salute those who are currently fighting for our freedom. The War on Terrorism has helped us all realize how truly unique the American way of life is. The freedom we enjoy is extremely special, but that freedom does not come free... it comes at a high price, and that is why we must defend it."

For a complete list of Veterans Day events see, "Veterans Day 2023 in the Valley," on the Valley Courier website [www.alamosanews.com](http://www.alamosanews.com).

## BOE

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election was held.

There are also an undisclosed number of ballots not yet counted due to issues such as no signature on the envelope that contained the ballot or a signature that does not exactly match the signature on file.

Letters to voters who have issues with their ballots were sent out Wednesday, Nov. 8, informing them they also have until Nov. 15 to come to the clerk's office to "cure" the problem. Once "cured," the ballots are cleared to be counted.

But there are also other ballots that have not been added into the total. As

part of a regular practice each election, the clerk's office has held back a batch of 25 eligible ballots in order to protect anyone from knowing how a voter with a cured ballot voted.

This safeguard is in support of Article VII, Section 8 of the Colorado Constitution which states, "All elections shall be by ballot, and in case paper ballots are required to be used, no ballots shall be marked in any way whereby the ballot can be identified as the ballot of the person casting it."

Terri Carver, an outside election supervisor with a history of working with the clerk's office during elections, explained it further.

"If all the ballots were

counted and, for example, two cured ballots were added to the total, the difference in the totals would make it easy to tell how those two people voted," Carver said.

Mixing the cured ballots in with the batch of 25 prevents anyone from knowing who cast which vote, she says.

In yet one more unknown, Carver also confirmed that some of those 25 ballots not yet counted included ballots where people voted in ASD's Board of Education District 1. With only four votes separating the two candidates, those votes could also impact the race's outcome.

Variables in the situation were confirmed in comments made to the

Alamosa County Commissioners Wednesday morning when, according to John Waters with the Valley Courier, "election officials spoke with the Alamosa County Commissioners...and reported that for a variety of reasons, there are numerous ballots that need examination, etc. and they stressed the numbers are unofficial."

When asked if there would be a recount if the certified votes continue to fall within such a narrow margin, Carver stated that would only happen if one or both candidates requested it be conducted. That request cannot be made until after the election is certified, which will not be before the end of day Nov. 15.

## CRT

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deerstalker cap on – the play's afoot!

CRT's historic Mainstage Theatre will feature Mel Brooks' "Young Frankenstein," with a book by Mel Brooks and Thomas Meehan, music and lyrics by Mel Brooks, and based on the story and screenplay by Gene Wilder and Mel Brooks. The grandson of the infamous Victor Frankenstein, Frederick Frankenstein (pronounced "Fronk-en-steen") inherits his family's estate in Transylvania. With the help of his sidekick, Igor (pronounced "Eye-gore"), and sultry lab assistant, Inga, Frederick finds himself in the mad scientist shoes of his ancestors. Eventually, of course, the monster escapes and hilarity continuously abounds. "Young Frankenstein" has all of the panache of the classic film with a dose of theatrical flair, so you'll be "Puttin' on the Ritz" and having a monstrously good time! Starring CRT favorites Anne Faith Butler as Frau Blücher and Matthew Tyler Horn as The Creature. "Young Frankenstein" opens June 8.

Also on the Mainstage is the classic comedy, "The Importance of Being

Earnest," the most renowned of Oscar Wilde's comedies which tells the story of two bachelors, John 'Jack' Worthing and Algernon 'Algy' Moncrieff, who create alter egos named Earnest to escape their tiresome lives. They attempt to win the hearts of Gwendolyn and Cecily, two women who, conveniently, claim to only love men called Earnest. The pair become tangled in a tale of deception, disguise and misadventure. This classic comedy of manners pokes fun at Victorian sensibilities with some of the best loved characters to be found on the modern stage. Creede Rep's production features Christy Brandt as Lady Bracknell in her 50th season, and Anne F. Butler as Miss Prism. Performances begin June 28.

The second play in the Ruth Humphreys Brown is the world premiere of "Prima's Guide to Funerals" by New Mexico-based playwright Leonard Madrid (Cebollas). Three cousins (primas), an urn, and one really long day. It's the day of her mother's funeral and Arcie is in a rut. But her cousins Nando and Clara are having none of it. A quick-witted world premiere comedy set along the waters of the Rio Grande in the San Luis Valley of Southern Colorado, "Prima's

Guide to Funerals" tells the story of family, laughter, grief, and love that is only possible with the ones who know you the best: your primas. The world premiere was commissioned and developed as part of the Headwaters New Play Program. This exciting new play opens July 12.

The Mainstage will also feature a concert series featuring artists from both Creede Rep and Creede Musical Arts Collective (CMAC), which brings in world-class artists from around the world. Each unique concert will feature a variety of songs and performers throughout July and August.

Creede Rep will also continue its dynamic educational programs; Boomtown! Improv comedy, now in its 18th year; and its biennial Gala on Aug. 2 at the Rio Grande Club and Resort in South Fork. Flex Passes for the 2024 season are currently on sale and will again offer pass holders an exclusive booking window beginning in January before single tickets go on sale to the general public on Feb. 1.

And don't miss Creede Rep's holiday show, "Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol" starring Labour Addison and running Nov. 24 to Dec. 16 at the Ruth Humphreys Brown Theatre. For tickets, information, or to purchase 2024 Flex and VIP passes, visit [www.creederep.org](http://www.creederep.org), call the box office at 719-658-2540, or email [boxoffice@creederep.com](mailto:boxoffice@creederep.com).

Founded in 1966, Creede Repertory Theatre (CRT) is a professional theatre company located at 9,000 feet of elevation in the historic town of Creede, which offers beautiful mountain views, hiking trails and stunning campsites in a county comprising 97 percent public land. From its Rocky Mountain roots, CRT serves as an artistic home to our rural community and beyond, through the creation of repertory seasons, dynamic educational programs and compelling new works. With deeply rooted values in equity, diversity and inclusion, CRT is committed to being a haven for artistic excellence, belonging, and intrinsic joy.



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# Opinion

## Seeing the elephant

The phrase “seeing the elephant” is a distinct piece of American verbiage that dates to the 1830’s and describes gaining knowledge from a particular experience. It was like going to town to see an elephant which had long been heard of but never seen to that point in a person’s life.

The phrase really came into vogue as people went West in search of a better life, adventure, and riches. The escape from plain boredom from the familiar surely did give them new insight into a greater world, hence the mythical elephant.

You may recall me telling of my great-grandfather who was an early founder of the great Dodge City, Kansas. Another character who lived in Dodge about that time was named Ham Bell and he served as sheriff among other offices in the western mecca. At one time, he also owned the local horse barn, proudly named it the Elephant Livery Stable, and it had a picture of a large pachyderm proudly displayed over the door.

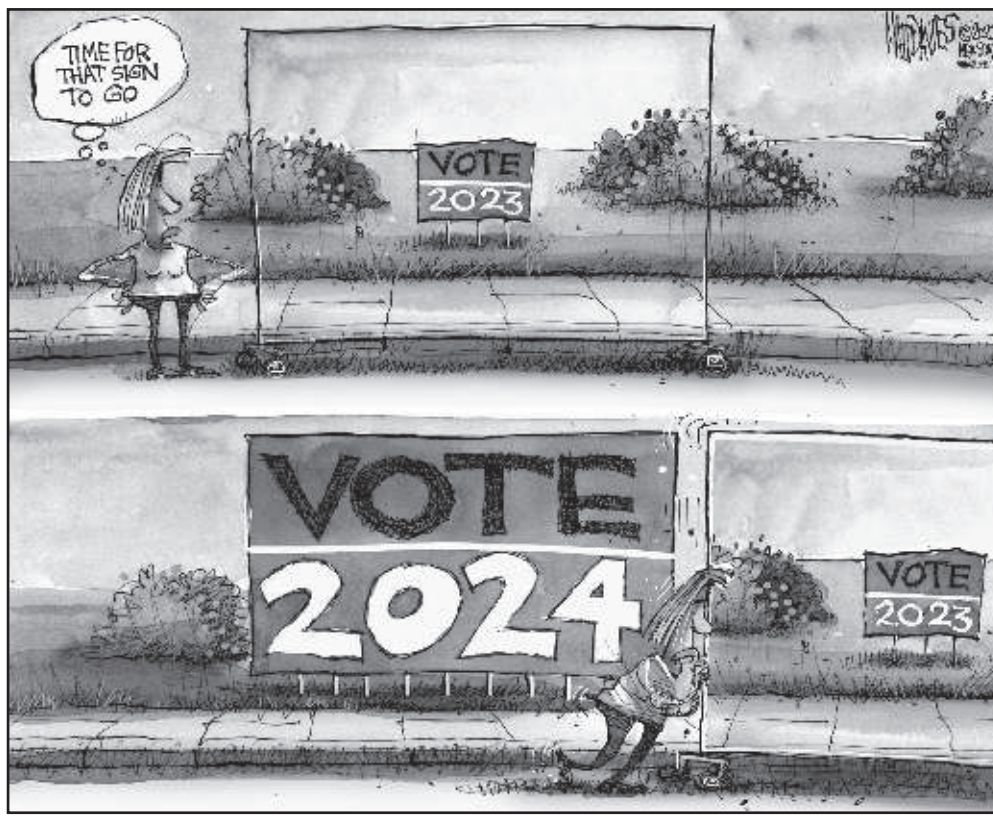
I was reminded of this recently as I have begun building a house on the ranch in Texas. Now for some people building a house means hiring a contractor and watching it go up stick by stick. For Ol’ Dutch, though, building a house means doing it all himself, which at my advanced age is quite the undertaking.

And I am hoping to avoid the un-

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by Kevin Kirkpatrick



dertaker as I go along but the last few chores have really taken a toll on the old body. To which Miss Trixie says to emphasize “old.”

I related the story in an earlier column about how my son Bub’s showed up with a crew to help pour the foundation. And when they got out of the truck it consisted of himself and the two granddaughters ages 6 and 9, at the time.

We got it done all right and they were better help than a lot of men I have hired in the past. But of late with them busy with school I have had to lay concrete blocks for stem wall all by myself. It’s a labor of love to be sure and I finally got that part behind me.

Miss Trixie decided that she would chip in and help with the next phase of mixing up countless bags of cement and filling the cement block holes. And she has been a real sport about it as it’s heavy work and mo-

notonous to boot.

Yesterday we mixed up and placed 17 bags of cement, each weighing 80 pounds, and it went well. But when I complained about how much more there is to do, she replied, “How do you eat an elephant?”

Well, her being from Texas I thought she would say with Ranch Dressing. But no, the answer is “one bite at a time.”

Of course, this means one step at a time you will finally achieve any goal you set yourself too. My dad always was the one shovel or one board at a time kinda guy, so I am somewhat used to the method of their madness.

We finally found a stopping point when we ran out of mixing water and began the chore of cleaning the tools. Miss Trixie was in charge of the water hose, and I was scrubbing buckets and wheelbarrow when I noticed she was hosing down the 220-volt electrical box on the power pole.

## Three reasons Trump is leading Biden

By BYRON YORK

The entire Democratic political establishment freaked out recently when The New York Times published a story headlined, “Trump Leads in 5 Critical States as Voters Blast Biden, Times/Siena Poll Finds.” The story was based on a new Times survey in which voters in six key swing states — Georgia, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin and Nevada — were asked whether they supported President Joe Biden or former President Donald Trump in a 2024 matchup. The result: In five of those states, all except Wisconsin, Trump led Biden.

The poll found Trump leading by 10 points in Nevada, by 6 in Georgia, 5 in Arizona and Michigan, and 4 in Pennsylvania, while Biden led Trump by two points in Wisconsin. “If the results in the poll were the same next November, Mr. Trump would be poised to win more than 300 Electoral College votes, far above the 270 needed to take the White House,” the Times concluded.

The news set off panic among many Democrats. After all, the party has bet its future on Biden. It will soon be too late to take any other course. It may be too late already.

But rather than focus on the Democratic freakout, it might be a more valuable use of time to focus on this question: Why is Trump leading Biden? Look at three big reasons.

1) Things have gone to hell since Biden became president. The New York Times quotes a voter in Pennsylvania who said, “The world is falling apart under Biden.” Why wouldn’t

voters think that? The economy, the border, crime, war in Ukraine, war in Israel — a lot has gone terribly wrong since Biden entered the White House.

“Discontent pulsates throughout the Times/Siena poll, with a majority of voters saying Mr. Biden’s policies have personally hurt them,” reported the Times. That was shown most dramatically in the responses to a very simple question: “Do you think Joe Biden’s policies have helped you personally or hurt you personally?” Pollsters then asked the same about Trump. “Voters across all income levels felt that Mr. Biden’s policies had hurt them personally, while they credited Mr. Trump’s policies for helping them,” the Times reported. “The results were mirror opposites: Voters gave Mr. Trump a 17-point advantage for having helped them and Mr. Biden a 18-point disadvantage for having hurt them.”

The month-old Israel-Hamas war just further underscores the sense of things going wrong under Biden. Voters say: This didn’t happen under Trump. They say the same thing about Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. They certainly say the same thing about the ongoing disaster at the U.S.-Mexico border and about inflation, which has eaten into their standard of living. (In the Times poll, voters said they trust Trump more on economic issues by a 59% to 37% margin.) So reason one is clear: Things have gotten worse since Trump left office and Biden became president.

2) Biden’s age. The Times asked voters to agree or disagree with the following statement: “Joe Biden is just too old to be an effective president.” A decisive 71% agreed. Seventy-one per-

cent! That is a huge majority. When the Times asked the same question about Trump, just 38% agreed that Trump is “too old to be an effective president.” On another question, 62% said they do not believe Biden “has the mental sharpness to be an effective president, while 44% said the same of Trump.

There’s not much more to say about that. People see the 80-year-old Biden every day. They hear him speak. And every time they do, it reinforces their conclusion that he is too old for the job. They also see the 77-year-old Trump, but fewer conclude he is too old to be president. That’s just the way it is.

3) The Trump prosecutions. Reason one and reason two have to do with the way the general electorate views Biden and Trump. Reason three has to do with the intensity of the way Republicans view Trump. The short version is that four indictments, plus a lawsuit in New York designed to destroy him financially, plus lawsuits across the country intended to remove his name from the 2024 ballot — all pushed by local elected Democrats, Democratic activists or the current Democratic administration — have significantly hardened the determination of some Trump supporters to keep supporting him. So, when news events occur and some less committed voters move around, the core of Trump supporters stays rock solid. There are not enough of them to elect Trump president, but they are the foundation upon which he has built his campaign.

The new poll clearly shocked many Biden supporters. Already pushback has begun, which you can be sure will

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Not wanting her to find the mythical elephant of the great beyond, I told her to stop doing that and she spun around like an old comedy show and promptly hosed Ol’ Dutch down. Now I could see how that can happen once but when I screamed, she turned again and gave me another good soaking, clothes, and all.

Today looks like another beautiful day and I am going to see if I can get Miss Trixie on the long end of a shovel to eat a little more of the elephant set in front of me.

The only problem I can see with this theory is I am not sure a person can ever eat enough of an elephant every day to keep up with the ever-growing pachyderm’s bulk.

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continue. And indeed everyone should remember that a lot can change in the year before the election. But some things will not change — Biden will not get any younger — and the race will likely remain super-competitive until the end.

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# Lifestyles

## Wolf Creek Ski Area sets opening dates



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**Wolf Creek Ski Area has announced its 2023-2024 opening dates beginning Nov. 11. The resort is busy making snow, adding to the amount that fell at the end of October and will be opening some runs with early season conditions.**

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**  
**WOLF CREEK** — Ski resorts across Colorado are gearing up for the 2023-2024 ski season and Wolf Creek Ski Area is among the many that will be opening on weekends later this month. With snow in the forecast for the San Luis Valley, and predictions from the National Weather Service in Pueblo, the season is going to be snowy and cold.

According to a press release, Wolf Creek Ski Area is excited to kick off the 2023-2024 ski season on Saturday, Nov. 11, and Sunday, Nov. 12.

The Nova beginner chairlift will be open Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 11 and 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nova and Susan's trails will be available to skiers and snowboarders.

The Magic Carpet will also be open for children in the Wolf Pup and Wolf Riders Program. The Ski School, Ski and Snowboard Rental, Treasure Sports, Base Camp, Pathfinder Bar, and the Upper Lodge, which will serve a full lunch menu, will all be open.

To start the new season, lift tickets will be at the Beginner Lift rates of \$44 for all ages.

Wolf Creek will close Monday, Nov. 13 through Thursday, Nov. 16, but will reopen for 7-day a week operation on Friday, Nov. 17. Details for the 7-day a week operation will be announced closer to the re-

opening date.

Ten inches of snow fell Oct. 28 and 29, establishing an all-natural settled base of 6 inches at the midway with supplemental snowmaking operations on Nova and Susan's trails.

Wolf Creek is gearing up for the upcoming season and is taking applications for all departments: lifts, ski school, food and beverage, base operations, retail, ticket office and more. Check out the Employment Page online to download an application.

For more information or to purchase tickets online, visit [www.wolfcreekski.com](http://www.wolfcreekski.com).

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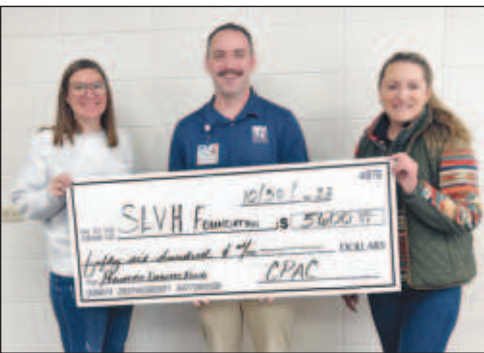
By **DONNA WEHE**  
*Director of Marketing  
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**ALAMOSA** — San Luis Valley Health team members accepted the generous contribution from the Colorado Potato Administrative Council of \$5,600. Of this

amount, \$850 was raised from the annual Tator Trot during the September Potato Festival. The other \$4,750 was generously donated by CPAC. In addition to this, Farm Fresh Direct of America donated another \$2,000 toward this cause.

The money raised assists pediatric patients in the San Luis Valley with resources to manage their diabetes diagnosis. Many of the resources such as the Barbara Davis Center or the American Diabetes Association camp, re-

quire traveling outside of the Valley. San Luis Valley Health holds the funds and distributes them to any family who may be able to use these funds. To request funds, family providers or family members simply need to reach out to SLVH Clinic manager, Anna Walker, at her email, [anna.walker@slvrmc.org](mailto:anna.walker@slvrmc.org). The recipient only needs to state their request, it is not financial-ly needs-based.



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**Left to right: Kim Crowther, Farm Fresh Direct of America, Sr. Organic Sales, Operations, Procurement Manager, hands off the check to Chris Padilla, San Luis Valley Health Clinic Manager, with the help of Helen Smith, CPAC Admin Assistant.**



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# Sports

## Sports Bulletin

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

### SCOREBOARD THURSDAY Prep girls volleyball

Centauri def. Lamar 31-29, 25-21, 26-24

Platte Valley def. Centauri 21-25, 25-23, 25-20, 25-19

### SCHEDULE FRIDAY Prep girls volleyball

Centauri vs. Colorado Springs Christian (Class 3A State Tournament at Denver Coliseum), 9:30 a.m.

**College women's volleyball** Regis at Adams State, 7 p.m.

**College men's basketball** Adams State vs. Texas-Permian Basin (South Central Region crossover at Salt Lake City), 11 a.m.

**College women's basketball** Adams State at Cameron (Okla.) (Ashbrook Comfort Inn Suites Classic), 5:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY Prep football

Sierra Grande at Stratton (six-man state playoffs quarterfinals), 1 p.m.

**Prep girls volleyball** Centauri at Class 3A State Tournament (at Denver Coliseum), TBA

**College football** Western Colorado at Adams State, 1 p.m.

**College women's volleyball** Colorado-Colo- rado Springs at Adams State, 5 p.m.

**College men's basketball** Adams State vs. Western New Mexico (South Central Region crossover at Salt Lake City), 10 a.m.

**College women's basketball** Adams State at Midwestern State (Texas) (Ashbrook Comfort Inn Suites Classic), 5 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY College swimming

Adams State at TYR/CMU Invitational (at Grand Junction), TBA

### THURSDAY College women's basketball

Eastern New Mexico at Adams State, 7 p.m.

**College swimming** Adams State at TYR/CMU Invitational (at Grand Junction), TBA

### FRIDAY, NOV. 17 College men's basketball

Adams State vs. Eastern New Mexico (Skyhawks Hardwood Classic at Durango), 7 p.m.

**College swimming** Adams State at TYR/CMU Invitational (at Grand Junction), TBA

## Centauri volleyball defeats Lamar, loses to Platte Valley at state tourney

By KEN HAMRICK  
*Courier sports editor*

ALAMOSA – The Centauri High School volleyball team opened the first day of the Class 3A State Tournament Thursday at the Denver Coliseum.

The eighth-seeded Lady Falcons began the tournament by defeating ninth-seeded Lamar in three sets. The scores were 31-29, 25-21 and 26-24.

They then faced top-ranked and defending state champion Platte Valley in the second round.

Centauri played the Lady Broncos tough winning the first set 25-21. Platte Valley won the next three sets 25-23, 25-20 and 25-19.

Statistics were unavailable for either match.

Centauri (19-7) will play Colorado Springs Christian in the contenders bracket today. The match is scheduled to begin at approximately 9:30 a.m. Should they Lady Falcons win, they will play either Liberty Common, Delta or Valley at 5 p.m. A loss will end the season.



Courtesy photo by Shelly Polzin  
Centauri High School's Kailyn Polzin blocks a Lamar shot in Thursday's first match at the Class 3A State Tournament at the Denver Coliseum. The Lady Falcons defeated the Lady Thunder in three sets, but lost to Platte Valley in four.



## McDaniel named to CHSAA All-State gymnastics team

By KEN HAMRICK  
*Courier sports editor*

ALAMOSA – The Colorado High School Activities Association released its All-State gymnastics team on Thursday with one member of the Alamosa High School team being recognized.

Holly McDaniel, who attends Sanford High School was an honorable mention selection in Class 4A. She earned the honors after placing 15th on the balance beam at the state tournament last weekend in Thornton.

McDaniel is a senior.



Holly McDaniel

## DeLaCerde signs with St. Mary's College



Courtesy photo

Alamosa High School's Sarah DeLaCerde signed a national letter of intent to compete in cross country and track and field for St. Mary's College of Moraga, Calif, on Wednesday. DeLaCerde was a member of state championship teams in both sports and she won two individual events at last year's Class 3A State Meet. She was also an individual champion in girls wrestling.



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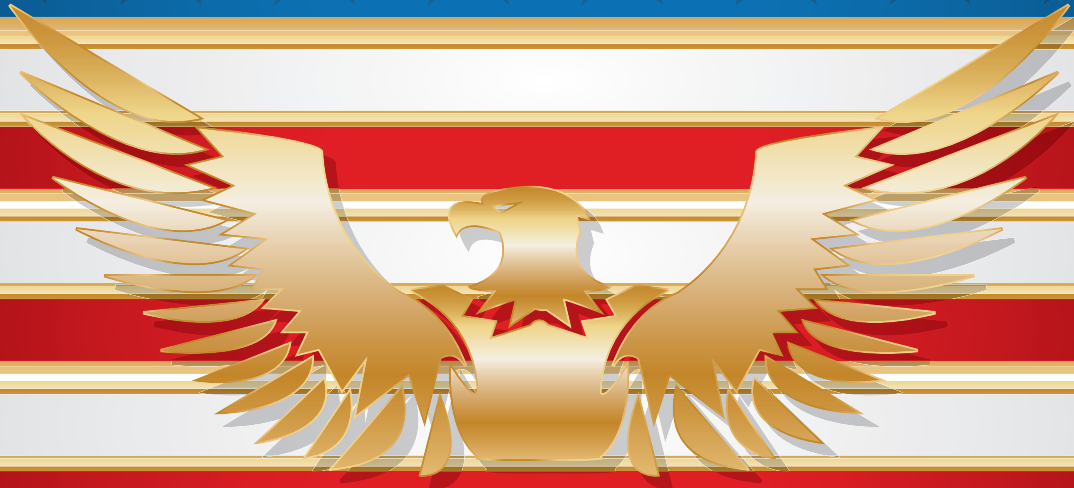
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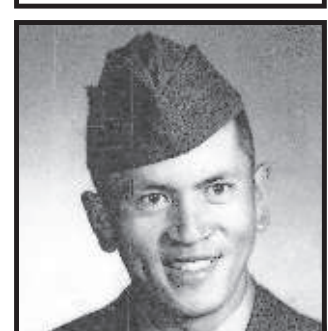
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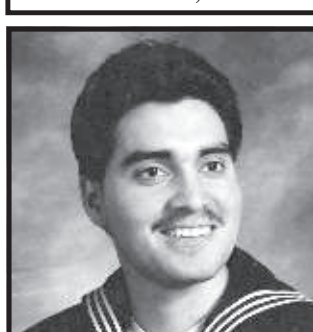
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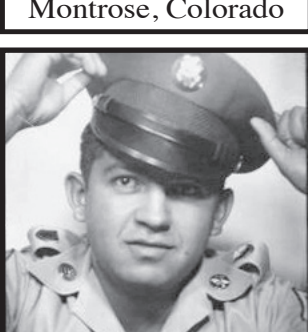


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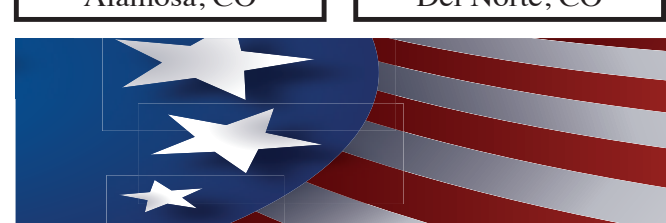


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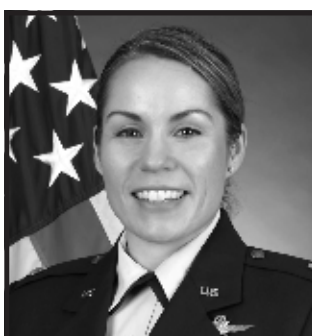
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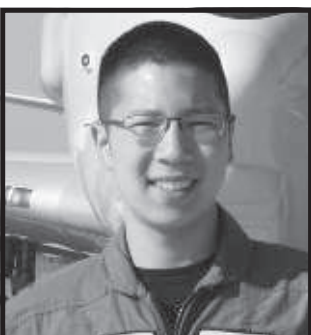
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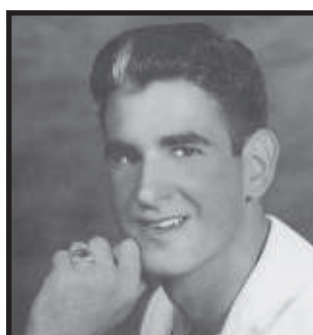
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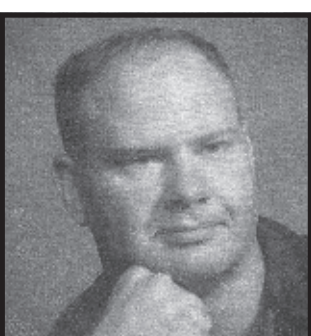
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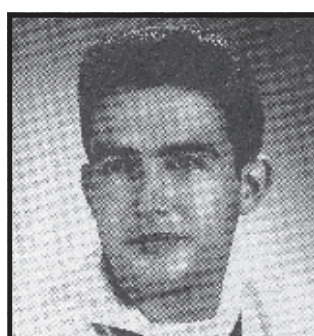
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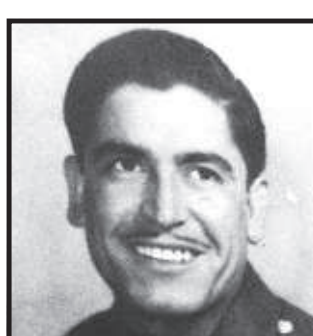
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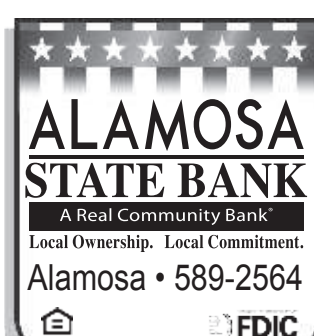
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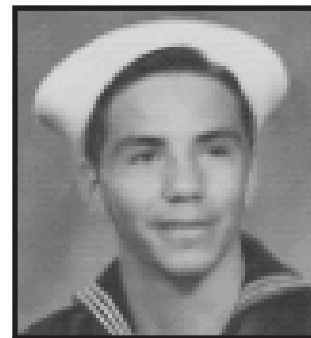
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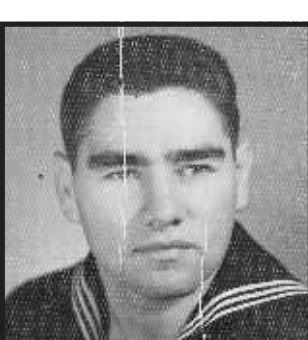
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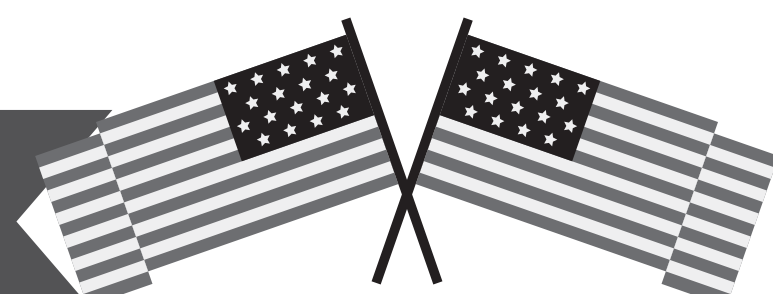
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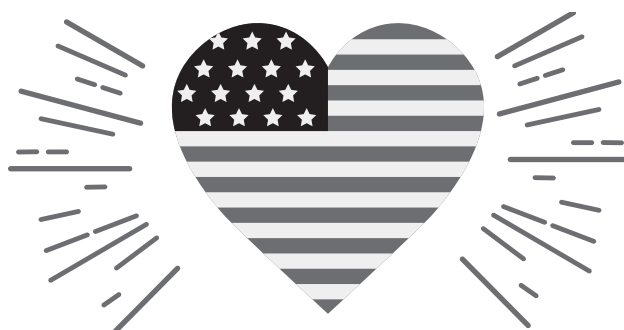
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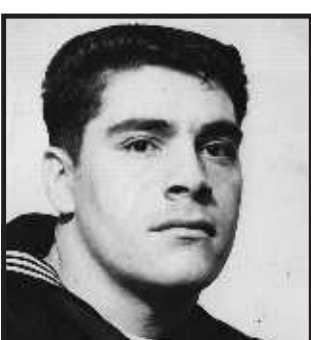
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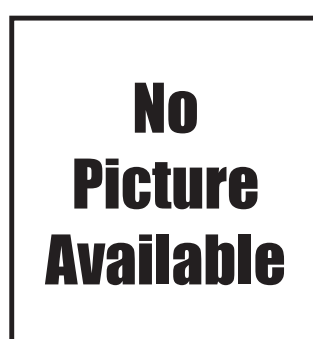
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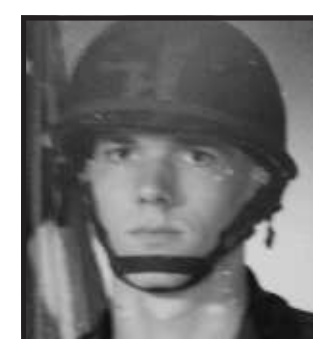
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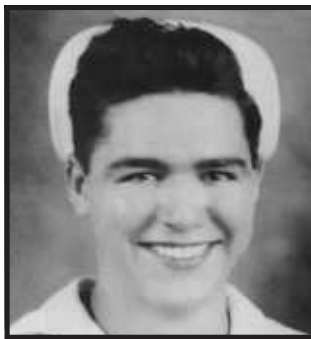
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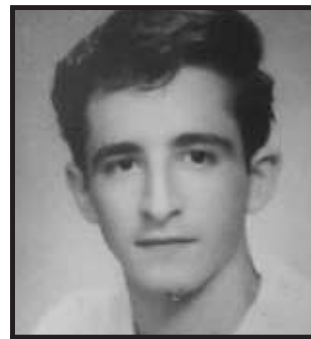
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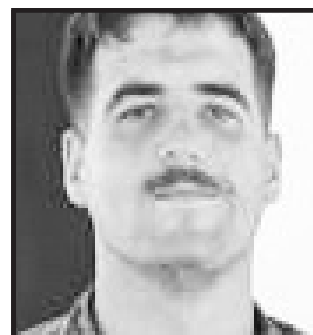
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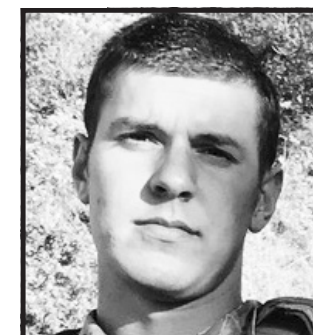
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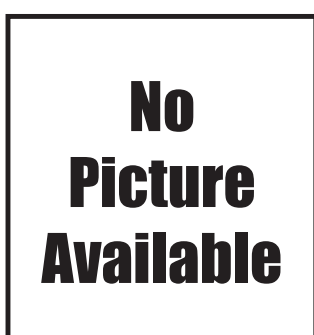
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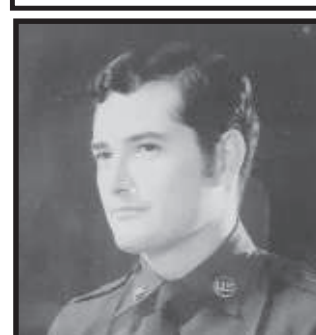
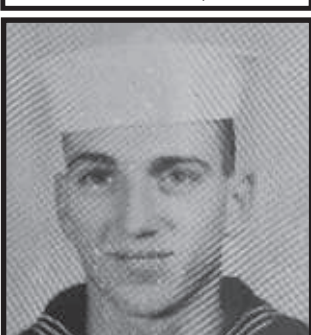
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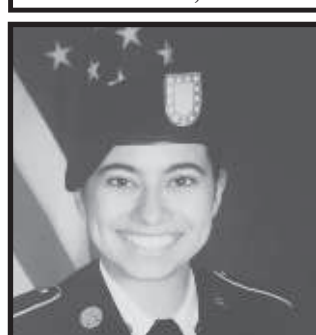
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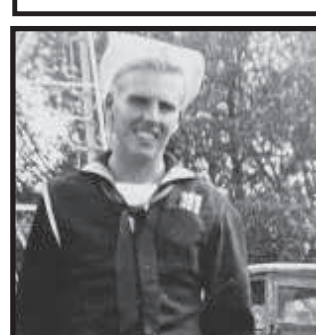
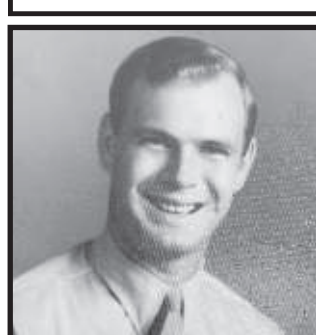
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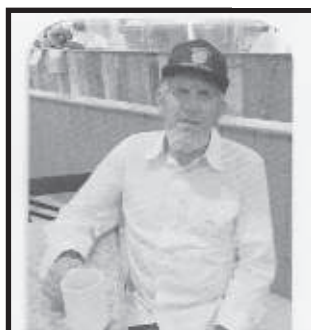
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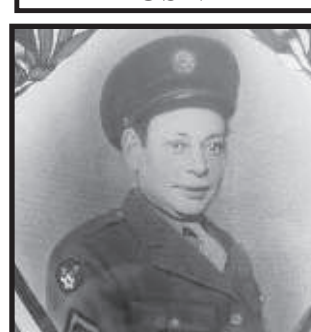
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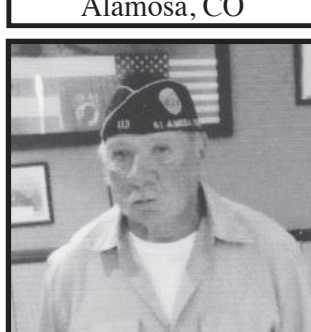
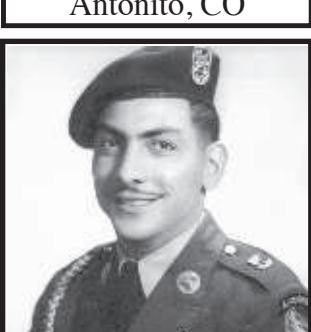
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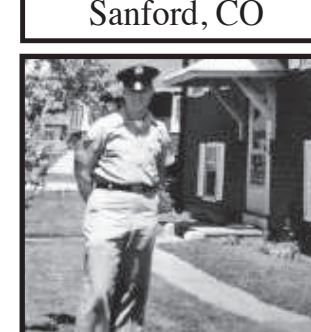
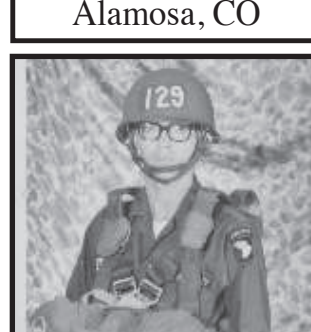
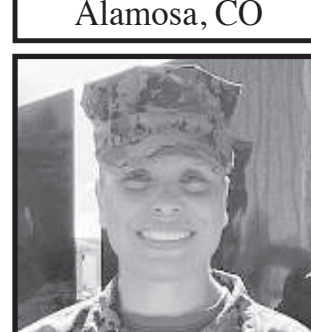
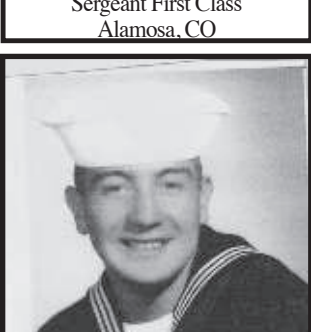
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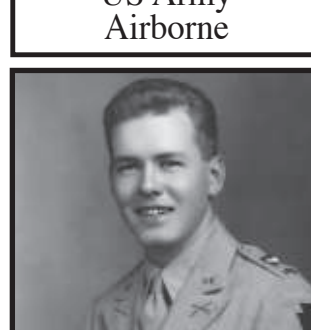
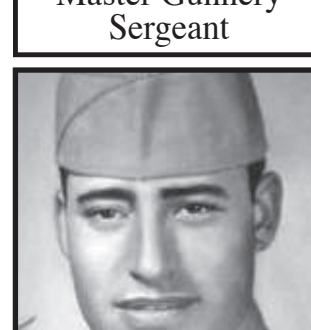
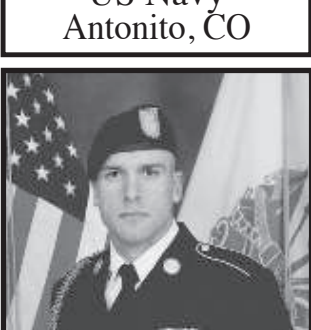
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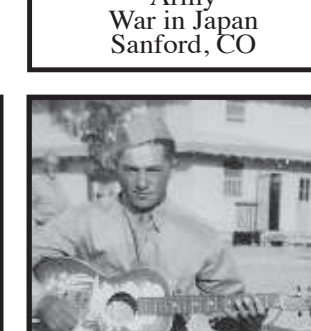
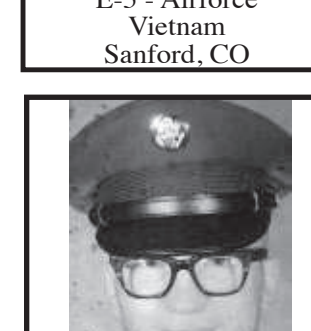
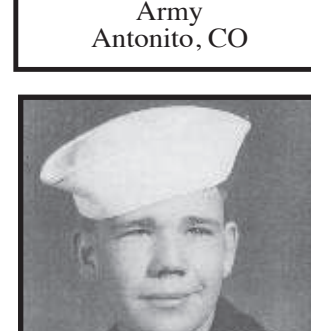
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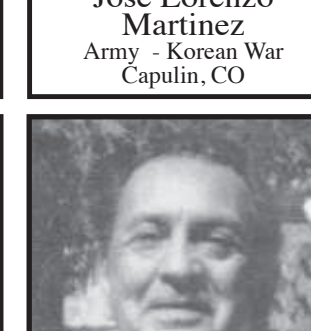
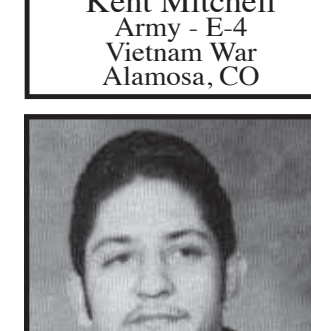
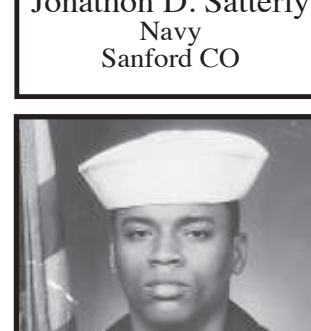
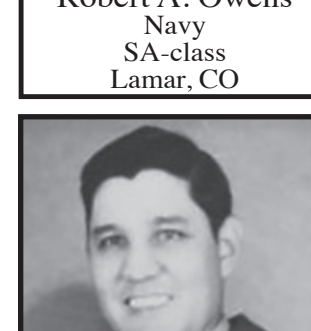
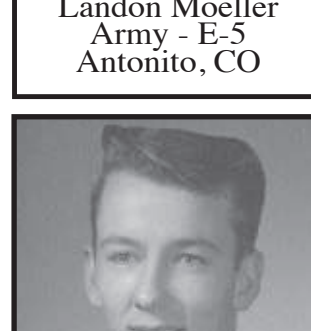
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**Employment Terms:** Temporary to start with potential for full-time, year-round employment  
**Expected Hours:** 40+ hours/week, weekends, holidays  
**Pay:** from \$20.00 per hour, depending on experience; benefit eligibility after probationary period  
**Job Purpose:** Trinchera Ranch is looking for an experienced and talented Sous Chef for the Guest/Hunting Lodge.  
**Essential Duties/ Responsibilities:**

- Prepare meals for large dinner parties, small gatherings, and in private chef settings
- Ensure that food comes out simultaneously, in high quality, and in a timely fashion
- Help design creative weekly menus for guests including pairing of wines with various fare
- Work with a wide variety of cuisine including game and health-conscious fare
- Oversee and facilitate shopping through a variety of vendors, stocking of all pantries, organizing and heavy lifting required
- Supervise all front of house and kitchen staff
- Ability to work weekends, overtime, and holidays
- Adhere to and implement sanitation regulations and safety regulations.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Perform other Ranch duties as assigned

**Job Qualifications:**  
**Knowledge:** Strong knowledge of cooking methods, kitchen equipment, and best practices.  
**Skill:** Upscale food presentation, preparation of game and health-conscious fare  
**Ability:** Teamwork-oriented with outstanding leadership abilities, creative, attention to detail  
**Education:** Professional culinary training is required  
**Experience:** Minimum of three years' experience working in a similar setting. Prior guest ranch experience preferred  
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#### ACROSS

- 1 Delay
- 4 No more than
- 8 Term of endearment
- 11 — losing streak
- 12 Always
- 13 Regrettably
- 15 Woodcutter's tool
- 16 Chinese dynasty
- 17 Large prefix
- 18 Trust
- 20 Upper
- 22 Swag
- 24 Cravat
- 25 Stout canine
- 28 Skill
- 32 Malevolent
- 33 School-room item
- 35 Female animal
- 36 Papal name
- 37 "— Enchanted Evening"
- 38 Succotash ingredient
- 39 Fish spear
- 41 Scrubbed
- 43 Rule, for short
- 45 Pirouette
- 46 Prisoner on the lam
- 50 Speed
- 53 Italy's shape
- 54 Building wings
- 56 Cup handle
- 57 Bundle
- 58 Wild plum
- 59 Gun grp.
- 60 Golf standard
- 61 Compass heading
- 62 — Aviv

#### DOWN

- 1 Cake shape
- 2 "Three Men — Baby"
- 3 Too many to count
- 4 Manner
- 5 One of the Gabor sisters
- 6 Tenant's payment
- 7 Rye fungus
- 8 Bone in the ear

#### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 9 Ersatz butter
- 10 Old horses
- 14 Took a load off
- 19 Bridge charge
- 21 Select
- 23 Fuss (hyph.)
- 25 "Saved by the —"
- 26 Eye part
- 27 Precious jewels
- 29 Decoration
- 30 Duffer's cry
- 31 Look after
- 34 Denomination
- 37 Flow slowly
- 38 Remedy
- 40 Lunar landscape feature
- 42 Beginning
- 44 Flock members
- 46 — tide
- 47 Daytime drama
- 48 Drink flavor
- 49 "— Enchanted"
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- 52 Surgeon type
- 55 Word in place names

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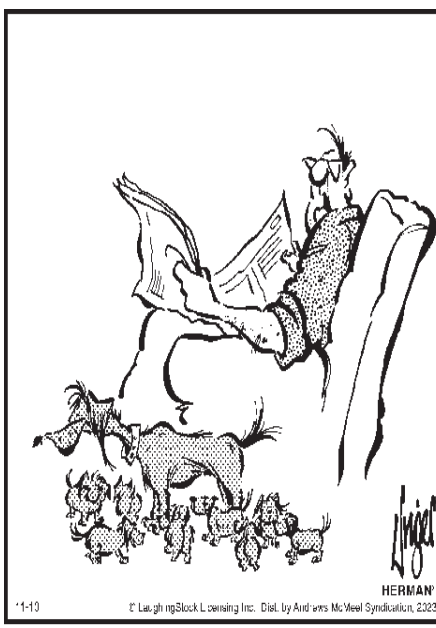
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		5			8				
6		7	1	5					
4			3				8		

HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

#### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

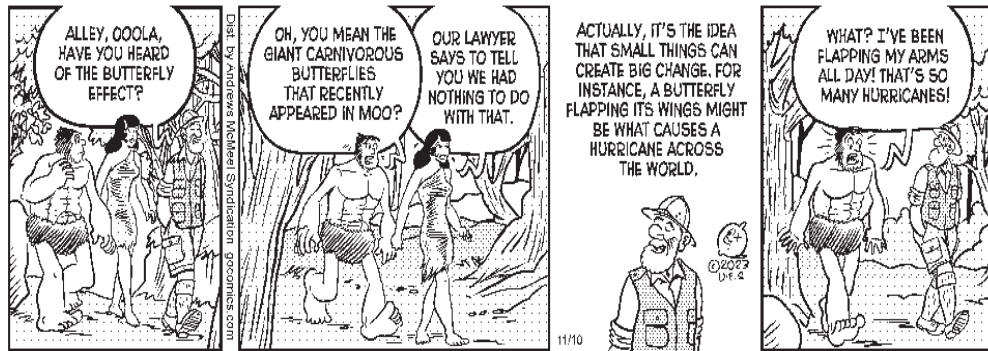
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## HERMAN

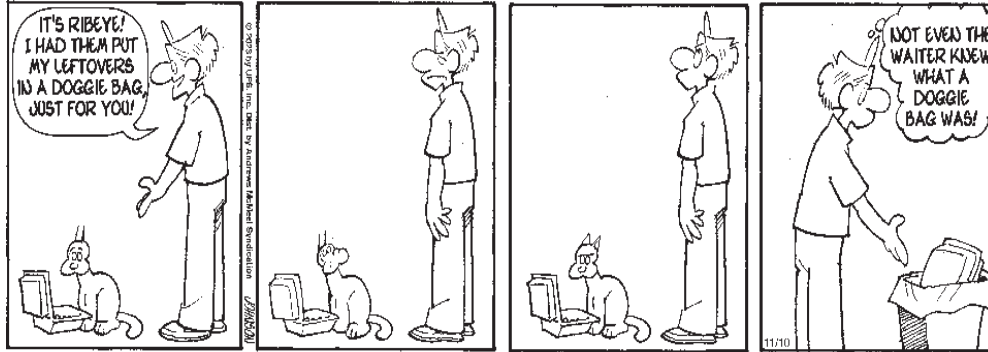


"What do you mean, you 'got custody'?"

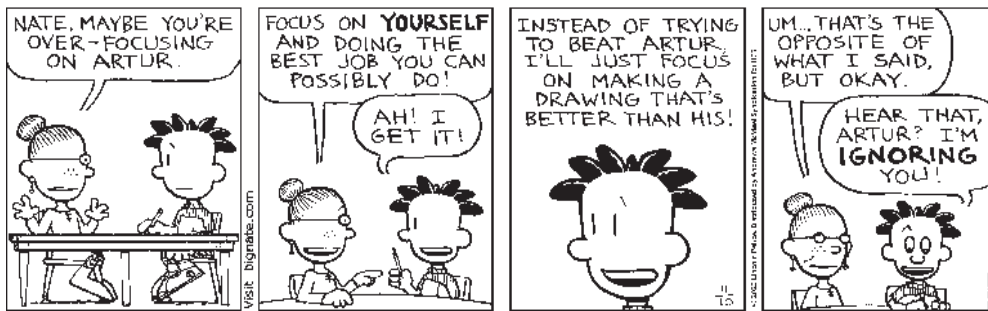
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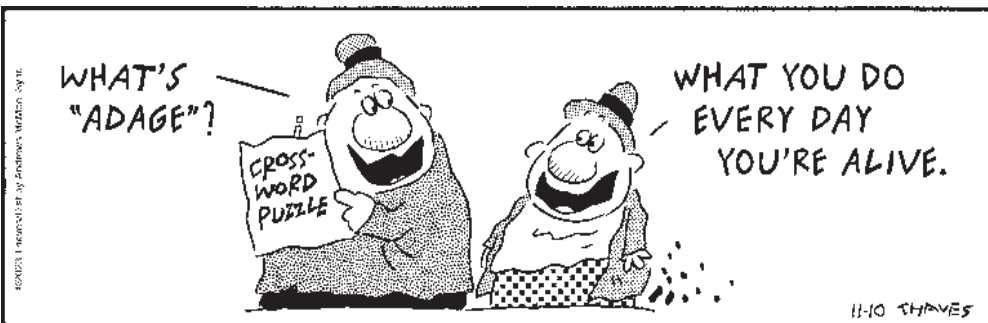
## THE BORN LOSER



## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



## FRANK & ERNEST



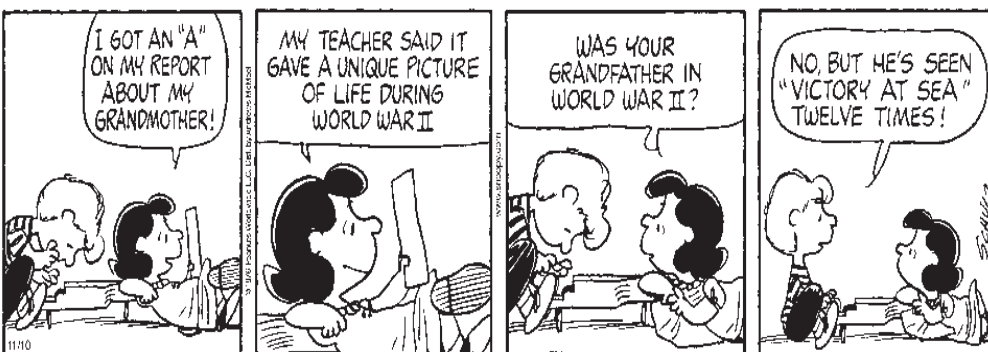
## GARFIELD



## THE GRIZZWELLS



## PEANUTS



# War letters project marks 25th year as work continues

DEAR READERS: Twenty-five years ago tomorrow, I told you about a new, nationwide effort to honor and remember our nation's troops, veterans and families by seeking out and preserving their war correspondence from every conflict in U.S. history.

past few months, due to extenuating circumstances, I have been spending a couple of days a month at my sister's. While there, I sometimes had the feeling that something was crawling on me, but thought it was just the idea of being somewhere other than my home.

The response was overwhelming. The founder of this initiative, Andy Carroll, just told me that, as of this week, and on this special 25th anniversary, the archive has collected more than 200,000 war-related letters and emails. The nonprofit organization Andy created, the Center for American War Letters (CAWL), based at Chapman University in California, is still seeking correspondence.

Last time, however, I woke up during the night not only with the crawling feeling, but also the sound of buzzing in my ear. I also noticed that when I sat in the spot where I usually do, bugs were getting in my hair. Now my sister is asking me when I want to come and stay for a couple of days again. I don't want to hurt her feelings, but I don't want to deal with bugs again. What should I do? -- WARY IN WEST VIRGINIA

I would like to thank those of you who have already donated letters to CAWL for sharing them, and encourage those of you who are not aware of CAWL but might have letters to contribute, to visit its website (WarLetters.us) to learn more. CAWL is especially interested in any correspondence, including emails, from younger veterans who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. -- LOVE, ABBY

DEAR WARY: What you should do is level with your sister. Explain that during the last few visits, you have felt something crawling or buzzing while you were in bed, and that you also noticed some insects getting into your hair. Your sister's home may have an infestation of some kind, which won't get any better until she calls a pest-control company.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is deceased. I have two grandsons (42 and 39) and a great-grandson (24) living

with me. None are married. I do not allow overnight guests. This morning at 3, I heard a girl come upstairs from the downstairs bedroom to get another girl. I was livid. Am I wrong to give them walking papers? I've told them before this was a NO-NO. They thought I was asleep. (I was reading.) -- CAUGHT 'EM IN ILLINOIS



### ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR CAUGHT 'EM: If you prefer not to have men mating like rabbits under your roof while all you have is a book, your wishes should prevail. It's your house, your rules. It's time these "naughty boys" found a place of their own, and you are within your rights to insist upon it.